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Meetings are held at the Klamath County Museum Meeting Room – Main & Spring Streets, using the *West* entrance. **Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm** with the exception of 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.

General Objectives of the Club:

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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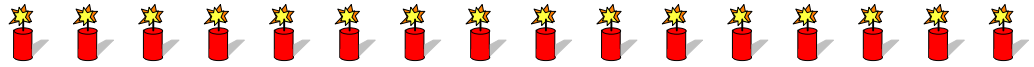
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NEXT MEETING:

July 9th

- 7:00 pm
 - Refreshments:
- Sandy Gentry & Vicki Davis
- Program: Silent Auction



FROM THE EDITOR....

IT'S FIELD TRIP SEASON!!!! If you are like me, you have been itching for a trip! Pseudo-trips here and there aren't the same as a tent up under the stars, a good campfire and swapping rock stories.

Tuledad didn't let us down this year. We got rain, snow, hail and sleet with a good dose of sunshine on the last day. Plenty of rocks to be had, and new rock hounds converted. I brought home agate nodules (with thanks to Jeff, Duane, Larry, Cindy and Marvin for helping me fill up my quota), "plops", obsidian bombs, apache tears, gorgeous agate pieces, opal, wood, and jasper. Again, I will throw in a huge thanks to all of you guys who made sure I got rocks.

I have funny stories about the trips, but I would love to hear yours, too. Please send me your favorite trip stories, via e-mail (Bowed1heart@yahoo.com), text (541-281-3891), postcard (2334 Vine Ave- Klamath Falls, OR 97601), or phone call (see above). Even if it's not funny, share a story, or pictures, we'd love to know!

I love this club. I joined it thanks to Charlie Wyckoff, who told me that y'all camped. I've been picking up (and selling) rocks since I was 6, and when I found out that there was a ROCK CLUB that camped, I swooned! I haven't been sorry. This is a great bunch of people to hang around.

I'm getting to know you, and would like to introduce "us" to each other here in the newsletter. I'd also love to have an "Ask the Experts" column....Send me a question, and I will find the person with the answer!

My first question is....how do I end this Editor's note? Hmmmm.....Rock On!



July Birthstone

I found this poem at www.birthstones.org.uk

"The gleaming ruby should adorn

All those who in July are born.

For thus they'll be exempt and free

From lover's doubts and anxiety."

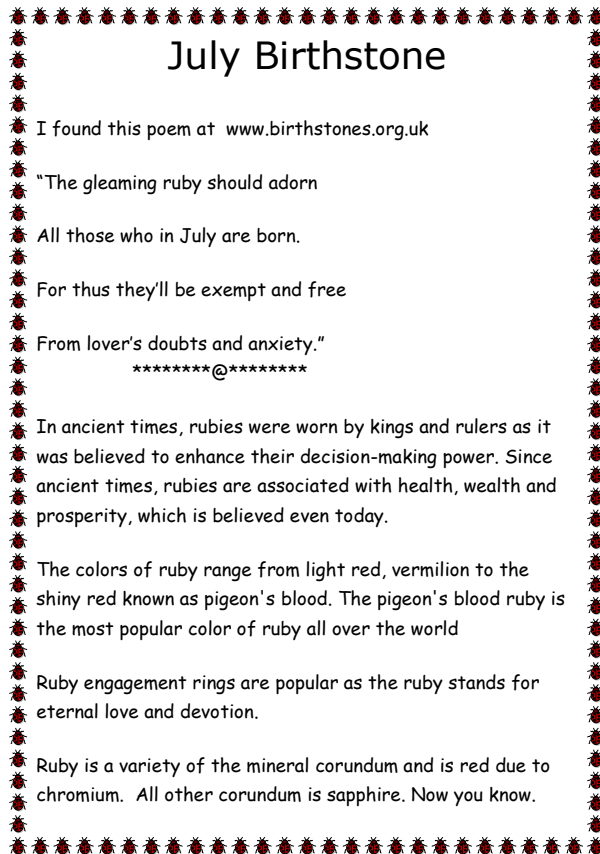
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In ancient times, rubies were worn by kings and rulers as it was believed to enhance their decision-making power. Since ancient times, rubies are associated with health, wealth and prosperity, which is believed even today.

