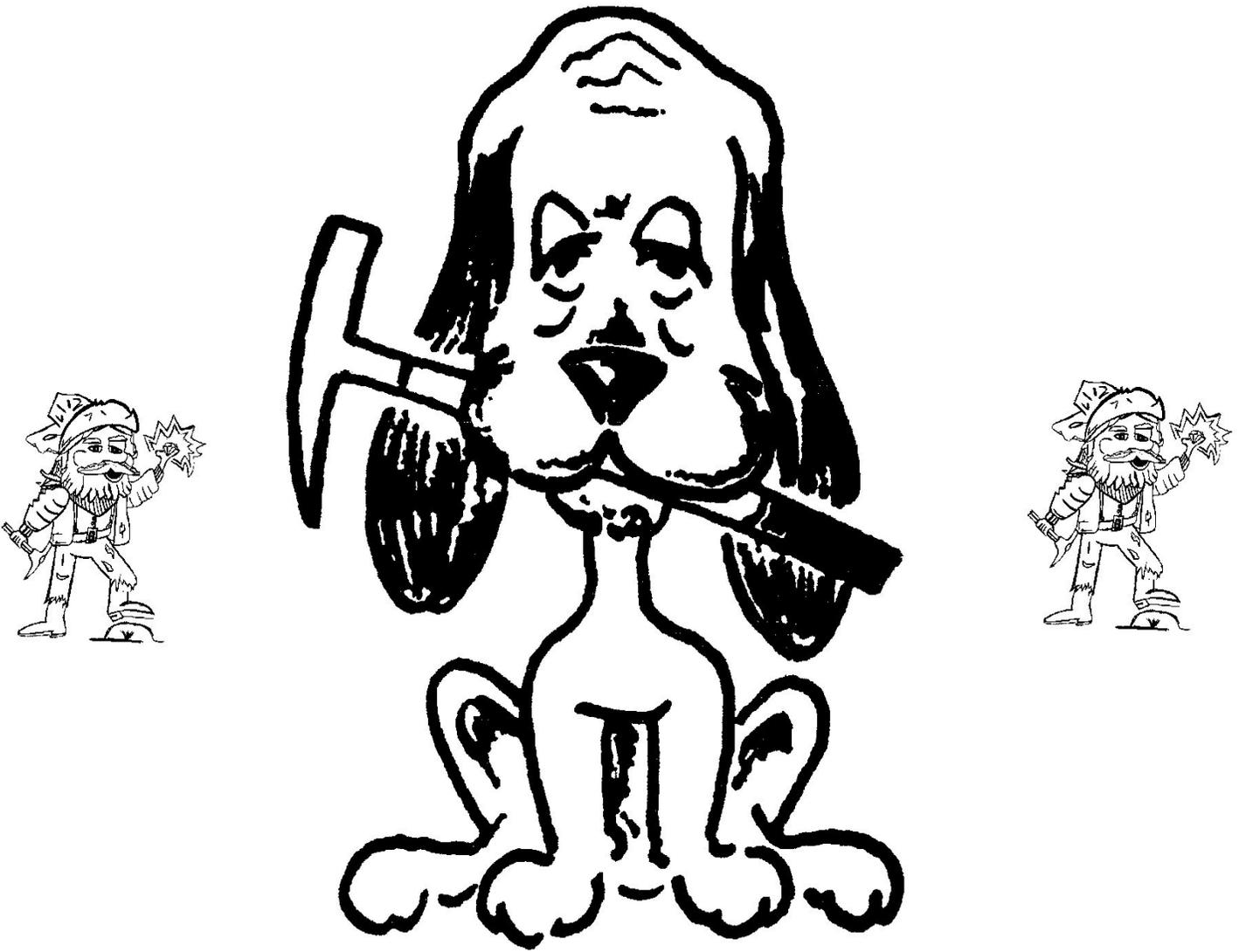


# Rock Chip Reporter

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**P.O. Box 251, Coos Bay, Oregon**

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's Notes

Welcome everyone to the New Year! Hope everyone had a great Christmas & a Happy New Year! Let hope the New Year will be better for all, & the rock hounding is a great year!

I see some of you went to the beach and had a great time collecting agates!!! We are planning a trip to Central Point Museum in Medford in a few months, and trying to plan more trips around the area. When we get a schedule we will let everyone know in advance. We'll talk more over the next couple of months on trips. We have a great club and officers to work with! If anyone has an idea about rock hounding areas or trips, let us know. Always looking for a place to go!

Don't forget the Yachats show in January the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has an idea for the club let us know.

