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TVRGC President's Message By Mitch Metcalf

January President's message

March Show

We are in the final month before our show in March and this is the time for nailing down the details and preparing ourselves to put on the best show we can. Show set-up will be on Thursday, the 6th. If you can come out and help, come to the Washington County Fairplex main building at 9am. Lunch is provided for the crew.

Display space is still available. See Carl Weaver, who has the sign up forms. And if you need a case, the club will loan you one.

Those of you with rock tumbling equipment, now is the time to be tumbling rocks for our kids corner table. This is also the time to be making the little grab bags to put the rocks in.

If you are not currently assigned, get involved and help your club out. Contact me and let's talk about what you can do.

Club Trailer.

Our club trailer has just gone through some extensive repairs and we will be putting on some paint when the weather warms up a bit. I've asked new member Mick Gale to organize this effort. If you can help Mick with materials or labor, get in touch with him.

By Laws and Operating Procedures

Dorothy Snook is spearheading the effort to update our by-laws and the first meeting has just taken place. We expect to have a final draft by April.

Field Trips

Our field trip calendar will be a busy one this year. I know Brian has been planning to outdo what he did last year, so if you like to go out rock-hounding, this will be a great year.

Mitch Metcalf

TVRGC March Show Managers

Show Chair:	Mitch Metcalf	president@tvrgc.org	503.726.9168
Asst. Show Chair:	Walt Butler	webmaster@tvrgc.org	503.641.3451
Dealer Chair:	Rose Jackson	1jeweledrose@comcast.net	503.349.7418
Display Chair:	Carl Weaver	cmw97119@gmail.com	503.357.9195
Front Door/tkts:	Dorothy Snook	dmsnook28@yahoo.com	503.648.3989
Kid's Corner:	Tiffany Jackson	viperlapidary@gmail.com	503.707.5062
Security:	Jeff Payne	vicepresident@tvrgc.org	707.685.0604
Silent Auction:	Tom Wilson	thomaswilson472@msn.com	503.359.5918
Raffle:	OPEN		
Door Prize:	OPEN		
Sales Table/DemoArea:	Beverly Berkholtz		503.429.6300
Announcer:	Daryl Brady, Carl Weaver, Mitch Metcalf		
Signs:	Mick Gale	m6idm6art@gmail.com	224.420.0100
Set-up Luncheon Thurs.:	Jean Hunt	cjhunt@coho.net	503.662.4790

Set-up Lunch: We are looking for six (6) full crockpots of hearty chili, soup, or chowder for the club's March Show set-up lunch (feeding workers and vendors) Thursday, March 6. Crackers, condiments and other items will accompany lunch. Coffee, milk, and donuts will be provided earlier that morning. Volunteers please sign up with Jean Hunt at the next meeting, or call 503.662.4790.

Workers will not go hungry! Join us!
(JH)

Tualatin Valley Rock & Gem Club

Board Meeting

Minutes for January 9, 2014

Present:

Mitch Metcalf, Jeff Payne, Gayle & Walt Butler, Cyndi Stram, Dorothy Snook, Brian and Dave True, Lara O'Dwyer-Brown, Roy Woo and Linda Harvey

Meeting was called to order by Jeff at 6:40pm.

Correction to November minutes: Trailer storage is \$75.00 not \$25.00 as reported in December HyGrader. Minutes were approved with the correction.

Treasurer's Report:

- ◆ Bills were presented for the trophy and plaque. Petty cash was reimbursed.
- ◆ There was some discussion regarding the bill for moving and storage of the club trailer. The bill was combined with the Portland Regional trailer moving and storage bill. Mitch to speak with Jeff Dyke to separate the invoice between the two entities.
- ◆ Treasurer's report was approved.

Communications: Rice NW Museum letter from Lara thanking the club for its sponsorship. She included upcoming changes at the museum and new and updated events for 2014.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ Show chairman is Mitch for our March show (8-10). Walt will be assistant show chairman. Mitch to send a list of filled show positions. Display chairman is still needed. Tiffany will do Kid's Corner and Beverly Berkholtz will do the display tables (demos and member show sales), Roy Woo is doing publicity. Rose will contact dealers and Dorothy is doing admissions.
- ◆ Roy gave information for paid advertising in the Forest Grove News Times and the Hillsboro Tribune. This year we will advertise 2 weeks in both papers. Expenditure was approved.
- ◆ Roy will write and submit an article to put in the paper regarding the upcoming show.
- ◆ Linda will do notices in free online event calendars.
- ◆ Cyndi mentioned event flyers placed in Forest Grove utility bills.

