



# Lake City Rockhound News

NORTH IDAHO MINERAL CLUB

**JUNE— JULY 2013**

P.O. Box 1643 Hayden, ID 83835

MEETING AT LAKE CITY CENTER 1916 LAKEWOOD DRIVE

667-4628 6:00 P.M. 3rd Thursday of month Visitors Welcome

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PROGRAM AT MEETING JUNE 20, 2013

FROM AFMS LIBRARY—30 MINUTE DVD

On a subject of my choice if POST SHOW business meeting  
permits.

REFRESHMENTS BY DIANE AND MIKE ROSE

Grand prize award at the show was won by a lady who had landed in Alaska on Sunday morning and was moving to Chicago after her return to CdA . She was quite amazed that she was the winner, and all I hoped (but did not ask) was that she was not **flying** to Chicago, after she picked up her prize from Diane. For all who have not seen the picture (or the amethyst itself) it was a very large geode of dark purple crystals with nice calcite crystals as accents.

**Please take note—there will be no newsletter in July—this is a combined issue and monthly issues will begin again in August. (Ed.)**

## NIMC minutes for May 16, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Beverly Bockman.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes were approved as written and recorded in the Newsletter.

Mike Burton gave the Treasurers report. All bills have been paid and we are waiting on several vendors to make their final table space payments. Mike mentioned that there is some form needed to be filled out and returned to the IRS. He asked for George Rekow to assist him. George and Susan will return to the area about May 30.

**BUSINESS:**

## Show Report:

Beverly Bockman, as advertising person, announced there will be a large advertisement in the Coeur d' Alene Press as well as a coupon in the coupon book distributed by the Coeur d' Alene Press. The local radio station will be at the show again on Saturday morning broadcasting live.

Set up will begin at 7 AM with the Diane Rose in charge of set-up. Karel Mrazek, Corey Brenner, Dale Ruperd will be there to assist and set up tables. Corey will handle the cords in the ceiling with Bob Riley assisting. The rest of the members that will assist with skirting and other set-up tasks are asked to arrive at 8 AM. All members are encouraged to come if they are available. Many hands make light work!  
Vendors will be allowed to start setting up at noon [Friday May 31]

We will have several persons demonstrating this year. Tommie Erst and Dale Ruperd will demonstrate faceting. Becky Tallman will demonstrate beading around cabochons. Chuck Prentice will demonstrate knapping on Saturday. Terry Deal will demonstrate his machine and making cabochons. Corey offered to help with the dinner Friday night for vendors and all club members as well. Please sign up with what you plan on bringing to the potluck [May 31] starting at 6 PM.

There are 100 Club brochures ready for the show created by Mike Burton. Northern State Security and Investigation will again do security for the show. They did security last year. The Show will be Saturday June 1 from 10:00 Am to 5:00 PM. Sunday June 2 from 10:00 AM to 4 PM. Again, many hands make light work so please come whenever you can. We need a team effort to make the show a success.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Joan Gundluch memorial service will be June 1 at the Kroc Center, while our show is going on at the Fair Grounds. A motion was made to donate \$100 to the Tubbs Hill Fund in Joan's memory. Motion made by Karel Mrazek seconded by Bob Riley. Passed.

## Possible field trip:

Karel Mrazek showed an article in Rock and Gem Magazine about Calvert Hill Mine in MT. He had samples of what could be found there and also has detailed directions to the mine.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM. Refreshments provided by Beverly and Bob Bockman and others. Thank you all!

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Rose, Secretary

Following the meeting we watched some demonstrations by lapidarists on their methods of sawing, grinding and polishing cabs. The DVD was furnished by Mike Burton, obtained from You Tube. This should have been particularly interesting for some of our newer members—and it always makes me “quiver” a little when I see someone doing cabs without a dop stick—just fingers!!

**SINCERE AND HEARTY THANKS FOR THE MANY MEMBERS WHO SHOWED UP TO HELP WITH THE SET-UP FOR THE SHOW**

— with special thanks to the entire Fitzpatrick family who pitched in wherever needed. Hiram Madland was a master grand prize seller!! The potluck was well attended and we had great food. Thanks to Joyce for ordering and bringing the chicken...Corey, Bob Riley and Johnie Pitman for managing the high wiring.. Ginger Pitman, Sandra, and lots of folks for helping with skirting. . Dennis Elson was everywhere! and I'm already missing his presence when he and his wife become snow birds.

The Hutchinsons helped all weekend and responded to every need. Cindy Yates and Susan Rekow manned the kids corner with the help of several of the junior members of the club. Headricks', Joyce, Mike B. and others did tickets. I know I've neglected to name others, but you know how much you were appreciated. The demonstrators had too much fun!! Thanks Dale and Tommie, and Rich. Becky Tallman wrote me after the show and said that she would love to come back anytime.