This is your club!!! Help make it better Terry



This is why I do not stand under a tree with my mouth open to catch snow flakes!!!

**Secretaries Minutes  
Meeting Notes for  
November 19, 2013**

President Don Innes called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on the ground floor of the Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were thirty two members and one guest, Robert Brooker, in attendance.

Vern brought another bag of tumbled rocks for the kid's bags at next year's show.

Don asked members to give him any updates on address, e-mail and telephone changes.

Pat Ames gave a report on food preparation for the Christmas party/potluck. A sign-up sheet was circulated for members who knew what they were bringing to the potluck.

Don announced that workshop equipment will be taken home for the month of December for repair and maintenance. Terry Innes asked if any members had shop towels to donate to the club.

Roger Gary announced that Roger Mountain is available for a field trip. It is in a remote area out of Scio and he is concerned about winter road conditions. It is a location several members are interested in visiting.

Karl Granzow showed members a video. We had a short show and tell and then the ticket drawing for rock donations on the table.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary

**From the Editor:** There will be no meeting notes for December since our Christmas potluck took the place of the meeting, and that was our final gathering for the year.

Just a reminder that the first meeting in January, (January 7) our rocks for show and tell begin with the letter "G". The letter for the meeting on February 4, will be "H". Remember that you can bring any rocks/minerals/gems, but the focus is on "H".



Past President's Notes

This is your organization, not just the officers and committees. Turnover of the officers and committees is important to get members participation *is very important*. Recognition for a job well-done is important, regardless of how large or how small the job is. Each member shares and gets satisfaction from participation. Our leaders need to train new leaders to develop a great club.

“The difference between “involvement and Commitment” is like a ham and eggs breakfast “the chicken was involved” the pig was committed”

We need to keep pace in our area of the country by going to as meetings of the BLM and Forestry Dept we can. “Get Involved”

I was speaking to a retired Alaskan State Trooper recently and he told me the best way to travel Alaska was go to Bremerton Washington, buy a loaf of bread and a jar of peanut butter, put a back pack on then catch the Ferry to Alaska. It stops along the way so you can get off and see sights and maybe purchase or dig some rocks. You can then get back on the Ferry and travel on. At the first stop call the end of Ferry line and schedule your trip because if you try to schedule in Bremerton it may take up to 3 hours. He stated 100's of people do this.

2014 appears to be a good year in spite of the confusion in Washington D.C. We are lucky to be in the Northwest and far from Washington. Still the tentacles reach out even to here as I wrote about last month. We are making some headway with the rules and regulations with the older staffs of the Forestry and BLM with the help of ALAA. The new order of Rangers hired by the Bureaus is younger environmentalists and is causing some concerns for our hobby. Most of these new graduates have not been exposed to the wide open spaces in the Northwest. The new Rangers I have met are from the Eastern Schools.

We all need to keep pace in our individual areas of the country by going to as many of the BLM and Forestry meetings we can. Sharing this information with fellow rockhounds is extremely important by sending a report to Beth Heesacker to publish.

“Get Involved and you will be committed.” Don



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

8th Bill Poppe

9th Calvin Maggard

9th Judy Rose

10th Jan Miller

11th Kathleen Kennett

11th Greg Solarz

15th Janis Falcon

17th Bruce Hobaugh

25th Joe Thomas

**January Birthstone: Garnet**

Garnet signifies eternal friendship and trust and is the perfect gift for a friend. Derived from the word granatum, garnet means seed, and is called so because of the gemstone's resemblance to a pomegranate seed. References to the gemstone date back to 3100 B.C., when the Egyptians used garnets as inlays in jewelry. Garnet is the name of a group of minerals that comes in a rainbow of colors, from the deep red of the pyrope garnet to the vibrant green of tsavorite. The garnet at its best is a deep, rich red or purple-red. This gemstone comes in practically every color except blue.

Not only was the garnet regarded as the gem of faith, constancy, and truth, but it was believed also to possess many curative powers. At one time it was ground into a powder and used as a poultice, for red garnet was said to relieve fever, and yellow garnet was the prescription for jaundice. Asians used garnets as bullets in the belief that their strong red color would inflict a deadly wound. Such bullets were used in India in 1892 during a rebellion. Many garnet missiles were kept as curiosities. This use has also been mentioned in stories of Indian wars in the Southwest. As an amulet, it was very much favored by travelers, for it was said to protect and preserve honor and health, cure the wearer of all diseases and guard him against perils during a journey. All these powers were said to double for people born in January. Because the color of the garnet has long been associated with blood, it was considered an incomparable cure for all disorders of the blood. Since anger causes the face to flush, the garnet was used as a charm against the effects of anger and was said to be a calming influence and even a remedy for mental instability. Soldiers in combat wore garnets for protection against battle wounds.

