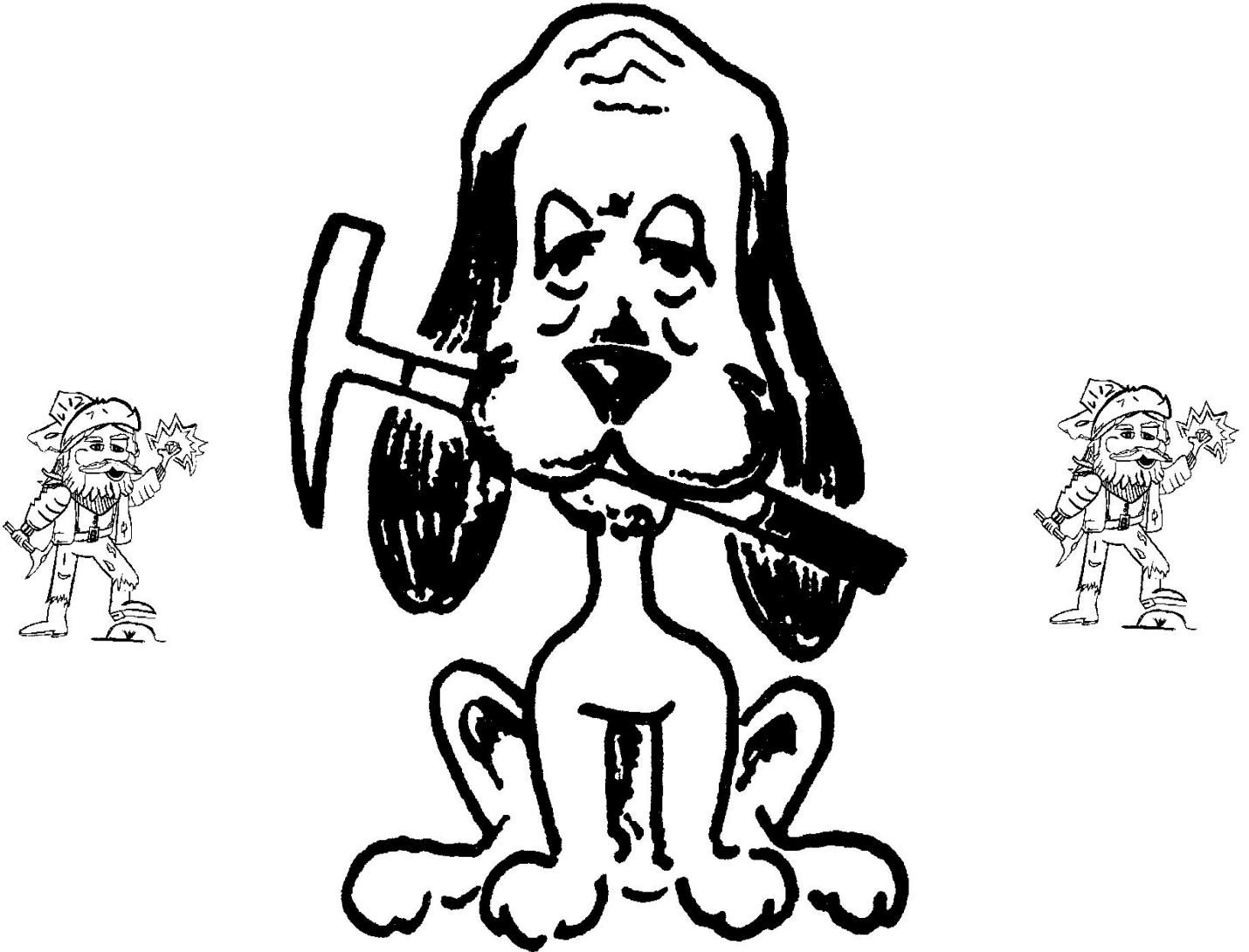


# Rock Chip Reporter

## JANUARY 2015



**Far West Lapidary & Gem Soc. Inc.**  
**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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<b>Workshop:</b>	<b>Terry Innes / Karl Granzow</b>		
<b>Refreshments:</b>	<b>See Sign up Sheet</b>		
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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**  
**January 2015**

Hello everyone! Hope that you had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Thanks to all who showed up for the Christmas party, hope you had a great time and there was some great food to eat!! And some really great prizes and gifts.

