

# "Owyhee Gem"

## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### April President's Message

Hello fellow rockhounds. Hope this month's newsletter finds you all well and busy out exploring in the spring desert. As a reminder that April showers bring May flowers so the weather sometimes can change quite fast and most areas in the desert have some sticky mud when they get wet. Please be aware of your surroundings and plan accordingly.

Robert reported that the Bruneau Wood Pile field trip was very successful and everyone found some nice material. Our next outing will be to the Big Egg Claim on April 24<sup>th</sup>. They will be meeting at the Extra Mile gas station on the corner of Hwy 95 and 55 at 8am leave at 8:30am. Robert wanted to express his gratitude for the gas donations. I too would like to thank those who stepped up and donated for the cause. Unfortunately, gas prices are going to be high this season so your contributions are greatly appreciated. Before we were, lock downed with COVID we had started the process to update the language in our by-laws and change the Membership Chair to a Director position on the Board. Denise is running that information again in this month's newsletter so we can vote on it at the next meeting in April. If you have any concerns please let us know so we can address it.

Starting this month, we will be offering some of the material that was gifted to the club from Pat and Izzy McConnell. I believe it will be in the form of a silent auction so be looking for that table.

Thank you to all those who donated slabs for our drawing. It is a fun part of our evening! We will continue to offer the slab drawings and hope you will all contribute to the cause. Every little bit counts as we make our way through this year and look forward to 2022's Annual Gem Show which funds our club financially. We are a great club with fantastic members who are so willing to do what they can to help us grow. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting. Till then keep on rocking!

-Willa Renken OGMS President



**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY      GENERAL MEETING MINUTES      17 MARCH 2021**

The OGMS March General Meeting was called to order by **Willa Renken, President** at 7:10 pm at the Caldwell Idaho Elks Club, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, Idaho. There has not been a General Meeting since October, so greetings to one and all were enthusiastically shared. Robert Murphey shared photos of a generous donation of material from Pat McConnel's family. If you have any ideas of how to best utilize this material for the membership, let Willa, Robert, or Dale Rawson know!

**Vice President, Roxanne Franklin** reminded everyone if you would like to do a 'MY FAVORITE' or any type of presentation to please contact her to set that up.

**Secretary, Chris Deveau** had visited the PO Box several times. Thirteen memberships and one Ad renewal for the newsletter were given to Kim Bashford, Membership. OGMS also received an advertisement from the U of I Extension Agency of Canyon County.

**Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence** reported that she had paid the Club dues to the Northwest Federation. She gave a summary of the bills paid and deposits made.

**Show Chair, Paul Deveau** confirmed looking forward to next years' Show and reminded the membership that OGMS still needs a volunteer to be Assistant Show Chair.

**Federation Chair, Ed Moser** thanked the membership for all the stamps he received at the meeting... please keep saving your stamps... they are given to the Federation and proceeds from their sale are donated for Breast Cancer Research. AMF will be meeting in Big Piney, Wyoming in June. Ed also wanted to remind everyone to make sure to know where you are when you go out rockhounding. **Do not trespass - ask for permission!** Check yourself and your dog for ticks! Be safe when you go out rock hounding!!! Thank you, Ed, for always thinking of us!!!

**Field Trip Chair, Robert Murphey** had a display of petrified wood and fossils found at the Bruneau Woodpile, the location of our first field trip of the 2021 season. The main group will meet on Saturday, 20 March 2021, at the Walter's Ferry boat ramp at 8:00am and leave at 8:30am. He also shared that OGMS members are also invited to go with the Idaho Gem Club on their field trips. Their first trip of the season is on Sunday, 21 March 2021 to the Queenstone and Whangdoodle claims. The meeting place is the Xtra Mile Chevron gas station at the intersection of Hwy 55 and 95, just west of Marsing. They will meet at 8:30am and leave at 9am.

**Unfinished Business:** In February, Roxanne Franklin set up the OGMS Facebook page... she confirmed it is already helpful for finding others to go out rock hunting.

**New Business:** Willa advised the group that the College of Idaho is still not available for our meetings – we are on hold there indefinitely. The Caldwell Elks Club has worked well with us, so we will continue to hold our General and Board Meetings there while the weather is cool. We will probably have the July and August meetings at Caldwell Memorial Park for the OGMS Annual Picnic in July and hopefully another ice cream social in August. We'll keep things posted in the upcoming newsletters.

