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TUALATIN VALLEY ROCK AND GEM CLUB
P.O. Box 641, Forest Grove, OR 97116

Meetings are held at: Forest Grove Senior Center, 2037 Douglas; the second and fourth Thursday at 7:30 P.M (Junior club meets on the same schedule.) There is no meeting in December. Visitors are always welcome!

DUES: \$10.00 for one adult; \$20.00 for a household; \$10.00 for HY GRADER only. Mail dues to TVGC, PO Box 641, Forest Grove, OR 97116.

The HY GRADER will be published at least 9 times each year, before the meeting. Its purpose is to inform the reader about club activities and Federation news, to provide educational articles, shop hints, safety tips, and a laugh or two!

All material in this newsletter may be reprinted if proper credit is given. Exchange newsletters welcome.

- ◇ Members are urged to contribute items for the newsletter. All items to be published should be in the hands of the editor, Linda Harvey, PO Box 19595, Portland, OR 97219, DGGR@COMCAST.NET no later than the 28th of the month preceding publication.
- ◇ General club objectives: To promote popular interest and education in the various earth sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, and Lapidary as well as other related subjects, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons interested therein.
- ◇ The club participates in the NFMS stamp program, saving large commemoratives, airmail, pre-cancelled, foreign stamps, and "ordinary" stamps of all values. Proceeds from stamp sales will be used to benefit any charity deemed worthy by the NFMS Endowment fund.

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TVRGC President's Message By Mitch Metcalf

New logo designs due in April.

OK... the new website is up and running and we've even gotten new members because of it. Now it's time to make a logo change that incorporates the new word '**ROCK**' and initials '**TVRGC**'. If you've got something for us to look at, bring it to the next meeting.

New webmaster named

Walt Butler will be handling website duties. You can find his contact info at www.TVRGC.org. The website will also have a link to a new 'Blog' site that will soon be up and running. This will give us some pretty nifty capability to stay current and interesting, More on that when it's done.

Second Thursdays format

Our second Thursday 'Rock Swap' is off and running. We had some great items show up and there were also lots of wonderful treats. Moving forward... members are encouraged to bring items they want to sell, trade or just show off and we will dedicate this time to supporting you. Plans include running announcements in the local paper, listing on the Senior Centers calendar and posting on local bulletin boards, facebook page and our websites blog. I need someone to help out with the club's sales table. Please contact me if you can help.

Upcoming field trip

Brian True has got a full itinerary of field trips planned for this year. Keep your calendars updated. Our first one of the year will be Clear Creek, April 13th. We'll be meeting at the Senior Center and will caravan from there. 8 AM

Happy Spring... Yippee

2013 Dues are now past due for some!

If you wish to remain a member of the club (& we sincerely hope you do) please fill out the form below and either mail it to the address listed or bring it with you to the April 11 meeting.

Contact Dorothy Snook at 503.648.3989 if you are no longer able to attend the meetings and wish to be removed from the roster.

TUALATIN VALLEY ROCK & GEM CLUB

Date: _____

2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Mail to: TVRGC, PO Box 641, Forest Grove, OR 97116 or pay at the next meeting.

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Individuals: \$10.00 per year* Families: \$20.00 per year (living in same household)*

Cash \$ _____ Check \$ _____ Check #: _____

* 1/2 price after June 30.

Treasurer – receipt _____ Secretary – cards _____ Membership Chair _____

Tualatin Valley Rock & Gem Club**Board Meeting**

Minutes for March 14, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Carl Weaver.

Present:

Mitch Metcalf, Cyndi Stram, Jack Graham, Brian and Dave True, Dorothy Snook, Roy Woo, Carl Weaver and Cindy Yablok (substituting for Linda Harvey)

February minutes approved.

A request was made that the board approve member sales table commission to the club is 10%. The motion was seconded and approved.

Committee report – security went well.

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion financial outcome of the Rock show from the previous week was positive. More to come next month.

Communications:

Club communications included Maplewood Rock & Gem Show.

Old Business:

- ◆ Dorothy- New members file folders got printed.
- ◆ Business was discussed of how to store old minutes from past meetings. Jack volunteered to assist in archiving.
- ◆ Donation to the Rice Museum for \$100. was discussed and approved.

New Business:

- ◆ Business was discussed of long and outstanding member award.
- ◆ Walt Butler is the Webmaster.
- ◆ Bob & Jean Collinson agreed to be representative for director and delegate of Northwest Fed Business was discussed of next year's show chair.
- ◆ Field trip schedule was read. Discussion of taking trips with other clubs followed. Members from other clubs or anyone who is not a member of the Tualatin Valley Gem Club are to be considered guests and need to be accompanied by the inviting TVGRC member. All field trips are to start by meeting at the Senior Center
- ◆ Discussion continued on how to publish field trip information on the web site.
- ◆ New discussion on issues that need to be resolved for next year's show took place of which included repairs, show times, advertising and food vendor.

Board meeting adjourned,

Cindy Yablok, substituting for Linda Harvey, Secretary

**Tualatin Valley Rock & Gem Club
Regular Meeting**

Minutes for March 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mitch Metcalf, President, who welcomed members and guests and asked for the following reports:

Sunshine: none available

Guests: Tracy Baslington , and Darcy Lawer and Brian.

Guests (for March 28, 2013): Bonnie Jarell, Debby DeCarlo, Shirll Dahl and Patricia Carter

Program: Given by Le and Ann Snelling , from Silverton, OR, who are members of Friends of Mineralogy. Program was on storage and resources of minerals included a slide show, a handout and discussion.

