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**ROCK AND ARROWHEAD CLUB**

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December when we have our Christmas Luncheon and Party and April after the show.

### Visitors are cordially invited:

Dues are \$13.50 per year per adult (\$25 for families plus \$1 per child), \$7.50 ages 16-18.

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To promote popular interest, knowledge and understanding in the various earth sciences, as in Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology and Lapidary and other related subjects. To sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons interested therein.

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The club participates in the NFMS stamp program, saving large commemoratives, airmail, pre-canceled, and foreign stamps of all values. Proceeds from stamp sales will be used to benefit any charity deemed worthy by the NFMS Endowment Fund.

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**NEXT MEETING:**

**April 9th**

- 7:00 pm
- Refreshments:  
Garwin C & Marshall C
- Program:



**FROM THE EDITOR....**

I had so much fun at the rock show! Every year the blood, sweat and tears makes it all worth when at the end you look back exhausted but elated at how much fun everyone had. The more shows I go to the more impressed I am by our own show. I am writing this after speaking to Jeff and turning in my resignation as newsletter editor. I've so enjoyed being the editor and all the other things I've done for the club, but the distance does not lend itself to communication. Without communication I don't feel like I'm putting out a good newsletter. My love of this club comes from the relationships that I get from everyone. A lot of our members are like family to me, everyone else my friends. I like making a social based newsletter with lots of articles and pictures on what club members are doing. My interest and love of rocks comes from my Grandpa, without him my interest has waned and it is hard to come up with 8 pages of content without interest. So I hope someone will step up and become our new editor. It is a lot of fun and I am willing to help. June will be my last full newsletter but will help the new editor as long as they want my help.

Personally I want to thank several people who just amaze me at this club and at our show. Della, how talented are you? The gifts you bring this club are amazing! Leah, I don't think you get enough credit for making sure Marv gets things done. Chris and Sam, for always being friends, for letting me stay over and putting up with my babies! Ken and Marolyn, are so amazing and who are willing to do anything. Patty, Nicki and Lois for being such awesome friends. Chuck, Ken, Doris for being family. To all my friends I won't see you all often but I think of you always!

*Jennifer*



It's a good show when my cat gets a new toy, and I get new rocks!





## March 13th, 2012 Meeting Minutes *Submitted by Vicky Davis*

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Eastburn at 7:12 pm.     Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: Katie, Lilly \* Reliei Begley – Also, Steve Southwell, Aaron & Leslie Jemmett     ( 6 )     ( 28 )

Number     Total in Attendance

Door prize donated by unknown, won by unknown.

Birthday Contributions: Jeff E. explained these funds are used to help buy food for annual club Christmas party.

Minutes approved. Motion made by Marv S., seconded by Garwin C.

Programs – No program tonight. Will be discussing “show” business. However, Marshall C. discussed the programs include educational training, a “Show & Tell & Share”, if you will. Marshall would like to order more of the excellent book, Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Rocks & Minerals. These will be provided to club members during monthly meetings.

Kids’ Program – No program tonight.

Treasurer’s Report: Laura L. paid a visit to the bank and made a large deposit on behalf of the successful show. There were 7 new members. Thanked and gave praise to Kathi M. for again a great spaghetti dinner, feeding close to 100 people, and still for under \$100! The Keno Lion’s Club meals were excellent. Pizza even after cleanup was well attended. Sandi M. moved to accept expenses as reported, Sam C. seconded. Still having problems with the bank’s cooperation in providing past statements.

Audit Note: Jeff E. read letter provided by audit committee; Marshall Curran, Cheryl Endicott & Vicky Davis. The audit for 2011 is completed & all funds are accounted for. Exception during audit is that a bank statement was missing. Vicky announced there will be a further audit for the years 2010 & 2009 to discover whether any areas of concern for those years.

NWF Report: Kathi M. is completing delegate papers for trip to Kennewick, WA, May 18-20. Will attend meeting & lectures.

Historian Report: Ellie H. is absent.

