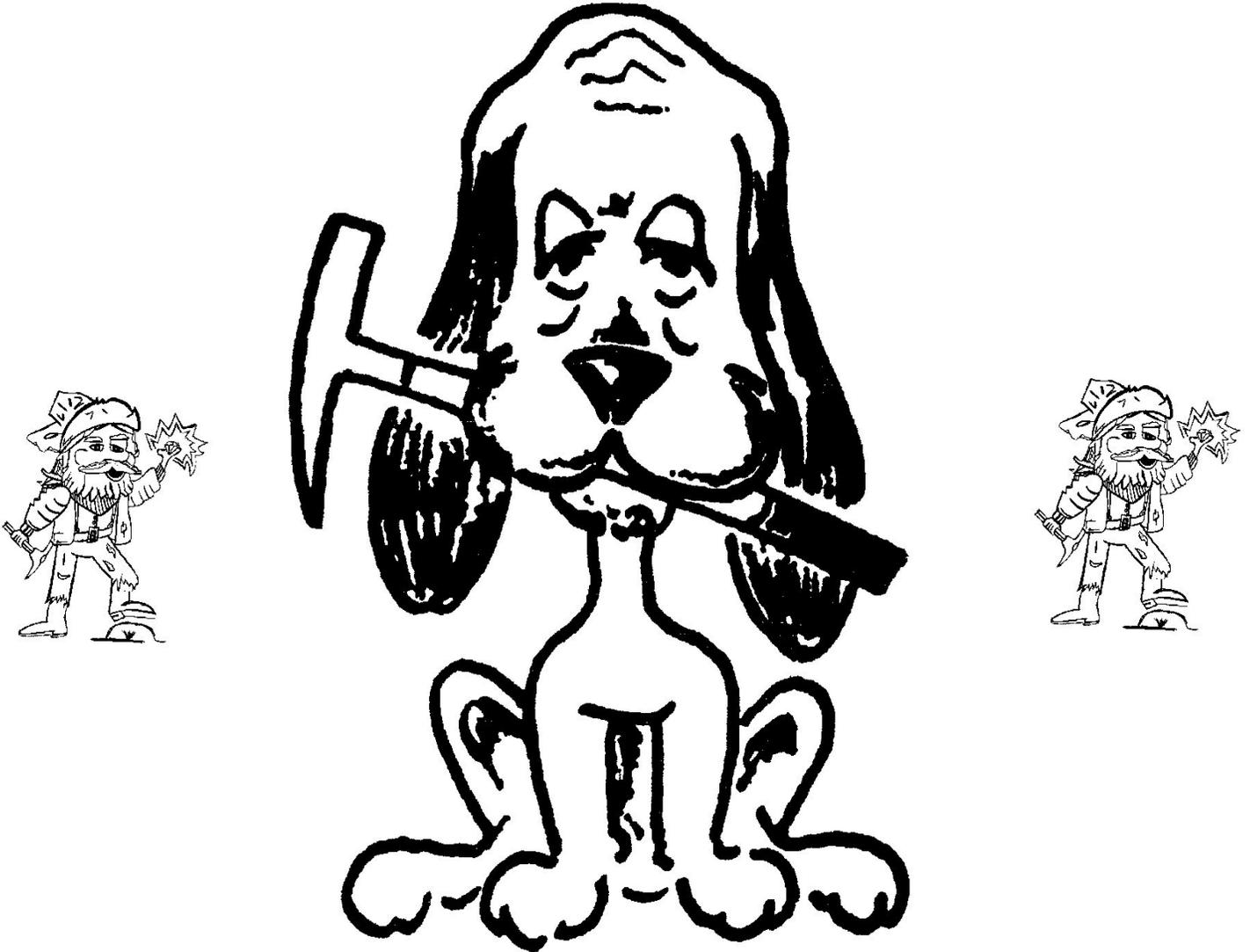


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State Rock: Thunderegg

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 for June

Hello everyone!

Hope that you all are enjoying this great weather that we are having! Hope that the people that had been down the beach had some great low tides to get agates, jasper, wood, shell and bone.