The presenters brought in different examples of containers to be used such as boxes from office supply stores. Different examples of packing materials included Dry Cleaning bags that can wrap around the specimens. Special considerations were also discussed such as long term and short term storage and if the mineral had photo reactivity considerations. The handout also gave a listing of resources for more information on the collecting of minerals in books, magazines and on line. (The handout also specifies the document may not be reproduced without consent)

Field Trips: Brian gave a listing to be published in the Hy Grader and handout on the Field trip schedule for the club and stated that all trips will start at the Senior Center and guests must be accompanied by Tualatin Valley Gem Club members.

Mitch restated the Field trip policy that any member of another club (or non TVGRC member) is to be considered a guest of a member of the Tualatin Valley Gem Club member and must be accompanied by one.

Show: After the presentation, Mitch commented on the club shows success and thanked all who had participated. Mitch thanked the Rice Museum for their participation of displays at the show.

Display Table: Rock table display participants included Brian True, Art Miller, Steve Rutledge and Jean Hunt.

Meeting adjourned:

Minutes submitted by Cindy Yablok, substituting for Linda Harvey.

Welcome New Members!

Tracey Baslington
Chester, Jo & Adam Epperson
Darcy Lawer
Dawn Scott & Shawn Frank
Janet Wehiltz
Isaac & Natasha Wright



TVRGC EVENT SCHEDULE

Board Meetings start at 6:30 pm, backroom of Senior Center
Regular & Social Meetings start at 7:30 pm, main room of Senior Center

Apr 11: Board meeting/Regular meeting
 Display theme: tbd
 Program: Gems - Paul Gennrich

Apr 25: Rock Swap / Social meeting

May 9: Board meeting/Regular meeting
 Display theme: tbd
 Program: Geology of Skaergaard intrusion - Eric Brown (Rice NW Museum)

May 23: Rock Swap / Social meeting



Sunshine Report

Dorothy Snook is our Sunshine Chairman, phone 503-648-3989.

Please call her if someone is ill, in the hospital or has had a death in the family so she can send a card.

Cards were sent to: Mary White had surgery; David Roedel had knee surgery (both knees)

Others who were ill: Don Kendall may need surgery for a hernia; Irene Tanelian and Brent Marker

In memory of: Howard Deakin - passed in December

Mike Malakowski - passed on March 21st. Services were on March 28th.

Please remember them all in your thoughts and prayers.



CLASSES

Don Kendall, for info call 503-357-3344

Classes held: Monday evenings for faceting, lapidary and jewelry.



Carl Weaver, for info call 503.357.9195
 Silversmithing Classes held: Tuesday mornings

2013 TVRGC Field Trip Schedule



- April 13 Clear Creek, Vernonia, OR
 Material: Carnelian, agate, quartz
 Meeting Place: Forest Grove Senior Center
 Leaving at: 8:00am (don't be late)
- May 4 Hall Museum of Minerals, La Center, WA
 Event: tour of museum & potluck
 Meeting Place: Forest Grove Senior Center (or meet us there)
 Leaving at: 9:15am
 Arrive at museum: 10:30am
- May 11 J2B2 Rock Ranch, Albany, OR
 Material: Miscellaneous
- June 15 Holleywood Ranch, Holley, OR
 Material: Petrified wood
- June 26 - 30 Madras Pow-wow, Jefferson Cnty Fairgrounds
 Show
- August 2 Richardson's Rock Ranch, Madras, OR
 Material: Thunder eggs
- August 3 - 4 Hampton Buttes, Prineville, OR
 Material: Green petrified wood, jasper, agate
- October 5 Saddle Mt, WA
 Material: Petrified wood
- October 6 Greenwater, WA
 Material: Black agate

Contact Brian True for more information or to sign up for a trip.



Other Shows/Events Calendar

April 20 (10-6) & April 21 (10-4)	Yakima Rock and Mineral (52nd Parade of Gems) Wash. Nat'l Guard Armory, 2501 Airport Lane, Yakima, WA 98903 Admission: \$3.50 Adult, \$2.00 Students, under 12 free with adult
Apr 19 (9-6) Apr 20 (10-6) & Apr 21 (10-4:30)	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society, Inc. (58th Annual Show) Polk Cnty Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR www.wamsi.org \$2.00 admission
April 27-28 (10-5)	West Seattle Rock Club (Rock and Gem Show - "Earth's Treasures") Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116 www.westseattlerockclub.org Free parking
July 4-7	Sister's Round-up of Gems Sisters Elementary School, Sisters, OR Free admission
July 11-14 (10-5)	Cascade Locks Rock, Gem & Craft Festival Marina Park Free admission
August 10	Northwest Fossil Fest Rice NW Museum of Rocks and Minerals, Hillsboro, OR Free admission

ON the WEB—Links to Sites of Interest

TVRGC – www.tvrgc.org
 NFMS – www.amfed.org/nfms/
 Oregon Council – www.oregoncouncilrnc.org/
 Portland Regional – www.portlandregionalgemandmineral.org

For Sale or Trade

100 pound keg of 60/90 tumbling grit (unopened) to sell or trade for some 220 tumbling grit. Contact Don Schattauer at 503.649.7794 if interested.

Birthstone for the month of April - Diamond

Not all diamonds originated on or in the Earth. Meteorites have been known to contain carbon possibly in the form of diamonds. Very small diamonds called microdiamonds or nanodiamonds have been found at meteorite impact craters (Popigai crater in Russia) shock zones of high pressure and heat. (Wikipedia)