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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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April President's Message

Hello fellow rock hounds. Hope this month's newsletter finds you all enjoying the coming spring and summer of exploration in the outdoors. We are fortunate to have the public lands to explore and hunt for the treasures of jaspers, agates that grace our borders. In your adventures please remember as the season becomes hot fire is a concern. Be mindful of tall grasses as the underneath of your vehicles can catch them on fire. Carry extra water for yourself and those with you. Perhaps a fire extinguisher and first aid kit. I hope that this month will bring many April showers to grant us with May flowers. These often-impromptu storms can cause flash floods out in the hunting areas you may be at. Being aware of your surroundings and paying attention to the weather can often times prevent accidents and any harm that can happen as you enjoy the hunt for that elusive treasure.

Roxanne has lined out another interesting program for us this month and I look forward to learning something new. We appreciate her quest in finding interesting topics for us to learn from.

Robert and Dale have done a great job in lining out our field trips for this year. This month we will be going to the Big Egg Claim. There will be some surface material but the better eggs are found in the ground, so digging will be needed. Shovels, pry bars, and picks are the tools of the day. On a side note, we are looking for new fieldtrip chairpersons as Dale and Robert want to retire from these positions. If you are interested, please let us know. Since our club is all volunteer organization it takes us all giving time to help lead and show others the way. Please consider giving of your time to help lead, and organize the events that keep our club running strong.

We will be having a slab drawing this month so if you have extra slabs to share they will be welcomed. I look forward to seeing you all on April 20th at 7pm at the College of Idaho in the Boone Science Building room 103. 'Till then, keep on rocking.

-Willa Renken, OGMS President



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 16 MARCH 2022

The OGMS General Meeting was called to order by **President, Willa Renken** at 7:05pm at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Center, Room 103. Roxanne Franklin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Deanna Ashton seconded; motion passed.

Vice President, Roxanne Franklin introduced **Steve Brittenham** to the group. He gave an excellent presentation on meteorites, including their origins, makeup, and lots of great specimens from his personal collection. Thank you so much Steve for sharing your knowledge and understanding of this subject with our club.

Willa gave all visitors and new members an opportunity to introduce themselves to the group. We would like to extend a hearty welcome to each of you to the OGMS family.

The mail was picked up several times this month by, **Chris Deveau, Secretary**. Six memberships were given to Kim Bashford, Membership Chair. Four OGMS postcards (advertising the 2022 Rock Show), were returned by the post office... Two statements from the TV stations, Channels 7 and 9 were received and given to Paul Deveau, Show Chair. One advertisement for the club from Littleton Coin Co. was received and shared with the membership.

A pair of glasses were left at the Wheel of Gems venue... check with Chris Deveau.

Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence gave an update on the proceeds from the 2022 Rock and Gem Show that concluded on 6 March 2022.

Paul Deveau, Show Chair spoke about "Gems for You In '22", our 68th Annual Gem Show that took place on March 5th and 6th. Paul thanked everyone for their volunteerism and support.

Federation Chair, Ed Moser reported that the NW Federation Meeting will be held in Kennewick on May 21-22, 2022 in conjunction with the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club Show. He will be taking the stamps we have collected for the past two years (they are sold through the Federation and the proceeds go to Breast Cancer Research).

Kim Bashford, Membership Chair shared that she received 33 new memberships at the show and 23 renewals. She offered a special thanks to **Jim and Vickie Wise** for all their help at the show.

Field Trip Chair, Robert Murphey discussed the first field trip of the 2022 season to the area south of Oreana, Idaho. The group will be looking for obsidian, lightning strikes, and fossils. Please meet with the group at the Walter's Ferry boat ramp on Hwy 45 south of Nampa at 8:00am... leave at 8:30.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

The slab drawing was held... lots of variety and nice slabs for everyone that wanted to take part.

The winner of the door prize was **Barbara Korn**! She won the book, "Ultimate Rockopedia", a nice volume of information provided by last month's winner, **Ruth Hopkins**. (Whoever wins the door prize provides a rock related gift to the winner of next month's door prize.)

The March Board Meeting will be held on Monday, 28 March 2022 at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn Street. Caldwell, Idaho.

Willa left us with a thought to ponder... take advantage of the wisdom of our membership...

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary





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Robert Murphey (208) 590-1848
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**Dale
Rawson**



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.**



March Trip Report 2022

Our trip to Oreana seemed to be a great success as we had 54 vehicles and close to 100 people. We started out on the bluffs a few miles out of town in search of obsidian nodules and followed on to the shell hill area for fossils. Many people went home with some great material to include Obsidian, Jasper, Thunder Eggs, Petrified Wood and Fossils. We got to see some old members and many new members. One local ranch owner was kind enough to give us permission to cross his land so that even the low clearance vehicles were able to make it to the shell hill area. There were many dogs who attended and everyone got along great.

April 23rd: * Big Egg Claim for Thunder Eggs—Meet @ Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

*(meet @ 8am – leave @ 8:30)

I look forward to our next outing to the Big Egg Club Claim on April 23rd. We will be meeting at the Gem Stop / Chevron located on the corner of Hwy 55/95 just outside of Marsing, Idaho. This trip will require higher clearance vehicles, to make it up to the claim a 4-wheel drive is necessary. This is a Hard-Digging location so make sure to bring your shovel, picks, hammers and other heavy digging tools if you want a Big Egg. A sack lunch and water/beverages are also suggested. Hope to see you all out there.

