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FROM THE EDITOR....

As we give thanks for our blessings this year don't forget our men and women and their families who serve our country. After being apart from my husband for large chunks of time I have a new respect for the sacrifices these families make. I'm also grateful for my friends and fellow rock club members. I treasure our friendship!

As you enjoy the holidays don't forget the show is just around the corner and it is never to early to start planning your display or working on critters. If you've never entered a case, let this be your year. It is a lot of fun and can be as simple or complex as you make it. Application will be in January's newsletter. Don't forget if you go rocking or are working on a project, send me pictures and an article I would love to include it! *Happy Holidays Y'all ~ Jennifer*



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NEXT MEETING:

November 14th

- 7:00 pm
- Refreshments:
 Laura Limb and
 Denise Sebastian
- Program: Opals



Happy Birthday December

Marvin Barrett - Klamath Falls, OR

Sam Chance - Klamath Falls, OR

Dale Clark - Klamath Falls, OR

Cindy Howland - Klamath Falls, OR

Leah Stump - Klamath Falls, OR

Marvin Stump - Klamath Falls, OR

Andrew Taylor - Merrill, OR

Happy Birthday November

Peggy Bieler - Klamath Falls, OR

Jeff Eastburn - Klamath Falls, OR

Heidi Eli - Bonanza, OR

Lisa Haas - Klamath Falls, OR

Linsey Hawkins - Klamath Falls, Or

Greg Hobbs - Klamath Falls, OR

Grace Hurst—Savannah, TN

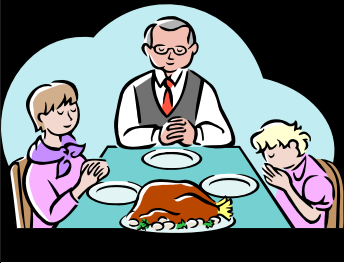
Muriel Johnson - Keno, OR

Lorraine Kochevar - Klamath Falls, OR

Kathi Milem - Klamath Falls, OR

Linda Watson - Klamath Falls, OR





October 10th, 2011 Meeting Minutes *Submitted by Linda Watson*

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Guests: Angela, Anthony, Elizabeth & Haley

Birthday donations accepted

Door prize won: Chuck Newnham, Doris Newnham, Tom Endicott

Kids' program tonight:

Minutes from Meeting – newsletter went out late. Motion to approve made by Chuck Newnham. Seconded by Farisine. Minutes approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Still have money. Unknown balance.

Webmaster/Newsletter Report: New webpage available in January.

Librarians report: Books are out. Donation from Tom Rogers – geology kinda books and really big books. Black light is checked out. Jeff donated a LED sign for use at the show.

Historians Report: New historian

NWF report: Nothing to report. Their publication is online and asking for everyone to get their publication online.

Sunshine Report: No report. Birthdays are now printed in the newsletter.

Old Business: Christmas party date: December 10th, 1-4, contingent on the Museum being available. Alternative would be December 17th. Shirts: will put in next newsletter and on the website to see if there is enough interest to generate another order. Trailer – carpeted and framework is being worked on.

New Business: Feb – 2 ladies donated a lot of rock stuff to the club including equipment and it's up for sale. Dick Taug is inviting people to become a shareholder in some new one in the next month or so. Motion made to authorize printer purchase, Marvin Stump. Seconded by Chuck Newnham. Membership flyers – drafts made up by Denise for membership to peruse. Membership likes the 4-fold. Marvin Stump makes motion to do 4-fold and Doris Newnham seconded it.

Nominations: President, Vice President and Secretary. Will put on website. Marshall will be gathering nominations. Volunteers? Jeff Eastburn is willing to run for president again. Linda wants to be replaced as Recorder.

Show : 1st Show Meeting, Thursday, Nov 3rd, 6:00pm at IYS office. Theme is crystals.

Oct 20th, executive meeting @ 6:30 at the Stumps.

Field trip: 2000 pound petrified wood piece donated by Chuck Newnham, green petrified wood, donated to the Klamath County Museum.

Refreshments: Tom & Margaret Rogers.

Program: presented by Laura Meeting adjourned: 8:10 pm



The Rock Pile

Dues are Due!

