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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
November 2014**

Hi everyone!!

I hope that you all are well and doing great. Well, the high tides hit on the beaches with 18 foot waves and moved the sand into the beach area, so rock hounding is a little harder than before.

I hope all those that had a birthday this month had a great one!! And I hope all those that got out and did some rock hounding did have a great time and had some great finds.

We got some great news for the club workshop. This Tuesday Richard Lauth will be teaching wire wrapping again. (This class was on Oct 28.) And we just got the two new flat laps and Sue Granzow will be teaching how to cut cabochons on them.

I would like to thank the nominating committee - Bill Hendrickson, Celeste Brose, and Kelly Argenta for their work on the committee. We will be voting on the nominations of the new Board for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary on the first meeting in November. If you have any other person to nominate, be there so we can vote. Thank You! This is your club and you do have a say in it!!

The letter for this month is "P".

I want to thank Karl for getting the new sign stands ordered and in for next year's show. They look really great. I also want to say a big thank you to Celeste and Rick Brose, Roger and Charlene Gary for volunteering to cook the turkey's, Bruce Hobaugh for volunteering to cook the gravy, and Jim Kingsley for cooking the mashed potatoes. Everyone else will bring salad or dessert, or whatever you like to cook for the December Christmas party. It will be held on the first Tuesday in December. The gentlemen will bring a gift for a man, and all you ladies will bring one for the other ladies. We voted not to spend more than \$15.00 on gifts, if you want to bring one. It should be rock-related. The club will have some door prize drawings for all those who can make it to the party. It will start at 6:00 p.m. I hope to see you all there. We have some great cooks in our club, as you know.

Terry

**Meeting Minutes
October 7, 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 Joyce Croes from Bandon and Kathleen and Dennis Weston. Kathleen is the Secretary of the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Club located at Walla Walla Washington

Terry reported that a nominating committee of Bill Hendrickson, Celeste Brose and Terry will be selecting members willing to serve our club as next year's officers and board members.

Judy Henson gave a Treasurer's report. Judy announced that she will not be available to serve as treasurer next year.

Terry reminded members that the Christmas Party will be held on December 2nd. The party will begin at 6 p.m. New officers will be installed at the Christmas Party and the next meeting will be in January. The club will provide two turkeys, mashed potatoes and gravy, one ham, dinner rolls and beverages. Members are asked to bring salads, veggies and desserts.

Karl Granzow reported that stakes have been ordered for our show signs. Karl called for a short board meeting after the regular meeting to discuss new equipment to be purchased for our workshops.

Sue Granzow announced that she has hard copies of the September/October Reporter that members/friends can pick up. E-mail copies have been mailed. Sue noted that the Sunshine Chairman name(s) need to be updated. Connie Cooley and Debbie McPherson co-chair the Sunshine Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary

Editor's Note: The stakes for our show signs came in and have been given to Terry. Per Karl, they are made from spring steel and are much sturdier than the old ones. This should provide more support for our signs when the wind is blowing. Hopefully they will keep the signs standing up, rather than blowing over.

**Meeting Notes
October 21, 2014**

President Terry Innes called the meeting to order on October 21, 2014 at seven p.m. on the ground floor of the Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend. The meeting opened with the Flag Salute. There was one visitor in attendance, Robert O'Donnell from Coos Bay.

Karl Granzow informed the membership that there would not be an educational DVD shown. In place of the film, Karl shared his recent experience with submitting a faceted sunstone to a competition. He shared the judge's worksheet and explained the rules used for judging.

Terry announced the results submitted by the nominating committee for next year's officers and board members. Candidates are: Terry Innes, President; Karl Granzow, Vice President; Debbie McPherson, Treasurer; Anita Harris, Secretary; Don Innes, NW Federation Rep; and Pat Ames, Roger Gary, Matt Vegar and Kelley Argenta, Board.

Terry reported that Veneita Stender had notified him of the Veteran's Craft Show to be held November 11th through 30th at Pony Village Mall. There is no charge for veterans to display and sell their work. Members acknowledged the birthdays of Don Innes, Virginia Hendrickson and Sarah.Slechta..

