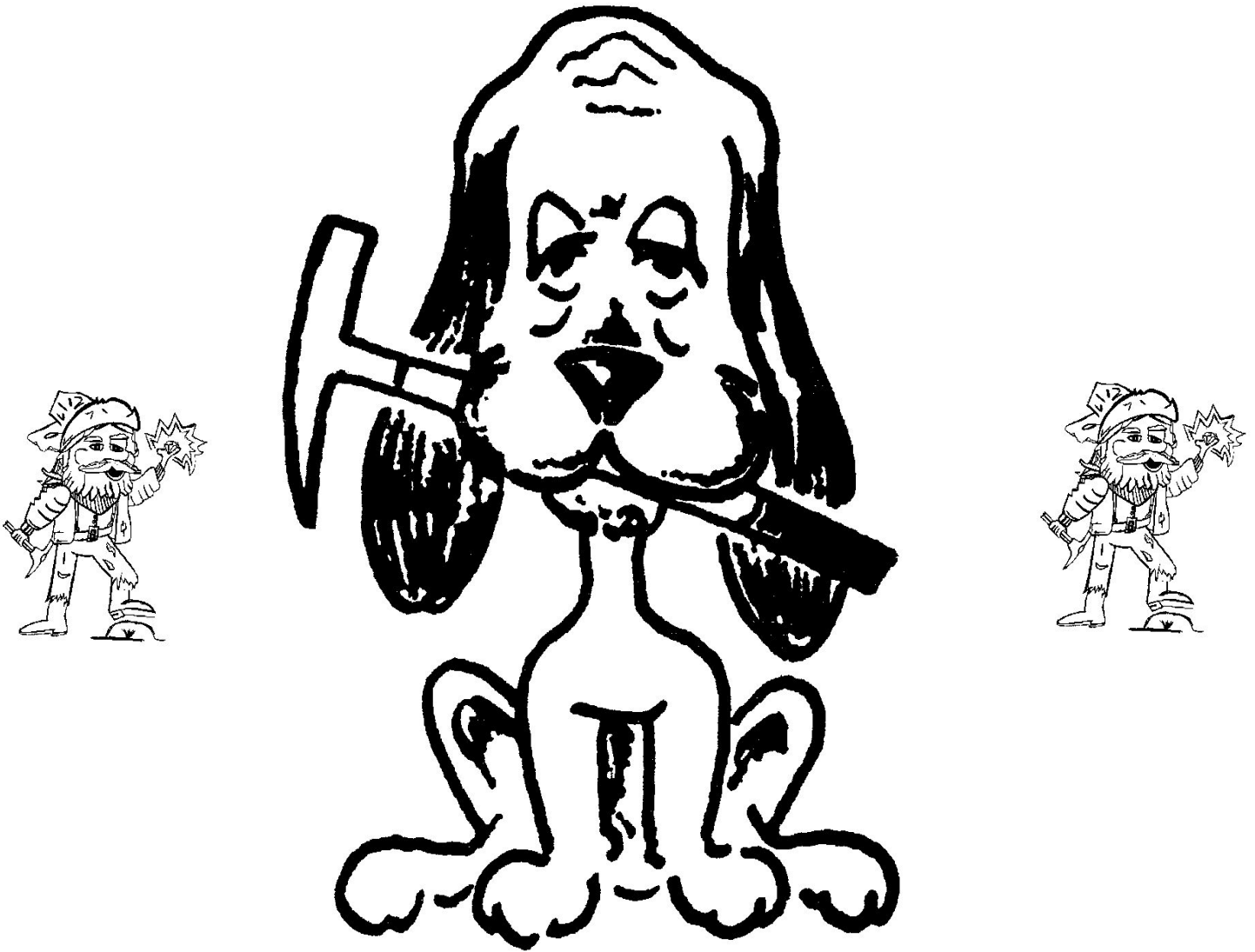


# Rock Chip Reporter

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State Rock: Thunderegg

Gemstone: Sunstone

Bird: Western Meadowlark

Flower: Oregon Grape

Nickname: Beaver State

Motto: She Flies With Her Own Wings

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MEETINGS: meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first & third Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Faith Lutheran Church, 2741 Sherman Ave., North Bend, OR., the meeting on the first Tuesday is a business meeting. The meeting on the third Tuesday is a social meeting.

#### WORK SHOPS

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month at Sherman address---5:30pm to 8:00pm?

DUES: Membership dues are \$15 per year for one; \$20 per year for a couple or family. Dues are due in December. **(However you will do our treasurer a favor if you pay them in November.)**

BULLETIN: The bulletin "Rock Chip Reporter" is mailed free to all members. The aims of this club shall be the study of lapidary, mineralogy, geology and the locating and preserving of mineral Specimens.