I would like to thank Karl for running last month's meeting as I was sick in bed for a couple of days. And thanks to Judy Henson, her sister Sue and their friend Kate, and Bruce Hobough, Roger & Charlene Gary, Jeff Ogle & Don Innes. We purchased a rock collection from one of our older members. We had been working on prices, and what they wanted to sell, for over a month. Then last Saturday afternoon they called and said they have to move on Sunday and we can come and get the rock and equipment for prices that were settled on. We could get in their place at 9:00 a.m. but have to be out by 11:30.am. Wish I had more time to call for help but they had to load their rented trucks and trailer and they had about 20 people there to help them, so we were moving our trucks and trailers back and forth to make more room for them and our trucks. We are planning at the end of the month to have a rock cleaning and organizing rock.

We are working on a day that all can come out and help with cutting down the table legs to fit the table tops that we cut last year for the show. We will start bagging tumbled stones in the meeting and work shop night for the kid's bags and changing the signs with new dates for the show.

I would like to thank Karl for the great films that he has been getting for the club for information on the different type of rocks and the way the earth had formed. Thanks to the members that have been coming in on workshop night to teach wire wrapping and how to drill into stones - Matt Vegar & Richard Lauth.

That's it for this month.

Terry

Secretaries Minutes - Meeting Notes for May 6, 2014

Vice President Karl Granzow called the meeting to order on May 6, 2014 at 7 p.m. on the ground floor of the Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend. The meeting opened with the Flag Salute. Two guests and one new member were present. Our new member is Martha Murto from Coos Bay. Guests were John Gayhart from Coquille and Virginia Tavernier from Empire. Virginia is the mother of member Connie Cooley.

Anita Harris read the minutes from the last meeting on April 15, 2014.

Judy Henson gave a treasurer's report.

Karl asked for committee reports. Roger Gary told members that our club is invited to go through Joe Kota's rock pile near Sweet Home any time this month.

Sue Granzow announced that the April and May newsletters have been combined and were sent out by e-mail this week. She brought to the meeting the newsletters for those members who receive them by mail. We can save on postage if members would pick them up from her.

Sue Granzow reported our club display has been moved from the North Bend Library to the Coos Bay Library. Pat Ames reminded members that the club demo day will be on May 31st at the Coos Bay Library.

Rich Lauth told members that he and Matt Vegar will conduct a wire wrapping workshop on May 27th. Interested members should bring their tools and \$2 for wire. Matt will bring a few stones. The class will be in honor of Carol Layton.

Karl asked if the club might be interested in buying a large quantity of sunstone ore from the Spectrum Mine in the Plush area of Oregon to be divided up and resold to members.

Members shared their specimens of rocks beginning with the "K" during show and tell.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary

The following is information that was in the Gems of the Rogue club's newsletter for May. This club is located in Grants Pass, and this article is courtesy of Bill Patrick.

ALAA

At first glance, you may not think this is important enough to merit you or your clubs' interest...but this measure could be ground breaking. Each Forest and BLM Land Manager is going through evaluating the roads and trails within their jurisdiction. The Idaho Congressional delegation is going to take up a law that would stop the Forest Service and/or BLM in the state of Idaho from using the mandated "Travel Management Plan" within their jurisdiction. What is happening in many cases throughout the west is after public hearing, the managing body shuts down most of the roads and trails for other interest. The Idaho Congressional delegation, led by Senator Jim Risch, is going to lead the proceedings in Washington to create a bill that would effectively stop this. We are asking you and your club to contact Darren Parker in senator Risch's office: Darren.parker@risch.senator.gov Tell him how many members are in your club and that you are supporting the Lochsa Lands Exchange with the understanding that the roads and trails, under the law will be left open as an easement for recreational use. The Forest Service couldn't go in later and close the roads and trails that are currently there and a part of the new Congressional Law. By: Shirley Leeson, ALAA president@amlands.org.

(The following is, again, from this same newsletter. It is about an email dated March 26, 2014 regarding BLM - Notice of restrictions on Public Lands in Jackson County, OR, with regards to Table Rock Management area. This is being included here in case any of our members go to this area.)