The first meeting of the month went really great with the letter being "Q". Show and tell was great - a lot to see. And Pat has a book on Gemstones now and loves to look up the difficult stones there are for the month and try to get a variety of them to bring in for show and tell.

A new rule has been voted on for cell phones: if your phone rings during a meeting or Education night you must pay a dollar to the club for a fine. This is only if the phone has a ring tone. You can put it on vibration if you want so it won't make noise! It was really great all the people that showed up for the first meeting night.

And I would like to thank Connie Cooley for volunteering to be our Sun Shine person again. So if you hear of someone who is sick or hurt please let one of us know so we can call and let Connie know to send a card out. Thank You.

New treasurer Debbie McPherson gave her first report on the banking for the club and did a great job. Bill Poppy will be giving a demonstration on wire wrapping on January 27 so bring a note book for writing down the information and questions. Hope that the people that went to Quartzite, Az. are having a great time seeing some new rocks out there for sale and meeting with old friends.

Don't forget the Yachats show January 17 & 18. Show hours are 10:00am to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. They will have a Lecturer on both days. Hope to see you there!! Hear that some of the sand on the beaches up there has moved out and that people are finding Newport Blue Agates.

Will see you next Tuesday at the work shop night beginning at 5:30 p.m. We are trying to get more people to do demonstrations for the workshop. If you have any idea please let us know. And if you have a story for the bulletin or somewhere you have been, please let Sue know. You can email her at: [rockchipreporter@gmail.com](mailto:rockchipreporter@gmail.com)

Thank You

Terry Innes

**Meeting Minutes  
November 4, 2014**

President Terry 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. Guests introduced were Frank and Ronnie Carigan from Coos Bay.

Terry asked for old business. Bill Hendrickson reported on nominations for next year's officers and board members. Terry Innes and Karl Granzow have both agreed to run for another term as president and vice-president. Debbie McPherson is nominated for treasurer, and Anita Harris is nominated for another term as secretary. Don Innes will remain as our NW Federation board delegate. Nominated for board members are Roger Gary, Matt Vegar, Pat Ames, and Kelley Argenta. Bill asked for nominations or volunteers from the floor. There were none. Don moved to accept the nominating committee recommendations and Jim Kingsley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Terry reminded members of the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Party. The sign-up list is at the front table. There will be no workshops in December. The next meeting after the Christmas Party will be January 6<sup>th</sup>. Rocks beginning with the letter "Q" will be featured.

Matt reminded members of the Veteran's Arts and Craft Fair starting on Veteran's Day and continuing for three weeks at Pony Village Mall. If you are a veteran there is no charge to set up a table.

Sue Granzow announced that in conjunction with the Veteran's Show there will also be a Holiday Craft Fair on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Pony Village Mall.

Sue asked if our club has a current club historian. We do not and Terry asked for a volunteer for the position. Kelley Argenta volunteered to organize and scan documents and pictures to a DVD.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary

**ATTENTION!!!** With the start of the new year, we need volunteers to sign up to bring refreshments to the meetings. The sign up sheet is posted on the rolling cupboard every week. Please take a moment and volunteer.

Thank you.

*If you are receiving a mailed copy of this newsletter and would like to receive it via email, please notify Sue at [rockchipreporter@gmail.com](mailto:rockchipreporter@gmail.com). Also, the newsletter can be found on our website if you would prefer to read it there. We are trying to cut down on mailing expenses.*

**Meeting Notes  
November 18, 2014**

President Terry Innes called the third Tuesday educational 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.