The colors of ruby range from light red, vermilion to the shiny red known as pigeon's blood. The pigeon's blood ruby is the most popular color of ruby all over the world

Ruby engagement rings are popular as the ruby stands for eternal love and devotion.

Ruby is a variety of the mineral corundum and is red due to chromium. All other corundum is sapphire. Now you know.



Happy Birthday

Robin Rutler – July 31

Matthew Limb – July 16

Mike Nichols – July 15

Jamie Hawkins – July 1

Ralph Branson – July 23

Betty Brunswick – July 20

Ken Larsen – July 25

Sandi Masterson—July 25

I had gotten everyone's favorite rocks, but my computer conspired against me and forgot to save my input. Next month. Really!



June 11th, 2012 Meeting Minutes *Submitted by Vicky Davis*

June 11, 2012 RAC Meeting

Meeting called to order by Vice President Marshall Curran at 7:04pm. Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Guests: Jerry and Averil Anderson (2) Guests (40) Total in Attendance

Door prizes: Donated by 1) unknown, thunder egg, cut in half, won by Tera Eastburn.

2) Vicky D., Wickenburg, AZ geodes, won by Kristin Sayles (?)

Birthday Contributions were donated by those whose birthdays are in June.

Minutes approved. Correction to spelling of Alicia B's first name.

Treasurer's Report: Laura L. reported current bills are paid. Club's new printer and ink are paid for and in use. "Lots of mail has been received". Some shared with members and were on view at table.

NWF Report: Kathi M. & Alyssa C. reported they attended the annual meeting in Kennewick, WA. It was a "nice show". Alyssa pointed out going to the website for Juniors. Lots of good stuff there.

Historian Report: Absent

Editor Report: New editor, Sandi Masterson, announced contacting her via email, bowed1heart@yahoo.com, to submit info for articles which she will be happy to include. Field trips, items for sale, etc. Sandi also announced the Herald & News article, May 30th, front page photo where she and new member Alicia Baxter found fossils in local area, on the suggestion of last month's guest speaker.

Webmaster Report: Absent. Laura L. announced website is looking great, includes meeting updates, maps, field trips, and check out The Grinder, items to buy and sell.

Charity Report: Absent. It was asked whether anyone knows if Long family will be returning to club meetings. We may need to assign replacement. Laura L. said checks for charities are being submitted.

Librarian Report: Jessica brought out black light and announced its' availability for borrowing (with \$20 refundable deposit).

Old Business: Artisan Show is scheduled for weekend of October 26 (for set up), 27, 28 (for show) at KC fairgrounds, blue building. Doris Newnham will be point of contact. 10 members present are interested in being vendors at this show. Dates and location were voted and approved.

Vicky D. thanked all those who have completely filled the refreshment list requirements for the club meetings for the rest of the year.

New Business: Laura L. conducted safety training, in Jeff's absence. Reminders to bring water, maps, tools, layers of clothing, extra vehicle tire, food, water bottles for spraying rocks, buckets, screens, first aid, more food, more water.

Field Trips: Sunstone trip June 22, 23, 24. Maps were discussed, safety and reminders to stay with other people, let others know where you are going.



June Minutes Continued.

Member Expeditions: Chuck N. warned that for next Davis Creek trip, keep in mind there are commercial miners there now. It will be difficult for club members to dig for specimens. Don P. went to Opal mines in Nevada, showed nice specimen. Laura L. reported good attendance for Rhodonite field trip last month. 3 clubs were there, 90 people total, crowded but fun. Chris & Sam C. went to Buchanan Ranch, found nice greens and oranges in thundereggs. Several members of the club went to Tuledad and got opals, agates, jasper, obsidian bombs, apache tears, agate nodules and more. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR FIELD TRIP REPORTS TO SANDI M. SO SHE CAN WRITE COLORFUL ARTICLES IN OUR NEWSLETTER. THANK YOU!

