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DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY

BUY...SELL...TRADE

Charley reports plenty of good material left. Call him at 360-259-3063 and set up an appt. at \$1 per pound. (Email is cprice@pacifier.com.)

This column is offered free to WAMS members to buy, sell or trade equipment or material related to rocks or minerals. See below.

TREASURY REPORT: *The bank account stands at \$8590.76 We have 20 tables and lots of rock.*

From Garry Mahan subsequent to his 2014 presentation to our club:

I enjoyed your club meeting last night. People asked if I could email information where to buy wire for wire wrapping.

Where to buy wire. Here are the sources I use. There are many more places to buy wire, but these have proven to be good sources:

Gold and silver: *Rio Grande*

(www.riogrande.com) is where I buy my gold-filled and silver wire. You can also get it at www.brandywinejewelrysupply.com.

Bronze: You can buy round or square bronze wire from *Rio Grande*, but not half-round bronze.

Half-round bronze wire can be purchased from wirejewelrybootcamp.com.

Craft wire: This is copper, brass, etc. & is very inexpensive. *Joanne's, Michael's*, etc. carry this. You can also so get craft wire from www.parawire.com or www.brandywinejewelrysupply.com.

What size and type of wire to get:

When in doubt, buy 21GA, dead soft. You can use this size for just about anything.

For doing groove-wraps I normally use round wire, 20GA or 21GA. I buy the softest wire I can get (dead soft) when possible. For doing a quality stone I always use gold-filled or silver wire. For practice wraps you should use craft wire.

Always use half-round (20 or 21 GA) for the bindings, whether you are using round or square for the main wrap. You probably won't be able to find half-round wire that is dead soft, so just get the softest you can find.

Thanks,

Garry Mahan

LOCAL FIELD TRIPS (PUB. WSMC)

CMS, WMSC = Cascade Mineral Society. Brian Williams (206) 290-2312 email bwaters2011@gmail.com

Ed L = Ed Lehman (425) 334-6282 wsmced@hotmail.com

WSMC = Washington State Mineral Council, use Ed above.

BC Wagon masters: Clair Belzer 604-946-8656

Kit = Kitsap Rock club: Tony Schackmann 360-372-2777

LkSd = Lakeside Gem & Mineral club. Andy Johnson 509-546-1950

Dar = Darrington Rock Club. Ed Lehman (see above)

Maple = Maplewood club: Don Furey 425-348-4827

Msvl = Marysville club: Ed Lehman 425-334-6282

Mt. Baker club: Kris Menger 360-927-0994

kmenter@comcast.net

East King = East King Co, Norma Kikket, 206-612-3113

N.W.R. = NW Rockies & MT Baker clubs: Kathy Earnst 360-856-0588 or Ed Lehman 425-334-6282

Pvgm = Puyallup Rock Club.

Bellv = Bellevue, Bruce Himko, 425-957-1284

Skagit = Skagit Rock Club: Vi Jones 360-424-8340

Pebb = Whidbey Pebble Pushers: Dick Edwards 360-579-2807

Pow Wow club = Larry Vess - vessel3@comcast.net 253-473-3908, Cliff Matteson (253) 475-8433

cliff.conniematteson@gmail.com

Longview = Longview club Emmett Johnson 360-636-3491

Ashwood Oregon Darrell Friend 541-489-3252, web page

www.ashwoodrockstock.com

Eking = East King Norma Kikkert, kev1123@hotmail.com

WAC - Washington Agate Club

Yak = Yakima Rock Club Jerry Wichstrom 509-653-2787

jewtmew@aol.com

Whidb = Whidbey Rock Clubs Dick Edwards 360-579-2807

BELL = Bellingham Rock Club Brian Hughes 360-671-7330

EVR = Everett Rock Club Brad Johnson 206-403-3073

NID = North Idaho Diane Rose 208-667-8591

Elb = Ellensburg Rock Steve Townsend srrocks@aol.com 509-244-8542

NWOS - Northwest Opal Society. Tony Johnson - 253-863-9238

WAMS = Wa Agate & Mineral Club.

Boe = Boeing Rock club.

Swms = SWest WA Mineral Society Dave Roth 360-295-3567

W Sea = West Seattle Rock Club Brian Waters 206-290-2312

Always call the club rep to confirm all trip data.

The Washington State Mineral Council plans guided fieldtrips to collecting sites. Open to member clubs and the general public.