Rock Gem Mineral Shows

November 11-13	Puyallup, Wa
November 12-13	Sedro Woolley, WA
November 12-13	Edmonds, WA
November 18-20	Springfield, OR
November 19-20	Bremerton, WA



Money doesn't grow on trees, but we need it if you want to continue to be in the club!



Membership

DUES!

Per the September meeting, dues will be going up next year. Dues will be \$13.50 per Individual, \$25 per family plus \$1.00 per child up to a \$30 maximum. Make a note of it!

From the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Nov/Dec newsletter. A list of who won the bulletin contests. (I hate to toot my own horn)



Peggy Blickfeldt
Bulletin Aids Chair

Wow, what a crazy summer. Well, I promised to let you know who won the Bulletin Aids Contest.

FIRST PLACE

Dr. Carl and Barbara Austin, Original Adult Articles Advanced
Jim Glenn, Original Adult Articles
Jennifer Zimmerlee, Bulletin--Small
Beth Heesacker, Bulletin--Large

SECOND PLACE

Rose Alene McArthur, Original Adult Articles Advanced
Jennifer Zimmerlee, Original Adult Articles
Shirley Metts, Bulletins--Small

THIRD PLACE

Carol Willey, Bulletins--Small

I want to thank thank James Magan and Kathy Hollenback and all the above for their participation in the contest.

I really hope that a lot more clubs will send in their entries for the next contest. Remember it can be anything done in 2011 and the deadline will be the end of January 2012.

Check the AFMS Website out for all the rules and check with me if you have any questions.

I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to Chair this position. I have not only had fun (with some frustration) but I have learned so much.

Please send me pictures of the Christmas party!
Thanks!



Its Election Time, we need nominees for President, Vice President and Secretary to be voted on at the November Meeting. Step up and serve your club!





Food:

Club provides (from the years birthday donations) the Turkey and Ham, you bring drinks, desserts, side dishes, etc. for the club to share! Yummie!



Gift Exchange:

If you are a girl or woman please bring a wrapped gift less than \$10.00 (rock related is great) for another girl/woman. Same if you are a guy, bring a guy's gift. Children can participate if they bring a gift just like the adults. If you don't bring a gift we ask that you don't participate in the exchange.

Robber Bingo:

We play robber bingo, we ask you bring a wrapped gag gift less than \$10.00 the sillier and crazier the better. Past favorites have been a snow measuring stick, a homemade rock hound plaque, a garden dog statue, beans. The more creative the better! The more unusually wrapped the better! TOO MUCH FUN!



**Sunday December 11th 1 to 4 pm
at the Klamath County Museum
(our usual meeting room)**

If you've never been to one of our Christmas parties, please come, it's a hoot! So much fun and awesome food! I've included a few pictures from last year for you to enjoy.





Your Display Case Suggestions and Ideas

Last January, Marshall Curran did a wonderful program on putting together your display for the show which I expanded on a little bit in the February newsletter. I would like to go a little more in depth about creating a display case to help you as you start to plan your case for our show. Our theme is crystals, leaving the realm of possibilities wide open. Remember you don't have to feature crystals, make your case personal to you. Here is a recap from our last news article about cases:

- * Employ contrast for your background and display material
- * Use foam, wood, boxes etc under your display material to give your rocks height and add visual appeal
- * Consider quantity and groupings
- * Keep it simple
- * Play with color and have fun

When looking at display cases at both our show and other shows I would say that we have one of the most outstanding displays of cases that I've ever seen. I've been to shows that have had only 4 or 5 cases total and each year we have more and more. Last year was our largest number of entries yet and we built even more cases, thanks to Marshall and Kermit, and filled those also. If you are thinking of entering do not delay in putting in your application and don't be intimidated, it is easy and fun. When looking at cases at our and others shows there seems to be four types of display cases, consider one of these types when creating your own.

The Educational:

The educational display teaches the guests information about what is inside your case. Whether you are telling a story about your collection, how you collected it or just naming each piece so the public can learn about them; take the time to make sure that your writing is clear, concise, legible and large enough to be seen. Maps, pictures and diagrams can help you emphasize your collection and offer even more insight.





