

# Unusual Rocks, Agates, Indian Relics Are Displayed at Crater Rock Museum

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Central Point - A considerable number of unusual rocks and Indian relics are on display at the Crater Rock museum, located north of Central Point at 1954 Scenic ave.

Started seven years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Smith, the museum was designed to offer a continuous exhibit of rocks and Indian relics, many of them gathered from southern Oregon.

Upon entering the museum one sees the huge fireplace built by John D. Bowdish of stone from the Siskiyou mountains.

The walls are lined with glass cases containing one of the most beautiful collections of polished agate in the world. Some of the stones were brought from Texas, Florida, Utah, Nevada and South America.

**Crystals on Display**  
Crystals of all colors and design are on display along with a large collection of fossil bones.

Burt Foster has a collection of jade brought from Fraser river, Kamloops, British Columbia. This consists of knives and tools, such as chisels and hatchets, made with sandstone. It is said it takes as many as five years of rubbing and work to make tools of jade. Some of them are estimated to be 9,000 years old.

Laurence Messell has a collection of ivory from the Aleutian islands. Some of the ivory is carved in the shape of knives and long pieces with hooks. There are ivory horns, walrus, seal and sea lion teeth.

and animals such as deer, elk, fish and dogs. These were put on sticks and held in the fire to harden the clay. They all show the mark of the stick which held them.

Bruce Wilson has a varied collection of different types of arrow points. Many are gem quality points made from agate and jasper. Some were found on Trail creek and Keen creek.

C. P. Jensen has had 50 years of collecting from all the states, but mostly on the Columbia river and in Montana. The Glenn Johnstons from Hills, Calif., have been collecting for 17 years, and have about 50 frames of arrowheads, many of them on display at the museum.

Roy Reed has a varied collection also and some choice points from Nevada, the Klamath Falls area and the Rogue Valley.

John Mass of Medford has a display of copper items found on the Columbia river which indicate the first sign of white men trading with the Indians in this part of the country.

**Arrowhead Collection**  
Ed Berry, William Hanscom, and Irving Hanscom, all of Phoenix, are arrowhead collectors, having found most of their points in Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties, as has Dorothy Todd of Ashland.

Among other displays is a skull found in Chase, British Columbia. The man was probably only four or five feet tall.

A matting found near Bly, Ore., is woven of wild rye grass. It is 24 inches long and 18 inches wide and has handles on each side. This was used like a basket to carry new born children.

Also on display is a clay bowl found in Arizona and said to be 500 years old. The bowl is similar to present day fruit jars, and one of the first signs of man's storing of food. Remnants of corn and seeds were found in the bowl.

Indian bowls large and small are on display along with platters, stone war clubs and net sinks.



**FEATURED**—A capsule of what the visitor can expect to find in the Crater Rock museum is provided in this sign, which is posted at the entrance to the museum, near Central Point. Next to the sign are Delmar Smith, left, museum owner, and Roy Reed, president of the Siskiyou Archaeological society, which meets at the museum and displays collection of its members there.



**ON DISPLAY**—One of the many collections described as one of the most beautiful in the world, this exhibit of petrified wood and agate.

## Special Tours Are Scheduled Daily For Play Patrons

Ashland - Three special tours will be available this year to Oregon Shakespearean Festival Patrons during the 44-day 1962 season.

Guided and reasonably priced, the tours will add to a growing list of Festival side attractions.

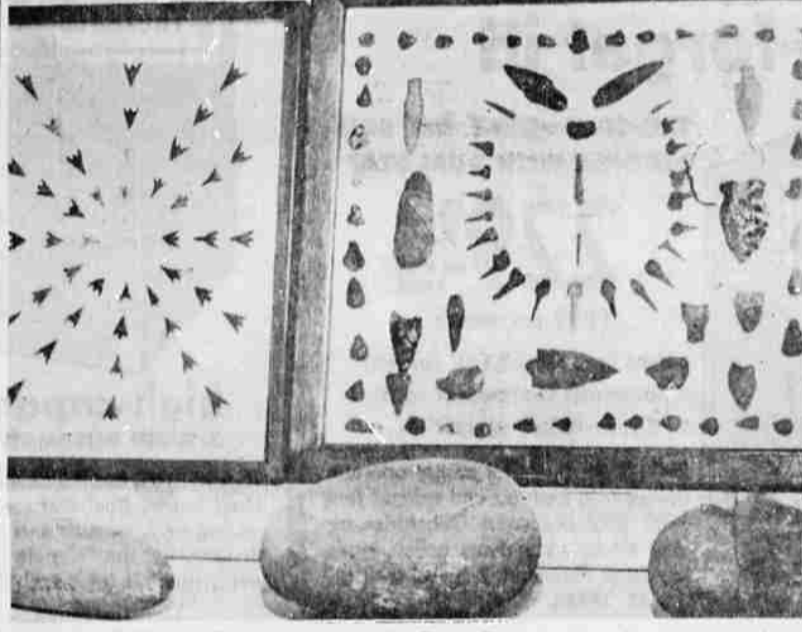
Departing daily at 8 a.m. from the Mark Antony hotel in Ashland and 8:25 a.m. from Jackson House in Medford will be a Crater Lake Tour.

