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**TUALATIN VALLEY GEM CLUB**  
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Meetings are held at the Forest Grove Senior Center, 2037 Douglas, on the second Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. Junior club meets on the same schedule. There is no meeting in December. Visitors are always welcome!

DUES are \$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 first Wednesday 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 bulletin may be reprinted if proper credit is given. Exchange bulletins welcome.

Members are urged to contribute items for the bulletin. All items to be published should be in the hands of the editor, Pamela Hunt, 740 Tanner Creek Road, Gaston, OR 97119, PAMELAANDANDREW@LIVE.COM no later than the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication.

General objectives of the club: 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.

Tualatin Valley Gem Club is affiliated with the Northwest Federation and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Oregon Council of Rock & Mineral Clubs, and is a member of the Portland Regional Show Association.

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## TVGC Event Schedule

**July 12:** Board meeting 6:30 pm, back room of Senior Center  
TVGC regular meeting 7:30 p.m. main room of Senior Center  
Display theme: Open Display  
Program: See below  
Future Programs

July: DVD

August: Meeting will be at the Rice NW Museum.

September: John Marshall, Topic: Lake Superior Agates. Mr. Marshall is the author of the book "Lake Superior Agates"

October: DVD

November: Oregon Agate Club

### Notice

**The July meeting has been moved to THURSDAY July 12!!**

## Sunshine Report



Angela Brown is our Sunshine Chairman,

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

Her number is 503-803-0049

TVGC Member Brent Marker has suffered a heart attack. We hear he is recovering slowly and wish him well!



## CLASSES

Don Kendall

Hold classes Monday evenings for faceting, lapidary and jewelry.

Call him for info 503-357-3344

## TVGC Board Meeting June 13, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Paul Gennrich.

### **Present:**

Paul Gennrich, Mitch Metcalf, Dorothy Snook, Bev Berkholtz, Roy Woo, Rose Jackson, Darrel Brady, Mary White

### **Old Business:**

Bev announced that we now have reservations at Airport Park in Vernonia for the August 24, 25, 26 campout. It is her understanding that there will be no additional charges for Club members.

Rose shared that our Club website still needs to get up and running. She feels we are missing out on people who are curious and/or interested in TVGC. Paul will urge his son to make this a priority.

Mitch said that there will be a combination picnic and meeting August 8 at the Rice Museum. The picnic is a potluck and begins at 4:00 with the meeting following at the regular time. Because it's important to know how many chairs and tables to set up Mitch would like members to go to his website to sign up and to also tell what potluck dish they will be bringing. His website is: [mitch@webmailbox1.com](mailto:mitch@webmailbox1.com). It was suggested that Pamela Hunt send a special email to members about this with more details.

### **New Business**

Dorothy reminded us that the company that makes the logo for the back of our vests had found the pattern and charges \$20.00 set up fee. It was suggested that we order as many logos as they can fit onto the material we provide. This recommendation was **MOVED – SECONDED – PASSED**. Estimated cost to members would be \$4.00.

Mitch announced that there will be signup sheets at the regular meeting for those who are willing to volunteer at the Kids' Corner and Welcome Table for the Portland Regional Show on October 12, 13, 14.

Paul suggested doing a survey of the membership to find out if they want to have 2 meetings a month rather than one.

Meeting was adjourned by Paul Gennrich.

Submitted by Mary White, Secretary



**Regular Meeting****June 13, 2012**

Vice President Paul Gennrich called the meeting to order welcoming 48 members and one guest.

**Old Business:**

Last month's minutes were MOVED to approve, SECONDED, PASSED.

Bev Berkkholtz discussed the campout August 25, 26, 27 at Airport Park in Vernonia. There will be no charge for parking and camping. She also reminded us that there is a Saturday night potluck. And since Bev is also the Club's historian she would appreciate anyone giving her any photos of interest.

Paul Gennrich also mentioned that it's always great to bring fun activities to the August campout, i.e. horseshoes, or anything else you can think of. Please let him know if you have any fieldtrip suggestions.

**New Business:**

Mitch Metcalf reminded us that the Portland Regional Show will be October 12, 13, 14 with Thursday, October 11, as setup day. He passed around signup sheets for the Kids' Corner and the Welcome Table.

Mike Malakowski announced that our Club is responsible for security for the Portland Regional Show. He is looking for a coordinator for signups. He is also seeking a coordinator for publicity for the show. Good publicity is so important and David welcomes great photos and/or stories that might be used on air or posters.

Carl Weaver announced that his shop is open to members every Tuesday from 9:00 – 2:00. It is a wonderful resource for anyone interested in metal work and jewelry making.

Dorothy Snook mentioned that Club logos that go on the back of vests will soon be available for about \$4.00 each.

Clara Walker attended the Federation Show in Kenowick and has information available and a directory for our library.

Don Schattauer announced that he brought to the meeting lapidary equipment that is for sale. See him if interested.

John Wozniak announced the Rock Hound Retreat coming September 3-9. People can enjoy a week of working with all the aspects of lapidary skills. Space is limited. Call Lamar Tilgner 503-666-2905.

