

DUSTY ROCKS

**March
2013**



ROCK AND ARROWHEAD CLUB

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NEXT MEETING:

March 12, 2013 s 7pm
Klamath Co. Museum

Refreshments

March - Denise S. & Laura L.

April - Garwin & Marshall

May - Sandy G. & _____

June - Kathi M, Alyssa C & Doris N.

July - The Endicotts & _____

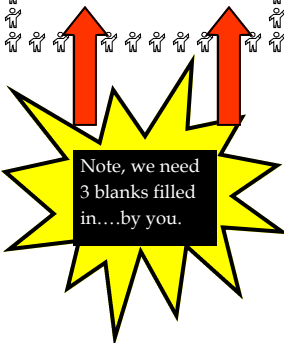
August - Leah S. & Vicky D

Sept - Sam-n-Chris C & Della

Oct - Melodie S, Janice W,
& Debi P

Nov - Ken-n-Marolyn D & _____

Dec - Christmas Party



FROM THE EDITOR....

Hi Clubbers!

March. It's March. The year is 1/6 over, and Marching forward!

ROCK SHOW! My first one, ever, was last year. It's so much fun to have a whole fun to have a show based on the thing that I love most. Rocks. I was happy to know that there was a club dedicated to rocks, but a SHOW? How exciting!

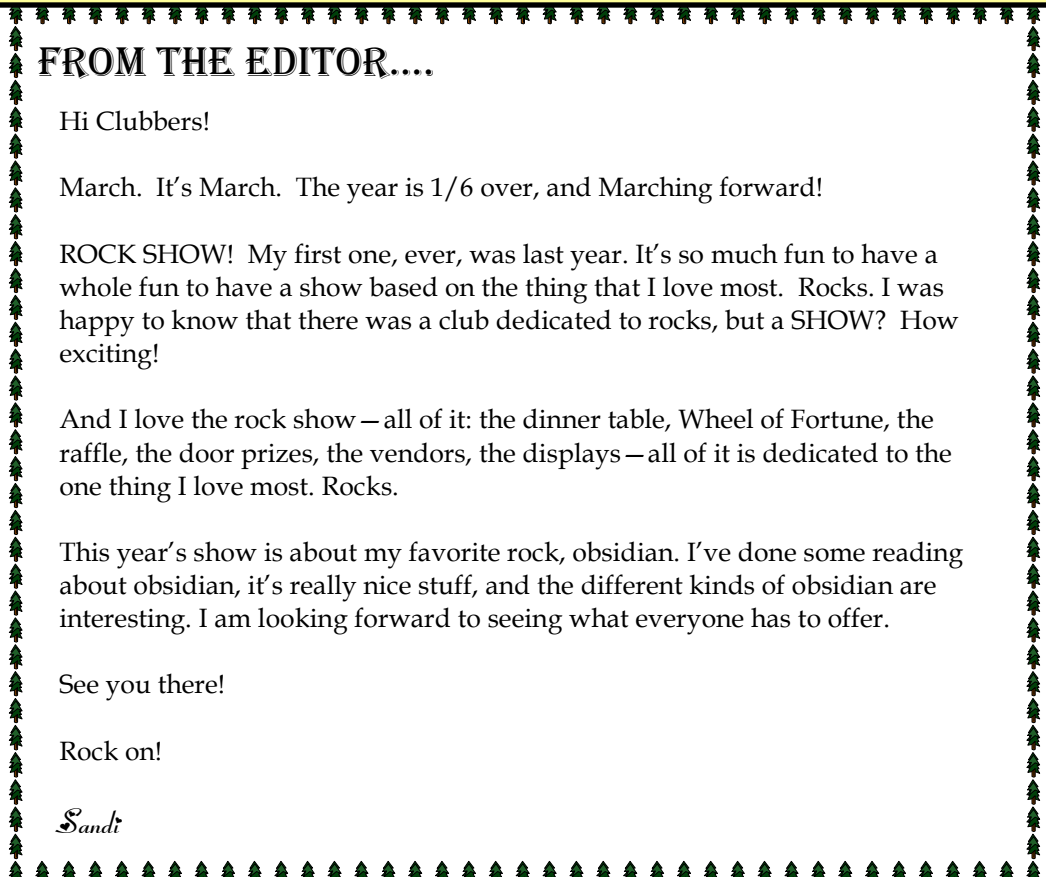
And I love the rock show – all of it: the dinner table, Wheel of Fortune, the raffle, the door prizes, the vendors, the displays – all of it is dedicated to the one thing I love most. Rocks.

This year's show is about my favorite rock, obsidian. I've done some reading about obsidian, it's really nice stuff, and the different kinds of obsidian are interesting. I am looking forward to seeing what everyone has to offer.

See you there!

Rock on!