Diane and Corey and Dale laid out the floor for the placement of tables and vendor spaces which is the first and very important beginning. James Finckbone worked hard as usual with set-up—and then he had to get ready to do his other job. But I have saved much of my admiration for the members of the club who worked their \_\_\_\_ off taking the place apart after the show ended and taking everything back to storage. Bob always likened it to striking a circus if you've ever been around when the big top came down. I just took all the liners home and inspected and rewrapped for next year. The big boys did all the hard work!! 3 1/2 hours.

Just a note here about the great display cases that were our pleasure to have this year. The obsidian knives and carvings by Mario Marcellas, and the beautiful beading around exquisite cabs by Marian Knack, the Bruneau case from Gerald Scarrow, the mineral case from Richard Petrovic, the "field trip" display by Diane and Mike. and the club case with work by Bev, Everett, Warren, Dale, Corey, Mike Burton, Joan Gundlach and Sandra.

Two sad notes were— missing Joan, and the unexpected death of the mother of Azara—one of our vendors from Montana. On a different matter—Mike Burton reports attendance to be 780 folks, which is not bad for our efforts.

Think ahead to next year and how we can improve—Suggestions wanted.! The Prez

**HOPE I AM NOT GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF—BUT OUR CUSTOMARY JULY PICNIC MEETING TAKES PLACE AT DALTON GARDENS CITY PARK ON THE SAME DAY AS OUR MEETING USUALLY OCCURS, WHICH WOULD MAKE IT JULY 18 THIS YEAR. PAY ATTENTION TO PLANS AT THE JUNE MEETING. WE USUALLY ARRIVE AT THE PICNIC SHELTER BY 5:30 AND START THE MEAL AT ABOUT 6. THIS IS A POTLUCK, SO SEE TOMMIE AND CINDY ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO BRING. THE CLUB FURNISHES THE ENTRÉE, AND BEVERAGES (POP),SO WE'LL NEED SALADS AND DESSERTS. THE SILENT AUCTION WILL BE A BIG ONE!**

#### ROCKHOUND RIDDLES

1. Name a likeable rock
2. What mineral is always hungry ?
3. How do geologists measure water?
4. What should all geologists know?
5. What mineral catches thieves?
6. What is an opening in a fence?
7. How do you keep a boat from drifting?
8. What vegetable is used to weigh gem stones?
9. Where does a skeleton sleep?
10. Name a citrus rock.
11. What is a teenage snake?
12. A through F paid. What about G?

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from Fossil Trails 10/96

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As you have noticed—I am not above giving a little pep talk now and then—and just now when you are all full of team spirit seems like a good time. The editor of this newsletter belongs to something known as S.C.R.I.B.E. (Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors) The following appeared in a recent issue of the SCRIBE bulletin—hope you enjoy the content. You all have proved that you are not just spectators! THANK YOU!

## **PARTICIPATION IN A MINERAL CLUB IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT**

*By Sheryl E. Sims*

Membership in a mineral club is like being a member of any sporting organization. The similarities abound! A good team is made up of a number of people interested in a common objective. The same holds true for our mineral clubs. As with any team, participants may come from different backgrounds, but they contribute in many different ways to the success of that team. Each club member should support their club, even if it's only in a small way. It's important to remember that support leads to participation. Participation leads to increased membership and club activities.

Teams have managers. Mineral clubs call them officers / directors. They take the lead in planning and insuring that the club operations are successfully carried out. If you will notice, in sports, while managers are actively involved in the game, the success of the game does not rest solely on their shoulders. Everyone has a part to play and it's the team, who in fact, contributes to its success.

Every team has its "starters". The starters in our clubs are that core group of members who regularly show up to meetings. How we count on them! There's nothing worse than arranging for a speaker only to be met with poor attendance. Starters volunteer to help club officers find speakers, organize fieldtrips, and even bring refreshments. If there is a will, there is a way, with starters! Their "can do" spirit is to be commended and they frequently agree to serve as officers. They are ready to serve on nominating committees when you need them as well. Starters are those committed members who refuse to watch their club fade away due to lack of interest. Their warm smiles and friendly personalities create the inviting atmosphere that we all enjoy.

Maybe you feel that you can't do the types of things that starters do. If you don't have time to fully take on such a role, why not agree to assist them with a particular task? It's a great way to learn and to connect with other members. This is especially true

for new members. Jump right in and let someone know that you'd like to help!

Pinch-hitters are valuable. We all know the pinch-hitters in our clubs. These individuals are great in emergencies, aren't they? They step in and give presentations when speakers can't be found. They give "so-and-so" a ride to the meeting when their car breaks down, and are pros at multi-tasking. You'll find them setting up at mineral shows and breaking displays down when others are long gone. Pinch-hitters, are quick to volunteer to take the club's minutes when the secretary is out. They put their heads together and get the audio visual equipment working when gremlins strike. Pinch-hitters arrive to meetings early with an extra bottle of soda or plate of cookies "just in case". Pinch-hitters must have been scouts at one time or another, because they are always prepared. They are also quick to share club information with visitors when club officers are otherwise engaged.