Old Business:

- ◆ Discussion on changing the club case at the Rice NW Museum.
- ◆ Mitch brought up the repairs that have been done to the club trailer to make it road legal. The bill has not been presented at this time. It now has new led lights, new tires, airlines have been cleared, glad hands and brakes have been fixed.
- ◆ Next step is to acid wash and paint. Painting to be done when it gets warmer and sealer would be good to have for the top.

New Business:

- ◆ New bills were discussed and all but two were approved for payment. Some research is needed before making payment for insurance bill and the trailer storage and moving requires a separate bill from the Regional trailer fees.
- ◆ Generic email addresses for the public to use have been created for board members.
- ◆ Some discussion on generating more revenue to be able to buy estate sale rock collections.

Meeting ended at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Harvey

Secretary, Tualatin Valley Rock and Gem Club



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.

Don Kendall is home and being helped by a family member.



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

February 13: Board Meeting / Regular Meeting
Program: "What is the NW Federation of Mineralogical Societies" -
Bob Collinson

February 27: Social Meeting

March 13: Board Meeting / Regular Meeting
Program: "Volcanos" - Betsy Julian

March 27: Social Meeting

April 10: Board Meeting / Regular Meeting
Program: "Rice NW Museum of Rocks & Minerals Curator" - Lara
O'Dwyer-Brown

April 24: Social Meeting

Refreshments: At the January 23 meeting an opinion survey about our club's refreshments was started. If you did not get a chance to input to the survey, please look for the survey form at the next meeting and share your thoughts. So far member input has been generally supportive and has provided ideas and suggestions. Remember refreshments are provided for and supported by its users and any dime, quarter or dollar dropped in the donation basket helps pay for the coffee, cups, napkins, spoons, etc. used at the meetings. Please share your comments on the survey form (or call Jean Hunt) and we will strive to make our meeting's Refreshment time a welcome social function. HERB TEA coming up! JH

Remember to pay your dues! If you do not plan to renew your membership, please let Dorothy Snook know - email: dmsnook2@yahoo.com or phone: 503.648.3989. We hope you will stay but if not, we would appreciate you letting us know so we can keep our membership roster current.

Thank You!



Welcome New Members!



Marian Clark (Portland)
Robert Dixon (Hillsboro)
Shawn Martin (Forest Grove)
Deborah Schlienzen (Vancouver)

Tualatin Valley Rock & Gem Club Regular Meeting

Minutes for January 9, 2014

Mitch started meeting with information on upcoming March Show and need for additional volunteers and updates on the club trailer. The trailer will be a cost to the club for repairs and there is a need for volunteers for a wash/paint party to first clean then when it is warmer repaint the trailer.

Show Update: Think of ways to volunteer to help out. Tiffany Jackson will do Kid's Corner, at this time no additional rock critters are needed but do need polished rocks. Rose needs people to make rock bags. The pattern is in this newsletter.

Field Trips:

- ◆ Brian has some ideas of places to go but nothing scheduled for 2014 at this time: near Prineville for tube agate, Clear Creek, Graveyard Point, Succor Creek and Holleywood Ranch. Let Brian know if you have a suggestion for a field trip.
- ◆ Mitch reminded everyone that Brian was member of the year for 2013.

Old Business:

- ◆ Carl passed around a sign up sheet for prospective displays for the show.
- ◆ Tom Wilson brought up a suggestion for a month to month change of the display at the Rice NW Museum. People could double up if they want to. Doing the display this way, members wouldn't have to leave items in for 6 months.