Editor Report: Jennifer, we miss you! Jeff announced that we so appreciate Jennifer’s special trip to Klamath Falls and her help with the show. Unanimous applause!!

Webmaster Report: Denise S. is absent.

Correspondence: None reported.

Charity Report: John and Roseanne absent.

Librarian Report: Jessica is absent. Kathi M. reported that black light was found in closet, has been in closet for months, apparently. Reminder: \$20 deposit to borrow black light for one month.

Old Business: Marshall C. discussed idea to use funds for Rock Club’s County Museum area: Purchase black light to use in museum all year, pull it out during annual show weekend. To be discussed further.

Laura L. asked all members to review proposed bylaws that were handed out November. Will need to vote on revised by-laws during April club meeting. Next phase will be to incorporate the club.



## Minutes Continued....

### “Show Business”

Craft ( Charity Table) Chris C. reported successful sales. Marv stated we earned a record amount. Marv moved to pay Klamath Animal Shelter \$886. Chuck N. seconded.

Trailer: Everything fits, organized – great help. Many thanks to Kermitt and Marv!

Leroy: Is working on pricing lighting & wiring for display cases to make improvements for next year.

School Flyers: County school district will not approve school flyers in the future unless the ‘arrowhead’ logo and the words ‘arrowhead’ are NOT on the school flyers. Club will discuss further.

Front door: Approximately 1,400 tickets were sold. Fewer than last year.

Show Raffle: Very successful – Thanks to generous donors! Added 6 more raffle prizes than last year.

Silent Auction: Approximately \$2,100 – Tremendous thanks to Della, Larry Philips, Zumbruns and others!

Special thanks to Sandy Gentry for creatively sewing denim bags.

Black Light: Extra special thanks to Larry P. for picking up black light & display from Grants Pass!

Wheel of Fortune: Very successful – We didn’t run out of bagged rock or critters. Thanks to all who donated and created!

Cases: Chuck N. thanked all for filling 38 cases!

Safety: Discussion to identify an area and mark with a sign “FIRST AID”. Need a “go-to” person and locations for First Aid Kits; Eye protection for flint napping area; Need a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and need to inform dealers of procedure. Will be discussed during further meetings.

New Business: Suggested date for show critique meeting is Thursday after next monthly club meeting. Jeff suggested next month’s agenda will be to process membership lists and cards.

Field Trips: To be discussed at length during April meeting. Garwin C. reported date for the club’s Sunstone claim trip is changed to Fri, Sat & Sun, Jun 22, 23 & 24.

Member Expeditions: “The Show” :-)

Sunshine Report: It was nice to see Heidi E., Gene N. and Ken N. at the show. Cindy H’s husband is in assisted living care. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers!

Refreshments provided by: Della F. Thank you!

Next Club Meeting: Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 7pm, Klamath County Museum

Show Critique Meeting: Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, IYS (pending Kathi M. obtaining room)

Refreshments for April meeting: Garwin C. and Marshall C. Meeting Adjourned at 8:48pm.



# The Rock Pile

## Happy Birthday

- Dick Bowman - Grants Pass, OR
- Diana Evans - Klamath Falls, OR
- Martin Garcia - Klamath Falls, OR
- Wilma Hicks - Klamath Falls, OR
- Bee Iamnok - Jacksonville, OR
- Jordon Laver - Klamath Falls, OR
- Larry Phillips - Hydesville, CA
- Nathan Sayles - Klamath Falls, OR
- Ellen Shaffer - Pittsburg, PA

### We Need A Newsletter Editor!

Takes about 6 hours a month, willing to help as much as possible!

### Rock, Gem, Mineral Shows

April 13-15	West Ogden, UT
April 14-15	Idaho Falls, ID
April 20-22	Rickreall, OR
April 21-22	Yakima, WA
April 28-29	Hermiston, OR
April 28-29	Elma, WA
May 4-6	Spokane, WA

### *Diamond*

### *April Birthstone*



Topping the Mohs scale with a hardness of 10, diamonds are generally acknowledged to be the hardest mineral in the world. Diamonds are pure carbon, subjected to heat and pressure until the molecules are compressed to the familiar crystalline structure. Know for cut, clarity, carat and color, often the colorless are most valued yet some of the most famous diamonds are colored like the Hope Diamond.