Karl Granzow presented a most interesting DVD on the art of intarsia. The film showed each step of creating a beautiful piece using a faceting machine to cut precise angles.

Terry asked if there was any business to discuss. There was a short discussion on additional outside lighting for our winter meetings when it is dark.

Terry reminded members of the Christmas party which will be held December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. He announced that the last workshop of the year will be held next Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. The letter "Q" will be featured for show and tell rocks at our first Tuesday meeting in January.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary

**Involvement in your hobby    Becoming a Rock Hound**

1. Educate yourself---read books, magazines , library
2. Join a Rock Club
3. Attend Rock and Gem Shows
4. Volunteer your services
5. Go on Field trips
6. Introduce others to your hobby
7. Always strive for Quality and workmanship
8. Specialize in one or more of the elements of the hobby

We need to focus our efforts in our local areas and support our local people. I support the concept of "Community". The support is built through the work of many hands. This will involve the Officers, committees and all members young and old.

How can we do that? Shop our local merchants, greet people on the street, open the door for a stranger, know your neighbor, do something good for someone else, support your local school and college, share your skills, say hello, pickup litter, volunteer, learn the history of rock digging in your area, share your favorite digging area, try a new restaurant, share your ideas with others, This will work.

Be engaged, stay connected and plan ahead! Don



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- Happy Birthday to:  
1/1 Annie Morgan  
1/1 Margaret Stalknecht  
1/2 Connie Cooley  
1/8 Bill Poppe  
1/10 Jan Miller  
1/11 Kathleen Kennett  
1/11 Greg Solarz  
1/17 Bruce Hobaugh

**JANUARY Birthstone: GARNET**

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.

There are many different variations of this stone, the most expensive among them is the brilliant green variety called Demantoid (diamond like), which approaches and 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.

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. 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.

**DECEMBER Birthstone: TURQUOISE OR TANZANITE**

Belated birthday wishes go out to:

- 12/12 Judy Henson  
12/12 Candy Jones  
12/19 Craig Cooley  
12/28 Bob Cummins  
12/29 Susie Solarz

Here's an email Terry received that may be of interest.

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: A Note from the International Gem Society for Terry

From: International Gem Society <[support@gemsociety.com](mailto:support@gemsociety.com)>

To: [terrines@gmail.com](mailto:terrines@gmail.com)

Dear Terry

I was searching around looking for influential websites related to rocks and gems, and I came across the [Far West Lapidary & Gem Society](#). I really enjoyed the information I found on your site as it was both interesting and helpful. I am writing because I thought your members/visitors might be interested in a lot of the free resources and content we've created over the years. We host an online gem and rock encyclopedia, and numerous articles related to all things gemstone and mineral, including a gemology scholarship which we would like to see more people applying for. We've been working on the content since 1996, and I really want to get the word out so people know about us and come and use our resources! Perhaps you could let them know about us with an email or a link? Here is a link to our [Gem and Mineral Reference Library](#).

Likewise, if you have any ideas on how we can work together to promote these materials or if your members/visitors are interested in sharing or posting their content on our website, I would welcome the chance to exchange ideas!

Warm Regards,

Christine Garcia  
International Gem Society  
[Gemsociety.org](http://Gemsociety.org)

January 13 - workshop

January 20 - movie night

January 27 - workshop - Bill Poppe will be demonstrating his style of wire wrapping. Due to the many people we expect for this demonstration, there will not be time for actual "training", so be sure to bring a note pad and pen so you can take notes on how Bill does his wire wrapping. You can also take pictures as long as you do not interfere with what he is doing. This will start at 5:30.

February 3 - meeting - our rock for show and tell this month will begin with "R"

# FARWEST LAPIDARY 2015 SHOW

## DATES

53<sup>rd</sup> GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

July 31, August 1 & 2, 2015

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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