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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.

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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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From the Editor....

Hey guys, this month has been very busy for me. I have passed my senior boards, had all of my finals, graduated, got my license, and had a massive amount of family in town. I am so glad that I can kick off my shoes and relax for a while.

I want to remind everyone that the newsletter is for and about all of you. It helps make it more personal if we share stories together. My new email is almost up and I can't wait to be reading your entries.

I will be gone this meeting and hope you can forgive me. I am visiting the coast for my senior trip. A senior trip is a tradition in my family where the graduated senior chooses the place and company and gets to vacation after the stress of graduation.

Remember! He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare,

Rachel Limb



Happy Birthday

- Alyssa Carnes
- Ken Davis
- Paul Goebel
- Rachel Limb
- Elinor Taug

NEXT MEETING:

July 8 at 7pm

Klamath County Museum

Refreshments:

Tom & Cheryl Endicott and

Silent Auction! Bring items and be prepared to bid!



Coming up next month -
July 20- 21
Lassen Creek Obsidian

MAY MINUTES

Rock & Arrowhead Club Meeting

May 13, 2013

Minutes by Acting Secretary Carol Barrett



1. Call to order at 7:00 P.M. by Laura Limb.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome visitors: There were no visitors at this meeting, with 39 members attending.
4. Door Prizes: Jacob Jones won the crystal rock door prize.
5. Birthdays.
6. Secretary: Minutes approval from last meeting. Motioned by Barb Massey, seconded by Garwin Carlson. Motion carried.
7. Treasurer Report: Laura Limb.
8. Sunshine report: Chris Chance asked if anyone knew of anyone not well.
9. Webmaster report: Denise Sebastian is not present tonight but is working on our club's website to allow members to be able access members only portion of webpage.
10. Newsletter Editor Report: Sandi Masterson has resigned as editor. Rachel Limb has stepped up and did a wonderful job on producing the May newsletter on short notice. Rachel has many great ideas. Email input to Webmaster Denise Sebastian.
11. Member's Field Trips:

Several members went on different field trips. Don Perryman went to Southern California and found Tourmaline in the San Diego area as well as the local constable and drug dog that check out suspicious characters. They Passed. Garwin Carlson and Marshall Curran went to the museum sponsored yadenite field trip. They brought back a sack of rocks, met a real rock hound (dog) and enjoyed the company of about 22 people and 4 children. Everyone ended up with a nice collection. The Chance's took rock bags up to the yadenite area and also went on the Linkville Cemetery cleanup. Kathi Milem purchased Walt and Vicky Davis's house and found many interesting rocks under leaves. You never know where you will find an interesting rock.
12. Executive board meeting: June 03, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at IYS. This will be a budget meeting for the big show and the club.
13. Fall Artisan Show: Location and deposit. This is not a rock show, but what you do for fun, i.e. cooking, crocheting, knitting, wire wrapping, painting or any crafting. The building on South 6th Street near Big Lots rent is \$1,050.00, Chairs \$5.00, Tables \$9.00, with a deposit of \$525.00. This will be the first week in November. November 01, 02, 03, 2013. Vendors will be charged \$45.00 and many will bring

MAY MINUTES (CONTINUED)

1. their own tables and chairs instead of renting them. Tom and Cheryl Endicott stated that the Shepherds Market charges \$125.00. It was further noted that this show date would be at the beginning of the holiday season. Tom Endicott will help spearhead advertising.

Marv Stump motioned to accept this location, date and pay the deposit. Don Perryman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14. Other:

Silent auction/tailgate every meeting. This first one had several wonderful pieces of equipment (outside) and rocks and works of art (inside). The proceeds will go to the club to help pay for Kathy Milem and Alyssa Carnes trip to the Federations annual meeting in Montana.

Member Gallery every meeting.

Marv Stump stated that all planned field trips would be on the Website.

Rock identification every meeting.

Find rocks and bring them in to find out about them from the many knowledgeable ones we are blessed with in this club.

