



2026 Partner Spotlight - Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club

In the late 1950s, a small group of members in the Eugene Mineral Club decided to form their own club. Thus, the Springfield Rock Club (SRC) was born. Harold Dunn, a member of the SRC and officer of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies received a letter from a student in North Dakota asking for a list of state rocks but that time there was no such thing. A committee was formed and on March 29, 1965, the Fifty-Third Legislative Assembly proclaimed the Thunderegg to be Oregon's state rock. Oregon became the first state to have named a state rock. For a full history, visit <https://www.springfieldthundereggrockclub.org/about>.

In 2005, the Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club was officially established as a non-profit organization. The club endeavors to educate persons in many aspects of the lapidary realm from understanding geography & geology towards the formation of various rocks and minerals to the use of those specimens for artistic and other purposes.

Why do you choose to support Eugene Science Center?

"Educational efforts are a focus of the club."

Favorite Exhibit?

"Well, the rocks and minerals in the Discovery Room, of course!!"

What are your thoughts about our mission to inspire scientific curiosity and foster critical thinking about the universe and our place in it?

"Critical Thinking is more important than ever."

What would you say to someone who is thinking about supporting Eugene Science Center?

"If you have kids and ever take road trips, becoming a member of Eugene Science Center for reciprocal admission at other science centers is one of the best bargains around."

We are grateful to the Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club for their Annual Partnership. To learn more about the benefits of being an Annual Partner with Eugene Science Center, visit

<https://eugencesciencecenter.org/business-partners/>

To learn more about Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club including their annual show in October and support of the community, visit <https://springfieldthundereggrockclub.org>.