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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 Thursday 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 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 28th 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

Sept 13: 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

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

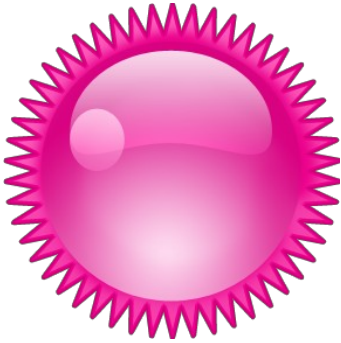
October: DVD

November: Oregon Agate Club

REMEMBER THE CHANGE OF MEETING DAY!

It's the second Thursday of each month at the Senior Center.

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



CLASSES

Don Kendall

Hold classes Monday evenings for faceting, lapidary and jewelry.

Call him for info 503-357-3344

TVGC Board Meeting

August 8, 2012

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Graham.

Present:

Jack Graham, Mitch Metcalf, Dorothy Snook, Bev Berkholtz, Roy Woo, Mary White

Old Business:

Bev recommended cancelling the Vernonia Airport Park Campout planned for August 24, 25, 26. She felt it was too closely scheduled to the Rice Museum Picnic and the Portland Regional Show. The Board decided to cancel the Vernonia Airport Park Campout for this year.

Roy mentioned that our October meeting day (Thursday October 11) is the same day as the Portland Regional Show Potluck. The potluck is for anyone helping to set up Wednesday and/or Thursday, October 10 and 11. Our TVGC members are encouraged to volunteer for this and therefore the Board has decided there will be no Club meeting on that Thursday. There will be more information about the Portland Regional Show at the September meeting.

Mary discussed that the Annual Christmas Banquet is Saturday, December 1 at 1:00 at the Senior Center. Signup up sheets and more information will be presented at the September meeting.

Roy will draft an email regarding the changed TVGC meeting dates and will seek member input. Currently the Club will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month at the Senior Center with the fourth Thursday of each month available to us for non-meeting classes/activities/projects.

Jack moved that the second Thursday of each month be designated as the regular meeting date with the fourth Thursday of each month available for Club classes/activities/projects.
SECONDED, PASSED.

Roy thanked Mitch for all his hard work and organization for the Rice Museum Picnic. It was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Mitch announced that the picnic went over budget by \$30 and also \$19.40 spent by Mary White.

New Business:

Dorothy said that the Club would have to redo its fliers with the new meeting dates in them. Jack would like to urge members to continue to sign up for the Portland Regional Show at the Kids' Corner, Information Table, and Security.

Meeting was adjourned by President Jack Graham.
Submitted by Mary White, Secretary

**TVGC Regular Meeting
August 8, 2012**

President Jack Graham called the meeting to order at the Rice Museum Picnic after a wonderful and over-the-top potluck. The weather was perfect and so was the socializing.

Reports:

Jack Graham thanked Mitch Metcalf for organizing and implementing such a successful picnic. Hamburgers and hotdogs never tasted so good with Mitch at the grill! He also thanked the Rice Museum for allowing TVGC to use their facilities.

Jack Graham also announced that the regular TVGC meeting for Thursday, October 11, will be cancelled. That is the same day as the Portland Regional Show Potluck for anyone who helps set up on Wednesday (October 10) and/or Thursday (October 11). Our members are urged to volunteer some time during these two days.

Alice Hoskins reported that the TVGC Annual Christmas Banquet is scheduled for the first Saturday in December (December 1) at 1:00 at the Senior Center. There will be more information at the September meeting.

Roy Woo reported that the Silent Auction was very successful and he thanked all the members who contributed items. Judging by the amount of people at the auction tables it was a popular event.

Program:

Roy Woo introduced Charlene Harvey, daughter of Rice Museum founders Richard and Helen Rice. She shared that her parents love of rocks and minerals began years ago on Agate Beach where they picked up a handful of agates. From there they began their journey of collecting world wide specimens and displays. In 1952 the Rices began building their "dream house" which is now the home of the museum. It is currently listed in the National Registry as the first home of its type. Charlene talked of the close and valued relationship the Museum has with TVGC. In fact our Club at one time held classes in their basement.

Lara O'Dywer-Brown, Curator for the Rice Museum, continued the program by sharing their educational and scientific goals. They are developing programs that schools can access both at the museum and at their own school. Adult classes are also included in the future. Lara welcomed TVGC members bringing exhibits and displays to the museum. She also mentioned that the Rice Museum will always be a participator in our TVGC shows. The "free rock pile" for children visiting the Museum is always a big hit and encouraged our members to continue contributing any unwanted rocks to it. In conclusion Lara reminded TVGC members that they had free access to the Museum along with one guest and a 10% discount on items.



Minutes submitted by Mary White, Secretary

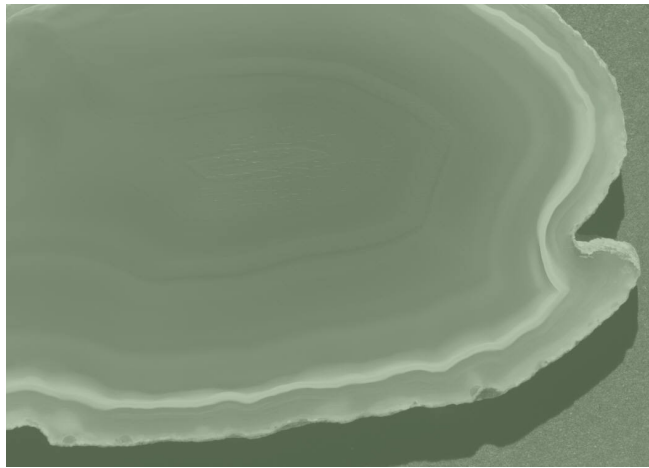
September Program

John Marshall will present a power point program about Lake Superior Agates on Thursday September 13th at the Senior Center. He is the author of book "The Other Lake Superior Agates" and recently gave this presentation at a conference about agates in Minnesota.

John has donated some Lake Superior Agates for sale after the program.

See you all on the 13th.

Roy Woo



Nancy Lyons, a former TVGC member is selling some of her rock collection:

September 14, 15, 16, 2012 – 9:00-5:00. The first day, Friday the 14th is reserved for TVGC members – she wants us to have first chance at the “good stuff”.

The address is: **507 N. E. 5th Ave. Hillsboro, OR**
503-475-4642

There will be rough rock: petrified wood, obsidian, carnelian, etc. \$1.00 a pound and up; slabs, fire agate, a jeweler’s bench, torch, files, and a rock polisher for sale. Will consider offers.

Nancy has collected rocks for many years, going on field trips and buying from shows. Husband, Kenny, says some of it has “got to go”! Of course, she is keeping a lot of the “really good stuff.”

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Portland Regional on the web
- www.portlandregionalgemandmineral.org**

Rock & Equipment Sale

Clackamette Mineral & Gem's old member is liquidating her entire collection.

Date: September 7 (Fri), 8 (Sat) and 9 (Sun), 2012

Time: 9 am to 5 pm each day

Place: 5421 SE 136th Ave. Portland, OR 97236

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***Gem Carving Equipment**

***Foredom Flex Shaft w/speed control (two)**

***Gem Microscope**

***And MUCH MORE!**

**If you have any question, contact Lee at 503-761-1902
or cell phone 1-585-743-7428**

Welcome New Members!

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