



# GEM SCOOPS



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Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society

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## GEOLOGY OF WESTERN OREGON

### Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers and directors to lead the PDGMS for 2016:

#### Executive Officer Candidates:

President.....Robert Lund  
Vice Pres.....John Palmer  
Secretary.....Teresa Smith  
Treasurer.....John Ishler

The Board of Directors is composed of the Executive Officers plus 3 other Directors (to be elected). The following directors are proposed:

#### Director Candidates:

Fred Sias  
Richard Warner  
Bob Whitmore

### Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society

#### Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2015

#### Opening

The regular meeting of the Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 7:15pm on October 20, 2015 in OLLI building by Carol Lund.

#### DECEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the PDGMS will be on November, 17, 2015. Please put it on your calendar.

### NOVEMBER MEETING

**WHEN:** November 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** The OLLI Life Long Learning Center, Patrick Square

**TOPIC:** Geology of Western Oregon

**SPEAKER:** Scott Brame

**ABSTRACT:** This presentation will offer an overview of a geologic field trip that went down the southwest coast of Oregon and examined exotic terrains, raised marine terraces, and coastal land forms. Also, calderas, stratovolcanoes, obsidian flows, and volcanic features in the Cascade Mountains were explored.

About the speaker: Scott Brame is a member of the Clemson Faculty who has led many geologic field trips. He organizes the annual Clemson Hydrogeology Symposium and mentors an undergraduate mapping research group.

*Refreshment will be served by Carol Lund, and visitors are always welcome.*

#### Present

There were 19 attendees. See sign-in sheet for names.

**Agenda:** A brief history of how gemstone shaping techniques evolved over time followed by an explanation of one of the machines Jim Potterf designed, built, and uses.

**About the speaker:** Jim worked in Illinois as an electronics engineer before moving south. His interest in Earth Sciences played a big role in the decision to move. He has spent the last 20 years rock hounding and using the associated lapidary arts.

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### SFMS Wildacres Workshop Schedule for 2016

August 22-28, 2016

September 19-25, 2016

#### Officers for 2015

Carol Lund, President.....864-247-8204  
John Palmer, V. Pres.....941-545-3713  
Teresa Smith, Secretary..... 864-885-9098  
John Ishler, Treasurer.....864-885-9126

#### 2015 Directors

John Deney.....864-878-5342  
Fred Sias.....864-654-6833  
Teresa Smith.....864-885-9098  
Ted Wallenius.....864-882-3940

## Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Jim is an active member of MAGMA but also spends a lot of time "lone wolfing" it. When existing lapidary machines won't do what he wants or won't do it fast enough, he designs and builds his own. Jim shared a large collection of minerals with the club.

Bob and Dard Whitmore treated us with a wonderful assortment of snacks and drinks for our meeting. Thank you, Bob and Dard.

The club business meeting was called to order at 8:05pm by Carol Lund

### Old Business

**Field trips:** a field trip to Graves Mountain has been scheduled for Friday, October 30, 2015. We will meet at the Anderson Hobby Lobby parking lot in front of the Mexican restaurant at 9:00 and caravan to the site.

**Mobile Classroom:** John Palmer will work on getting the trailer electrical hook up re-connected. There will be a check of the equipment on Friday, October 23, 2015. The trailer will be used for storage until work can resume on it.

**Bob Campbell Museum Display:** A meeting to proceed with the Beneath Your Feet display at the Bob Campbell Geology Museum is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27. Meeting place to be decided.

### New Business:

Nominating Committee of Ted Wallenius, John Denny, and Bob Whitmore has been established.

### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm by Carol Lund.

Submitted by

*Teresa Smith*, Secretary

## Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society Board Meeting

October 20, 2015

### Opening

The board meeting of the Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society was called to order at 6:00 on October 20, 2015 by John Palmer.

Present were John Palmer, Fred Sias, John Denny, Ted Wallenius, Carol Lund, Teresa Smith, Bob Whitmore and Dard Whitmore.

**Lapidary Classes at OLLI:** John Palmer began the discussion with Fred Sias about lapidary class at/with OLLI. Possible classes to include wax design, cab cutting, faceting, beginning silver-smithing, precious metal clay, and wire wrapping. Will need about 8 sets of small hand tool equipment for the classes that will be about \$50/set.

**Mobile Classroom:** On 8/20/15 Fred, Ted, & Carol met with David Freedman at the Clemson Research Park about meetings and storing the mobile class/storage trailer out there on Wild Hog Road under a surveillance camera. Here are the results of that meeting:

1. Space offered to us is no better than what we have available in OLLI
2. We could park our trailer behind the building but not particularly convenient for club members.
3. Fred went to Clemson Gardens to look at space in Campbell Carriage House. Met man named Ed Pivorun who works with Patrick McMillan and has office next to Patrick's. Not sure of relationship but Ed knows a lot about what is going on.

4. Patrick walked up and offered to introduce Fred to the new curator of the Campbell Museum.

5. Museum Curator Adam Smith not available.

6. Ed talked to a woman (secretary) about Indigo Pine (environmental) House, and Fred was invited to check it out and consider it for classes.

7. Indigo Pine House is unfinished and may be finished by next spring. Might not be suitable for our workshop.

8. Ed Pivorun suggested there might be another space in the Garden area. At least a place to place the trailer where we could work on it. And possible store equipment for use in the Indigo Pine house.

9. Fred thinks we need to follow up and work with Patrick McMillian using what ever space they can offer us. He has the clout to get us something and might even be willing to let us have a class in the Carriage House which is now empty downstairs. Dr McMillian's office is upstairs in Carriage House.

10. Everyone seemed enthusiastic about working with our club. Let's keep this entry going.

John Palmer will work on replacing the power pig-tail on the trailer so the electricity on the trailer can be checked out to include the air conditioner and heating units. Set up trailer in a level place near electricity and water.

Scheduled for Friday, October 23 at 10:00am: Equipment to be placed in the trailer for storage and secured.

### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by  
Carol Lund.