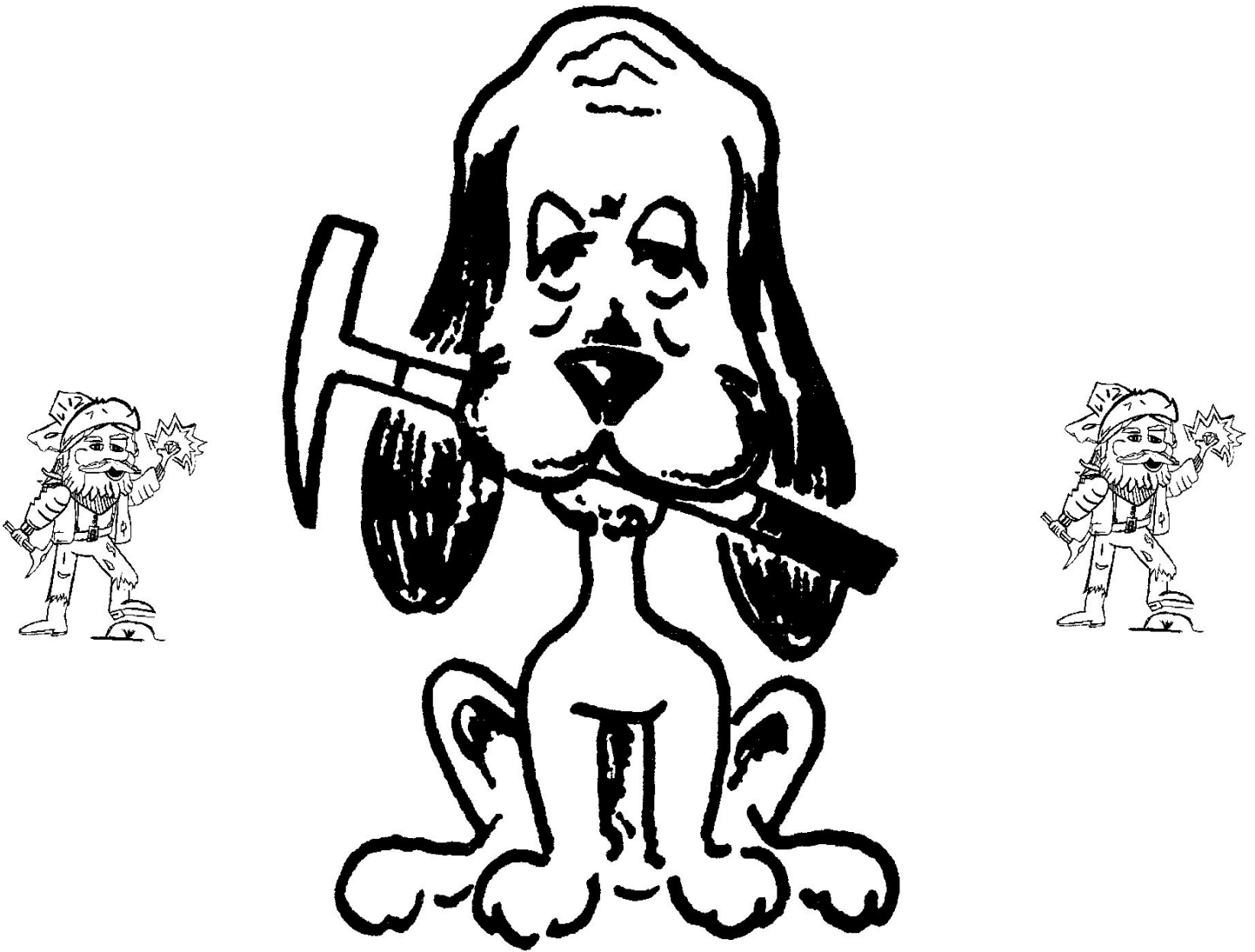


# Rock Chip Reporter

## MAY/JUNE 2015



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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

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.

We are not responsible for the authenticity of information in articles accepted for publication in this bulletin ,nor are the Opinions expressed herein necessarily those of the editor, officers of the club, or members of the club. Permission to reprint material from this bulletin is given freely provided proper credit is given.

**BRING A FRIEND TO A MEETING - VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

**WE VALUE NEW MEMBERS**

**President Notes for MAY**

Hello everyone!!

Hope that you all are doing well! Well as you know, April brings April showers and some frosted nights, but we are at the end of the month and had a nice almost 80 Monday. Then rain here on Tuesday! Hope that if you were working in the garden and green house things are doing great for you! Dad and I have been working in the garden and have beets and beans, Walla walla Onion in and 12 tomatoes in the ground now and still more to get planted.

I would like to thank all the members who showed up at the pie social. As we knew, there would be a lot of great pies and lots more pounds added on to the body eating all the different types of pies and cakes and cupcakes.

As you know some of us have been up to Springfield for the rock sale and a couple of times back up there and made some really get finds and great buys, I'd like to thank Debbie for picking up the rock town and rock school house and the rock house that the young lady from the sale give to them for the club. It's made of different type of rock and the school and town have lights in the building. They do need some work on them to bring them back to the great shape they used to be in!