Most trips are free. (Our club is a member of the Mineral Council.) Included will be PowWow trips. (Must joint to go on trips.) Host clubs and contact persons will be set up as I gather info. For now, go to mineralcouncil.org for updates or contact Ed Lehman at wsmced@hotmail.com, home (425-334-6282) or cell (425-760-2786). Some trips have fees to non club members, so they can be a day member and be covered under club insurance. The usual fee is \$.50 a day. Pow Wow requires membership \$3

each a year. WSMC 6100 Road trip rider fee is \$8 to help offset the \$65 vehicle access permit we must purchase. Some trips have no charge.

FIELD TRIPS: Mineral Council.

3/19 Msvl: Cherry Creek. 9 am Duvall Safeway. Jasper. Dig & hard rock.

4/16-17 POW. Saddle Mtn. 8 am Boat Launch. Petrified wood. Dig & Hard rock.

5/7 Dar. Racehorse Creek. 9 am IGA @ Nugent's Corner. Fossils and mushrooms. Dig & Hard rock (only for the fossils.)

5/21 Elb. Saddle Mtn. 9 am Mattawa Lepricon Market. Petrified wood. Dig and Hard rock.

6/10-14 Spk Succor Creek & McD. Call host for info. Thundereggs and Agate. Dig & Hard rock.

6/1 Dar FR 17 & 18. 9 am Darrington IGA. Jade, Serpentine, Hematite. Dig tools.

6/23-26 NWOS Madras Oregon. 8 am County Fair grounds. Agate, Petrified wood, Thundereggs. Dig and Hard rock.

7/16 POW Sweetwater. 10 am Darrington show grange. Travertine. Dig and Hard rock

8/20-21 NWOS Greenwater 9 am Enumclaw Ranger Station. Agate and jasper. Dig and Hard rock.

9/10-11 POW Teanaway. 8 am Teanaway camp. Geodes, agate, jade. Dig and Hard rock.

9/24 NWOS Little Naches. 9 am Enumclaw Ranger Station. Thundereggs and Lilypad Jade. Dig and Hard rock.

10/15 Msvl Money Creek. 9 am Money Creek camp gorund. Oregon and Picture Jasper. Dig and Hard rock.

11/19 Mt Baker club. Blanchard Hill. 9 am I5 exit 240 gas station. Dalmation Stone. Hard rock.

INTERNET ROCK SITES

1. www.orerockon.com - Pacific NW field trips, equip buy/sell, misc.
2. www.wrightsrockshop.com Has everything.
3. www.agateswithinclusions.com. The name sums it up.
4. www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Forest/2031/ . Terry's Oregon Rock Page has info on Oregon collecting.
5. Information on collecting in Eastern Oregon during the Madras Pow Wow: Write Eula Dillard, 145 E. 179th, Spanaway WA 98387 or call 253-847-2755.
6. www.wyodinator.org and www.thermopywy.net/bhbf for dinosaur excavation trips.
7. <http://mineral.galleries.com/minerals/byname.htm>
Part of Amethyst Galleries, Inc.'s web site, this is a listing of all the minerals in that company's (extremely extensive) database. More than a mere list, however, each entry is linked to its own page, giving info. such as the mineral's chemical composition, history, physical characteristics, and so on.
8. <http://www.goodearth.com/virtcave.html> The virtual cave site offers a directory of all caves in the US that are open to the public.
9. <http://www.luckystrikemine.com> Info from Prineville, OR rock dig site.
10. <http://www.the.gemshop.com>. The Gem Shop in Cedarburg, Wisconsin hold claims to central Oregon rock sites.
11. www.rockhounds.com This is a great site! Every aspect of rockhounding is addressed or it gives you a link.
12. www.stonetrails.com/ORlocs/ORlocs.htm Oregon rock sites Replace OR with WA...you'll get Washington sites.
13. <http://www.kinglseynorth.com>. **Buy grit in bulk.**
14. www.fs.fed.us/ - Fees and required permits for access to Federal lands.
15. General interest sites: www.rockhounds.com, www.fireagate.com, www.awesomegems.com
16. Be sure to go to our website (See top of Page 1). There are numerous links to other sites.
17. WEBSITES FOR DINO LOVERS
<http://dsc.discovery.com> Look for games and videos
<http://www.paleoportal.org>
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com> Look for technology and science.
<http://www.geo.ucalgary.ca>
<http://www.scienceschoolhouse.com>
18. <http://www.jescoproducts.com> **Buy grit in bulk**

OFFICIAL BLM REGULATIONS REGARDING COLLECTING:

You can collect a reasonable amount of rocks and minerals from BLM lands, but a permit or fee may be needed if you exceed certain amounts as described below. Note that the collecting limits for petrified wood are slightly different.

