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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 after April's 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.

Helping Others:

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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- Program.....Marshall Curran
- Greeter/Door Prize.....??????
- Refreshment.....Chris Chance
- Historian.....??????
- Librarian.....Jessica Limb
- CharityJohn Long
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Please e-mail nicee1214@gmail.com to get on our email list.

Reference to use of arrowheads within our club is limited to flint napping activities during workshops, annual shows and personal creations. No gathering of arrowheads on field trips is authorized or suggested by any club members.



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NEXT MEETING:

**September 10, 2012
7pm**

Klamath Co. Museum

Refreshments

Ken & Marolyn

Tom and Cheryl

FROM THE EDITOR....

Hi Clubbers!

September is arriving! Smoky and cooler, and winter is right around the corner. Do you feel the rush to get stuff done, too??

Good news/bad news....I got a job, or a series of jobs....or something like that. I get to travel all around Oregon, working in the different fish hatcheries year round. What it means for me is a lot of camping, some rock hunting and an income. What it means for you is that I won't be at most of the meetings and won't be able to "do" the newsletter or greet you at the door anymore!

I am sure that there is someone who is able to do this. It takes a few hours and is quite easy. Marshall writes MC's Hammer, Tera likes writing her "5 Sentences" about the Jr Rockhounds and there are other contributors if you ask for them.

I find the birthstone info and the "Up and Coming" stuff on the web. A little research and some phone calls provide a wealth of information.

I am sorry that I missed Kathy Larsen's presentation on wire wrapping. Between her, Denise, Charlie, Doreen, Laura and more, we have quite a few wire experts. Not to mention the metal smiths and the lapidarists; our club is teeming with experts of every facet <pun intended> of rock working!

Anyway...thanks for letting me write the last couple of newsletters. I have thoroughly enjoyed it.

Rock on! **Sandi** <- - rockhound and fish counter extraordinaire

September Birthstone

Ancient civilizations believed that the world was set upon an enormous sapphire, which painted the sky blue with its reflection. This legend, as well as the belief that the ten commandments were inscribed upon tablets made of sapphire, gives September's birthstone a royal place among gemstones.



Sapphire is a variety of the mineral corundum. Corundum is found in every color of the rainbow, with red being designated as ruby and all other hues Sapphire.

In ancient times, Sapphires were thought to be protective against envy, and even against poisoning. A common belief was that a venomous snake placed in a Sapphire vessel would rapidly die!

The Sapphire is second only to the Diamond in hardness, making it a durable gemstone for setting into jewelry. A gift of Sapphire represents sincerity and faithfulness. As nourishing to the soul as gazing up at the sky on a summer day, this brilliant blue gemstone is truly a heavenly choice!

And now you know.

(I copied this from www.about-birthstones.com)

Happy Birthday

- Sandy Hart - 9/2
- Gene Newnham - 9/4
- Carol Willy - 9/10
- Don Perryman - 9/17
- Kathy Larsen - 9/23
- Wolf Laskowski - 9/26
- Charlie Wyckoff - 9/26

**Its that time of
year again:**

Dues are Due!



August 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Laura Limb

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those in attendance.

Door prize won by Marshall Curran

Guests: Greg Van Riper, Jerry Benson, Annette Van Riper, Brad Workman and Anita Johnson.

Minutes from last meeting moved to accept by Marshall Curran and seconded by Kathi Milem. Approved.

Birthday contributions were accepted.

Treasurer's report: Delivered by Laura Limb, Treasurer. The cost of the electrical may have gone up past the approved amount from last meeting. Laura will get in touch with LeRoy to verify.

Federation Report: Kathi Milem needs the March 2013 Show information to submit to the Federation by September. The theme is Obsidian, but contact info and Show Coordinator are still to be decided. Jennifer Zimmerlee and Tom & Cheryl Endicott received awards at the Federation meeting.

Newsletter: Sandi submitted the newsletter with lots of articles and color. One challenge is keeping the newsletter to 4-5 pages total to decrease shipping costs. The club printer (new one) is acting up, however it is still under warranty.

Webmaster: There are approximately 200 + pictures on the website of our last show and other items. Klamathrockclub.org to see the latest.

Charity: John Long was not present, however he has sent Laura a new list of charities chosen by the club.

Librarian: Jessica is absent and is willing to relinquish this appointment due to competing activities. There are old journals and current books for loan. In addition, the black light is available for use with a \$20.00 deposit.

Old Business:

Artesian Fair: Oct 27 & 28 at the Fairgrounds Blue exhibit hall. Doris is leading this show. She is in need of volunteers to help.

First meeting is Thursday, August 16 at 6 pm at IYS.

PRCC Presentation: Marshall Curran and Garwin Carlson will be presenting at PRCC on Aug 31 at 10 am.

March Rock Show: The fairgrounds have given notice that the rental fee for the main bldg will be going up a possible \$1000.00.

Marvin recommended that we limit incidental purchases in preparation. Raising the dealer fees will help to cover approximately 50% of the cost increase.

Rock Bags: Marvin donated military issue material for the sewing bags that we give to the kids.

