

# DUSTY ROCKS

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**ROCK AND ARROWHEAD CLUB**

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**NEXT MEETING:**

April 8, 2013 s 7pm

Klamath Co. Museum

**Refreshments**

April - Garwin & Marshall

May - Sandy G. & \_\_\_\_\_

June - Kathi M, Alyssa C & Doris N.

July - The Endicotts & \_\_\_\_\_

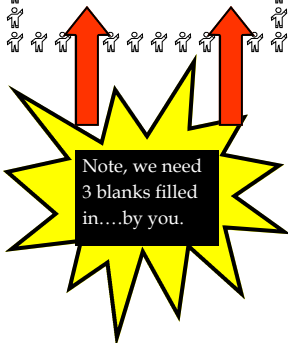
August - Leah S. & Vicky D

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!

April Showers bring May flowers! Do you know what May flowers bring? Pilgrims! (I remember that joke from when I was 7. It's still worth a chuckle.) April showers also mean May is almost here, and the water helps rocks push up to the surface!

It's almost field trip time! WooHoo! By the way, call me if you are planning an outing and don't mind company. I don't like to go alone, but I DO like to go!

I'm still looking for a job. Do you know what would be my perfect favorite job? Rockhounding. Taking kids out where the rocks are, camping, teaching them the stars, the great outdoors and rockhounding. ::Sigh:: But, since there's no job available (that pays) with that description, I am searching for something that is almost perfect. If you hear of anything, let me know. Oh...I won't stand on the street corner waving a sign. I **AM** still trying to get on the cruise ships. I read some testimonials, and one guy contacted them every week for 2 years, and has been with them for 20 years, so there's hope.

We had a nice show, didn't we? I was there on Sunday and people were happy. My favorite display is the dining table. Crafty idea!

That's all for this month.

Rock on!

*Sandi*

April's birthstone is remarkably simple in composition, yet stunning in its unique ability to reflect and refract light into vivid flashes of brilliant color. The Diamond is harder than any other substance on earth.

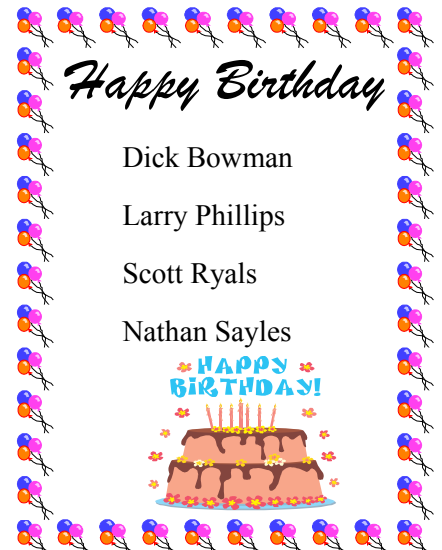
Formed deep within the earth where there is intense heat and pressure, Diamonds are simply crystallized carbon. India is thought to be the first river-bed source of Diamond mining, but today these gemstones are found primarily in Australia, the Soviet Union, and Africa.

No more notable it its uncut state than a plain pebble upon the beach, the true beauty of the Diamond was not revealed until the 16th century, when gemstone cutting and polishing techniques were perfected.

A gift of a Diamond is symbolic of everlasting love. There is no more convincing a promise of an enduring relationship than the brilliant gemstone that has endured in people's hearts throughout the ages.

And now you know.

(got this from [www.about-birthstones.com](http://www.about-birthstones.com))



*Happy Birthday*

Dick Bowman

Larry Phillips

Scott Ryals

Nathan Sayles

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**The Club has the following needs:**

1. Historian
2. Librarian
3. Newsletter Editor



## March 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Vicky Davis*

Meeting called to order by President Laura Limb at 7:05pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Door prizes won by Marshall C., Doris N., Alan H.

Welcome to Guests: Otis Woods, Hazel Wade, Sherry Leanders, Janet Linsenbigler, Marle jandreau, Monica Milem, Mike Milem, Deborah Harris, Roy Harris.

Minutes were approved. Birthday contributions were collected.

Treasurer: Denise gave a report on total earnings for this past weekend's Gem & Mineral show. There was enough to cover costs. Bills are coming in and being paid.

Federation: Kathy said mid-year meeting is coming up. Kathi is not attending. However, she will attend August 9th & 10th Federation meeting in Butte, Montana. All postage stamps (canceled) are requested from club members, to take to Federation meeting - please give to Kathi M. Stamps are then sold and monies go to the endowment fund.

No Junior program tonight.

Newsletter: Sandi asks folks to write down what they would like submitted to the newsletter. She said her "mind is like a sieve: - please, no verbal requests for submittals. Sandi also asked for someone to volunteer to take over as editor, as she loves to travel and is looking for employment that will take her out of the area. Sandi reported that Laura Barrett is giving jewelry making classes on Saturdays from 9-12. Cost is \$10. Phone number is in club roster.

Webmaster: Website is up to date - please send submittals to Denise at [webmaster@klamathrockclub.org](mailto:webmaster@klamathrockclub.org).