When it comes to veteran members, just like in sports, no one can do without them. If your club has such seasoned members, then your club is indeed fortunate. Their knowledge and experience allows them to share their expertise regarding that which we might not otherwise have access. They seem to always have a bit of time for you. Veterans patiently explain things we don't understand about minerals, love to share their knowledge, and are able to answer historical questions. Veterans are great with young or new rock hounds, too! They are never too tired to answer just one more question or identify one more mineral.

Do you think that you can't do anything for your club? Do you like to write or have suggestions to share? Can you provide presentation ideas or refreshments? How about providing minerals for discussion, study, or door prizes? Are you willing to serve as, or help a club officer! Perhaps you have organizational skills and are willing to organize your club's historical documents. Maybe you can take club pictures or create a club scrapbook! As you can see, there are countless ways to be a team player and a good club member. Don't just sit back and watch! Volunteer and help your club hit a home run!

Answers to Rock Riddles—1. gneiss 2. apatite 3. with quartz  
4. their faults 5. copper 6 agate 7. ankerite 8. carat 9, in a  
bonebed 10 limestone 11. serpentine 12. geode.

## **WHERE TO FIND BEACH AGATES IN OREGON**

There are many good spots along Oregon beaches to find jasper, petrified wood, and fossils. Agates are more likely to be found from December to March, especially after storms. Agates come from erosion of cliffs along beaches and rivers where they wash out to the ocean and get polished in the surf over time.

In the summer, agates on sandy beaches are deep beneath the sand. Winter storms remove sand and expose the agates underneath.

**Cannon Beach to Cape Falcon:** Access this area by way of Arcadia Beach, Tolovana Beach, Hug Point, Cove Beach, and Short Sand Beach.

**Tillamook Bay:** Along Bay Ocean Road you can find marine fossils, agate, and jasper.

**Netarts and Oceanside:** The beach between Netarts and Oceanside has gravel deposits where you can find agate, jasper, sagenite, zeolite, and "Oregon jade" (garnet).

**Lincoln City:** Here you can find agate, jasper, "Oregon jade," and fossilized coral.

**Otter Rock to Newport - Beverly Beach, Moolack Beach:** Agate, jasper, petrified wood, and fossilized clam and mollusk shells can be found here. Agate beach is no longer a good place to find agates, they are under many feet of sand.

**Beverly Beach** is the place to go if fossils are what you dig. During the winter, rocks wash up onto the beach that are loaded with fossil clams and snail shells. Even if the beach is bare, check the creeks along the beach - you can find fossil clam shells the size of your hand embedded in the rocks!

**Newport north jetty:** Interesting agates can be found here under the bridge.

**Waldport Bay:** Along the north side of Waldport Bay small but nice agates can be found.

**Yachats to Florence** These are some of the best rock hunting beaches in the state because there are 4 creeks that empty here - Cummins, Tenmile, Big, and China Creeks. There are several parks that access the beach in this area: Agate Point, Neptune Beach, Stonefield Beach, Roosevelt Beach, and Washburne Beach. Here you can find colorful agates, agates with inclusions, petrified wood, chalcedony, bloodstone, and jasper.

**Cape Arago**, especially north and south facing inlets trap agates. You can find multicolored flower jasper, banded agate and petrified wood here.

For more information go to <http://people.oregonstate.edu/~wilsolau/agates.html>

From the Rock Likker—Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society

### **HINTS & TIPS FOR THE SILVERSMITHS**

The success of the final polish on silver depends on the number of buffing wheel threads - not the amount of rouge used. A cheaper buff will not give the same results as a quality one.

Plain old-fashioned whiting moistened with ammonia water makes an excellent agent for polishing tarnished silver. Wipe the paste on; allow it to dry; then rub with a piece of lemon. Wash and dry thoroughly. The silver will stay brighter longer than with ordinary cleansing.

To rub smooth the high points of a gold article, use sodium bicarbonate with a minimum of water.  
To antique silver jewelry, paint the pieces to be darkened with raw egg yolk. Rinse off the egg and rub highlights with Linde A.  
Glue your pattern on the silver with rubber cement. It

removes easily.

Bon Ami applied with a toothbrush will give a satin finish.

One of the most useful and versatile tools on your workbench should be the orangewood stick. This tool is sold for the purpose if working on cuticles and is available in all cosmetic departments. The orangewood stick is soft enough not to mar gold or silver, yet is hard enough to use as a pushing tool in setting prongs. It will not scratch gems and will reach into impossible places.

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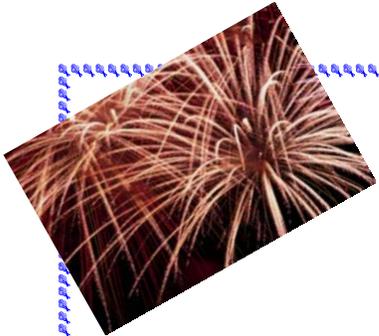
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**Save ALL your cancelled stamps for cancer re-search-bring to meeting, and give to Dale Ruperd**

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