Brian Davis won the door prize... a NICE crystal point and great wire wrapped pendent, provided by Kim Erb, who won the door prize back in October. She received a nice polished blue opal from Ed Moser. He won the door prize back in September. For those new members, the winner of the door prize gets to provide the prize for next month's meeting... congratulations Brian!

A slab drawing was held... everyone that wanted a slab, received one. Thank you for your donations... please bring your slabs to the next General Meeting on **Wednesday, 21 April 2021 at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Elks Club**, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, Idaho. The Board Meeting will be held there on Monday, 29 March 2021 at 7:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 08:05pm. Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



**Vice President's Corner—Roxanne Franklin**[Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society | Facebook](#)**Monthly Meeting Topic**

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact me:  
 Roxanne Franklin - (208) 577-7095, [rocksfrank@cablone.net](mailto:rocksfrank@cablone.net)

**Trade a Slab**

Bring a slab to the next meeting and trade it for someone else's slab.

**"My Favorite" Presentations**

If you have a favorite rock, gem, mineral, or fossil you would like to talk about and share with the members at the next meeting and in the newsletter, please contact Roxanne.

**Concretions—Compiled by Roxanne from numerous sites on the web.**

From Wikipedia- "A concretion is a hard, compact mass of matter formed by the precipitation of mineral cement within the spaces between particles, and is found in sedimentary rock or soil. Concretions are often ovoid or spherical in shape, although irregular shapes also occur. The word 'concretion' is derived from a Latin word ,con, meaning 'together' and crescere meaning 'to grow'."

Concretions are commonly misunderstood geologic structures. Often mistaken for fossil eggs, turtle shells, or bones, they are actually not fossils at all but a common geologic phenomenon in almost all types of sedimentary rock, including sandstones, shales, silts, and limestones. Many concretions form when minerals precipitate and cement sediment around a nucleus, which is usually organic, such as a piece of shell, tooth, or leaf. Given that they contain organic matter, fossil collectors often break concretions open in search of interesting fossil specimens. The size of the concretion may be related to the permeability of the rock in which it occurs: the more permeable the surrounding rock, the larger the concretion.

Calcareous concretions are spherical to oval-shaped calcium carbonate concretions that are flattened parallel to the bedding planes. They can range in size from 3 cm to 8 m in diameter. They most often precipitate around a nucleus of fossilized material including plant matter, shells, or even remains of fish. Often when the concretions erode, they can form odd shapes, sometimes resembling fossils. The cracks in concretions occur as a result of the collapsing of the dome which often occurs in the larger concretions. Hiatus concretions are similar to Calcareous concretions. They differ from conventional concretions in their complex post diagenetic history, including exhumation on the sea floor, colonization by various encrusting and/or boring organisms during a break in sedimentation, and final burial.

Septarian nodules are distinctly sphere-like concretions that are characterized by a series of cracks that widen towards the center and die out towards the sides of the concretion. These radiating cracks are often crossed by a series of concentric cracks giving them a "turtle-back" appearance. Dehydration of the concretion creates the cracks which then are filled with another crystalline cement, such as calcite or silica. They can range in size from 10 to 100 cm in diameter and usually are made up of a large component of iron. Cone-in-cone concretions occur along the bedding plane as a 2 to 15 cm thick layer. They are composed of an group of upright cones with ribbed or grooved sides, usually made up of minerals such as calcite or gypsum.

Geodes (geologically are spherical concretions) have a hollow interior. The outermost layer is generally composed of chalcedony, a brown microcrystalline variety of quartz some have layers of agate. The interior contains a lining of inwardly projecting crystals, usually quartz of many varieties. Geodes that are completely filled with crystals are sometimes known by rock and mineral collectors as "thunder eggs".

Moqui marbles are small, brownish-black balls composed of iron oxide and sandstone that formed underground when iron minerals precipitated from flowing groundwater. They occur in many places in southern Utah either embedded in or gathered loosely into groups on the ground near outcrops of Jurassic age Navajo Sandstone.

Kansas Pop Rocks are a variety of pyrite with a radial crystal structure that usually form on a nucleus such as a fossil vertebrae, tooth or clamshell. They have also been patented under the name "Boji Stones", though they come from the same place, at the base of a natural pyramid mount in the center of the continental USA. The Boji Stone™ is a remarkably rare mineral, known for its distinctive physical appearance. Found only in Kansas, the Boji Stone is primarily formed from Pyrite. They range in hue from earthy tones to sparkling rainbow colors.