To let you all know May 13th the Ussery's will be open to our club and Reedsport club from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to buy rock from the back for a dollar a pound as they are retiring from the business and will be selling it.

I'd like to thank the club members and Reedsport club members who came out to the Baycrest Village center Saturday April the 25 for the (show and tell) and demonstrations day. And special thanks to Reedsport for the donation of Carnelian agate and Petrified wood that was handed out to the people that come to the show. And s special thanks to the Hendrickson's for their door prize drawing who Venetia won YUP!! That's right, she won the door prize: a Thunder Egg. I can't wait to she what she is going to do with it. I would like to thank Anita for running the two Black Light Show Cases. She is really doing a great job for the Reedsport and North Bend shows.

Well it's getting a lot closer to the shows so in a week or two we will be starting to put the new date on the yard signs, as well as putting together the rock bags for the kiddy corner, sign up for the club showcases, and volunteer for helpers at the show.

If you have a story or field trip you went on, please let Sue know so she can put in the newsletter. See you all in June..

President,  
Terry

**Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2015**

President Terry Innes called the meeting to order on April 7, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend. The meeting opened with the Flag Salute.

Terry informed members of our club's upcoming April activities. He asked members to sign up on the list if they are planning on participating in the Baycrest Village Show and Tell event on April 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a joint event with the Reedsport Club.

Terry reminded members that the third April meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> will be our traditional pie social.

Debbie McPherson gave the treasurer's report.

Rick and Celeste Brose introduced their granddaughter Nicole from Redding who is visiting on her spring break. The club welcomed new members Bill and Amy Spencer. Amy stated that they joined our club because she loves rocks.

Terry gave an update on progress for our summer rock show. The date for the show will be July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Work parties will be scheduled to sort and clean rocks when the weather dries out. Don Innes reminded members that we still need tumbled rocks for the kid's rock bags.

Show and tell for the first May meeting will feature the letter "U".

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary

*From the Editor: If anyone is currently receiving their newsletter via U.S. Mail and would prefer to switch to email (you get it much sooner), please let me know, so the club can save some money on postage. rockchipreporter@gmail.com*

***Membership dues are due NOW. Please make sure to pay them immediately, if you have not already. You will be removed from our mail list if dues are not paid.***

**Meeting Minutes  
May 5, 2015**

President Terry Innes called the meeting to order on May 5, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend. The meeting opened with the Flag Salute. There were no guests in attendance.

Terry presented the large thunder egg door prize from the recent Show and Tell at Baycrest Village to Veneita Duffy.

Terry announced that the Coos Bay Art Museum is looking for volunteers from our club to do show and tell programs this summer for children. The dates are June 17<sup>th</sup> and August 12. There will be two classes each day. At 10 a.m. there will be a class for children ages six to nine years old. At 1:30 p.m. there will be a class for children ten to twelve years old. Please contact Don if you are interested in helping.

Debbie McPherson reported that a private party in Springfield has donated a “rock village” to our club. Terry will bring it in to our next workshop. We will clean it and spruce it up for display at our show.

Roger Gary told members that there will be is a NW Federation rock hound dig in the Vail area coming up July 2 through July 5.

Debbie gave a treasurer’s report. She reported the club has purchased 500 pounds of polishing compound and grit. The club will re-package and sell it to members. Grit will be furnished to members who are tumbling stones to fill the children’s bags at our rock show at no cost. Prices for materials used by members for their personal use will be determined at a later time.

A sphere making machine has been donated to the club. Terry will make some repairs and then it will be offered for sale.

The rocks for next month’s show and tell will be those that begin with the letter “V”.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary

Articles and rockhounding stories are always welcome for our newsletter. If you have any you would like to include in our next newsletter, please email them to

[rockchipreporter@gmail.com](mailto:rockchipreporter@gmail.com)

They need to be submitted prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to be included in the newsletter for the following month.

**Meeting Notes  
May 19, 2015**

President Terry Innes called the meeting to order on May 19, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend. The meeting opened with the Flag Salute.

Vice President Karl Granzow presented the educational DVD for the evening. It was the story of Cape Perpetua produced by the Lincoln County Historical Society.

Terry announced the prices that have been set to sell the tumbling grit to members for their personal use.

Our club has been asked by the Coos Bay Library to fill two display cases in September. They have also asked us to do a demonstration day on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

We are working with the Reedsport Club to have a jewelry sale at Evergreen Court (Baycrest Village) in September or October. The date will be set later.

Karl announced that Luipita's Mexican Restaurant will be our food vendor at the Rock Show.

The next month's rock letter for show and tell will be the letter "V".  
Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary

**Board of Directors Minutes  
May 19, 2015**

Vice President Karl Granzow called the board of directors meeting to order on May 19, 2015 prior to the regular third Tuesday educational meeting.

Karl spoke of his concern about training new members to properly use the equipment at workshops to prevent damage to our machines.