Museum Rock Room: Marshall continues to be in discussion with Todd Kepple on the room. In addition, Marshall is working on some new landscaping for the front of the museum with Todd. The new landscaping will have a chain saw cut eagle from the large tree, a water feature and the chimney rocks from the cabin as contents.

Yadenite: Report received from the West Washington University grad students who took a specimen to analyze. It turns out that the yadenite around our area is composed of 20+ minerals. If you want a copy of the report, contact Jeff.

2013 Show Coordinator: Due to a needed change in terminology, Marvin Stump moved that the Show Chairperson title should be changed to Show Coordinator to align with the true role needed. If you are interested, let Marvin or Jeff know.

Free Gravel: Jon Bailey has free gravel, U-Haul from his sunstone mine available for the taking. Contact Jeff for the details.

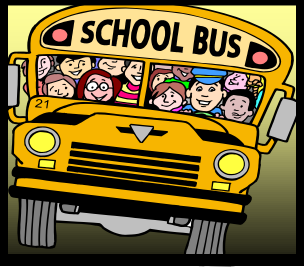
Field Trips:

Marvin Stump reported on the Lassen Creek trip. The silent auction brought in \$46 and an IOU for \$21. Not as many as last year, however Doris did find a very nice piece of pink lady obsidian. Dwayne and Della Fitzsimmons came away with a nice specimen as well. The commercial diggers are there, however they are being charged for dirt removal by the USFS and are not too happy.

Gold Panning: Beaver Creek may be in the last week of either Sept or Oct.

Juniper Ridge Opal: September 15th Chuck has invited the club and Medford Club to his opal claim. This is a fee dig opportunity for those who would like to attend. There will be an auction and pot luck also.

Virgin Valley Opal: August 17th. Fee digs and free digs. Information is contained on the website and in the newsletter. It will be hot so be prepared.



~August Minutes Continued ~

Member Field Trips:

Alan Hart shared his adventures from the Black Hills, Montana, Idaho and everything else on his way home. Brought examples for the members to see of what he collected. He was able to go down in a mine in Montana.

Sunshine Report:

Members were able to sign a birthday card for Marcia Carlson. She turned 75.

Gene Newnham not doing so well with the smoke and breathing. Keep him in your thoughts.

Refreshments: Laura Limb and Denise Sebastian

Meeting adjourned at 08:00 pm.

Program: Kathy Larsen demonstrated how to wire wrap a cabochon.

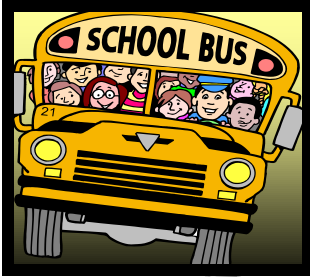


September's RAC Field Trip is to Juniper Ridge Opal Mine.

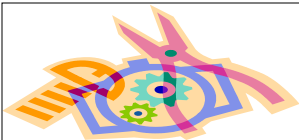
Chuck Newnham will be bringing instructions on how to get there to September's meeting. The info will be on the website after the meeting.

This is a member's only dig.

Gem & Mineral Show in Ashland, Oregon: This year will be the first annual **Ashland Rocks! – Gem & Mineral Show**, to be held September 1st & 2nd, at the United Methodist Church, 175 North Main, on the corner of Laurel and Main Streets. The show is promoted by Scott's Rock & Gem (Meesha & Scott Blair), and they are doing it as a joint effort with the Methodist Church; the Church in the World Committee will be running the concessions, and proceeds from their efforts will go to support charity. The show hours are Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday Noon – 5 p.m. Cost of admission is \$2 for adults and free for kids. There will be a free field trip for fossil leaf hunting, on Sunday – sign up by email, or on Saturday, during the show. , Please come out to support this brand new gem and mineral show, and enjoy perusing the fantastic crystals, minerals, fossils, and handcrafted gemstone jewelry that will be on display. We have made a strong effort to feature dealers who are not ordinarily seen at other local shows. Our goal is to make this a major annual fundraising, and rock-hounding event, so we need your help. Please spread the word, and mark your calendar to attend this great new show! Visit scottsrocks.com for more information, or call (541) 621-2558.



Swap Shop



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

Feeder fish – 10 cents each. They are young and unsexed guppies. If you are willing to take the whole 10-gallon aquarium full (really full) of fish, I will happily let you.

3 month bettas. Watch them grow. Bring your own container. \$5.00 will also buy enough food for a few months.

Call Sandi 541-281-3891

18” Rock Saw - \$550

3 - 12lb tumblers, 1-12lb tumbler - talk to Chuck

3 Headed Sphere Machine - \$600

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ROCKS ALSO
AVAILABLE

Chuck Newnham

541-892-7486



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.

Laura Limb will happily cut slabs for you, please call Laura at 541-273-7503 for prices.