Calcium carbonate concretions are formed by the decomposition of organic matter.

They are common features of sedimentary rocks of all geological ages. They are most obvious in sandstones and mudstones as ovoid bodies of rock that protrude from natural outcrops. Microbes of decaying carcasses play a role. Concretions not only preserve fossils but can also subdivide oil.



**Robert  
Murphey**

Robert Murphey (208) 590-1848  
or Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990



**Dale  
Rawson**

### **OGMS 2021 Field Trips**

#### **USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP**

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and Small), Sieve, Gloves, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Knee Pads, Magnifier, Plenty of Drinking Water, Food, Appropriate Clothing, Protective Eyewear, Sun Protection, Day Pack or Back Pack, Umbrella, Pry Bar, Tick Spray, First Aid Kit, Shovel and fire extinguisher to put out any fires that may start.

Trips can last most of the day.  
Generally, a High-Clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD or an ATV is required.

Remember, when you are finished, fill in all holes that are dug at the site.



**ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS.**

**April 24th:** Big Egg Club Claim for Thunder Eggs. Meet at Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95). We will be meeting at the Extra Mile gas station in Marsing on the corner of Hwy 55/95 @ 8AM Leaving @ 8:30 weather permitting.

This location requires hard digging so bring pick, rock hammer, pry bars, etc. It may be cool in the morning so dress accordingly. This trip also requires higher clearance vehicle and preferably 4x4 to get to top of claim. If you have never been to this claim, the trip and view alone is worth it and some nice pieces can still be found on the surface. I will have some specimen pieces for viewing at the monthly club meeting for those who would like to see what the thunder eggs look like from this claim. Hope to see you all out there for another great adventure.

We also have the outdoor potty with antiseptic wipes and antibacterial sprays to help stop the spread. Please be respectful and clean up any mess you might make with the provided cleaning materials. Now more than ever, we need to be cautious not to further the spread of COVID, a clean seat is a happy seat.

### **OGMS 2021 Field Trips**

**May 22rd:** \* (morning) Rockville OR, for Leaf Fossils / (afternoon) Maple Ridge, for Petrified Wood. Meet at Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95).

**June 19th:** \*\* Pink Plume Club Claim for plume agate. Meet at Owyhee Junction (Hwy 201 and Owyhee Ave)

**July 24th:** \*\* Coal Mine Basin for Petrified wood and agate, Meet at Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

**Aug 21st:** \*\* Wagon Town for Bog Wood, Meet at Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

**Sept 4th - 6th:** \*\*\* Texas Springs, NV for Pink Limb Casts and opalized wood. (Contact Robert or Dale for more information)

**Sept 18th:** \* Blue Egg Club Claim for Blue Opal Thunder Eggs. Meet @ Homedale City Park with Tank (just east of four corners).

**Oct 23rd:** \* Graveyard Point for agate and Jasper. Meet at Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95).

\*(meet @ 8am – leave @ 8:30am) \*\* (meet @ 7am – leave @ 7:30am) \*\*\* (Overnight Trip)

### Field Trip March 2021

Our first outing to Bruneau Wood Pile turned out great. We had 30 vehicles and 50+ people in attendance. Many went home with some large specimens, overall everyone had a great time. The day started out with mild winds, cool temps and sunshine which made for excellent digging. As the day progressed the wind picked up and the temps dropped 10+ degrees but didn't stop most due to the great pieces everyone was getting. We had members from both Owyhee Gem and Idaho Gem clubs and a few guests.

I want add a special thank you to everyone who has donated funds to Myself and Dale to help us afford gas for our vehicles as petroleum seems to be on the rise.



## April Birthdays

2	John Benedict
4	John Curt
4	Bev Vance
6	Robert Schaffer
9	Charlene Branham
9	Gary Monroe
9	Benjamin Sudweeks
9	Koda Sudweeks
11	Don Daman
11	Jewels Haines
11	Walt Holton
11	Darlene Loosli
13	Karen Butler
13	Ed Moser
16	Michael Weiskircher
19	Laura Costa
22	Willa Renken
23	Susan Cameron
24	Dick McClarin
27	Jaydon Atwood
27	Bradley Beckner
27	Saki Vakalala
28	Lucian Coleman
28	Roxanne Franklin
28	Rebecca Schuck
30	Dan Bonney
30	Heather Trowbridge

## April Anniversaries

1	Roger & Cheryl Coates
10	Bob & Kim Bashford
13	Walt & Thelma Barnett
17	Chris O'Brien & Mary Eberle
21	William & Heather Trowbridge
29	Dan & Rowena Burnum
30	John & Carol Farnham

### Newsletter Editor

Please let me know if I don't have your correct information, or if you are not on the lists here and should be.