There are many different variations of this stone, the most expensive among them is the brilliant green variety called Demantoid (diamond like), which approaches emerald shade and exceeds the diamond in fire or dispersion. The finest of these garnets, which are quite rare, are found in the Ural Mountains.

**NEWS FROM THE OREGON COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Council will be on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 during the Yachats rock show.

Our own Don and Terry Innes will be vendors at this show. It is being held on Saturday and Sunday, January 18 and 19. If you can, head up that way and show support for this show.

You can now get to the Council's web site the following ways:

[www.ocrmc.org](http://www.ocrmc.org)

[www.oregoncouncilrmc.org](http://www.oregoncouncilrmc.org)

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**Information regarding the field trip to Terry, Montana**

**The dates for this trip are Thursday, July 31, through Monday, August 4**

All info is from Doug True, email [dtruefossils12@yahoo.com](mailto:dtruefossils12@yahoo.com), so if you have any questions, or want to reserve your spot for this event, please contact Doug.

We are having a great response to the Terry field trip - have been getting lots of questions and sign ups. At the time of this printing all of the RV parks in Terry are full (34 spaces). The Hotel/ Motels are full - (48 rooms). We have lots of RV dry camping and Tent spaces available. But if you want a Motel or RV space you will have to make reservations in Miles City, Mt. about 37 miles away ( 30 minutes) drive.

**Terry, Montana, field trip continued.**

Four full days of fun, 3 days of field trips. The present plans call for 3 trips per day to the Yellowstone River for 3 days, 2 trips to hunt cretaceous sea fossils and working on one trip per day to hunt for dinosaur fossils. Because our trips are during the dry fire season, we will be using buses for transportation to the gravel bars on the river, plus several autos in case someone needs to return to the park. We will be staggering the trips with 4-5 hours collecting each day. All of our trips will be on a first come first served basis. Sign ups will start on Wednesday, 30 July and Thursday morning the 31st. If we need to add more trips for the river or sea fossils we will. The dinosaur trips might be limited. You will not go back to the same location, each day is a new spot.

As you may have noticed our trips will run between 4-6 hours each day. Temperatures in August can run between 85 - 95 degrees, sometimes even higher. We don't want anyone getting heat stroke and we want to enjoy all of the fun at the park.

You will be collecting on dry river gravels and sagebrush areas, and you could encounter a rattlesnake now and then and sometimes ticks and, except for the river, always cactus. You need to plan your clothing for the trip: long pants, hats, good shoes, sun block and plan to have lots of water.

When you get back to camp a pool and showers will be waiting for you, a beautiful park with lots of shade and then things start to happen. There will be a welcome potluck on Wednesday evening and some live music after. A time to get to know each other.

Plans are to have 2 programs each evening, Thursday and Friday This will be announced in future updates, as we have more speakers than we have time.

**Terry, Montana, field trip continued.**

There will be a benefit barbeque on Saturday evening (money raised will go to the Cameron Gallery). The beef is being donated by a local rancher. This will be held at the park and after that a live band provided by the Terry Chamber of Commerce. Sunday will be an open day, a time for a buy-sell-or trade day in the park, and a good time to see if any of the locals will bring out some of their Montana Agate. There will be a Jr. or kids hunt at the river Sunday morning. Kids will hunt the gravel for specially marked agates and they could win great prizes. Ye old Timers Rock Club has donated two New Tumblers with kits and H & I lapidary donated a reconditioned tumbler with new barrels. Others are still to come. Then we will have a farewell potluck Sunday evening at the park.

Agate hunting success will depend on three things: the amount of ice on the river this winter - ice jams open up new material - it looks good thus far. High water in the spring and summer which will wash and sometimes clean the rock. Lastly, your being able to spot them. There is also lots of Petrified Wood and Jaspers to be collected. I will have 8-10 field trip leaders to help make your trip successful.

If you decide to join in on the fun I need to know a few things, names of those attending, where you are from, club affiliated, how you are staying, - RV Dry Camp, Tent Camping, RV Park, Motel.

Everything is free, Music, Trips, Potlucks, Programs, Bus rides. etc. We will have a donation bucket to help on our expenses.

The Barbeque is a benefit (donations accepted)

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Doug

# FARWEST LAPIDARY 2014 SHOW DATES

52<sup>nd</sup> GEM AND MINERAL SHOW  
AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup>, AND 10<sup>TH</sup>, 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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