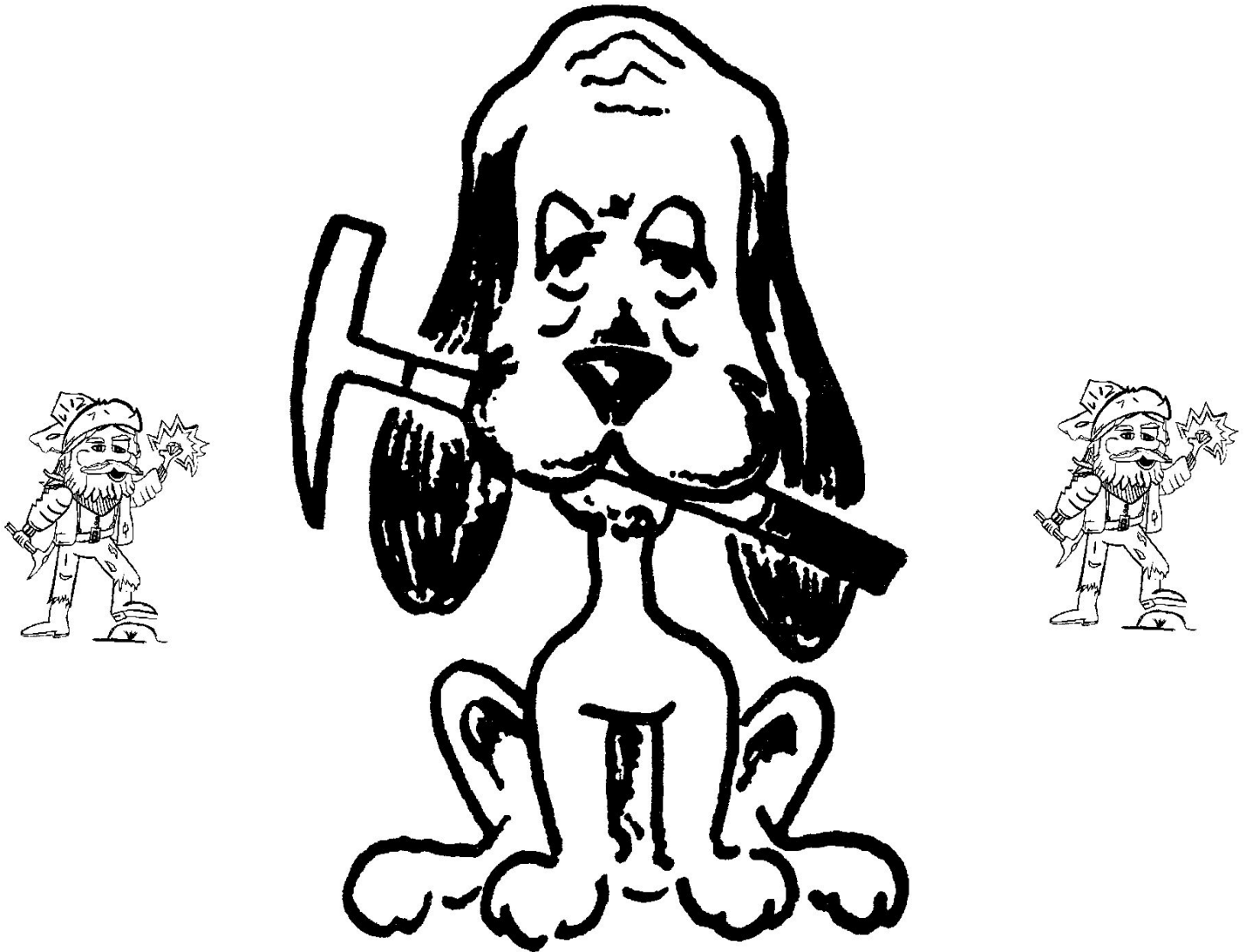


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State Rock: Thunderegg

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

2nd and 4th 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's Notes

August 2014

Hi everyone! I hope that all is well with you all. We just finished up with the Reedsport show. It was a great show with a lot of great displays and dealers.

We really need to start putting out yard signs, street signs and signs in stores for our club show.

We will have a meeting on the 29th of this month and NOT a work shop as we will not be meeting on August 5th because the church needs the room for their yard sale that weekend. We have a lot to get done before the show and it's coming up fast folks. The show is on August 8, 9 and 10. We will be setting up at the Community Center on Thursday, August 7. We need people to help with putting the tables and displays up, and skirting the tables. Please come out and help! The pot luck dinner will be later that afternoon/evening. We also still need people to help out at the show: the children's corner, floaters to help out where needed and people to do the raffle ticket sales. So I hope to see all of your smiling faces there.

If you have an idea to help make the club show great, be there for the meeting and let us know.

I hope that if you have been on any field trips or down to the beaches that you had a great time.

Terry

From the Editor: Also, if you have taken any field trips, even to the beach, we would love to hear from you. Simply send an email to: rockchipreporter@gmail.com and tell us about your trip. I will put the article in the newsletter so we can all enjoy it.

**Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2014**

President Terry Innes called the meeting to order on July 1, 2014 at 7 p.m. on the ground floor of the Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend. The meeting opened with the Flag Salute. Celeste Brose's granddaughter Nicole Covert from Redding, California, was our one guest.