Sunshine Report: Chuck N. announced his father, Ken Newnham, passed away last night, Sunday, June 10, 2012. Our condolences to Chuck and his family. Vicky D. announced Darrell McCulley is still not able to return home from hospital in California. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Program by: Auction in lieu of program this month. It was previously voted to submit funds from sale of auction tonight to Kathi M. & Alyssa C. for their NW Federation trip to Kennewick, WA.

Refreshments provided by Chris & Sam Chance, and Jeff Eastburn. Thank you!

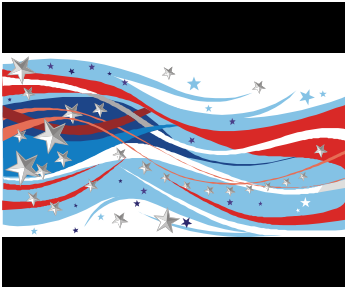
Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm.

Next meeting, Monday, July 9th, 7pm, back of Klamath County Museum. Refreshments will be provided by Sandy G. and Vicky D.

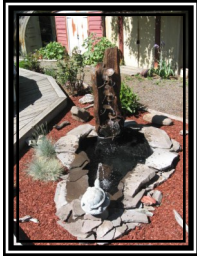


Sandi's Tuledad Memories

I really enjoyed the Tuledad trip. I brought my neighbor, Alicia Baxter (now a new member, too!) and 2 young boys who have decided that rock hounding is pretty cool. A friend of mine donated a 20 pound ostrich leg for the pot luck. Jeff Eastburn and Alicia dug a hole so I could cook it under ground. The initial plan was to cook it about 5 feet underground. But Jeff hit rock about 3 feet down, so that was the depth. I figured I would have to slice it and grill to finish, and I was right. Alicia and Duane fired their grills and I sliced. Every person who wanted some (including the kids) got to eat ostrich, and every dog had their lick of the bone. No one complained loudly and everyone got their fill from all of the delicious foods brought by everyone. Our impromptu pot luck produced full bellies. Dwayne made a peach cobbler in a Dutch oven that was out-of-this-world delicious. Even with a snow/sleet storm we had a good time. Besides the food and fun, we got a lot of rocks. I am looking forward to the obsidian trip!



Crafty Field Trip



The newest fountain

Some time ago, I asked Marshall if he would mind teaching me how to use the lapidary equipment in his shop. He was more than happy to give me a detailed lesson, and along the way I learned some stuff about Marshall:

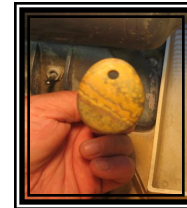
Marshall doing the polishing work.



Side view



1) Marshall has been doing lapidary since he was 12. It shows in his detailing and skill.



A nice jasper cab, before polishing.



Tiki fountain

2) Marshall also is a craftsman with wood, metal and glass.

3) Marshall makes really cool fountains.

4) Marshall is a pretty good teacher.

Dopping the rocks



Petrified wood, after grinding, before polishing.

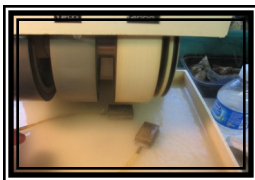


I forgot to take pictures of the beginning stages, but here is what I did get.

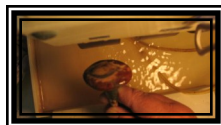
PS... I am way jealous of his workshop, and his wife doesn't get upset when you toss water all around her kitchen. Really. I know for a fact. It was an accident, of course.



Dopped



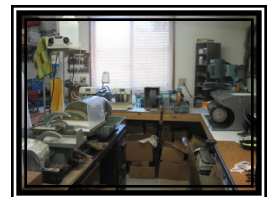
These jets "traveled" quite a bit. I got showered.



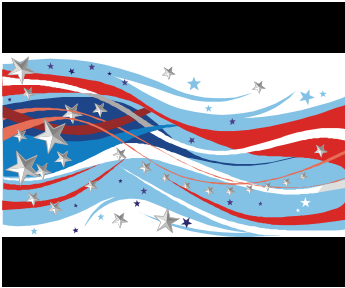
Inspecting. That lump came off.