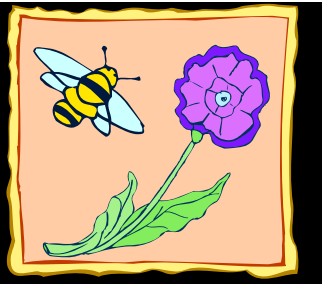


### REFRESHMENTS sign ups.

(We still need 4 people to share with others)

Thank you to all who donate your food and time to prepare it for the rest of us!

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|-------|--------------------|---------------|
| April | ~ Garwin C.        | ~ Marshall C. |
| May   | ~ Sandi M.         | ~ _____       |
| June  | ~ Sam & Chris C.   | ~ _____       |
| July  | ~ Sandy Gentry     | ~ Vicky D.    |
| Aug   | ~ Denise S.        | ~ Laura L.    |
| Sept  | ~ Ken & Marolyn D. | ~ _____       |
| Oct   | ~ Marv & Leah S.   | ~ _____       |
| Nov   | ~ Doris N.         | ~ Kathi M.    |



## Field Trips 2012!

This is a schedule of the 2012 field trips with a more detailed description of the Memorial Day Weekend field trip. The other field trips will be described in more detail prior to each field trip.

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, May 26, 27, 28.** There is a choice of attending the Northwest/California Federations Inter-Regional Rockhound Field Trip to the Hampton Butte area easterly of Bend (petrified/opalized wood, agate, and obsidian), or the Rock & Arrowhead Club's field trip to the Tuledad/Lost Creek area some 45 miles south of Cedarville, California, for agate, obsidian, and petrified/opalized wood. For information on the Inter-Regional field trip to the Hampton Butte area, see the March, 2011, Northwest Federation Newsletter. **LEADER for the Tuledad field trip- MARVIN STUMP.**

**JUNE 23, 24, 25, ROCK CLUB SUNSTONE CLAIMS.** LEADER-GARWIN CARLSON.

**JULY 20, 21, 22, LASSEN CREEK OBSIDIAN.** LEADER-DORIS NEWNHAM

### **Potential Field Trips:**

**Virgin Valley Opal,** August 18, 19. We will need to firm this field trip up before the end of May. Leader Marvin Stump.

**Gold Panning/Jade** on the Upper Applegate near Jacksonville, or Gold Panning on Beaver Creek northwest of Yreka, California. Leader Ron Skog. There has been no definite plan to do either of these field trips. We will probably hear from Ron on these trips in April or May.

The **Tuledad/Lost Creek Field Trip** actually includes areas close to Cedarville, 45 miles easterly of Cedarville in the Nevada Desert, and Tuledad Canyon/Lost Creek 45 miles south of Cedarville in the desert. There are sites for finding petrified/opalized wood and agate within several miles of Cedarville. I located a map in my archives that show the general location of the Cedarville and Tuledad/Lost Creek sites. This map is located at the end of this newsletter.

The camping area is approximately 170 miles from Klamath Falls, 70 miles from Alturas, and 45 miles from Cedarville. Fuel is available in Alturas and Cedarville. The camping area is primitive in a large clearing in the sagebrush, no trees no shade, Individual camping areas with shade can be found several miles westerly in areas with juniper trees. A porta-pottican be trailered from Klamath Falls if someone will volunteer to haul it. We have hauled a porta-potti to several of our field trips and it makes camping a lot more enjoyable to have it in camp. I will make arrangements for the porti-potti if someone will trailer it.

**Cedarville Sites.** As shown on the map, one site is located high up in the Warner Mountains, some 5 miles west of Cedarville, and less than a mile south of Highway 299. A second and third site are located southwest of Cedarville and can be reached by traveling about 2 and 4 miles respectively south on the paved road to Gerlach and 4 miles westerly to the collecting sites. These two sites are in the foothills of the Warner Mountains.