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**BRING A FRIEND TO A MEETING - VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

**WE VALUE NEW MEMBERS**

**President Notes  
August**

Hello everyone!

Hope that everyone is doing great! Well as you all know there have been a lot of goings on with shows. Reedsport show was a great show, seeing all of our friends and meeting new ones! As you know, it did get a little hot on Saturday!! Saw some great rocks at the silent auction and some really great displays too. They also had some great dealers there.

The workshops are doing great with Richard and Joanie teaching how to wire wrap at the last workshop. Karl is teaching Dee how to facet a sunstone that she found on a trip!

Well, as you know, at our show we had to wait until after 3:00 p.m. to get set up. Everything went well with the setup later for us, and the club did a great job on it. We had a great dinner after. I want to thank everyone that showed up and helped with the setup and the time they spent helping out at the show, and tear down on Sunday night. Everything went great. There were some really great displays at the show, great dealers and some great rocks were up for the silent auction. Dee come down to the show and faceted a marble and was able to finish it.

Well everyone take great care and will see you all at the meeting or workshop!!

Terry

TO ALL WHO WORKED ON THE SHOW 2015,  
THANK YOU JOB WELL DONE!  
Don Innes, Karl Granzow and Terry Innes

All exhibits were excellent. Matt Vegar won the trophy for first place in People's choice. Debbie McPherson, Glenda Hadden and Cerina McPherson won the Best of Show. All of the exhibits were worthy of first place. This is the best display's I have seen as a whole in several years. Overall the display's covered items from the bottom of the ocean to the Rock Mountains. I want to commend all the individuals who took the serious time and effort to show. The quality and variety of exhibits were outstanding. We got 4 new members from the show. We had some problems getting items for the raffle, usually we get several donations. If you have a cabachons, faceted stones or specimen please let me know for our next show. On another note our workshop offers teaching, materials and the club library. Donations are accepted.

**Meeting Minutes  
July 7, 2015**

President Terry Innes called the meeting to order on July 7, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend. The meeting opened with the Flag Salute. Terry asked our new member, Don Colton, to introduce himself. Don is from Coquille.

Terry made two announcements regarding future meetings. There will be no workshop on July 28<sup>th</sup> and the first Tuesday meeting of August 4<sup>th</sup> will be held at Dave's Pizza and not at Gino's Pizza as indicated at the last meeting. We will not have the use of our regular meeting space for these two meeting dates.

Next Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, members will meet to sort and clean rocks at Terry's home for the rock show. Yard signs for the show are ready and can be picked up tonight.

We will meet and start hauling rocks to the show on Wednesday evening. Thursday morning at 6 a.m. we will start setting up for the show. Thursday evening there will be a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. at the Community Center with the club furnishing the entrée. The hours for the show are 10 to 5 for Friday and Saturday and 10 to 4 on Sunday. Sunday night we will need help from members to tear down tables and display cases.

Karl Granzow showed members our new equipment training record. New members will be required to complete training on workshop equipment before using machines.

Richard Lauth will be teaching wire wrapping on faceted stones at the next workshop on July 14<sup>th</sup>. His class will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary

*Rocks for our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of September (which happens to fall on September 1) will begin with the letter "Y".*

*Our movie on August 18 will be "Uncovering Fossils"*

*Equipment training will begin at the next workshop - August 11.*

**Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2015**

President Terry Innes called the meeting to order on July 21, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend. The meeting opened with the Flag Salute. Terry recognized members Steve and Denise Lee who have been “gone for a while”.

Terry asked members to take and put out yard signs for our show. He reported on other publicity to get the word out about the show. We will start loading and hauling rock on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Set-up will begin at 6 a.m. in the morning on Thursday. Skirting tables will begin about 9 a.m. Potluck dinner will be at 6 p.m.

Don Innes reported on the Oregon Council Meeting held at Reedsport during their show.

Terry announced that members Bill and Jolene Poppe have moved to Medford. They will be missed.

Other August dates to remember are:

Regular meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup> at Dave’s Pizza. Come for pizza at 6 p.m. Meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Club picnic will be August 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1 p.m. at the Innes home.

Sturdivant Park Market will be Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Don and Terry will have a table.

Don Innes reported on the Oregon Council meeting.