President Terry opened the meeting by thanking members who helped with the rock sorting and cleaning project last weekend.

Judy Henson announced that she has a previous commitment for the weekend of the show and we will need someone to take care of financial duties. Don Innes volunteered. Judy then gave the monthly treasurer's report.

Terry asked for any old business. Bill Poppe questioned whether any progress had been made on outside safety lighting for the winter months. Karl Granzow stated that there is a new motion detector light that has been installed on the building.

The table tops for the show have been cut but legs need to be adjusted. Geoff Ogle will bring his table saw and take care of them next Saturday morning.

Terry gave the rock show update. We still have some display cases open. We still need help for set-up. Don reported banners have been updated and are ready to hang. Terry has yard signs available. Flyers will be available at the next meeting. Sue Granzow volunteered to take the rock show sandwich boards home and spruce them up.

We will have the usual potluck dinner Thursday night after show set-up. It will start at 5 p.m. The club will furnish the meat dish and dinner rolls.

Our club picnic was set for Saturday, August 23rd.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Harris
Secretary

**Meeting Notes
July 15, 2014**

President Terry Innes called the meeting to order on July 15, 2014 at 7 p.m. on the ground floor of the Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend. The meeting opened with the Flag Salute.

Karl Granzow opened the meeting by showing a DVD titled Intarsia. Intarsia is an art where stones are cut and carefully fitted together to create unique designs.

Terry announced that we will be holding a meeting night on the 5th Tuesday in July because our meeting room at the church will not be available the first week of August. We need a meeting prior to our show as some positions still need to be filled and duties assigned.

Terry reminded members that more rock cleaning needs to be done and trash needs to be recycled or dumped.

Don Innes discussed what has been done to provide publicity for our show.

Judy Henson announced that rock scoops and hammer/picks are now available at a really good price from the vendor we use. We have to buy them both in units of twelve. Members approved that the club purchase 12 each for resale to ourselves and for Christmas party door prizes.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Harris
Secretary



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

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

August Birthstone: Peridot

Peridot comes in such a cheery, bright shade of green, it's no wonder that it has been symbolic of happiness, loyalty, and friendship. It has had an interesting history throughout ancient cultures, including everything from preventing "terrors of the night" to being strung on donkey's hair and tied around the left arm to ward off evil.

Ancient Egyptians even believed that peridot disappeared in sunlight and glowed at night, so it was mined in darkness. Today, most of the world's production of peridot is mined on the San Carlos reservation in Arizona. Peridot is also found in New Mexico and Hawaii. Other sources include Burma and Pakistan.

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

Peridot is too soft (6.5) to be used as gemstones in rings or bracelets, but is popular for earrings, pendants, and brooches. Small crystals are relatively common, but large, good quality ones are rare. The Smithsonian Institution in Washington has a cut stone of 310 carats.

The main source of peridot in the ancient world was Topazos Island (now St. John's Island) in the Egyptian Red Sea, and the stones were called topazios. They were used for carved talismans. In the middle ages Europeans brought the crystals back from the Crusades to decorate church plates and robes. The mines on Zebirget Island produced millions of dollars worth of peridot in the 19th century. Today, these same mines lie almost silent.

In ancient times, peridot was believed to keep away evil spirits. It is still a protective stone for the aura.

Peridot's color ranges from olive green, yellowish-green, honey, red, brownish. It is an opaque, clear crystal when faceted and polished.

NFMS Tulsa OK 2014

From Don Innes

This has been an exciting year. I enjoy meeting old friends and making new friends and acquaintances. The Show in Tulsa was large, around 40 cases of AFMS to be judged. It kept Dee Holland and his crew busy one full day and they had to go back the next day to judge the Mineral collections. Doug True was asked to help on the Fossil collections. The meeting on the 10th was completed in a record time, but included everything on the agenda, plus.

I picked up many ideas and one of them was that any organization that does not have proper communication will fail. Many problems are caused by lack of communication. Communication is necessary for success in any endeavor that requires more than one entity.

The idea was entered to e-mail the packets for next year's meeting to save postage. The people that do not have e-mail will still get the snail mail to their door.

Doug True said there will be a full week of Field trips after the show next year.

Rock and Gem Magazine was sold to a firm in Texas. Lynn Varone and Bob Jones were put on contract and means they are in a position they can be fired. Please write Rock and Gem and let them know that we want them to be kept on the Magazine.

The scholarship Foundation needs some public support from members. We get 4% on our investment and it is not enough to keep the scholarship available for the several recipients we donate to. We have to use \$50,000 and 30% of this needs to come from public funds.

In the ALAA meeting Shirley said the biggest problem with the membership is APATHY. 10 % of the Mojavi Desert is all that is usable for Public. The rest is closed by Gov. Restrictions or regulations.

If you get on the ALAA website there are sites that show you where and who to contact to voice your opinion.

FARWEST LAPIDARY 2014 SHOW

DATES

52nd GEM AND MINERAL SHOW
AUGUST 8TH, 9TH, AND 10TH, 2014

North Bend Community CENTER

2222 N. Broadway •

North Bend, OR 97459

Friday and Saturday -10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Admission \$1.00 - Children under 12 are Free



Silent Auctions - Door Prizes - Displays - Jewelry

Gemstones - Rough and Polished Rocks



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