A REASONABLE DAILY COLLECTING AMOUNT

No BLM permit or fee required.

- fits in a car trunk or is a partial pickup truck load and,
- weighs less than 250 pounds

- and the material is not for commercial use.

(For petrified wood see below)

MORE THAN A REASONABLE DAILY AMOUNT

Requires a permit and fee from BLM.

- is a full pickup truck load or,
- involves more than one trip (or partial load) and,
- weighs more than 250 pounds
- or the material is for commercial use,
- or explosives or power equipment is used.

PETRIFIED WOOD:

Collecting petrified wood is free up to 25 pounds per day, plus one piece, but no more than 250 pounds per year. Pooling of quotas among two or more people to obtain pieces over 250 pounds is prohibited. A permit is needed for amounts over these limits.

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CODE OF ETHICS

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations and rules governing collection on private lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting materials in collection areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind, such as fences, signs, building, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places. I make sure they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning materials--matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will cause no damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will support the Rockhound Project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless or how found.

I will cooperate with Field Trip Leaders and those in designated authority in all collection areas.

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UPCOMING SHOWS: 2016

March 5-6: East King Co. Pickering Barn 1730 10th Ave NW Issaquah WA

March 26-27: Mt Baker Rock and Gem Club. Bloedel-Donavan Park 2214 Electric Ave Bellingham WA

April 16-17: Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club. Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds 1500 S. Oak Kennewick WA

April 22-24: Mt Hood Rock Club W.P. Jackson Armory 6255 NE Cornfoot Road Portland OR 97218.

April 23-24: West Seattle Rock Club. Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40th Ave SW Seattle WA

April 30-May 1: Everett Rock and Gem Club. Everett Comm. College-Walt Price Student Fitness Center 2206 Tower Street Everett WA

May 7-8: Umpqua Gem and Mineral Club Douglas County Fairgrounds I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg Or

June 3-5: Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club Swiss Park 9205 198th Avenue East Bonney Lake WA 98390.

July 24-26: WAMS. One again into the fray...

July 29-31: Willamette Agate and Mineral Society (AFMS and NFMS Meetings) Linn County Expo

Center Albany Oregon

October 22-23: Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4th Ave Canby OR 97013

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2016

Box score: Members 25, guests 3

Guests: Mary Marsh. David Hoel and Dick Haldy from the Tenino Club.

Show and Tell:

Jim P. - Bison tooth fossil.

Ralph - Oregon fossils.

Jim - Grossular garnet.

Kathleen - Rock and bead necklace, a gift from a friend.

Bob H. - Polished Tiger Eye and carnelian.

Brandon - Geode, Red Jasper, agate.

Arlyn - Agate slab.

Richard - Fossils from Germany.

Theresa - Mask art work with sea glass, shells on matrix.

Becky - Clothes pin made from agate.

David - Petrified wood, druzy quartz.

Brian - Sagenite, chrysocolla, moss agate.

Dana - Desert rose from Texas, rock made mortar and pestal.

Jeannie - Necklace with jasper.

Bob - Quartzite cobbles and carnelian.

Neil - Quartz, clam fossil, green flint.

Bob H. was the adult winner. Brandon and Arlyn won junior prizes.

Old business: Keith is home...and no news is good news. Jim P. mentioned that he has been co-opted to lead an amethyst trip for the Shelton club and will have to postpone trips for our club.

New business: Charlie brought up a question from our website about someone needing emeralds polished. Anyone interested in helping the lady out can email her at: loisshades@gmail.com Albert raised the idea of doing school talks. He recently found some letters from kids that he received 30 years ago after a talk he did at a school. Discussion followed. Becky has done a school talk recently for the club, but we do them only on an infrequent basis.

Jim P. reported an upcoming meeting for BLM access, Roosters restaurant in Shelton on 2/13.

Becky was interested in information about rockhounding near Niagara Falls.

Brian mentioned that he knew of Highland Park rock saws for sale.

Good of the Order: Ralph presented a large Selenite on Flourite specimen to Arlyn and Brandon. The specimen was donated by Jack Powell from the State Geology Library.

Program: Charlie gave a short presentation on Jade identification.