If you would like just the email edition and not the mailed edition, let me know.

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**Q: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?**

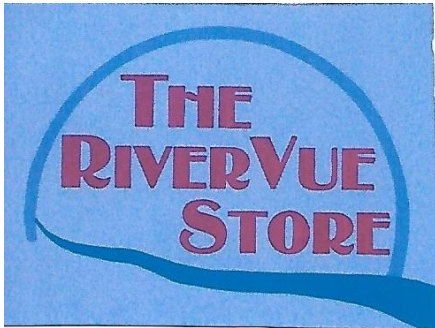
**A: Pilgrims**



### Sunshine Report

Hi, I am Jewels Haines and I am your Sunshine Chair. If you hear of anyone needing a get-well card or visit, please give me a call at (760) 331-3443.

- Jewels Haines, Sunshine Chair, [jewelsmalia@yahoo.com](mailto:jewelsmalia@yahoo.com)



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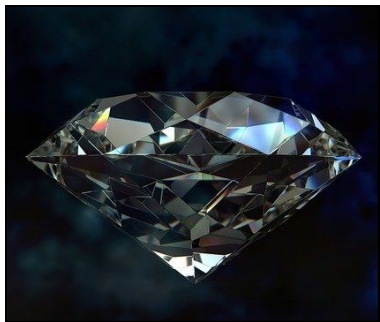
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## April Birthstone—Diamond



Both the modern and official birthstone for the month of April is the Diamond. The April birthstone color is clear or white and the alternative April gemstone is any clear stone such as sparkling Quartz.

Diamond is one of the Zodiac birthstones for Aries star sign (Mar 21 - Apr 20) and Rock Crystal (Quartz) is one of the Zodiac birthstones for Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20). Other birthday symbols include the birth flowers for April which are the Sweet Pea and Daisy.

Diamonds symbolize romance and enduring love and are traditionally set in engagement and wedding rings. They are the most most popular gemstone worldwide and valued according to carat weight, clarity, color, and cut (the 4 'C's).

Diamond is made up entirely of carbon and is the hardest natural material known to man. In fact the name 'diamond' comes from Greek 'adamas' meaning invincible, possibly indicating the superior hardness of diamonds.

Besides being a meaningful gift for a special April birthday, diamond jewelry is the also given to celebrate 10th, 60th and 75th wedding anniversaries.

[April Birthstone Color and Flower & more April Birthday Symbols \(monthlybirthstones.com\)](http://monthlybirthstones.com)

### MINERAL & ROCK SALE

By Geologist Steve Narkaus

APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> 2021

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**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY – BOARD MEETING MINUTES****29 MARCH 2021**

The March Board Meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 7:00pm, at the Caldwell Elks Lodge, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, Idaho. Robert Murphey made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Roxanne Franklin seconded; motion passed.

Two memberships were picked up at the post office by **Secretary, Chris Deveau** and passed on to Kim Bashford, Membership. Our Club insurance authorization of payment and confirmation were given to Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence.

Next month, **Vice President Roxanne Franklin** will have a presentation for the membership. Also, she said the new Facebook account is getting a great response.

**Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence** made two deposits for the club, which included membership dues, money from the slab drawing, and a newsletter ad. She paid for our meeting room at the Elks. Debbie was contacted by a lady with a rock collection to sell. She will be getting more information to share with the membership.

**Paul Deveau, Show Chair**, said he has been contacting the advertising agencies involved with our Rock Show. He confirmed that the Fieldhouse is reserved for the 2022 OGMS Rock Show.

The Northwest Federation is still meeting via Zoom. They hope to have an in-person conference this fall according to **Ed Moser, Federation Chair**. NWMS is looking for volunteers for a couple of positions within the organization. They are meeting in Big Piney, Wyoming in June. Ed wanted to remind us to keep saving our stamps and be safe as we start heading out this spring.