Chuck Newnham asks that if anyone has a picture of pictures of his dad, please contact him. Thank you in advance.
Chuck—541-892-7486



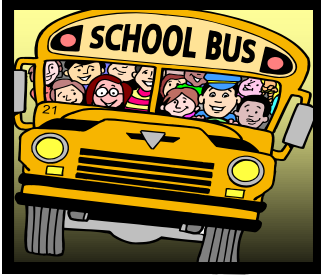
The Club has the following needs:

1. Historian
2. Librarian
3. Greeter
4. Newsletter Editor

All volunteer and no cost to you



Due to the cost of printing and mailing concerns, the membership roster will be posted online in the club's website: <http://www.klamathrockclub.org/> . There is a member's only forum coming soon. If you are unable to print, please let Denise Sebastian or Jeff Eastburn know and they will make sure you have a copy.



Tumbling With Garwin

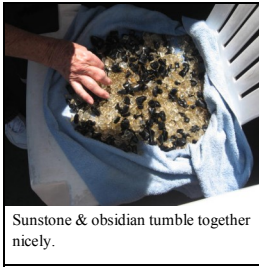
In July, Garwin had an impromptu class on tumbling at his home. He had a gazillion tumblers tumbling. Some were ready for inspection. Garwin uses only 220 and 600 grit. I wish I'd taken notes because he had a lot to offer. Here are the pictures....a picture is worth a thousand words, but I'll add some comments anyway. <grin>



Have you ever been to Garwin's or sat and talked with him? The man is a treasure of information. He knows rocks and metal working and has equipment and rocks. Boy, does he have rocks. Here's him and Della talking about his rocks.



ROCKS!!!



Sunstone & obsidian tumble together nicely.



Della loves to tease me about the # of rocks that find their way to my pockets. Garwin helped fill them this time. Knowingly! LOL



Avril and Garwin in front of some of his "stuff"



Della's Beemer along with Jerry and Avril. (I couldn't cut out the car.)



Looking down into my pocket. Everywhere I go, there's a field trip!



Rockhounds know that you can't find any treasure if your head's in the clouds!





"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.

1. Two indecisive miners were arguing over who should get what part of their latest claim. "Do you want the gold or the silver?" The first miner finally asked. Shrugging his shoulders his partner replied, "Either ore." (Conor Anderson- Reader's Digest)
2. The secret of all those who make discoveries is that they regard nothing as impossible. (Justus Lieberg (1803-1873) Chemist)
3. I do? Two girls, ages five and six, were playing wedding. Their mother overheard these vows: "you have the right to remain silent. Anything you say may be held against you. You have the right to have an attorney present. You may kiss the bride." (The Joyful Noise Letter)
- 4 I had my car towed yesterday. There was nothing wrong with it, but it was cheaper than a tank of gas. (Jim Carlton-Reader's Digest)

STORY:

Three sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96, live together. One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts one foot in and pauses. "Was I getting in the tub or out?" she yells.

The 94-year-old hollers back, "I don't know, I'll come see." She starts up the stairs and stops. She shouts, "Was I going up or coming down?"

The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea, listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful," and knocks on wood for good measure. Then she yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

(Reader's Digest)



Jr Rockhounds by
Tera Eastburn

Hi my name is Tera Eastburn. We watched Bill Nye the science guy at our last meeting. We learned about dinosaurs when we watched the movie. We also learned about the earth's crust and magma. Of course, us kids can never wait until snacks. But the adults always are so into the meetings. I love the rocks, but, I also love the snacks. Rock hounding is very fun! You can find some pretty cool rocks out there. We have so much fun rock hounding it blows me away. Well I will talk to you later, bye-bye!



Down in a hole, looking for pretty petrified wood with Alicia.



RAC September Events

September 10, 2012 - RAC meeting @ Klamath County Museum 7:00 pm

Don't forget to bring pictures and stories from field trips.

September 14, 15 & 16, 2012 - RAC field trip to Juniper Ridge Opals,

See note from Chuck Newnham.

ROCK SHOWS

(copied from the NW Federation website)

Sept 1 & 2 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5	Scott's Rock and Gem	United Methodist Church, 175 North Main, on the corner of Laurel and Main Ashland, OR	Meesha & Scott Blair 541) 621-2558 www.scottsrocks.com
Sept 8 & 9 Sat 10-6, Sun 10 -4	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds Roseburg Oregon (Directly off I-5, exit 132)	Eileen Paul 541-672-5229 beadpatch@cmspan.net
Sept 8 & 9 Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5	Clallam County Gem & Mineral Association Show	Vern Burton Community Center 308 East 8th Street, Port Angeles WA 98362	Jen Bourassa jednennie@msn.com
Sept 8 & 9 10-5	Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineralogical Society	Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Community Center 9th Street and Orchard Walla Walla WA	Warren Rood 509 522 2330 warrenrood@yahoo.com
Sept 15-16 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fairgrounds "A" Street & Cowlitz River Castle Rock, WA	Contact: Jackie Furuli 360 431 0059
Sept 22 & 23 Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5	Hellgate Mineral Society	Ruby's Reserve Street Inn 4825 N Reserve Street Missoula Montana	Bob Riggs 406 543 3667
Sept 29 & 30 10-4	Billings Gem & Mineral Club	Billings Hotel & Convention Center 1223 Mallowney Lane Billings Montana	Doug True 406 670 0506 dtruefossils12@yahoo.com