Sue Granzow asked who would be appointed to train members. The board decided that all experienced members will be willing to accept the responsibility to help new members. The club will provide a training record for each new member. Such records will indicate what equipment the new member has been trained to use and the member who conducted the training. These records will be put in a binder and will be available at each workshop meeting. It will be required that new members receive training on each type of equipment before being authorized to use each type of equipment.

It was also suggested that a time limit for using any piece of equipment be set if other members are waiting for a turn to use it.

Karl requested that the board set prices for selling the recently acquired polishing compound and grit to members. After discussion, it was determined to set prices at \$2.60 a pound for 220 grit, \$3.00 a pound for 400 grit, and \$3.00 a pound for 600 grit. The polishing compound will be sold at \$2.00 a pound. This cost will cover the cost of purchasing and re-packaging.

Karl announced that Luipita's Mexican Restaurant will be our new food vendor at our Rock and Gem Show.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary



**May Birthdays**  
5/2 Ce;este Brose  
5/2 Cindy Swertfager  
5/3 Kathy Cooley  
5/3 Bill Ice  
5/6 Ron Wright  
5/17 Larry Bjerke  
5/21 Carolyn Cronberger  
5/23 Edie Mousel  
5/27 Marty Slechta

**Happy Belated Birthday to all of you!**

### **May Birthstone: Emerald**

Emerald is one of the rarest members of the beryl family and is the most highly prized of all the gems. Although it ranks a 7.5 - 8 on the Mohs hardness scale, it is more fragile than other varieties of beryl.

Colombia is known for its intensely rich and vivid-colored stones. Emerald can, however, be found in other countries, such as Brazil, Russia and here in the U.S. in North Carolina.

As well as being the birthstone for May, emerald is also the stone for the 20 year wedding anniversary. It is believed that emerald promotes harmony and justice. It helps with diseases of the eyes, heart, intestines, headaches and epilepsy.

*From the Editor: My birthday list has not been updated for quite some time. If you are new to the club (if you have joined in 2014 or 2015) please let me know your birthdate (the year is not necessary) so we may all join in wishing you a happy birthday. Email to [rockchipreporter@gmail.com](mailto:rockchipreporter@gmail.com)*



**June Birthdays**

6/2 Wayne McPherson

6/8 Cheryl Baldwin

6/15 Dee Enerson

6/21 Rick Brose

6/24 Phyllis Morgan

6/25 JD Shawl

**June Birthstone: Alexandrite**

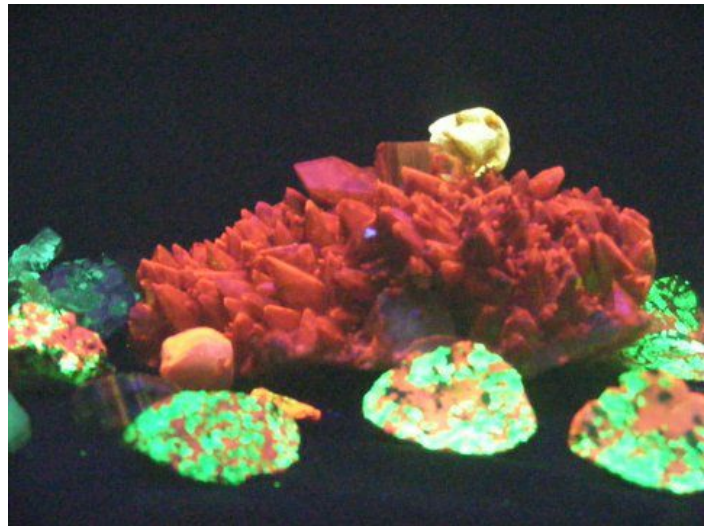
The Alexandrite is a relatively modern gem and was first discovered in Russia in 1831 during the reign of its namesake, Czar Alexander II. It is an extremely rare chrysoberyl with chameleon-like qualities. Its color is a lovely green in both daylight and fluorescent light, but changes to a purplish red in incandescent light, thus the saying “emerald by day and ruby by night”. Due to its rarity, some jewelers stock synthetic versions of the enchanting gemstone.

June also has a second birthstone - the PEARL. Historically, pearls have been used as an adornment for centuries. They were one of the favorite gem materials of the Roman Empire. Later, in Tudor England, the 1500s were known as the “pearl age”. Pearls are unique as they are the only gems from living sea creatures and require no faceting or polishing to reveal their natural beauty. In the early 1900’s, the first successful commercial culturing of round saltwater pearls began. Since the 1920’s, cultured pearls have almost completely replaced natural pearls in the market.

***From the Editor: We are looking for a volunteer to take over the position of newsletter Editor. If you are interested, please let me know, or talk to Terry. If you would like to know exactly what the job entails, ask me!***



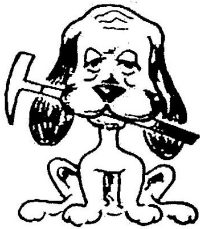
Here are a few pictures from the Baycrest show and tell we did with Reedsport:





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### **July 31, August 1 and August 2, 2015**

**Friday and Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Admission \$1.00 - Children under 12 FREE**

**Silent Auctions Door Prizes Displays Jewelry**  
**Gemstones Rough and Polished Rocks**