Sandi



The birthstone for March is named Aquamarine. Derived from the Roman word "Aqua," meaning water, and "mare," meaning sea, this pale blue gem does indeed resemble the color of seawater.

The association with water led to the belief that the Aquamarine was particularly powerful when immersed. Water in which this gemstone had been submerged was used in ancient times to heal a variety of illnesses of the heart, liver, stomach, mouth and throat. Aquamarines were also used to reverse poisoning and to aid in fortune telling.

The Aquamarine is a member of the beryl family. Beryl is a mineral that crystallizes within large grained igneous rocks on the earth's crust. It varies in color from clear to vibrantly colored gemstones such as the Emerald. Beryl was used as far back as 2,000 years ago to correct vision, and it continues to be used today in the manufacture of eyeglasses.

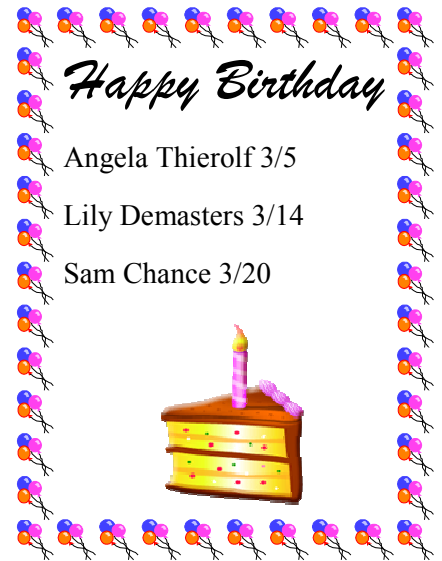
A gift of Aquamarine symbolizes both safety and security, especially within long standing relationships. Some people even say that the Aquamarine reawakens love in a tired marriage, so if you want to bring back that spark in your partner's eyes, you might consider this gem as an anniversary gift!

Alternate Birthstone

An alternate birthstone for March is Bloodstone, a dark green opaque quartz flecked with red spots. The name Bloodstone derives from the legendary belief that the red coloration resulted from the blood of Christ spilling onto green jasper during the crucifixion. For this reason, too, the stone has been called "martyr's stone." Bloodstone is mined in India, Brazil, Uruguay, Australia, and the United States. Ideal for carving into cameos and beads, this stone symbolizes courage.

And now you know.

(got this from www.about-birthstones.com)



The Club has the

following needs:

1. Historian
2. Librarian





February 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Vicky Davis

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Welcome to visitors and new members: Alicia Baxter, David & Tara Jacobson, Mike & Monica Milem, and David Smith.

Door prizes donated by Leah Stump. Won by: 1) guest Mike M, 2) Corey H., 3) Clarissa W.

Birthday contributions were made. Each member is asked to contribute \$1 during his/her birthday month. These funds are used for club's annual Christmas party.

Kids' Program: Rachel entertained and instructed children on Volcanoes and lava rock, where they were working on Merit Badges. Laura is asking that a replacement Junior Leader for children please step up, because Rachel will soon be graduating and may be leaving the area for college.

Secretary: Correction: spelling of new members' last name Goebel was incorrectly spelled in January minutes. All other details in minutes were approved.

Treasurer: New bank account has been opened; Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union. Bond was NOT transferred from Sterling Savings Bank.

Charity: Chris C. is absent tonight. Laura brought up discussion whether to continue monthly charities. Club membership voted to discontinue, in light of our limited budget. We will, however, continue special memorial donations as they arise and as they fit our current budget.

Sunshine Report: Flu season – WASH HANDS often!!

Webmaster: Denise is still working on website "log in" details. Confronted with a few technical drawbacks, but will persevere.

Newsletter Editor: Sandi M. reminded membership the deadline to submit reports is the 20th of each month for the following month's newsletter. Please continue to submit info to her for newsletter articles.

Field Trips: Garwin shared exciting info about Tucson's annual show. The largest in the world, and still growing. Don P. shared info about his trip to the Sierra's, near Bordertown & Reno, where he found quartz. In Virginia City he found amethyst.

Executive Board Meeting: Feb 4th meeting was discussed. Minutes will appear on website.

President's Report: Laura L. reminded membership we still need a volunteer to help as Historian. Don P. will consider helping. Librarian is needed. Discussion that books and magazines are probably not being borrowed because more & more people are using internet for research. Marv, Garwin & Laura mentioned that many excellent, older magazines and books are in the club's library. Several people raised their hands in agreement that the club's website could use more links, more how-to's.

Show Report: Next show meeting is Monday, Feb 18th, 6pm at IYS, 1011 Main Street. All are welcome! Many are needed for show set up; Friday MORNING, March 8th, 9am. Leroy is moving right along with electrical work for show. Marshall C. reported that Klamath Falls' RAC will have their own black light and state of the art display. Funds from the museum have been approved and specimens have been ordered. Marshall has been researching the best and most effective ways to build our display, which will be housed at the Klamath County Museum and loaned to the RAC for annual shows, special events, and other shows around the region.

