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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

**Secretaries Minutes - Meeting Notes for
June 3, 2014**

President Terry Innes called the meeting to order on June 3, 2014 at 7 p.m. on the ground floor of the Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend. The meeting opened with the Flag Salute.

Judy Henson gave a treasurer's report.

Terry thanked those members who contributed items and time to put together our displays at the North Bend and Coos Bay Libraries. He also thanked our many members who had made our demonstration day at the Coos Bay Library a success.

Terry announced that there will be no workshop on June 24th as the church will be using the space for their fund raising rummage sale.

The club will be putting on a two-day event at the Innes home at the end of the month for the purpose of cleaning rocks for our annual show. Don Innes reminded members that this is an opportunity for members to learn rock identification.

Terry said that we will start working on signs for the rock show and filling up bags for the Wheel of Fortune at workshops.

President Terry asked for new business. Bill Poppe brought up the issue of safety for members walking on the sidewalks and driveway in the dark during winter months. He suggested that the club might be willing for donate some type of lighting to the church. Members discussed ideas and Bill Poppe made a motion that we talk to the church about the club providing a light and Ken Yaeger seconded the motion. Members approved the motion.

Under old business, Judy reminded the club that we are still looking for new tires for our rock hauling trailers.

Terry said that he will bring sign-up sheets for display cases at our show to the next meeting, along with sheets where members can sign up for helping at the show.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary

**Board of Directors Meeting
June 17, 2014**

Vice President Karl Granzow called the meeting to order on June 17, 2014 at 5:45 p.m. on the ground floor of the Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend. Board members in attendance were Karl Granzow, Terry Innes, Don Innes, Judy Henson, Marty Slechta, and Anita Harris. Also attending were Bulletin Editor Sue Granzow and Sarah Slechta.

The first item of business was a request from Alene Innes to have the club purchase a lamp base for a lamp she would make to be raffled off at the rock show in August. The cost would be \$58.95. Board members agreed that the expenditure will be presented to the membership for a vote.

The next item of business that Karl addressed was the cost of sending club bulletins to other clubs, organizations and non-members. Karl reminded us the monthly bulletin is available to everyone from the link on our web site. After board discussion it was agreed to limit the mailing of bulletins to all except those members who do not have computer access.

Sue brought to the board a request she had received from a non-member to put a one-time only ad in our monthly bulletin. After discussion it was decided to ask for a \$10 donation to the club for such an ad.

Karl asked if we needed to discuss progress on our rock show. Terry said that sign-up sheets for display cases are available and we still have cases that have not been reserved. Judy Henson reported she had ordered the blue paper for tables. Don announced that the name for our show has been selected and it is *Oceans of Gems*.

Karl asked about workshop needs. Don reported that the club has just purchased a 16-inch saw that will be kept at the Innes home. Members may bring rocks to Don or Terry to be cut for a nominal fee to cover the expenses related to the saw. Don expressed that all we need at the current time is five gallons of oil for the saw.

Marty brought up the current practice of calling members to remind them of meetings. It was decided to no longer make reminder calls.

Karl asked board members if they want to change the by-laws to establish a petty cash fund of not more than \$100 to cover expenses without waiting for members approval. We will ask the membership for approval.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary

**Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2014**

President Terry Innes called the meeting to order on June 17, 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 shared a most interesting DVD on faceting done in Myanmar without the benefit of our faceting machines.

Terry announced that we needed membership approval for expenditures. The first item was for \$60 to buy a lamp base for a lamp that will be made for the show raffle by Alene. Arlin Wauer made the motion to purchase the base and Sue Granzow seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Karl explained how we need to modify our by-laws to allow petty cash expenditures of not more than \$100 to speed up the process of acquiring small purchases without waiting for a meeting. Jim Kingsley made a motion that the club have petty cash available and Arlin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Terry asked the membership to approve an expenditure of oil for the new 16-inch cutting saw. Matt Vegar made a motion to approve the purchase and Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Terry explained how the new cutting saw is available for members to have their rocks cut. Terry and Don will determine which stones are appropriate for cutting without doing damage to the saw and/or the oil. A small charge will be made to cover oil and equipment costs. Michelle Shull made a motion to approve this procedure. Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Terry reminded members that our room will not be available for workshop on June 24th. He asked if any members had questions about the show. He said that the sign-up list for jobs is at the front table. We will put up our signs after the Reedsport show. Terry encouraged members to show their work in a display case.

Two guests were present at the meeting. Celeste Brose introduced Charlie McKee from Anderson, California and Arlin Wauer introduced Wendy Goodrich from Coos Bay.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

- 7/4 Richard Lauth
- 7/8 Arlin Wauer
- 7/26 Pat Fraser
- 7/26 Sue Granzow
- 7/29 George Ahuna
- 7/29 Venita Stender
- 7/31 Heidi Goodgame

July Birthstone: Ruby

Ruby is a corundum whose red coloring derives from chromium impurities. All other color varieties of this mineral species are referred to as sapphire.

Ruby is hard (9 on the Mohs scale) and tough, making it a superb jewelry stone. It shows pleochroism, which means that the color varies with the direction of viewing. Gemologists use a simple tool called a dichroscope to test for this property, which will easily discriminate ruby from its natural simulants like red spinel, garnet and also from glass. Most rubies show distinct purplish red and orangey red colors.