Membership Coordinator: Kristen is keeping membership cards current.

Library: Books are out. Black light is available to borrow.

Old Business: Results of annual Gem and Mineral show (critique) will be discussed April 1<sup>st</sup>. See below.

New Business: Since Vicky Davis is moving out of state, we need someone to volunteer to be secretary. Carol Barrett offered to help until someone can step up. Marv reminded members that the job is as recorder of club meetings.

Discussion about next year's show theme - Blues and Greens - i.e. turquoise, moss agate, etc.

Sunshine report: Tom & Cheryl Endicott are sick with flu. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Field Trips: Sam & Chris Chance went to Wiley Wells, Coon Holler, California and found black agate, desert roses, calcedony roses, thunder eggs, geodes, potato geodes (white).

Tom Rogers created a beautiful gift to be displayed at the club's room at the county museum.

Some campgrounds will be closing, per forest service and BLM - permits will be needed for many areas when you go on rock finding field trips.

Program: Garwin presented obsidian and the many colors and forms it can take.

Refreshments were provided by Denise S. and Laura L. Next month: Garwin C. & Marshall C.

Show critique will be held April 1<sup>st</sup>, 6pm at IYS. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.



# Calling all Members!

Do you ever wonder what to do with all those rocks you pick up on a rockhounding trip? Or that you just pick up from the ground as you walk? Lauralie Barrett teaches lapidary and silversmithing every Saturday at her house from 9-12. The cost is \$10. She will teach you how to slab, cut, polish and design. Call ahead for a seat and directions to her house..

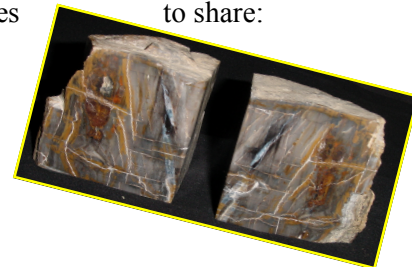
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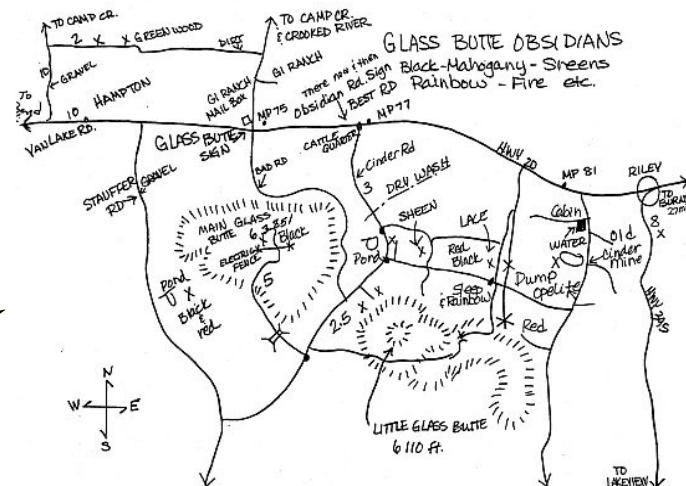
**(If you can do something with it, it's ok to get more!)**



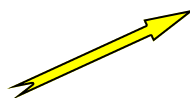
Our first field trip is to Hampton Butte, OR over Memorial Day weekend. At first I was thinking that I would rather go to Tuledad, but after googling “Hampton Butte” and seeing all of the neat rocks, I have changed my mind. Here is a really good site from a person who visited and shared the experience and some pictures of their rocks - <http://www.holeystones.com/mining/wood.html>. I’ve copied some other pictures from different sites to share:



It’s rough camping, so bring plenty of water.



I borrowed someone’s map. Of what to find where and how to get there. I am sure Marvin and Garwin have others, too.







# Pictures



Walt and Vicky Davis re-married March 17, 2013. They've moved to Shreveport, Louisiana where Walt has a new job. We are going to miss Vicky's smiling face as our secretary.



Leah, Marolyn and Sandi making rock critters for the Wheel of Fortune at the Rock Show. Other helpers included Vicky, Chris, Tera, Twila (Eastburn - Jeff's mother), and Della.



The executive board presenting the show chairs with thank you gifts. Good job Garwin and Marv.



Some of the critters. There were also gem trees, jewelry and, of course, more critters.



Chuck Newnham displaying his sphere's at the Artisen Show.

Cookie critter refreshments





# AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

## Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program

I downloaded the badge program for the "Future Rockhounds" program from the American Federation of Mineralogical Society. I found it at <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/> I was curious to see what they needed to do to earn the badges. After reading parts of it (it's over 200 pages), I decided that I would like to do some on my own, and share with you what they (and you) can do to learn more about our hobby. I am putting the first badge requirements here.



All kids belonging to clubs affiliated with Future Rockhounds of America automatically receive the FRA Membership Badge. The youth leader of the local FRA-affiliated club should contact the Juniors Program Chair of the AFMS to receive these badges. To earn your Rockhound badge, you need to earn 6 or more of the 20 badges. Juniors earning all 20 badges receive an AFMS cloisonné pin and graduate to Rock Star status. We suggest awarding these in a special ceremony at your club, perhaps at the end of the year when you hold your installation of new officers and/or at mid-year, perhaps during a club picnic or at a club show.