New Business:

- ◆ Rice NW Museum is having a Mystery Mineral Day on Feb. 23, 1-5 pm. All are encouraged to bring specimens they would like to have identified to the museum. See if you can stump the experts.
- ◆ Mitch read Lara's (curator at Rice NW Museum) letter. She included upcoming changes at the museum - her leaving, needing new management at the museum, and upcoming events for 2014.
- ◆ Roy gave information on upcoming programs. June or July there will be a lapidary program - Roy with a polishing machine and Brian with a buffer. Looks to be a good program. Mitch brought up our May 8th program featuring Garrett Romaine.

Program was "Limb Cast - South Fork of Crooked River" by Cal Davis.

Rock table display participants included Brian True, Taylor Hunt, Beverly Berkholtz and Jeff Payne.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,
Linda Harvey
Secretary, TVRGC



CLASSES

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

NEW SHOP

Rare Earth Creations (Shawn Coon)
503.324.ROCK (7625)
13650 NW Main St., Banks, Oregon
rareearthcreations@frontier.com

Events at the Rice NW Museum

The Rice NW Museum of Rocks and Minerals will be hosting a gemology course taught by Dr. Duane Ray, a GIA graduate. It will consist of five 2 hour sessions starting March 1st (1, 8, 15, 22, 29) For additional information or to register contact the Rice NW Museum at 503.647.2418 or visit their website at www.ricenorthwestmuseum.org. Cost is \$50 for the series.

Other Events at the Museum

- Feb 23 (1-5) Mystery Mineral Day
- Apr 19 (10-5) Thunder-Egg-Stravaganza!
- May 24 (10-5) Meteorite and Family Fun Day (tentative) includes new meteorite exhibit opening.
- Aug 2-3 (10-5) 11th Annual Summer Festival

Rose Jackson's Directions for making grab bags - needed for the March show!

Solid line is the pattern to cut.

Dotted line is the fold - it makes the pocket for Step 2.

Dashed line is the sew - step 4 - after folding

- Step 1: Cut fabric to size (cut this page on the solid line)
- Step 2: Cut string, yarn or cording 12" long and place in top of pocket before sewing. (pocket made when folding dotted line)
- Step 3: Sew top pocket making sure **not** to sew over string.
- Step 4: Fold in 1/2 with right side (pretty side) together & sew together.
- Step 5: Turn right side out.

Thank you!

*Other Shows/Events Calendar***2014**

March 7-8 (9-5)	56 Annual Tualatin Valley Rock & Gem Club Show
9 (10-5)	Washington County Fairplex, Hillsboro, OR Admission: Adults - \$1.00, 12 & under - Free with adult
March 29 (10-6)	Sweet Home 66th Annual Gem & Mineral Show
30 (10-5)	1641 Long Street (High School Gym), Sweet Home OR Admission: Adults \$.50, 12 & under- Free with adult
April 11-12 (10-5)	Mt Hood Rock Club Show
13 (10-4)	Kliever Memorial NG Armory, 10000 NE 33rd Dr, Portland, OR 97221 Admission: Free (one rock free to each child)
May 3 (9-5)	Everett Rock & Gem Club 61st Annual Gem Show
4 (10-5)	Everett Community College, Student Fitness Center 2206 Tower St, Everett, WA Admission: Free
June 21-22	Oregon Coast Agate Club - 51st Annual Gem & Mineral Show Yaquina View Elementary School 351SE Harney St, Newport, OR 97365 Www.coastagates.org for more information
Aug 15 - 16 (10-6)	NFMS Rock & Gem Show & Convention
17 (10-4)	415 S Hiway 395, Hermiston, OR (Hermiston Conference Center) Admission: \$3.50/day or \$9.00/all 3 days, 12 & under Free with an adult

Find Us On the WEB**TVRGC: www.tvrgc.org****NFMS: www.amfed.org/nfms/****Oregon Council: www.oregoncouncilrnc.org/****Portland Regional: www.portlandregionalgemandmineral.org****Birthstone for the month of February - Amethyst**

Synthetic amethyst is made to imitate the best quality amethyst. Its chemical and physical properties are so similar to that of natural amethyst that it can not be differentiated with absolute certainty without advanced gemological testing (which is often cost-prohibitive). There is one test based on "Brazil law twinning" (a form of quartz twinning where right and left hand quartz structures are combined in a single crystal) which can be used to identify synthetic amethyst rather easily. It is possible to synthesize twinned amethyst, but this type is not available in large quantities in the market.