**Kim Bashford, Membership** advised the board to welcome back, **Susan Cannon** and **Robert Greenwood** to the OGMS membership. She also presented six new memberships to the Board: **Tom & Jackie Yankey; Andrew & Christina Wiener; Ted & Lisa Diehr; Darl Allred; Kent Simon; Bradley & Kara Beckner**. Roxanne made the motion to accept the new members into the OGMS organization, Ed Moser seconded, the motion carried. We would like to extend a hearty welcome to the OGMS family to each and every one of you!!!

The first official club field trip to the Bruneau Woodpile was a great success according to **Robert Murphey, Field Trip Chair**. There were 15 cars that came from each of the two meet locations... so in all about 55 – 60 people in attendance. Lots of wood (some 2 -3 feet in length) was found. The port-a-potty was made available... PLEASE HELP KEEP IT CLEAN! Several members donated to both Robert and Dale for gas... thank you, it is much appreciated... (these guys do a lot to precheck road and area conditions for these outings). The next field trip will be on 24 April 2021 to the Big Egg Claim...a 4-wheel drive is recommended... meet at the Extra Mile Chevron station at the intersection of Hwy 55 & Hwy 95 west of Marsing at 8:00am, leave at 8:30am.

**Unfinished Business:** The Board is submitting to the membership the changes that were made to update and clarify some language in the By-Laws for the club. It also included making the Membership Chair, a Director. These were presented back in the November Newsletter... but we are including them again for you to reread and we will vote on the changes at the next meeting in April.

**New Business:** There was much discussion about the McConnel Estate donation to the club and how to make it available to the membership. We will have a silent auction at the General Meeting, with several specimens available for everyone to see... the proceeds will be donated to the club.

Please bring your slabs for the slab drawing at the next General Meeting on Wednesday, 21 April 2021 at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Idaho Elks Club, at 1015 N. Kimball, Caldwell, Idaho.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, 26 April 2021 also at the Elks.

Take care of yourselves and be safe... we hope to see you soon... out rockin'.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



**2022 Show Dates: March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

**O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho**

I have been updating our media contact list for the upcoming year.

The Field House is reserved and ready for our 2022 "Rock & Gem" show.

Please continue tumbling rocks for grab bags, OGMS will pay \$120.00 for a five-gallon bucket of nicely, tumbled rocks.

Save a few of your rock hunting treasures to donate for the 2022 Silent Auction.

Looking forward to another great year.

**SHOW CHAIR:** Paul Deveau  
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**Federation Director—Ed Moser**



Bring your postage stamps to the next meeting. Remember to **cut ½ inch all the way around the stamp**. The money raised will go to help support cancer research. Thank you all for this. It helps others and it might just help someone you know.

Please Respect the Rules when you are out collecting rocks, be careful of ticks and snakes, and have fun.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director

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**McConnell Estate Club Meeting Silent Auction**

Hello All, as mentioned in our last club meeting, we had a generous donation to our club from the McConnell Estate. To help distribute and allow others to benefit from the donation of the McConnell estate material, we will be doing a silent auction for some Surrender Ridge thunder eggs and petrified wood pieces. We feel this is a good opportunity for some great material to go to our club members and help us to generate funding for our club. At the Monthly Board meeting Robert put together a list with proposals of what to do with the material and it was voted



that we first start with a silent auction at our monthly club meetings. We are also open for suggestions as mentioned in the last club meeting but nothing has been brought forward to date. If you have ideas, please submit those for review to any Board member and we can vote again at the monthly Board meeting.



**Membership****We are accepting payment of 2021 dues**

Membership forms are available at every meeting. Invite your "rockhound" friends to our next one! Any member needing a name badge, membership card, or patch, please call me so I can have them ready for you to pick up at the next meeting. If you need a "replacement" of any of these, there will be a nominal charge of \$2 for the Name badge and \$3 for the Small patch. In addition, large patches are available to members for \$10.

Please remember to wear your name badge to the meetings, as it makes it so much easier to identify you.

Your yearly dues cover membership privileges from October 31st through the following October 31st.

You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to:

Kim Bashford, Membership Director

P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053

Phone: (208) 454-7287 Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com



Welcome back, **Susan Cannon** and **Robert Greenwood** to the OGMS membership.

**Welcome to our new members!**

**Tom & Jackie Yankey; Andrew & Christina Wiener; Ted & Lisa Diehr; Darl Allred; Kent Simon; Bradley & Kara Beckner.**

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES****Year: 2021**Family  
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**By-Laws of the  
OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.**

Amended January 2021

**Article I — Name**

The Corporation name, as specified in the Articles of Incorporation, and under which the business of the corporation shall be conducted is OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

**Article II — Registered Office**

The principal or registered office of the corporation shall be Canyon County, Idaho.