Program: Crystals. Jeff E. is absent. Laura presented the program effectively with Jeff's props of Legos. The Legos were put together in a variety of ways to represent many crystal formations.

Refreshments were provided by Ken H. and Chuck N. Thank you. Next month's refreshments will be provided by Denise S. and Laura L.

Meeting was adjourned approximately 8:20 pm.



Calling all Members!

KLAMATH ROCK AND ARROWHEAD CLUB GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

2013 Show Theme

Obsidian

March 9 & 10, 2013
Main Exhibit Building
Klamath County Fairgrounds
3531 6th Street
Klamath Falls, Or. 97603

Application for Display Cases:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Type of Display: _____

I will Need a Case: _____ (4'X 2'X 2') Total Amount of Cases Needed: _____
(one 8' case please call to check if available)

I am Bringing My Own Case: _____ Total Amount of Cases: _____ My Case is

Please call ahead of time if you need special accommodations.

Electricity is limited to 150 watts per case. Exhibitors are to furnish their own Risers & Liners.
Setup time starts Friday March 8th from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Displays need to be completed & ready for show to open at 9:00 am Saturday March 9th.

Show Hours are Saturday, March 9th 9:00 am to 5:00pm. Sunday, March 10th 10:00 am to 4:00pm.

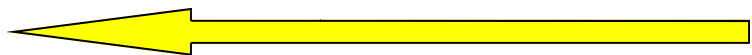
The Klamath Rock & Arrowhead Club, its officers and appointee will not be responsible for any accident of loss that may occur to any exhibitor, his/her agent, or equipment at the show. Presentation of this **ENTRY** shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.

Exhibitor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Are you a first time entrant _____ or a returning entrant _____

Return to: Chuck Newnham
4258 Altamont Dr.
Klamath Falls, Or. 97603

Please return by March 2nd, 2013. For more information call Chuck @ 541 892 7486 or Email devosdad68@clearwire.net





Pictures



Tuledad 2012. Although I hate being cold, I love the Tuledad trip. It's the first of the year, there're great rocks, and the people are awesome.



Davis Creek, 2012. It just SEEMS as if we only meet, greet and eat. There's serious rock finding going on, too.



Chris Chance sent this from Arizona where she, Sam and the Endicott's hunted for rocks (and went to a great rock show.)



Trying to reduce a VERY heavy Yadenite to a smaller size.



I'm guessing it's one of the opal mines.



Field Trip Report

by Chris Chance

A Field Trip That Could Have Ended in Disaster

Larry, a member of the Klamath Rock and Arrowhead Club, was at the sunstone site (alone) when he started having chest pain. He drove himself to the Dust Devil Mine, where he knew there were 2 paramedics, Terry and Don. They checked him out and realized that it was an emergency and was life threatening, beyond their equipment and capabilities.

They immediately drove him to the Lakeview Hospital, where the doctors ran tests and were able to stabilize him. They kept him overnight and informed him of the test results, and prescribed medicine to help him, but they couldn't cure him.

I applaud the good work that the men at the Dust Devil mine do and that they are available in case of an emergency.

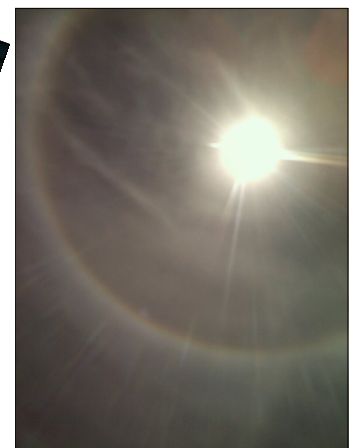
What we need now is a map of some sort to get to the Dust Devil from our sunstone site. One of our "neighbors", John, notices who is in and out of our site, and comes over to check when he sees people there.

(Chris had cell service on her Verizon phone while she was there and was able to call Dust Devil. Their number is 541-219-1071)

Mining for sunstone,
June 2011



Rabbit Hills in the distance,
not a tree in sight.



With no trees, desert conditions, hot sun and lots of sweat-breaking work, make sure you have a lot of water and bring your own shade to the sunstone mine.



RAC March Events

ROCK SHOWS IN THE NW (AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	*SEE BELOW 4	5	6	7	Rock Show Set-Up 9am-? 8	← Rock Show 9
→ Rock Show 10	11	RAC Meeting 7:00pm 12	13	14	15	16
St Patrick's Day 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Happy Easter! 31						

March 4, 2013 @ 6 pm - Rock Show meeting, come one, come all to the IYS building on the corner of Main and 10th.



Don't forget set up for the show! Friday, March 8 from 9 to finish. Spaghetti dinner for all who help!