Cases

The Collections:

Our cases are the pride and joy of our members, showing off what you collect is the essence of these cases. Showcasing the sweat equity that it takes to collect your rock and turn it into a work of art or focusing on something about rocks that you love there are several ways that can enhance your case. Try and use different materials like foam, risers or stands to lift your collection to different heights to help show it off. Fabric material of different color or type along with various groupings also help to emphasize different aspects of the collection. The background and sides of your case also create a visual medium so be careful what you choose to put behind your collection so it isn't too busy or overwhelming. Take a moment to get down and look in your case not just down at it, remember a lot of our guests are children who are looking up into your case and the impact that you are trying to create may be lost if they are looking up. Many collections are not theme or even rock related so a little sign letting your audience know what your collection is helps. One member brought his collection of Japanese art which was beautiful and another put in their favorite jewelry so it doesn't have to be something you created yourself.

The Selling:

Sometimes the cases are being put in by dealers or other organizations so they may be using the case to create advertising for their products, not just showing off rocks. If you are an artist, beader, chainmail or wire wrapper and a member and want to include info on yourself, your website or store please remember to keep it rock related and thoughtful. These can be visually enjoyable for our guests while bring in new business for yourself. Make sure you keep a good ratio of information, product, education and selling information to keep your display balanced. We've seen cases that have only 1 or 2 items in it with a brochure that makes it look empty and thrown together with little or no thought. We are trying to have the best cases anyone has ever seen so make sure you keep it tasteful.

The Decorator:

Decorator cases seem to be the favorites of the viewing public, often winning People's Choice awards again and again. These cases feature rocks, but the rocks are a small part of an overall theme bringing in lots of outside elements to create a whole look, much like a professional decorator would do with a room. The rocks become the accents of a larger theme and enhance the total case. Once again look at the case from several angles to make sure it looks good no matter who is looking at it. Make sure you don't make the case too busy and that the rock gets some definition. This can be one of the most fun displays to create as you bring in lots of interesting materials and items to create your overall individual look. Look around your house to see what themes or other things you collect then incorporate this into a look with rocks and before you know it you've created your case.

So no matter what type of case you might create from simple to elaborate, have fun, view from all angles, and start planning now, the show will be here before you know it.





Case Examples



Decorator



Education



Collection



Selling



Show Prep

We Need!

- * Items for door prizes
- * Items for our Door Prize Raffle
- * Critters to be made
- * Tumbled Rock
- * Donation of crystals for our case favors
- * Craft items for our charity table

Wanted:

John Bailey donated two 5 gallon buckets of rock to Linda Watson to be tumbled for the kids table, but we need someone to tumble it. Will you help? Contact Linda for more info at watsongresham@charter.net.

Do you know a worthy charity? Please nominate a charity to benefit from our charity craft table. Last year we gave \$500 to the Klamath County Museum, 2010 we gave the same amount to IYS. Who should we help in 2012?

For those who have searched for Oregon Sunstones on the Club's claims in the Rabbit Basin: Have you ever wondered what that cluster of trailers off to the east was? The group of trailers is the camp area of Sunstones, Inc. (SI). SI is a corporation, formed in 1991, owned by 35 shareholders, and we have nine sunstone claims to the east of the RAC claims.

The corporation takes care of the administrative tasks associated with the BLM and the mining claims. The corporation also operates and maintains claims for the benefit of the shareholders. Each individual shareholder has the opportunity to prospect and mine for sunstones according to their schedule, on what are essentially their private claims. Mining methods are restricted to hand tools and small power tools so that all shareholders have an equal opportunity to find stones. We do not permit any public or fee digging. However, shareholders may invite guests to come out and dig with them.

The corporation currently maintains three pit areas for access by the shareholders. Our colored stones are generally not as large as found on other claims, but they are usually of high quality and vivid color. Our schiller stones are large and unrivaled for quality. The digging is easy as the corporation generally keeps the pit areas clean. The corporation also usually maintains piles of excavated material that can be screened for those who do not wish, or are unable, to dig in the pits.

Currently, there are several shares available for transfer if anyone is interested in moving up to a more serious sunstone experience. The cost of a share is quite reasonable. If you are interested, or would like more information, please give me a call. Dick Taug, (503)-669-0189.