**Article III — Management & Corporate Powers**

The Management and Corporate Powers shall be vested in and exercised by the Board of Directors elected by the voting members at the October meeting each year.

**Article IV — Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall commence at 8:00 P.M. on the third Wednesday of January of each year and end at 8:00 P.M. on the third Wednesday of the next succeeding year.

**Article V — Property Rights and Property**

All contracts, leases, options or bills of sale, licenses, franchises, notes, mortgages and other instruments, evidencing the title to or interest in property, both real and personal, belonging to the Corporation, or evidencing any claim or lien thereon in favor of the Corporation, shall be taken in the name of the Corporation, or in such other name or names in trust for the use and benefit of the Corporation as the Board of Directors may determine and designate.

**Article VI — Legal Assistance**

The Board of Directors may employ such legal assistance as may be deemed necessary in carrying on the business of the Corporation.

**Article VII — Auditing**

The books and all transactions of the Corporation shall be audited annually, no later than the third Wednesday in January, and at such other times as the Board of Directors shall determine.

**Article VIII — Annual Dues**

The annual dues to the Corporation are due and payable by October 31st of each year. Payment of these dues will cover each calendar year following the due date.

**Article IX — No Member May Benefit from Earnings**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustee, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposed set forth in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be used to influence legislation. The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, or the Articles of Incorporation, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

**Article X — Dissolution**

In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, the remaining net assets shall be distributed to qualified organization(s) under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future tax code, at the discretion of the Board of Directors by majority vote thereof. A Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located shall dispose of any such assets not so disposed of.

**Article XI — Board of Directors**

**Section 1.** A person, to be eligible for election to the Board of Directors of the Corporation, must be a member in good standing.

**Section 2.** The business and property of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, who shall be elected at the regular member meeting each October for a term of one year. They shall take over their duties at the first regular meeting in January. Vacancies in the Board shall be filled by or appointed by the remaining Directors and any member so appointed to fill any vacancy shall hold office until the next regular election. The number of such Directors shall be twelve (12).

**Section 3.** The Board shall set the time and place of the Board meetings and shall have the power to call special meetings of its members when deemed necessary. The Board shall have power to conduct, manage, and control the business and affairs of the corporation, to appoint such agents and employees as the Board may deem advantageous or necessary, and to remove the same at any time. The Board can prescribe their authority, duties, and fix their compensation.

**Section 4.** The Board shall have power to incur indebtedness, the terms and amounts and particulars of which shall be entered in the Minutes of the Board and of the Corporation. Evidence of any such business duly presented by the President and attested by the Secretary shall bind the corporation. Monthly reports shall be printed in the newsletter as evidence to the membership and will be passed on by the Directors at their next Board meeting. The Board shall provide the membership a detailed budget for the recurring expenses of the club each year. Said budget shall be presented in April for member review and approval.

## **Article XII — Officers**

**Section 1.** The Officers and Directors of this Corporation shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Trip Chair, Asst. Field Trip Chair, Federation Director, Newsletter Editor, Show Chair, Asst. Show Chair, Membership Director, and Past President. To be eligible for election as President, a member must have served for at least one year as a member of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** The President, and in their absence or inability to act, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the general membership, and perform and render such services as the Board of Directors may require. The President shall sign all certificates, contracts, and other instruments approved by the Board. The President shall be titular head of the corporation and shall have such powers and duties as regularly devolve on a President.

**Section 3.** The Vice-President, in addition to filling in when the President is absent, shall also serve as the program chairman of the corporation.

**Section 4.** The Secretary shall be the secretary of the corporation and shall keep, or cause to be kept, the minutes and records of the Corporation and such other books, records, and accounts as may be required, and shall render notices of all meetings to the members and such other services as may be required by the Board of Directors.

**Section 5.** The Treasurer shall collect, or cause to be collected, and receive all monies due or which may become due to the Corporation, and shall deposit the same in such financial institutions as may be designated for that purpose by the Board, and shall pay out the same only upon the order of and in the manner directed by the Board. The Treasurer shall provide a budget as designated by the Board of Directors for member approval and monthly reports showing the condition of the finances and affairs of the Corporation.

