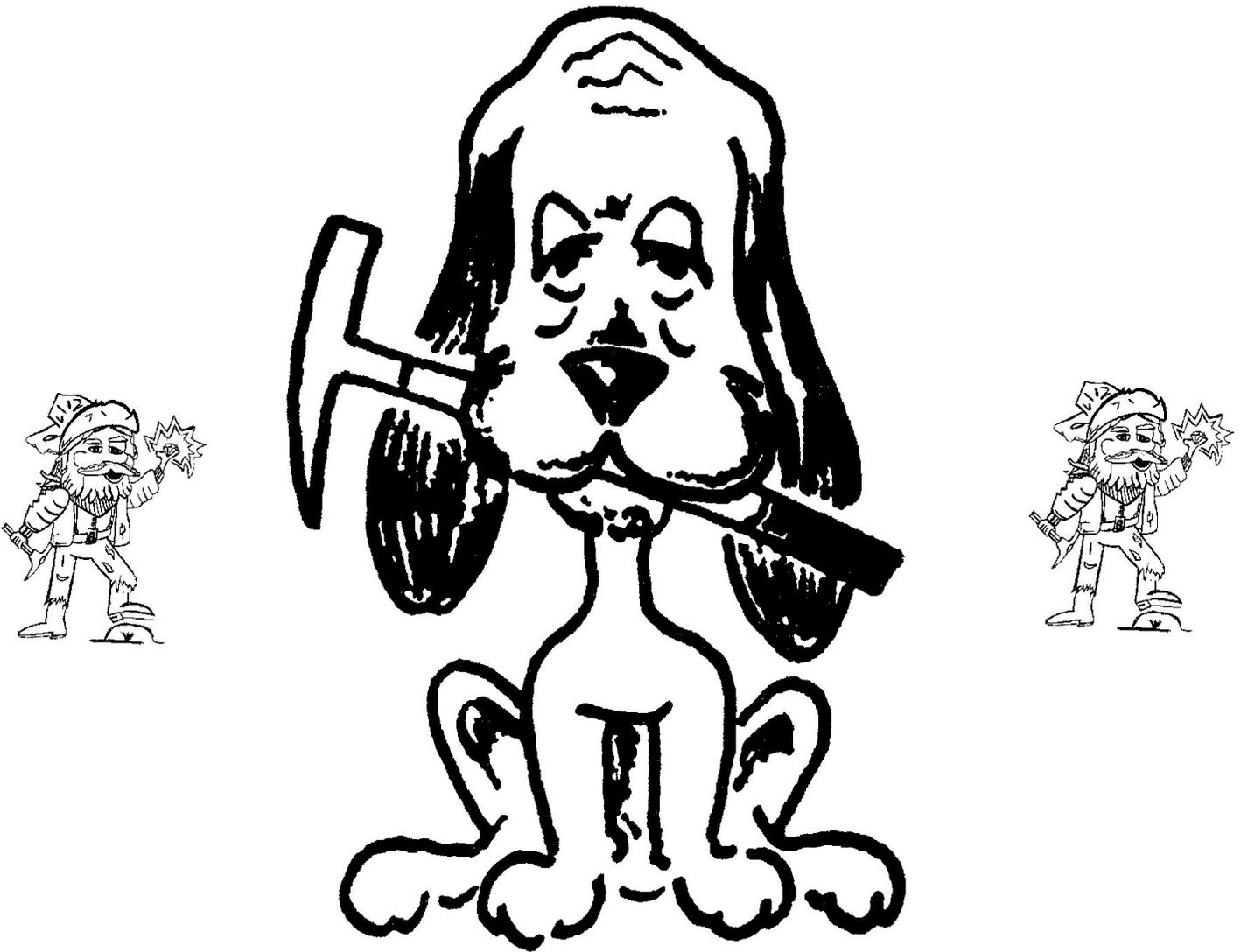


# Rock Chip Reporter

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**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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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 for March**

Hello everyone! How are all of you doing? As you all now know, old man winter has gone back north. Now is the time to get your yards mowed and start planting your flower beds and start your gardening. And start planning for field trips.

We still have to put in a display in North Bend library for the month of April and then move that display to the Coos Bay Library for May. We do have some members signed up for the display in North Bend, and some for Coos Bay. We are also having a demonstration on May31 in the Coos Bay library. The club needs volunteers for that day.