1. You must not discharge firearms, gas or air-powered weapons or simulated weapons, including paintball and paintball-like weapons, from or across BLM lands.
2. You must not use motorized or non-motorized mechanized vehicles that are propelled or powered by any means outside of trailhead parking areas.
3. You must not bring dogs or other domestic animals outside of trailhead parking areas.
4. You must not bring or use metal detectors, or dig, scrape, disturb, or remove natural land features for any purpose.

The temporary restrictions are necessary to protect cultural, historical, wildlife, and botanical resources on newly acquired and existing public lands within the Table Rocks Management Area until they can be inventoried **and until BLM can consider a permanent CLOSURE through the land use plan amendment process.**



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

- 6/2 Wayne McPherson
- 6/8 Cheryl Baldwin
- 6/15 Dee Enerson
- 6/21 Rick Brose
- 6/24 Phyllis Morgan
- 6/25 J.D. Shawl

June Birthstone: Pearl

Pearls are the most desired of the organic gems. An organic gem is formed by the biological processes of living organisms, and are found on both land and underwater. Organic gems are soft and porous, therefore they scratch easily and absorb perfumes, chemicals such as hairspray and cosmetics. These could eventually devalue them. For these reasons, pearls should not be worn during intense activity, and should not be dipped in chemical cleaners. Simply wipe them clean with a moist cloth. Because of the softness and possibility of damage, pearls are most often worn as earrings or necklaces.

A pearl is the lustrous, hard, and smooth rounded mass created inside all bivalve mollusks. Most pearls come from seawater mollusks such as the “pearl oysters” (that are not true oysters), but other pearl-producing mollusks are giant clams and giant conches. Pearls are also found in freshwater clams and mussels.

Pearls form when foreign matter, like a grain of sand or a small parasite, invades the mollusk, which envelops it within a soft body-part such as the mantle (tissue between the shell and body) which secretes nacre. Nacre is aragonite, a calcium carbonate similar to mother-of-pearl. A sac surrounds the irritant, and pearl building takes place within it. More nacre builds up a spherical or near-spherical ‘cyst’ pearl - a pear-shaped pearl often taking about seven years. Sometimes an irritant is lodged in the mollusk’s muscles, and the resultant pressure produces odd-shaped ‘blister’ pearls.

Pearls are normally white or bluish-gray but can be pink or black. The most highly valued are oriental pearls because of their iridescence, translucence, shape, and deep pearly luster created by diffraction in interference.

Pearls symbolize purity, faith and sincerity.

This information is courtesy of Guide to Gems by Cally Oldershaw and published by Firefly Books, Ltd. In 2003.

The following items are being offered FOR SALE by member Larry Bjerke. You may contact him with any questions at: 541-888-5281.

Broken Arm Casting Machine, small burn out oven: \$500.00

Miscellaneous rock, u-pick. \$1.00 per pound

Our stones for show-and-tell for June are "L" stones:

Lapis Lazuli:

In the fourteenth century, lapis lazuli stones were ground up and mixed with oils to create the highly prized and very expensive ultramarine used by artists (such as da Vinci) in paintings such as those in the Sistine Chapel. Ultramarine was known as "blue gold" because it was more expensive than gold at times. Lapis was forbidden to commoners in ancient Egypt, where only royalty could wear it. Blue was divine to them, so lapis was ground into a powder that was used to add color to royal Egyptians and their statues. However, lapis necklaces were given to shy Egyptian children to help them be courageous.

Ancient Hebrews believed the blue lazurite in lapis was symbolic of heaven and the gold pyrite flecks symbolic of the sun, and some Biblical scholars believe that Moses' Ten Commandments were carved on lapis tablets.

This stone harmonizes the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual levels. It is said it alleviates pain, especially migraine headaches. It also releases stress.

Larimar:

Larimar is a tradename for pectolite, derived from the Greek words *pektos* (compacted), because of its compacted structure, and *lithos* (stone). The most desirable variety, a pale to sky-blue color, was not discovered until 1974 in the Bahamas and Dominican Republic. Larimar often has a white spider-veined appearance.

It is a 4.5 - 5 on the Mohs hardness scale.

The gem radiates love and peace and promotes tranquility. It induces a deeply meditative state, and promotes self-healing. If placed on a painful spot, it will quietly draw out the pain. When used as a reflexology tool, Larimar pinpoints the site of the dis-ease and clears the meridians of the body.

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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