

Rock-It



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MT. HOOD ROCK CLUB meets the second Tuesday and the fourth Monday of each month. Meetings are held in the basement of the United Methodist Church in Gresham. The Church is located at 8th and Norman. Regular meetings start at 7:00pm. Juniors are welcome!!

CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL Rock Room is open October - May Wednesday Nights 7-9pm Non members & members. Thursday nights 7-9pm Members only. \$2.00 Fee covers Saw & Polishers, Instructors. Jewelry Classes October to April Wed nights. School is located off of 181st between Division & Powell.

MT Hood Rock Club PHONE NUMBER 503-760-1825

MHRC SPRING FLING '02

JUNE 15-23, 2002

WHAT:

Weeklong trip to Sunstone area, near Plush, OR, Davis Creek area, near Lakeview, OR, and Virginia Valley or Halleluhaj Junction, NV

WHO TO CONTACT:

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This is also posted at:
<http://orerockon.com/springfling02>

WHEN:

Saturday, June 15 – Travel to Sunstone Area
Sunday, June 16 – Sunstone area/mines
Monday, June 17 – Sunstones/Hart Mtn.
Tuesday, June 18 – Travel to Goose L.SP
Wednesday, June 19 – Davis Creek area
Thursday, June 20 – Davis Creek area
Friday, June 21 – Travel to VV or HJ
Saturday, June 22 – Virgin Valley or HJ
Sunday, June 23 – Travel Home

WHERE:

Sunstone Area – We will meet and camp at the Dust Devil Mine (see map). This is a DRY CAMP; they have trailers for emergencies and a pit toilet. They have a potluck every night. Collect sunstones in the free public area or at one of three fee dig mines: Dust Devil, Teddy Ridge, or the Corporation claim (with prior arrangements).

Hart Mtn. – Agate and jasper, maybe precious opal.

Davis Creek – Meet and camp at Goose Lake State Park. RV, water, showers and electric. Collect many different kinds of obsidian and needles. 2 thunderegg pits and misc. agate, jasper, and wood also available.

Virgin Valley – Meet and camp at the C of C campground just past the refuge headquarters. Hot spring, showers, toilets, water. 2 fee digs for precious opal limbs. Orange carneleian at camp.

Halleluhaj Jct. – Meet at camp at road to diggings off 395, DRY CAMP, NO toilets. Dig smoky quartz and amethyst on mountain for fee dig at private claim (subject to availability).

Directions from Portland to Sunstones: S on I-5 to Eugene, E on Hwy 58 to end, S on Hwy 97 to Silver Lake Hwy, E to end, S on Hwy 31 to Valley Falls, N on Hwy 395 to MP 64, rt. on Hogback Rd. During dry weather with high clearance vehicles turn left after 7 miles on unmarked Nasty Flat Rd. Drive 7 ¼ miles, then turn right on BLM 6115. In wet weather or in low ground clearance vehicles, travel about 20 miles south on Hogback Rd, then left on CR 3-11. Then, left at the intersection with BLM 6155, and left again at the intersection with BLM 6115. Travel 5 miles to the mine.

Directions to Goose Lake SP: S on Hogback Rd. to Plush, W on Plush Cutoff to Hwy 140, W to end, S on 395 through Lakeview to SP, turn rt. at State Park sign just before state line at New Pine Creek.

Directions to Hallelujah Jct.: S on Hwy 395 to H. Jct, sing at Rte. 70, a few miles before NV state line. Left at BLM Rd., 14/mile to dry camp.

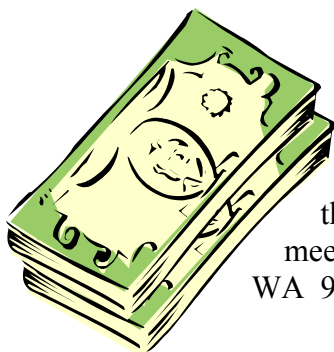
Directions to Virgin Valley: N on 395 to 140, E to Sheldon Wildlife Refuge, turn rt. on refuge HQ orad, turn left at C of C campground.

MHRC Exhibits for the 2002 Show

For this year's show we would like to celebrate our 50th year as a club. We would like to have a display of rock, fossils or minerals from all 50 states.

If you have any nice specimens from any of the states would you consider putting them in our display case? We would like to also use these cases as our traveling cases so the specimen will be used all year before you will get it back.

Please contact Patty or Alva as soon as possible since this will take time to set up.



MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!!!!

It is that time of the year for membership dues. If you have not already sent your dues to Vena (Membership) or Dick (Treasurer), please have cash or checks (payable to Mt. Hood Rock Club) ready when you come to the meetings this month. For those who will not be able to attend the meetings, please mail dues to Velna Dunn, 6815 NE 137th Street, Vancouver, WA 98686.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year to everyone. This is my very first issue of the *Rock-It* as it's new Editor. I have only been with Mt. Hood Rock Club for a year. I do not know everyone yet and I am still very new to the hobby. I look forward to learning about each of you as well as what rockhounding is all about.

Last month when Linda gave me the "Editor's Box", I spent several days, if not weeks, raking through each issue and realized I had no idea what I volunteered myself for!! I will need lots of help from everyone and would much appreciate your patience and understanding. It looks as though I have several shoes to fill and it is a pretty tall order. Me, being as how I have never been taller than I am now, it will be quite a task. ☺

Although I am the Editor, *Rock-It* belongs to the club and would welcome any suggestion or any article to include for everyone. If you have anything you would like for me to add to the *Rock-It*, please let me know by phone: (503) 254-4843, by e-mail: pajntsa@qwest.net or pyyang@yahoo.com; or by postal mail: 1348 N.E. 160th Avenue, Portland, OR 97230.

In addition to keeping everyone current on news and events, I will also have a modified form of the newsletter published on the web. This way, information about Mount Hood Rock Club can be accessed by anyone with a computer that has internet connection. The website for the electronic version of *Rock-It* is <http://www.geocities.com/mtrockclub2000/>. The club's website is located at <http://community.oregonlive.com/cc/mthoodrockclub>. Anything that would be included in *Rock-It* that is not received in time for it's monthly publication will be posted on the website and included in the next month's *Rock-It*.

Your Editor,
Victoria Vessels