As soon as we find out information on Roger Mountain we will be planning a field trip there for wood. Start planning some more trips. If anyone has ideas about a trip, please let us know about places to go.

I'd like to say thanks to Debbie McPherson and Connie Cooley for volunteering to co-chair the position of Sunshine Person. If you hear of anybody who is ill, please let us know so we can get a card out for them. Thank You.

We are still looking for people to put in displays for the club Gem Show. We have a few that have signed up but still need more people for those displays.

The second meeting night of the club education is going great, thanks to Karl and the films he has be getting. Matt said he was asked a question by someone about rocks and he remembered the last education night film and was a able to answer the question.

Remember that this is your club and any input is greatly appreciated.

Thank You,

Terry Innes

**Secretaries Minutes - Meeting Notes for February 4, 2014**

President Terry Innes called the meeting to order on February 4, 2014 at 7 p.m. on the ground floor of the Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend. The meeting opened with the Flag Salute. Forty three people signed in including four guests, Ray Kwiatek from Coos Bay/Greenacres and Dan, Pam and Jerry Elliott from Bandon.

Terry thanked members who went on our field trip to the Crater Rock Museum in Central Point. There was a lot to see and everyone had a great time.

Terry asked members to start thinking about putting in a display showcase for our summer show.

The club is thinking about planning a trip to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland to see their rocks and displays. We are thinking about March or April and coordinating the trip with another rock show.

Terry thanked Karl Granzow for his work on the website and Sue Granzow for her work on the bulletin.

Terry announced he would be sending around a paper where members can suggest a theme for our August show. The club is thinking about moving the pie social from November to June or July due to the many activities happening around Thanksgiving.

Karl is looking for more input on what members would like to see on the web site.

Judy Henson gave a treasurer's report.

Arlin Wauer began show and tell with rocks he found at the Central Point Museum and described recent improvements to their displays. This was our "H" meeting and several members brought samples of hematite and white howlite.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary

**Oregon Trivia**

State Minerals: Josephinite and Organite

State Seashell: Oregon Hairy Triton

Oregon Tree: Douglas Fir

**Secretaries Minutes - Meeting Notes for February 18, 2014**

President Terry Innes called the meeting to order on February 18, 2014 at 7 p.m. on the ground floor of the Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend. The meeting opened with the Flag Salute. Three guests were present; Tyler Blondis from Bandon, Kelley Argenta from Coos Bay, and Kathy Arnot from Coos Bay.

Karl Granzow shared a DVD titled "Living Rock".

Terry announced that our club will be responsible for the North Bend Library displays from April 1 through May 31. Sue Granzow is the contact person. There are two display cases, one in the entrance hallway and the other in the children's room. We are looking for Oregon materials and jewelry made by club members. A sign-up list will be available at the next meeting.

Terry will also be bringing a sign-up list to the next meeting for the display case exhibits at our August show. There will be nineteen displays available. Terry asked members to be thinking of ideas about a theme for the show.

Terry thanked Sue for her work on the bulletin and Karl for his work on the web site. He asked members to contribute news and pictures to Karl that will demonstrate activities of our club.

Sue reminded members to bring rocks beginning with the letter "I" for show and tell at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary

**More Oregon Trivia**

Did you know there is an Oregon beverage? - Milk  
And the state nut is hazelnut.  
Oregon Fruit - pear  
And the Oregon Fossil Tree is the metasequoia

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to:

3/3 Kevin Cooper

3/14 Kurt Goodgame

3/14 Terry Innes

3/18 Donna Wright

3/20 Anita Harris

3/31 Doug Krensle

**March Birthstone: Aquamarine**

Aquamarine is a pale blue, light blue-green or even light green member of the Beryl family of gemstones. It is a fairly common gem, making it less expensive than some other beryls, such as emeralds. Although it is a 7.5 on the Moh's scale of hardness, it is brittle and sensitive to pressure. In Latin, aquamarine means "for the water of the sea", and was named because of the seawater color. The dark blue stone is the most desired color. The coloring agent is iron. Virtually all aquamarine is heated to convert some of the green tones to blue. The heating does not darken the color of aqua, it just diminishes the green component.