**Section 6.** The Federation Director shall act as the Corporation's official representative to the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, shall attend meetings of the NFMS and shall report to the Board and the general membership on any and all matters concerning the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

**Section 7.** The Field Trip Chair shall direct, supervise and guide all field trips as directed by the Board, shall make appointments of such assistants as may be necessary and shall be responsible for all coordination of all field outings and all equipment provided by the Corporation to be able to perform all duties as required by the Board.

**Section 8.** The Assistant Field Trip Chair shall perform all duties assigned at the discretion of the Field Trip Chair.

**Section 9.** The Newsletter Editor shall publish the Corporation's official monthly newsletter, "Owyhee Gem", taking care of securing the necessary news and other information shall cause this to be printed in proper form for mailing to all members in good standing and for exchange with other rock clubs.

**Section 10.** The Show Chair will be responsible for the contract for the building where the show is to be held. The Show Chair will be responsible for all contracts involving dealers for the annual show, organize all committee chairs for the various event venues as needed, and shall be responsible for all advertising and promotion of the Annual Show.

**Section 11.** The Assistant Show Chair shall perform all duties as assigned at the discretion of the Show Chair.

**Section 12.** The Membership Director shall collect all membership dues and deliver to the Treasurer, present new member applications to the Board at monthly Board meetings, and issue name badges to new members. A roster of the names and address of each member in good standing of the Corporation shall be maintained by the Membership Director and shared with the Newsletter Editor.

The Membership Director shall contact all members of the Corporation that are two (2) months delinquent in payment of dues and advise such members that their names are being dropped from the roster at the end of the third month of delinquency.

**Section 13.** The Custodian will be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The duties of this position will be to obtain an itemized listing of the Corporation's property in the form of an inventory including condition, repairs necessary and location. One copy of this inventory will be maintained in the Secretary's possession with a copy for the President and one for the Treasurer for use in acquiring insurance and any reports needed for the IRS to maintain our current tax status. The Custodian will attend Board meetings and perform any other duties regarding property as requested by the President.

### **Article XIII — Method of Election**

**Section 1.** At the August Board meeting the President shall appoint a nominating committee which shall consist of three members one of which shall be a member of the Board who will serve as Chair. Their duties are to secure a slate of Officers to present to the Board of Directors at the September Board meeting. At the time of election, additional nominations shall be received from the floor.

**Section 2.** The election of Directors shall be by written ballot, and shall be held at the general member meeting in October. If the slate of Officers is uncontested then a vote of acclamation may be rendered by the membership in lieu of a written ballot.

**Section 3.** The newly elected Directors shall officially take office at the annual member meeting in December and shall have no voting powers until after their installation.

### **Article XIV — Membership**

**Section 1.** The number of members of the Corporation shall be unlimited. Membership shall be granted only to persons in sympathy with the purposes of the Corporation. Persons under nineteen (19) years of age shall be classified as Junior Members. The rights and privileges of each member shall be equal and identical.

**Section 2.** Any individual of good character is eligible for membership. Each application for membership shall be considered at all Board meetings. No person shall be admitted to membership without the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Upon said approval and payment of dues as hereinafter more fully set out, the individual shall be declared to be a member in good standing.

**Section 3.** All members whose dues were paid on or before July 15, 1938, shall constitute the charter members.

**Section 4.** The membership fee shall be adjusted as needed for increases of any Federation dues which are paid by December 31st of each year. Dues are to be paid by the October general meeting in order to be eligible to vote. The age for adults is any member nineteen (19) and over, and under nineteen (19) to be considered junior members.

**Section 5.** No person shall be eligible for nomination for or election to an office in the corporation unless the individual is a member in good standing.

**Section 6.** Any club member in good standing may nominate a person or a couple for Lifetime Membership consideration. Recommendations shall be made in writing to the President, or presented in person, at a Board of Directors meeting. To be eligible for a Lifetime Membership the person must be a member in good standing having contributed exemplary service with a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of membership or reached the age of eighty (80). If a club member is recommended and approved for Lifetime Membership, then the twenty-five (25)-year membership requirement shall be waived for their spouse, if they are determined to be otherwise eligible. For approval of a Lifetime Membership the recommendation must receive a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**Section 7.** Honorary membership may be considered for any member in good standing having contributed their services on behalf of the club above and beyond that which is required for membership. To be considered for an honorary membership the member must be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval by majority vote.