Clara Walker announced the Prineville Pow-Wow June 21-24 and the Madras Pow-Wow June 27-30. There is lots of everything at these events.

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**TVGC on the web – [www.tvgc.org](http://www.tvgc.org)**

**NFMS on the web – [www.amfed.org/nfms/](http://www.amfed.org/nfms/)**

**Oregon Council on the web – [www.oregoncouncilrmc.org/](http://www.oregoncouncilrmc.org/)**

**Portland Regional on the web**

**– [www.portlandregionalgemandmineral.org](http://www.portlandregionalgemandmineral.org)**

**Continued from page 5****Display Table:**

Art Miller called members to the display table to talk about some fascinating specimens and information... including hair-raising accounts of scorpions and snakes. Those who shared were Rose Jackson, John Wozniak, Brian True, Paul Gennrich, Carl Weaver, Glen Woodward and Daniel Barrios.

**Program:**

Roy Woo introduced Gail Lough and Heather Jenner from the Columbia-Willamette Faceter's Guild. They had on display a wide array of faceted CZ for us to see. Gail shared the new innovations in equipment that facilitates creating the most sparkle in gems and unusual designs. She fascinated us with many stories of gem lore giving us information of how different times and cultures regarded various gems. The Faceters' Guild has classes at the Rice Museum and will also be at the Rock Hound Retreat in September.

**Prizes:**

Don Schattauer donated a number of wonderful specimens and prizes for us. The winners were: Del Walker, David Roedel, Cliff Wanderzanden, Rose Jackson, Tom Wilson, John Wozniak, Heather Jenner, James Smith, Darlene Wozniak, Clara Walker, Sylvia Weidinger.

**Refreshments:** A heart-felt thank you goes to Linda Schattauer for spending the day baking a large variety of delicious cookies and for providing several different beverages.

Meeting adjourned by Vice President Paul Gennrich.  
Minutes submitted by Mary White

We have reserved the Rice Museum beginning at 4PM on the 8th of August, which is our regularly scheduled meeting date. It's going to be a potluck so we will be asking people to bring a dish to share.

I want to get a head count so the museum folks can set up enough tables and chairs for us. Please have everyone contact me with that and if there are questions or suggestions.

Thanks!

Metcalf Mitch [mitch@webmailbox1.com](mailto:mitch@webmailbox1.com)



**Notice for TVGC Members from Rich Saylor - The Prospector****CFMS Field Trip Gem Hill, Rosamond Calif. August 11th 2012 Sat 9am**

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CFMS Co Chair south field trips

**Field trip:** August 11th field trip will be to Gem Hill for agate, jasper, opalite, petrified wood. This is a good field trip for all rockhounds, you will be able to find float material on the surface or you can dig and find better material. You don't need 4 wheel drive.

**Directions:** 14 Freeway north towards Lancaster. Exit at Rosamond Blvd. Turn left (west) go 3.4 miles to Mojave-Tropico Rd. Turn right, (north) go 4.7 miles. Turn left (west) on a dirt road, go .7 miles, Turn left (south) to hills .3 miles. You should see a CFMS sign in the window of my white Ford F-250 truck.

**Meeting:** Saturday, August 11th 2012, 9am-3pm.

**Material to collect:** Petrified Wood. Brownish-gray exterior giving a rather chalky appearance. White, cream, and brown are the most predominate colors. Fairly good display of wood grain on broken surfaces. Digging is required for this material. Good for tumbling and cabbing.

**Jasp-agate.** Weathered green outside surface. Yellow and green streamers of jasper running through the agate remind one of moss agate. Found mostly in float. Excellent for tumbling and cabs.

**Green Opal.** This material occurs in a vein. Much work has occurred here and the diggings are now beginning to undermine the road. The opal takes a good polish and makes up into attractive cabs and jewelry. Also suitable for tumbling.

**Blue Agate.** Very nice quality light blue agate occurring in vein. Hard digging is required to recover the material. This agate is quite hard and solid, and therefore is excellent for polishing.

**Tools:** Collecting bags, buckets, day pack, digging tools, rock pick, pry bar, chisels, sledges, eye protection, trowels, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, layered clothing, towels, Drinking water, lunch or snacks.

**Please let me know if you are going to go on the field trip, weather changes. If I don't know your going on the field trip, I won't be able to contact you if the field trip is canceled. Even if you might not go, still contact me for the information and maps. Don't wait until the day before.**

**E-mail for maps.**

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**AFMS CODE OF ETHICS**

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations and rules governing collecting on private lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect. I will use no firearms or blasting materials in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind, such as fences, signs, buildings, etc. I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning materials – matches, cigarettes, etc. I will fill all excavation holes, which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will cause no damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the benefit of others.

I will support the Rockhound Project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with Field Trip Leaders and those in designated authority.

I will report to my Club or Federation Officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other proper authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other material on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations and for public education and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of Natural Resources.

I will observe the “Golden Rule”, will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times, conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public image of Rockhounds everywhere.