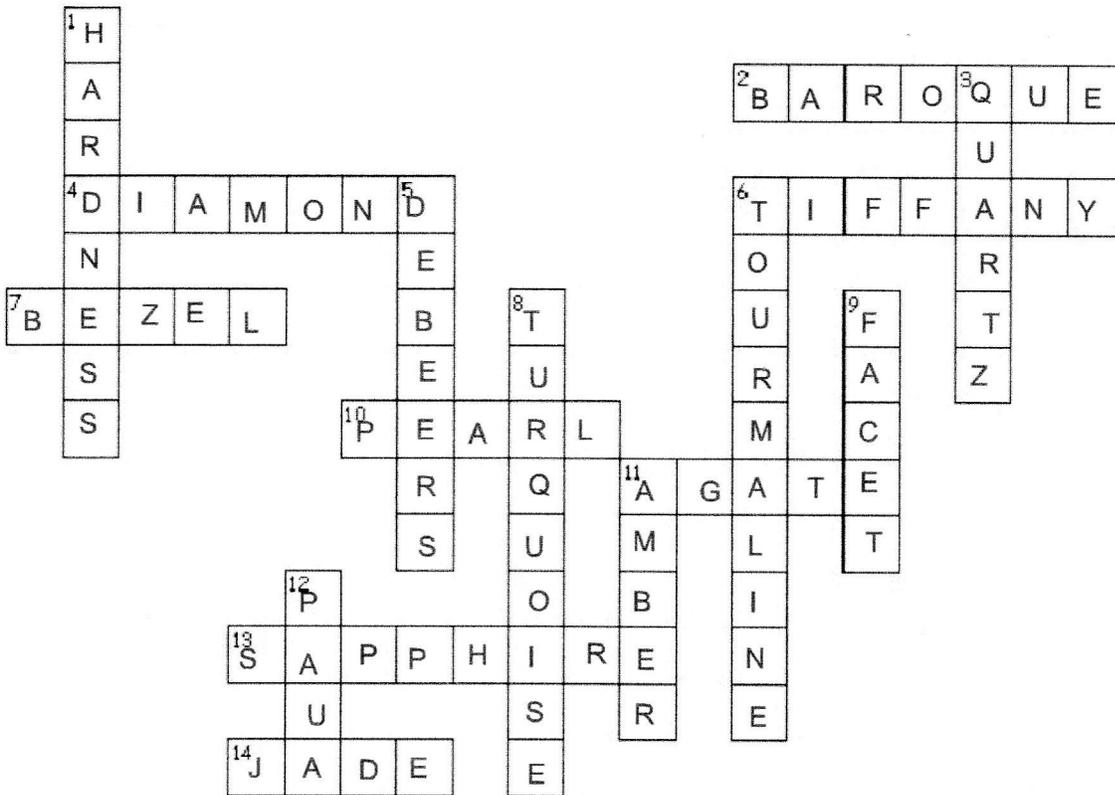
The most important deposits of aquamarine are found in Brazil, although there are others found in Australia, Burma, China, India and the United States.

When immersed in water, aquamarine is practically invisible. The water in which it was immersed was long thought to have curative properties. Aqua has calming energies, it reduces stress and quiets the mind, and it clears up confusion. It is also a gemstone very useful for sore throats and swollen glands. Aquamarine also promotes self expression and helps with allergies and hay fever.

Aquamarine is said to have come from the treasure chest of mermaids. Sailors often took the stones to sea as lucky charms to protect them from drowning and shipwrecks.

The tone of these gemstones flatters all skin colors and harmonizes well with all precious metals, making it a popular stone for jewelry.

Gemstone Crossword



**ACROSS**

- 2. Name for irregular shaped pearls
- 6. Famous NY jewelry store featured in movie starring Audrey Hepburn
- 10. Popular organic gemstone
- 13. Kate Middleton's engagement ring features this gemstone

**DOWN**

- 1. Moh's Scale rates gemstone by this
- 5. This company runs the diamond cartel
- 8. The Navajos use this gemstone a lot
- 11. This gemstone is millions of years old

**ANSWERS IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER**

- 4. A girl's best friend
- 7. Metal collar used to set a gemstone
- 11. Banded gemstone
- 14. The Chinese absolutely adore this gem
- 3. Most popular family of gemstones used in jewelry making
- 6. Watermelon colors of this gemstone are prized
- 9. Cut flat side of gemstone
- 12. Mother of pearl from New Zealand abalones

# 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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