### **Article XV — Expulsion or Withdrawal from and Restoration to Membership**

**Section 1.** Members whose dues are two (2) months in arrears shall be notified in writing by the Membership Director and if payment is not received within thirty (30) days shall be suspended from membership and their names removed from the roster. Members dropped for non-payment of dues may be reinstated to membership at any time by bringing their dues current.

**Section 2.** A member may be expelled from the Corporation for:

- a. Any flagrant or continued violation of any of the provisions of the By-Laws or Operating Procedures.
- b. Any improper or unlawful conduct that violates the rights and privileges of other members.

Such expulsion must be by no less than a 4/5 vote of the Board of Directors present at a meeting duly called to consider the matter. The time and place of the meeting called to consider the expulsion shall be given in writing to the accused five (5) days prior thereto.

## **Article XVI — Members Meetings**

**Section 1.** The annual meeting of the members of the Corporation shall be held in Canyon County, Idaho in December of each year at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors, for the transaction of such business that may lawfully come before it.

**Section 2.** The regular monthly meetings shall be held in Canyon County, Idaho on the third Wednesday of each month at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of transacting such business as may lawfully come before it.

**Section 3.** Special meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directors, or by the President, for the transaction of such business as may arise.

**Section 4.** Notice of the time and place of any meeting of the members shall be mailed/mailed to each member at least five (5) days before the time specified for the holding thereof.

**Section 5.** The members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of such business as may arise. All meetings shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order, except as otherwise provided in the By-Laws.

## **Article XVII — Banking**

All bills of the corporation shall be paid by check and all bank accounts of the Corporation shall require the signature of the Treasurer and President for the withdrawal of funds of the same. In case one of these officers cannot act, the Vice-President or Secretary shall have the power and duty of signing in their stead.

## **Article XVIII — Expenses**

Expenses of members relative to the operation of the Corporation shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval and payment according to IRS

reimbursement when warranted.

## **Article XIX — Standing Committees**

All committees shall be established or eliminated by the Board of Directors and shall be maintained in the Operating Procedures. The duties of all standing committees shall be detailed and maintained as a part of the Standing Committees Operating Procedures Manual.

## **Article XX — Operating Procedures**

Operating Procedures are intended to help define the areas of operational details that are not covered in the Articles of Incorporation, or the By-Laws.

**Section 1.** Proposed operating procedures and amendments thereto shall be submitted in writing by any member in good standing to the President or at any Board of Directors meeting.

**Section 2.** Proposed Operating Procedures and amendments thereto shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors, at their regular meeting, to ensure compliance with the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws.

**Section 3.** Following the review by the Board, and publication in the official club publication, the membership shall ratify the proposed amendments at the next regular member meeting following such publication. Once ratified, the amendments shall become a part of the Corporation, and are mandatory on the membership and administration, until amended, suspended or rescinded.

## **Article XXI — Amendment of By-Laws**

The Board of Directors may, by a majority vote, repeal, alter, or amend the By-Laws of the Corporation, provided that thirty (30) days prior notice of any and all such proposed changes be made available to the entire club membership by publishing any and all such proposed changes of these By-Laws in the Corporation's official publication.

## **Article XXII — Annual Confirmation of By-Laws Update**

I hereby certify that, to the best of the By-Law Review Committees' ability, all amendments affecting the By-Laws and the Operating Procedures, duly adopted by the membership and the Board of Directors during the current year, have been included and officially entered herein at the regular Board meeting of:

Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_.

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society  
Primary Business Address  
Address Line 2

**Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society Purpose:**

To promote interest in the wonders of nature and in particular, rocks, gems, minerals, and fossils.  
To conduct field trips for exploration and collection.  
To encourage as wide a participation as possible in the “Rock Hound” hobby and the many activities that go along with it.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

**Family** - \$20.00 per year

**Couples** - \$18.00 per year

**Singles** - \$12.00 per year

**Children (under 19)** - \$3.00 per year

The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1938 at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho.

**GENERAL MEETING:**

The club meets the third Wednesday of each month.

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag— Bring an unidentified rock and we'll help you figure out what it is!

**FIELD TRIPS:**

Field trips are scheduled once a month.  
Visitors are welcome at all these events!



**Have You Visited our Club Website?**

Our awesome website has great information on it. There are some great pictures of our outings, and our newsletter is posted on it. Brad Larson, our Web Master, does a great job of keeping it up to date with all kinds of information like upcoming shows, field trip dates, times and much more.

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