Just before the polishing wheel.



Looking down half the room.



"LIFE ON THE ROCK"

This collection of quotes, quirks, jokes and stories is intended to uplift, inspire, and help you get through the month. Rx- "Take thou upon receipt" as needed and apply for better living.



"MC'S HAMMER"

1. It's never too late to be who you might have been....George Eliot (1819-1880)
Writer
2. Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.....Mark Twain (1835-1910) Humorist & writer.
3. Character is doing what's right when nobody's looking....J. C. Watts Jr.
Politician
4. Three things in human life are important: The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind.
Henry James (1843-1916)

STORY:

An old dollar bill and an even older \$20 arrive at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired.

"I've had a pretty good life." The \$20 says. "I've been to Vegas, the finest restaurants in New York and even on a Caribbean Cruise."

"You did have an exciting life!" The dollar says.

"Where have you been?" The \$20 asks.

"Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, spent some time with the Lutherans."

"Wait," the \$20 interrupts. "What's a church?".....Reader's Digest

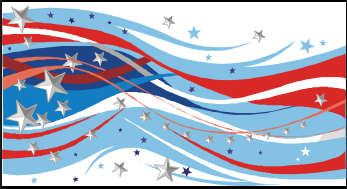


Jr Rockhounds by
Tera Eastburn

In the meetings, we go in the kitchen and talk about the rocks and where we can find them. Rachel is the teacher for the kids' class but Jessica also helps in the class. We have been talking about going on a trip to become a great rockhounder. One of my favorite times is when we made clay dinosaurs - to keep the dinosaurs standing we used toothpicks. It was fun.



This is petrified wood that didn't finish it is called "interruptus."

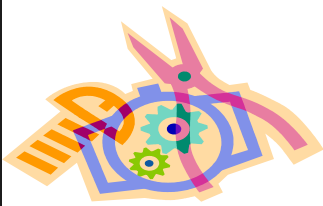


July Events

Rock, Gem, Mineral Shows for July

(copied from the NW Federation website
www.amfed.org/nfms/shows2.htm)

<p>July 2011 15th 10am - 6pm 16th 10am - 6pm 17th 10am - 4pm</p>	<p>Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society</p>	<p>Annual Gem & Mineral Show</p>	<p>Reedsport Community Building 415 Winchester Ave. Reedsport, OR 97467</p>	<p>Bill Hendrickson 100 River Bend Rd. Spc. 17 Reedsport, OR 97467 541-271-6816</p>
<p>July 2011 23rd 9am - 6pm 24th 9am - 5pm</p>	<p>WA. Agate & Mineral Society & The Tenino Rock Cruisers</p>	<p>17th Annual Rock & Gem Rendezvous FREE Admission</p>	<p>Parkside Elem. School on Stage St. South (take I-5 exit 88) Tenino, Washington</p>	<p>Contact: Daniel De Boer 5107 Brenner Dr. NW Olympia, WA 98502 keylock1@live.com</p>
<p>July 2011 29th 10am - 6pm 30th 10am - 6pm 31st 10am - 5pm</p>	<p>Regional Gem and Mineral Show</p>	<p>Show PLUS NFMS Convention & Annual Meeting</p>	<p>Southwest Washington Fairgrounds Chehalis, WA</p>	<p>Chuck Sonner csonner2011@gmail.com</p>



CALLING ALL ARTISANS!!! Artisan show—Oct 26 (set up), 27 and 28 at the Klamath Fairgrounds. For more information and to reserve your space, please call Doris Newnham at 541-850-0325



The Medford Rock Club has a full set up of lapidary equipment for members of their club to use. Saws are \$3.00 an hour and the Genies are \$5.00 an hour. To join the club or for more information call 541-664-3911 or 541-664-6081 or visit them on the web at www.craterrock.com. Classes are also available.