# Field Trips continued....

**Nevada Sites.** Obsidian, including apache tears, can be found in Nevada, starting about 45 miles easterly of Cedarville. To get there, travel easterly on Highway 299 into Nevada. Obsidian can be found from about the 45 mile point all the way to Highway 140, 71 miles from Cedarville. Concentrations of obsidian can be found at approximately 46, 54, 64, and 67 miles from Cedarville with obsidian covering almost all of the area within this 21 mile stretch.

**Tuledad Canyon.** Agate, jasper, and petrified wood will be found in Tuledad Canyon which is also the location of the camping area. To get there, travel south from Cedarville on the road to Gerlach. At about the 28 mile point you will enter Nevada, about 9 miles into Nevada will be the junction for Tuledad Canyon. Turn right (west) onto a double lane dirt road. Proceed for about 5 miles and turn right, where the road climbs the end of a ridge. The camping area will be 3 miles ahead. The way into the camping area will be marked with white signs with RAC marked on them starting at the junction with the Tuledad Road (nine miles into Nevada).

**Lost Creek opalized/petrified wood** is located about 14 road miles easterly of the camp. To get there, travel the 8 miles back to the paved road, take a right on the pavement, travel about 4.2 miles, turn left through a wire gate on a primitive dirt road (we can mark this point with an RAC sign), go a mile, more or less (strictly a guess), take the first left on this road, proceed another 1/2 to 3/4 mile (another guess), turn right and in a short distance you will start seeing the wood.

It was requested at the March meeting that members bring material from these sites so that the new members get an idea what the material looks like. So, if you have material that was collected from the sites for the Memorial Day Weekend trip, **please bring them to the April Club Meeting.**

## Marv Stump







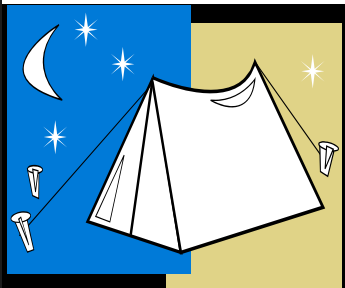
# Show The Big

At time of publication I have no idea who won raffle prizes, who one case awards, or any other numbers other than we did better than \$2100 at the silent auction and \$ 886 for Klamath Animal Shelter and 1400 came through the front door.



More show pictures next month!





# Thank You Letter

Many thanks to the members of the Rock & Arrowhead Club who supply tumbled obsidian, pumice, polished sunstones and broken geodes as well as the zip lock bags and labels available at the Klamath County Museum.

Someone did a great job of organizing the rocks from bags on a shelf or in a cubby hole to sturdy buckets on the floor. It is so much easier to find what we need now. And also putting the zip lock bags and labels in the same room so we do not have to bother the Museum Receptionist for them. Thank you!

AMTRAK Volunteers do hand out the rocks on the train. Some of us put one of each stone in the labeled Zip lock bag to hand out. I take a dozen per trip and others let folks take a rock of their choice from a small pile. Personally, I think the broken geodes are special and offer one as a prize to the person who correctly counts the tunnels the train goes through between Klamath Falls and Eugene.

AMTRAK has a lot of people of all ages, from other countries traveling usually just to see the United States and they are pleased to get a little bag of small rocks, free of charge, as a souvenir of Klamath Falls, Oregon. We meet people from Australia, New Zealand, Japan & England mostly and find they are very attentive to the scenery and the information we share and are not hesitant to ask questions. It is interesting to us also to get to meet them and ask about their experiences in travel or about their country.

The AMTRAK Volunteer Program started in 1997 and Pearl Nasson, a volunteer at the museum who we had to contact to schedule a trip, mentioned the rocks could be given away on the train as the museum had a good supply from the Rock and Arrowhead Club.

If anyone is interesting in knowing more about the AMTRAK Volunteer Program contact Todd Kepple at the Klamath County Museum for more information. Right now we have about 40 volunteers but new volunteers are welcome to join us.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Minchinton

