

YES – The **2023** Rockhound Retreat is ON. This year's NW Rockhound Retreat will be held **on Monday September 4th thru Sunday September 10th , 2023** at OMSI's Hancock Field Station.

As usual campers cannot arrive before 3:00 PM and the use of air conditioners is not allowed in cabins and RV's.

The cost of the retreat has increased to reflect the cost of materials, supplies, etc. Registration \$350.00, Workshop Fee is now \$75.00.

Camp Hancock is a primitive outdoor camp in central Oregon with dirt and gravel paths, ditches and hilly terrain and may not be suitable for all persons with disabilities. Because the COVID pandemic is ongoing, we do not know what restrictions or procedures will be required by the State of Oregon or OMSI concerning vaccinations, masks or distance between work stations.

If you want a Registration Form or have questions please contact me at [waltercbutler@comcast.net](mailto:waltercbutler@comcast.net)

The following classes are planned: Class size is limited.

- Lapidary Shop (intro and advanced training in use of rock saws, grinding wheels and polishers)

- Doublets and Triplets (making cabs with multiple layers)

- Silversmithing (working with silver to make jewelry)

- Intarsia (using multiple materials to make composite cabs)

- Metal Techniques (using various metals, and tools, enameling to make jewelry)

- Rock Carving (using grinding tools to carve soft rock)

- Wire Wrapping (using wire to secure cabochons in pendants and bracelets)

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