Two classes are being scheduled for workshops. Richard Lauth will do another class on wire wrapping next week and Sue Granzow will begin classes soon on using the flat lap.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Harris, Secretary

Editor's Note: Richard's wire wrapping class on October 28 was a huge success - again. It was standing room only by the time I arrived at 5:30. So if we get the honor of him doing this again, you need to get there early if you want a seat.

The two flat laps arrived and Terry and Karl put one of them together. It was determined that they would both be sent back and exchanged for different ones. The water drip system does not close off all the way, and it is very difficult to control the flow of the drip. Also, there is no guard in the front of the machine to stop the water from spraying out and getting the user wet. As of this writing, it was determined to buy 2 laps like the large one the club currently has, but in the 6" size.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

- 11/5 Pat Blue Heron
- 11/11 Debbie McPherson
- 11/13 Ken Yeager
- 11/23 Glenda Hadden
- 11/27 Aleta Nilson
- 11/30 Vicki Daugherty

NOVEMBER Birthstone: CITRINE

Natural, bright yellow citrine is the rarest of the quartz varieties. It is named for the old French word, citrin, meaning lemon. It is revered for its rarity. The ancient Romans used it for jewelry work, and it was very popular in the 19th century.

Citrine is often found in association with amethyst, but it is much rarer than its purple cousin. Because it resists weathering, citrine is also found in aluvial sands and gravels.

The largest supplier of citrine is Brazil, but there are mines in the U.S. In North Carolina, Colorado and California. The most valuable stones are the darkest, sometimes known as “Medeira citrine” for their resemblance to the color of fortified wine. In nature, citrine’s color is due to tiny impurities of ferrous oxide.

It is difficult to distinguish natural from artificially created citrine, although heat treatment does tend to produce a slightly red tint. Because citrine is heat-sensitive, specimens should be protected from excessive exposure to heat or light. Then citrine and amethyst combine in a banded stone, the gem is know as ametrine, and it is also very popular.

Citrine is sometimes confused with topaz, which is much more precious and expensive. Be wary of stones called “topaz quartz”, or “citrine topaz”, because they signal the fact that the less costly citrine is being passed off as something more valuable.

Citrine is yellow to amber in color. It rated a 7 on the Mohs hardness scale. The luster is glassy to vitreous and the transparency is transparent to translucent.

In his book *Healing Crystals*, Michael Gienger states that citrine gives courage to face life, aid in self-expression and helps with depression. It also fortifies the nerves, stomach, spleen and pancreas.

Road trip w/ Glenda Hadden , Wayne McPherson and I (Debbie McPherson), Destination Fort Bragg, California looking for rocks , sea glass and sea shells on the way.

The weather was prefect for the trip. Our first stop was at Fort Dick , just across the California border to a open beach called Kellogg Beach. We found very colorful jasper, agates and fossil shells. The beach was loaded with good finds. A few more miles down the road, the beautiful site of the Redwood trees on Hwy 101. Takes your breath away to see these towering redwood trees.

Next stop Big Lagoon beach,(next to Trinidad Ca.) lots of agate hunters on this beach, but we found a few ourselves. We finally made it to Fortuna ,Ca. where Chapman rock shop and Museum is located. The museum is pretty impressive, filled w/ interesting rocks of all sizes.

We went through the lovely little town of Ferndale. Then on the Lost Coast Hwy. Finding out this road was open range and it was more for the cows for sure. We did find the beach finally. It was a beautiful area, but not much stones or shells to collect on the shoreline. We drove through the Avenues of the Giants Redwood trees and then on to Hwy 1. Finally we made it to Fort Bragg, where the sea glass beach is located on Elm street right in town. If you have not ever seen this site it is stunning, the whole beach is thick with sea glass, you can hear the surf gently rolling the glass back and forth.

The following morning we heading back to Oregon. We made a stop at Stone Lagoon Beach before leaving California . What did we see but a herd of elk on the beach - what a welcome surprise. We took some pictures of the beautiful elk, the bull was huge!!! Then we went off looking for rock on the shore. We did find some jade and serpentine here.

We ended our road trip with a beautiful sunset. Can't wait until the next road trip.

Editor's Note: Thank you Debbie. It sounds like a great trip and I am envious! If anyone else has made any road trips recently, please submit them so the rest of the club can enjoy your trip.

FARWEST LAPIDARY 2015 SHOW

DATES

53rd 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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