15. Program: Hampton Butte Petrified Wood by Tom Rodgers.

He brought a box of green petrified wood and talked a great deal about all the petrified wood to be found, limbs, logs on the ground and under it (See page 6 of Dusty Rocks , May 2013).

Have you seen the new website yet???

Go check it out now!!!

www.klamathrockclub.org

Find club information, trip information, rock information, and much more!



MAY MINUTES (CONTINUED)

16. Federation Report:

Kathi Milem reported that the Federation Website is trying to save knowledge that is aging out. The RAC pays \$3.50 per year per member, to the NW Federation, made up of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and a little bit of Alaska. Each RAC member receives a Federation monthly newsletter ten times a year. These newsletters contain a lot of interesting information. There is a 3-4 day Federation show and an American Federation show. The NW Federation looks out for the rockhounds rights and advertises shows and activities.

17. Refreshments were provided by Alyssa Carnes, Kathi Milem and Doris Newnham. Thank you.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Chance was seconded by Sandy Gentry. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

This year's remaining field trips:

July 20-21 Lassen Creek and Obsidian

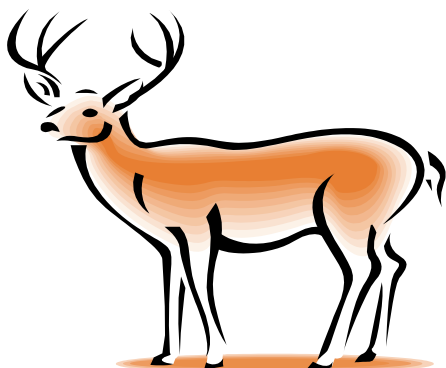
August 20-21 Virgin Valley Opals

September Gold Panners & Juniper Ridge
Opals



My new email address for the newsletter is:

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THIS MONTH'S FIELD TRIP



Sunstones Field Trip, Plush, OR

June 21-23, 2013

On **Friday June 21st**, in the morning, Don Perryman will be going to the claims and putting our yellow flagging on the upper part of the road into the claims. There will also be **yellow arrows pointing the way to the claims**. Watch for the yellow arrow on the main road. You are welcome to come out to the claims at any time.

Camping at the claims is **dry camping with no hook-ups available**. If anyone wants to bring along a porta-potty you are welcome to do so. The area around the claims is mostly sagebrush. There are very few rattle snakes, scorpions and black widow spiders. Garwin has never seen a rattle snake on his many trips to the claim, but always be careful and aware of your surroundings when at the claims. **Restroom and regular camping are available at the public dig area if there is space available.**

If you have never been to the claims make sure you have **good tires and a good spare** – flat tires can be a problem. The road is **10-15 miles of rough gravel which makes for dusty travel**. When driving down the road help keep the dust out of your car by keeping your windows closed and open vents or turn on air conditioning to pressurize the inside of your vehicle and keep the dust out.

The collecting area is about **56 acres** and there are several ways to collect sunstones. You can just pick up sunstones on the surface (having polarized sun glasses will help you to see them on the surface). You can hard rock mine the stones trying to get a larger piece or the brighter colors. **Plan on bringing shovels, sledge, picks, hammers, collecting jars/ plastic bags, wedges and screens. Bring plenty of water and other cold drinks, lunch, sunscreen, bug spray, gloves, chairs and shade if you want to make a day trip of it and your camping gear if staying overnight.** You are welcome to come out at any time to the claims.

Road **begins in Plush, OR**. Take the road heading north out of Plush. First **8 miles** is good black top changing to gravel. **Turn right** on road 3-11 and go about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. **Turn left** on **6155 heading north** going about **9 miles of rough gravel road**. **Turn right** where road 6155 and 7145 split. (Road 6155 goes to public dig area, do not take this road). **Follow 7145 for 2.3 miles** to yellow arrow on the **left side of road**. **Turn left** and continue on this side road about **3.4 miles**. If you get lost stop at other mines in the area and ask for directions. **Don't follow road 7145 north or road into claims or it will take you 100 miles into Burns, OR.**

About 4 square miles of the Lake Country sunstone area have been withdrawn from mineral entry and established by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as a free public collecting area. This sunstone area is located off the northeast flank of the Rabbit Hills about 25 miles north of Plush and 80 Miles northeast of Lakeview. Maps, directions, and information on road conditions are available from the BLM District Office in Lakeview. Medical help is available at the Dust Devil commercial mine on the road to the public area.