Rocks for the next meeting show and tell will be those that start with the letter “X”.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary

***From the Editor: We are looking for a volunteer to take over the position of newsletter Editor. If you are interested, please let me know, or talk to Terry. If you would like to know exactly what the job entails, ask me!***



### August Birthdays

8/3 Howard Clements  
8/4 Nancy Lauth  
8/23 Russell Earl  
8/24 Vern Stevens  
8/25 Keryn Ogle  
8/30 Jeanette Cummins

### August Birthstone: Peridot

Peridot has been symbolic of happiness, loyalty and friendship because of its bright shade of green. It was mined by the ancient Egyptians in darkness because they believed it disappeared in sunlight and glowed at night. Peridot is found in New Mexico and Hawaii, as well as Burma and Pakistan, but most of the world's production of peridot is mined on the San Carlos reservation in Arizona.

Peridot is the gem-quality variety of the mineral Olivine. It is named for the French word *peridot*, meaning "gold", because it can vary toward this color. It gets its shades of green by the presence of iron, and it often has a greasy luster.

It is popular for earrings, pendants and brooches, but because of its softness, 6.5 on the Mohs scale, it is not a suitable gemstone to be used in rings or bracelets. Large, good quality stones are rare, but small crystals are relatively common.

### Observing shop clean up and closing times:

It is requested that we remind members to be considerate of our VOLUNTEERS who give up their time to make shop available for members' use. Clean up: If you use any of the shop equipment, clean it before you leave your work area(s), leaving it clean for the next person who will use it. Be ready to leave on time: Please don't make a volunteer stay late just because you want to get "one more little thing done". Our volunteers often have other things to do after they close the shop.

Don, Terry, and Karl

**Minutes of Oregon Rock Clubs Council July 18, 2015**

We had 8 members attending from 4 of our OR Clubs: 2 from Ompqua Club, Maureen & Dave Williams; 2 from Clackamette Club, Hidemi & Tomoko Kira; 1 from Farwest Club, Don Innes; and 3 from Mt Hood Rock Club, Susie Koppert, Troy & Lenora Smith. Brenda and John Buford from Sweet Home Club were unable to attend the meeting today due to John's recovery from recent heart attack. John is improving and at home, but still weak. Brenda is treasurer and has reported that only 12 clubs have sent their membership fees and renewals in. Don said there are 20 known clubs in OR. Our meeting started with the discussion of Shirley Leeson's announced decision to retire from ALAA as President. She has been the driving force behind the ALAA. Hidemi told us that John Martin and Loren Williams from the American Federation Mineral Society will be stepping up to help with the ALAA at Shirley Leeson's retirement. Minutes were read & approved. Our Web Site was discussed and recommended to be updated more. We need to remove old minutes and other outdated things on the site. Don will discuss with Karl, our Web Site Master. Our rotating trophy was discussed and recommended to keep using, but also purchase a plaque to be given each year at the Awards, which the winner may keep. That way names will be added to the rotating trophy and the winner gets to keep until the next fall meeting show. When to have the next Fall meeting was discussed. Hidemi recommended, we have the meeting at the Portland Regional Show again this year, since the NW Federation Meeting will also be at the Portland Regional time. He also recommended that we go to the NW Federation Meeting and push the importance of of the Council and the Capital Case for the Rockhounding Hobby. NW Federation meeting will be at the Rice Museum on Saturday morning. Lenora reported no response from Tualatin Valley Club after her visit to the club meeting earlier this year. TVClub has been an active part of the OR Council in the past years. We hope they will consider rejoining us to help keep our hobby before the public in the OR Capital Building Case and in working with BLM, Forest Service and Private Ownership Lands, which have rock & mineral collecting areas. Don recommends that we also contact Prineville Rockhound PowWow Association in Prineville, OR. as potential members of the OR Rock Council. They seem to have a good relationship with BLM and US Forest Service in Prineville Area. Troy mentioned the Range Magazine and how all the rulings pushed by environmental groups are affecting the ranchers and their ability to earn a living from their ranches. Lenora brought up the group that had insisted that BLM have a planning meeting in Portland. The BLM had not planned to have a meeting in Portland as the attendance last year was quite low. Also Lenora just got an email from BLM that the planning time would be extended to August 21, 2015 due to requests from over 30 organizations, elected officials, counties and others for extra time to review the Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Western OR. [www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon](http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon) Don noted an article by John Martin, CFMS Conservation & Legislation Chair from March 2014 AFMS Newsletter. "I have studied and read nearly every proposed piece of legislation affecting the use and access of our Public Lands held in trust for the citizens of the United States of America by the BLM and the USFS land Managers. The one thing they all have had in common is no mention of Rockhounds or Amateur Rockhounding as a Recognized Recreational Activity! After further research into this