### 1. Rocks and Minerals

To earn this badge, you should demonstrate how to identify common minerals and learn the basic rock types. Other activities involve learning about crystals and your state rock or mineral. This unit also helps you start building your own rock and mineral collection.

#### Activity 1.1: Learning the characteristics of minerals.

Buy a book or pick one up at the library to learn about different minerals and their characteristics. Make a chart of common minerals and their characteristics in terms of things such as color, streak, cleavage, fracture, luster, hardness, crystal shape, and weight, or specific gravity. In your chart, list various common minerals down the first column, and then have separate columns to note characteristics of each mineral.

#### Activity 1.2: Making and using a mineral ID kit.

Make a mineral ID kit that will allow you to demonstrate familiarity with characteristics of minerals (color, streak, hardness, relative weight, reaction to a weak acid solution such as vinegar, etc.). Using your mineral ID kit, along with a chart of mineral characteristics, successfully identify at least a half dozen minerals presented by your youth leader.

#### Activity 1.3: Building a mineral collection.

Build a collection of 10 to 20 minerals. Some collectors focus on a single mineral, with specimens from around the world to show different forms. A quartz collection might include amethyst from Brazil, clear crystals from Arkansas, and smoky quartz from Pikes Peak. Other collectors concentrate on a local area and collect all the minerals that might be found in one quarry, city, county, or state. Still others opt for variety and collect a little bit of everything. Whichever form you choose for your collection, be sure to follow the basics of good curation: label each specimen and keep a catalog with key information about what it is and where it came from. (See Badge 5: Collecting.)

#### Activity 1.4: The three rock types.

Describe the three basic rock types (igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic) and build a collection with samples of each type. (See Badge 10: Earth Processes.)

**That should be enough to keep you busy until next month, or you can visit the site and download your own copy. Happy hunting!**

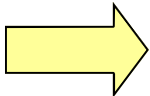




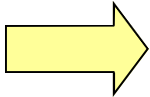
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## 50th Annual Rock Show Awards:

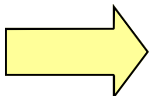


- 1st place People's Choice: Marshall Curran
- 2nd place People's Choice: Kurt Phillips
- 1st Place Theme Case Award: Eileen Paul
- 2nd Place Theme Case Award: Lauralie Barrett
- Workmanship award: Chuck Newnham
- Workmanship award: Denise Sebastian



## From the President:

I want to personally thank all of you for your effort in making our 27th Annual Rock and Gem Show a huge success. I have personally had comments from people outside of the club who stated that the rock show this year was great.



As we move into the rockhounding months, remember to be safe and bring home some treasures to share with your fellow rockhounds.

Laura Limb

Due to the cost of printing & mailing concerns, the membership roster is only posted online. Visit the club's website: <http://www.klamathrockclub.org/>. There is a member's only forum coming soon. If you are unable to print, please contact Sandi ([mastersonsandi@yahoo.com](mailto:mastersonsandi@yahoo.com)) or Denise ([nicee1214@gmail.com](mailto:nicee1214@gmail.com)). If you are not online, call Sandi at 541-281-3891. Thanks.



John and Betty Brunswick have lapidary equipment for sale. Please see them at our next meeting for details.

Do you have an article you'd like to submit? A field trip to report? Pictures to share? Maybe you have some thing to sell or give away. Whatever it is, submission deadline for the next newsletter is the **20th** each month. Contact Sandi Masterson in person at the club meeting or e-mail - [mastersonsandi@yahoo.com](mailto:mastersonsandi@yahoo.com)





# RAC April Events

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	See below <b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>RAC Meeting 7:00pm 8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	See below <b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	See below <b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	See below <b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

April 6&7 - SEIGMS 56th Annual Rock Show—Bannock County Fairgrounds / Pocatello, ID / Contact Anna Capell 208-221-9058

April 13&14 - 48th Annual Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Show—Idaho Falls Recreation Center / Contact Jim Boseley 208-520-1819

April 19-21 - 62nd Gemstone Junction Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Club—Golden Spike Event Center, Weber County Fairgrounds / Ogden, Utah / Contact Cynthia Aeschilliman 801-648-5060

April 19-21 - Willamette Agate & Mineral Society—Polk County Fairgrounds / Rickreall, OR / Contact Etheleen Flippo 503-623-4247

April 20&21 - Yakima Rock & Mineral Club—Washington National Guard Armory / Yakima, Washington / Contact Marty Sondgeroth 509-248-6401

April 20&21 - Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club—Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds / Kennewick, WA / Contact Mary Lou Omstead 509-783-2798

April 27&28 - West Seattle Rock Club—Alki Masonic Temple / Seattle, Washington / Contact Lyle & Audrey Vogelpohl 206-932-3292

April 27&28 - Grays Harbor Gem & Geology Society—Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds / Elma, Washington / Contact Mike Shaw 509-251-1574