The overall color can often give a clue to a stone’s geographic origin, with Burmese stones tending to purplish red colors and Thai stones appearing more brownish red. In addition, many rubies will fluoresce in long or short wave UV and this property can often be used to help identify a stone’s geographic origin. Burmese rubies often fluoresce so strongly that the effect is noticeable even in sunlight. Such stones seem literally to glow, and are greatly admired. Although Asia has historically been the major producer of ruby gems, there are many other sources including the USA, Australia and most recently Africa.

At the pinnacle of beauty and value in the ruby world are the transparent faceted stones. Few other gems have as much myth, lore and romance surrounding them, with one of the chief attractions being the protection from misfortune and bad health rubies were believed to afford their lucky owners. As the science of gemology developed, it became known that many historically important “rubies” such as the famed Black Prince’s Ruby of the British Crown Jewels, were actually other red gems, most often red spinels.

Rubies are the most valuable members of the corundum family. Large, gem quality rubies can be more valuable than comparably sized diamonds and are certainly rarer. Small gem quality rubies are rarer than comparable blue or other color sapphires, making even the littlest fine rubies relatively high in value.

Ruby symbolizes spiritual wisdom, wealth and love. It brings about a positive state of mind, as well as detoxifies the body.



This is our rock trailer security system. For more on this story, ask Terry, Don or Bruce.



Since I have an entire page available this month, I thought I would bring you some articles from OLD newsletters. These two are from August 1977. I am adding this first one because we are having a Swap Table at our picnic in August.

SWAPPING HINTS

The first rule is: “LEAVE THE CRUD AT HOME!” If you don’t want it, what makes you think someone else does? Take a good variety and a few extra pieces.

Put all of your material on display, and then learn to say “NO!” If you are not satisfied with the trade, say so, but then offer to trade something from your first or second group. He may even come up with something you really like.

Don’t let “Bum Deals” discourage you. People are people; just learn to cope with them pleasantly. You can have a lot of fun swapping, get many good specimens, and best of all, get acquainted with many great people.

Have specimens arranged neatly and attractively on your table. Be friendly with other swappers.

A Rockhound’s Happiness is

Being in the wide open spaces to hear and see the quietness and beauty of nature;

To breathe the pure air with the aroma of sage and juniper;

To feel the isolation of being completely distant from the smog and noises of the city;

To see occasionally the silent movement of the animals of nature and watch the almost effortless flight of the golden eagle as he soars and dips in his relentless search for food;

To sip the coffee and taste the foods that were never equaled in the dining room;

To find a stone, or maybe two or more, that may polish into a beautiful gem to be forever cherished as a memento of the day;

To gaze beyond the normal reach of vision into the far distant world of hill and glen, a world created for all of us, but millions have never really seen;

Towards evening you slowly wend your way to the crest of the hill, and there you relax to watch the setting sun in all its glory, and the distant mountains become silhouettes while the mysterious shadows slowly envelope the nearby desert below you. And as the first shiny star appears you lift your eyes toward the heavens above and thank the Great Creator for this day of rockhound happiness.

FOR SALE**LAPIDARY EDUCATION IN A BOX**

Lapidary Journal magazines from the 1950s to 2001. I don't have the patience to look through and see if it's a complete set, but there is about half a cubic yard of magazines. If you haul them, I'll throw in the bookshelf they're sitting on. Or I can deliver without the bookshelf in the Reedsport-Bandon-Myrtle Point triangle. They're not mildewy or smoky. \$100 firm; must take all. Gail, [541-808-1773](tel:541-808-1773), gailber@gmail.com

Our stones for show-and-tell for July are "M" stones:

Moonstone: Moonstones have the same mystical quality that opals have, but with moonstones, it's a little softer and dreamier. The technical term for that shimmery, milky, usually blue aura that plays over the surface of a moonstone is adularescence, and only moonstones have it. In fact, the term adularescence comes from the word "adularia", an old name for moonstones that was derived from Mt. Aularia, a town in Switzerland and one of the first sources of moonstones. Sri Lanka is another common source for moonstones, and villagers there believe that wearing moonstones will give you a "magical brightness" in your life because they hold some of the enchanting glow of the moon within them. Moonstones represent introspection, reflection and tenderness.

Morganite: This is a rare, pink member of the beryl family. It commonly occurs as an accessory mineral in granites, and is usually found in cavities and in granite pegmatites. Because of its hardness (7.5 - 8 on the Mohs scale), it is also sometimes found in alluvial deposits. It is occasionally known as vorobevite.

Morganite derives its pink color from impurities of magnesium present in the stone. It is one of the rarest of the beryls, making it an expensive stone. Specimens should have a nice luster and not have any obvious inclusions. Faceting is important to bring out the luster. Unfaceted, morganite resembles rose quartz. Morganite is also dichroic, showing pink from one angle and clear from another, and cutting must take that into consideration.

Morganite was discovered in Madagascar in 1991, and named for gemstone aficionado J.P. Morgan. The Madagascar lode set the standard for the coloration of the gem, and its bright, lilac pink color has not been equaled since. Other sources include Nuristan, Afghanistan, Brazil and San Diego County in southern California.

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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