Conducted by a naturalist, sightseeing groups will make the 35-mile rim drive at the lake (with photo stops), walk through the wildflower gardens, have lunch at Crater Lake Lodge, enjoy two hours of free roaming, and return with ample time for dinner and the evening's play.

**Jacksonville Tours**  
On Wednesdays and Sundays, tours will leave at 9 a.m. from the Mark Antony and 9:30 a.m. from the Jackson House for Jacksonville, which is rapidly becoming a popular tourist attraction. Visitors will see Jacksonville Museum, four Beekman House, take a leisurely carriage ride, have lunch, and return by mid-afternoon.

Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m. from Mark Antony and 8:30 a.m. from Jackson House tour groups will leave for the Oregon Caves National Monument. The trip will include a visit to the caverns plus the opportunity for luncheon at the Chalet if desired.

**Indian Relics Displayed**  
Treavell Turpin has been collecting Indian relics and arrowheads for many years, and has a large display of arrowheads and clay pieces. He has found miniature dolls



**INDIAN RELICS** - Remnants from past civilizations that once flourished in southern Oregon are arranged in these displays at the Crater Rock museum. Most of the objects seen in this photo are Indian arrowheads.

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**Session of Legislature**  
A special session of the legislature also ended last week with Gov. Edmund G. Brown getting what he wanted. The Governor, dismayed by voters' refusal to pass a \$270 million state building bond in the June 3 primary, asked the legislature to re-submit an almost identical issue in November. Despite Republican objections, the legislators voted out the new bond bill as the Governor wished.

Republicans had wanted to split the issue in two parts: the first to appear on the ballot as a \$223 million bond for higher education; the second, a \$47 million bond for new state prisons and mental hospitals.

"We are insulting the voters' intelligence if we present almost the same bond issue to the voters again," argued GOP Assemblyman John A. Buserford of San Francisco during the final debate.

There will be one difference on the ballot, however. This time, the bond issue explanation will make clear that 89 per cent of the funds

go to expand higher education. Brown said that an unclear explanation in June was a principal cause for the issue's defeat.

Before adjourning the 245 day meeting, legislators and the Governor considered re-submitting another defeated bond issue to voters in November. This was the \$150 million issue for the development of recreation facilities.

Sen. Ronald Cameron, D-Auburn, had gone so far as to put in a bill authorizing a new \$100 million issue for the November ballot, but the Governor and Republicans could not agree on whether to make it an item for the special session. Brown said he would not make it an item unless the Republicans agreed in advance to support the new bond issue. The GOP said it would not promise anything until Brown issued the call.

**Narcotics:** The Supreme Court of the United States declared that a section of California law dealing with narcotics was unconstitutional. The section made it possible for the state to jail a person because he was an addict.

Among the many protests was one from Assemblyman Frank Lanierman, R-La Canada, who asked Gov. Brown to call another special session of the legislature. But the Governor refused, saying the court ruling did not affect the state's narcotics control law.

Lane, 30-32 vote, the State Supreme Court upheld an earlier decision that cities and counties may not legislate against sexual relations between lawed persons. This was the second time that the court spoke in the controversial Carl Lane case. And once more it said that the Legislature had preempted the field of sexual legislation and that the legislators had passed no law against unwed

## Water Survival Course Scheduled in Medford

A course in family water survival will be offered to the public beginning July 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Medford YMCA.

The classes will be held each Monday night throughout July, and will be given to persons regardless of their swimming ability. YMCA officials said.

Each class will be directed toward some aspect of water safety or life saving that can be done by a non-swimmer or weak swimmer.

The first session will deal with elementary forms of rescue. The second section will deal with artificial respiration, the new mouth to mouth type, and how to use a life preserver. It will be taught by Lanell Wilkes, chairman of the Red Cross water safety committee.

The third section will deal with things not to do when trying to help someone in the water. The fourth section will deal with survival swimming, flotation devices and other aspects of self protection around the water. The last section will deal with boat safety.

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