political oversight, I discovered other forms of recreational activities on our Public Lands that are recognized. These include Hiking, Camping, Hunting, Fishing, Swimming, Skiing (water and snow), Bicycling, Snowmobiling, Motorcycling, OHV traveling and even Mining. Not one word is mentioned about ROCKHOUNDING or Rockhounding being a recognized recreational activity on public lands. It is now time for a change and we, the American Rockhound, must now speak up with the loudest voice we can and proclaim our right to be Amateur Rockhounds and take our rightful place along side of all the other Recognized Recreational Activities. This year I am challenging all American Rockhounds, all seven regional federations and the AFMS to become proactive in the process, get politically involved and to exercise your right to be recognized as a Recreational Activity. Each and every one of your elected officials at the national and state levels need to be contacted and request they add Amateur Rockhounding in any new and pending legislation as a recognized recreational activity. Contact the Public Land Managers and request they include Rockhounding in the Land Management Plans being implemented by current Public Land Managers. Now is the time to raise our voices in a united spirit and proclaim our rights as American Rockhounds.” For the Capital Case, we think FARWEST CLUB will be next in Nov. 2015 and May 2016 UMPQUA CLUB if remodel of building not occurring. Vicki Johnson has been the Capital Case Agent for several years and has resigned that position after this year. Lenora and Don have sent a letter to the members of Willamette Agate & Mineral Society thanking them for the past years of service to protect and direct the showing of all our beautiful Oregon rocks, minerals, gems and fossils. They are the closest club to the Capital Building. We hope someone will be able to take over the Capital Case Exhibiting Agent job.

Meeting was adjourned.

Lenora Smith, Secretary

Note: Received an email Treasurer Report from Brenda Buford:

Balance from last meeting was \$2236.44

Dues received from Farwest Club \$22.75

Dues received from Umpqua Club \$42.25

Memberships dues to ALAA - \$50.00 Total @ present = \$2251.44

### **TRIM SAW USE**

The trim saw at the club has a new blade. To make it last longer or as long as possible, please follow these usage guidelines.

1. Never try to cut slabs thicker than 3/8 inch. If you're not sure how thick your slab is, measure it before you cut. Use the larger saw or give to Terry to take home to cut if rock thicker than 3/8”.
2. Always cut straight lines. Do not allow your slab to move sideways or to turn even slightly while you are cutting it, as this puts unnecessary pressure on the blade and can cause it to warp or break. After roughing out your piece with straight line cuts, use the grinders to finish shaping.
3. Use protective eye wear when using any of the shop equipment.



## A Bit of Humor from the Clackamette Club in Hillsboro, OR

If gold is found in quartz, I'd be happy to find it in pints, or even half-pints.

Via CMS Tumbler, 4/15; The Mountain Gem, 3/15

You Might Be A Geologist If...

You've ever bought an individual, unfaceted rock, regardless of the price.

You don't think Trilobites look like cockroaches.

You follow when you see a local university's geology class going on a field trip.

You don't think of "cleavage" the same way others do.

You associate the word "hard" with the Mohs scale of hardness instead of "work".

Via CMS Tumbler, 4/15; The Pegmatite, 1/10; via Petroglyphs, 8/09; from Triassic Valley Bulletin, 11/06

A Bit of Bling

An American lady entered a jeweler's and said "You sold my husband a diamond ring yesterday but it's the wrong size." "No problem madam, we can adjust the finger size easily." "Oh, you don't understand, you sold him a five carat size, and I take a ten carat size."

Via CMS Tumbler, 4/15; The Slate, 3/15

## KNOW YOUR ROCKS

**Leaverite:** Also known as Dropit, Junkite, and Crudite. This type of rock should be discarded immediately. It constitutes 90% of most rocks. This includes Sourgrape Agate and Mutilated Quartz.

**Sack Rock:** This is material that is stuffed into a sack but falls from the top as the bearer struggles back to the car. If taken home, it will be tossed into a corner and forgotten.

**Wonder Rock:** You always wonder why you brought it home and where you found it.

**Braggin' Rock:** Also called Pocket or Eating Rock. This material is licked, rubbed, spit upon, and fondled until it assumes a near polish and is frequently passed around for admiration.

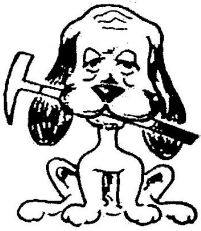
**@#S% Rock:** A large, heavy, possibly angular rock that falls on your foot as soon as you have removed your hiking boots.

The Rock Collector 5/08; via Shawnee Slate 1/13 via Rocky Mountain Fed. News Feb 2013, Behive Buzzer 3/13, via Chip'N' Tumble .4/14



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**August 5, 6 and 7, 2016**

**Friday and Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Admission \$1.00 - Children under 12 FREE**

**Silent Auctions Door Prizes Displays Jewelry  
Gemstones Rough and Polished Rocks**