



AWG Pacific Northwest Chapter

Please join the Association for Women Geoscientists Pacific Northwest Chapter for our winter Zoom meeting featuring **Bill Orr** (Professor Emeritus of Geological Sciences at the University of Oregon) presenting:

Fake Fossils

Date: Saturday, January 8, 2022

Sign in / Social: 1:15 pm PST / Presentation: 2:00 pm PST

We'll have about 45 minutes for people to get signed in and socialize a bit. The presentation will start at **2:00 pm**, and Q&A will end around 3:00. The presentation will last about an hour.

You **MUST** register for this meeting [HERE](#). You should receive an email from Zoom with a link to enter the meeting. (If you have a history of not reliably receiving Zoom registration emails, copy and paste the "Meeting Registration Approved" page into a Word document – the link should work fine, and it's easier to find than an email anyway). **Please register by NOON PDT on January 8.**

Abstract: There is currently an active market in the sales of fossils. Recent auctions of dinosaurs in the millions of dollars reflect the magnitude of this commerce. On the margins of that enterprise, there is a cottage industry in the production and marketing of fake fossils. In addition to the history of this enterprise, Dr. Orr will enumerate several examples in the world-wide trade of bogus fossils. In addition to a summary of the attitude of professionals to the manufacture and sale of pseudo-fossils, he will outline techniques for spotting these faux objects.



A fake trilobite!



Biography: Bill Orr was educated in Oklahoma, California and Michigan with degrees in Geology and Paleontology as his specialty. He retired in 1997 from the University of Oregon as Emeritus Professor and has written some 30 books on the Geo-Sciences. Among those works are the standard references for Earth Science in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.