If you have never gone to the claim or dug sunstones, it is a long drive but *well worth the trip* for a fun day for *all ages and skill levels*. Bring a friend and open their eyes to the fun of rock hounding. **If you have any questions call Garwin at 541-882-8276 or Don at 541-884-3322** and we hope to see you there.



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Want to make an addition to the newsletter?

CONTACT RACHEL LIMB BEFORE THE 20TH OF THE MONTH. PLEASE DON'T SUBMIT ANYTHING LARGER THAN 1/2 A PAGE UNLESS THERE ARE NEGOTIATIONS.



JUNIOR ROCK HOUNDS

OF THE ROCK AND ARROWHEAD CLUB



During the June meeting we will be learning about **gold and gold panning** from a real gold-panner. This will also be the subject of next month's meeting where we will be reviewing the certification process and achievement guidelines for the Junior Rockhounding program.

Parents, please encourage your children to attend the Junior Rockhounding session. We cannot have a club without any members and we always have more fun when there are more people.

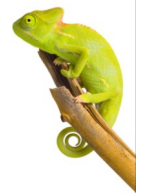
For those of you **eighteen and under**, we appreciate your participation and ask that you consider attending to learn more about the world and to mentor the younger and less experienced members.

June Birthstones

Historically, **Pearls** have been used as an adornment for centuries. They were one of the favorite gem materials of the Roman Empire; later in Tudor England, the 1500s were known as *the pearl age*. Pearls are unique as they are the only gems from living sea creatures and require no faceting or polishing to reveal their natural beauty. In the early 1900s, the first successful commercial culturing of round saltwater pearls began. Since the 1920s, cultured pearls have almost completely replaced natural pearls in the market.



A relatively modern gem, **Alexandrite**, was first discovered in Russia in 1831 during the reign of its namesake, Czar Alexander II, and is an extremely rare chrysoberyl with chameleon-like qualities. Its color is a lovely green in both daylight and fluorescent light; it changes color to a purplish red in incandescent light. Due to its rarity, some jewelers stock synthetic versions of this enchanting gemstone. (Synthetic gemstones are man-made alternatives to the natural material, possessing the same physical, optical, and chemical properties as the natural gemstone.)



The third birthstone for June is the **Moonstone**. It was given its name by the Roman natural historian Pliny, who wrote that moonstone's appearance altered with the phases of the moon — a belief that held until well after the sixteenth century. A phenomenal gemstone, moonstones show a floating play of light (called *adularescence*) and sometimes show either a multirayed star or a cat's eye. Considered a sacred stone in India, moonstones often are displayed on a background of yellow (a sacred color) and are believed to encapsulate within the stone a spirit whose purpose is to bring good fortune. Part of the family of minerals called *feldspar*, moonstone occurs in many igneous and metamorphic rocks and comes in a variety of colors such as green, blue, peach, and champagne. The most prized moonstones are from Sri Lanka; India, Australia, the United States, Myanmar, and Madagascar are also sources.



Retrieved from <http://www.americangemsociety.org/may-birthstone>

MEMBERS IN ACTION

This is a forum for everyone's monthly activities. Please send me notices about any important events or exciting adventures that you have experienced this last month.



Hurray! Congrats to the 2013 graduates from the Klamath Basin high schools. You did it!

Send me stories from your high school graduation and I will put them in next month's newsletter. Everyone is welcome to submit graduation stories.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members,

Thank you to all who went on the Hampton Butte trip. I am glad you made it back safely. As we look forward to our next field trip to the sunstone claim in Plush, remember to take lots of water, a hat, food, and good friends.

To the graduating seniors this year, may you gain wise council from the seasoned members of our club and use their advice to further your future endeavors. Congratulations class of 2013!

Happy Rockhounding,

Laura Limb