Don Perryman is bringing knapping tools to the Davis Creek Camp. If you've ever wanted to learn the basics, now is a good time! Bring a good attitude, eye protectors and a towel...anything else? Call Don—541-884-3322



Next month's edition will have the membership roster....if you've moved or changed your phone #, please get me the new information! Thanks! Sandi 541-281-3891

RAC July Events

July 7—Fossil and Yadenite Trip—9:00 AM near NEW Building

July 9—Meeting @ Museum. **Don't forget to bring your ~item/s~ for the Silent Auction table.** Silent auction to follow meeting.

July 20-22—Davis Creek Campground—Obsidian—Pot luck on Saturday, silent auction afterwards. Be sure to pick up your permit at the little store.

FOSSIL AND YADENITE FIELD TRIP SATURDAY JULY 7, 2012

On July 7th the Klamath County Museum and the Rock & Arrowhead Club will host a field trip for fossils and yadenite. The location will be near the “NEW” facility in the same location as it was held last year. Parking will be at the south end of the NEW parking lot. Kids and adults alike will find this a very interesting field trip. We will meet at the NEW parking lot at 9:00am.

There are two parts to this field trip. One part is for looking for fish and aquatic fossils, and the second part is looking for small yadenite rocks.

Last year, many fish and other aquatic fossils were found as well as the yadenite. Tommy Wells, a local geologist, will be on hand to help with locating and explaining the fossil finds.

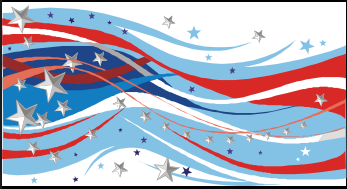
The yadenite is located on the west side of the road going to the NEW facility. Most of the yadenite is small ranging from marble size to golf ball size. The rock club will offer to tumble a portion of the rocks and then make the tumbled rocks available on July 21st at the museum.

This is how we hope to make this work. For those who want to have some of their yadenite tumbled we will return to the museum meeting room at 10:30am. At the museum, the plan is to issue a ticket for a rock, or maybe up to five rocks, and then on July 21 the tickets could be redeemed for the same number of tumbled (polished) rocks. The ticket would be for a polished rock as it would not be possible to identify the same rock turned in for polishing.

Leah will do the tumbling and we will have the tumbler at the museum so people can see how it works. We are asking that as many club members as possible help with this field trip. Please show-up at 9:00am.

You can also collect fossils and yadenite.

Marv Stump



RAC July Events Continued

LASSEN CREEK FIELD TRIP FOR OBSIDIAN JULY 20 - 22, 2012

Doris is generally the field trip leader for this event. Obsidian can be obtained in electric blue, pink lady, mahogany, and rainbow colors, and obsidian needles. Lassen Creek Campground is a beautiful grassy campground with large pine trees and Lassen Creek flowing along its easterly edge. The campground is “approximately” 135 miles from K.Falls via either Alturas or Lakeview. The road into the campground is approximately 10 miles north of Davis Creek on Hwy 395. Take Forest Service Road #30 from Hwy 395. It is about 4 miles easterly into the campground.

Lassen Creek Campground is a fine place to camp. The campground is a beautiful place to camp and does have a toilet. The campground is grassy, has big pines, and Lassen Creek flows along the northerly edge of the campground. Plans include a potluck on Saturday evening followed by a silent auction. Bring a few rocks (or whatever) to contribute and a few bucks to buy the rocks you can’t do without. Proceeds from the auction go to offsetting the costs of sending the club’s representatives (Kathy and Alyssa) to the Northwest Federation meeting.

Bring tools for digging as most of the rock is recovered by sweat labor, except for the needles that are fairly easy to dig. Tires are often an issue as obsidian is very sharp and can cut a tire, fingers, feet, arms, legs, and pet paws. So bring a good spare tire and a good first aid kit.

Davis Creek Store has a fabulous bar-be-cue on Friday evenings that can certainly be one of the highlights of the weekend. Obsidian permits are required, they are free, and can be obtained at the Davis Creek Store. Maps of the obsidian sites are attached to the permit.

See Gem Trails of Northern California, specifically Lassen Creek, Fandango Pass, Sugar Hill, and Davis Creek sites for more information.