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society - Field Trips 2022

May 21st: * Pink Plume Claim for Plume Agate—Meet @ Owyhee Junction (Hwy 201 and Owyhee Ave)

June 18th: ** Jamieson for Bog Wood—Meet @ Rest Stop Idaho/Oregon Border (Ontario Welcome Center)

July 23rd: ** Rome for Snake Skin Agate—Meet @ Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

Aug 20th: ** Wagon Town for Bog Wood—Meet @ Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

Sept 24th: * Blue Egg for Blue Opal Thunder Eggs—Meet @ Homedale City Park with Tank

Oct 22nd: * Graveyard Point for agate and Jasper—Meet @ Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95).

Legend: *(meet @ 8am – leave @ 8:30) **(meet @ 7am – leave @ 7:30)

For further information, Contact Robert (208)590-1848 or Dale (208)283-7990

Vice President's Corner—Roxanne Franklin

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**Monthly Meeting Topic**

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact me: Roxanne Franklin (208) 577-7095, rocksfrank22@gmail.com

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.

April 20th Meeting:

Our presenter will be Ted Diehr. Sandstone and Shale—Beauty is in the eye of the beholder
A perspective from a petroleum engineer.

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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NFMS Mid-Year Meeting in 2022— Saturday, May 21, 2022 Kennewick, WA

During the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club 25th Anniversary Show

Since we have not been able to gather for the past 2 years at annual meetings let's get together for this Mid-Year meeting to be held in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary Show of the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club in Kennewick, WA.

The Mid-Year meeting will be held from 1-3 pm on Saturday May 21.

Community Corner

If you are presenting to the community or working with the community on behalf of OGMS, please submit a summary of what you are doing for our "Community Corner". This helps us maintain our non-profit status and gives you a recognition for a job well done.

April Birthdays

2	John Benedict
2	Royce Davis
2	Sam Irwin
2	Jim Mangrum
4	Joyce Christensen
4	John Curt
6	Tim Browne
6	Robert Schaffer
7	Vanie Garcia
7	Taylor Oxley
9	Charlene Branham
11	Jewels Haines
13	Karen Butler
13	Ed Moser
18	Kenny Rencher
19	Benjamin Sudweeks
19	Paul Verhage
19	Andrew Wiener
20	Zayden Garcia
22	Willa Renken
25	Steve Ford
27	Jaydon Atwood
28	Roxanne Franklin
30	Heather Trowbridge

April Anniversaries

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

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.

jewelsmalia@yahoo.com

The General Meeting for April is at the College of Idaho!

The April 20th General Meeting will be in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103.

If you are heading SW on 20th Ave, you will take a left at Filmore St and go through the parking lot to the side entrance of the building.

See you there at 7:00 p.m.

General meetings are the third Wednesday of each month.

Park Here



THE COLLEGE
of IDAHO

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES 28 MARCH 2022

OGMS President, Willa Renken called the March Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn Street, Caldwell, Idaho. Kim Bashford made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Roxanne Franklin seconded; motion passed.

Secretary, Chris Deveau gave a statement from Gray Communications (Channel 9) for advertising for the Rock Show and a postal return receipt from the Idaho State Tax Commission to Paul Deveau, Show Chair. Three memberships were given to Kim Bashford, Membership Chair for processing. A request regarding an update to the OGMS brochure was processed. An advertisement for a credit card for the club was shared with the Board and shredded. One OGMS postcard mailed for the Show was returned by the post office.

Vice President, Roxanne Franklin advised the Board that member, **Ted Diehr** will be giving the presentation at the General Meeting in April.

Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence gave a summary of income from the "Gems for You in '22" Rock Show.

Show Chair, Paul Deveau is waiting for a couple of final Rock Show bills to come in to get the final tally of income vs expenses for this year's show. He wanted to thank everyone that took part in making this a really great event!

Federation Chair, Ed Moser will be taking over five huge boxes of stamps that have been donated over the past two years, to the NW Federation Meeting in May in Kennewick. Ed also shared that both, he, and Howard Emry will be filling the library's display cases again this spring... What a terrific way to share with the community!

Membership Chair, Kim Bashford presented over 40 new memberships to the Board... Kenneth & Joyce Christensen and family; Iran Trenkel; Brian & Wendy DenHerder; Mike Dome; Crystal Furguson and family; David & Mika Horning; Irene Kuskov; Sean & Audrey LaVigne; Chuck Middleton; Charles & Lynette Miller; Taylor & Dawn Oxley and family; Rodney Polson; Andi Real and family; Kenny & Jessica Rencher; Garth & Jana Swensen and family; Melissa Sanchez; Charles & Angela Anderson; Mike & Gail Barker and family; Chris & Sheena Bravo and family; Jamie & Lucy Bresson and family; Jessica Bunn; Shelly Christansen; Jeff Engelhardt; Steve & Jody Ford; Vanie Garcia and family; Cinda Goldenstein & Michael Johnson and family; Tani & Dale Hughes; Ken Johnson; Sherman & Angel Kester and family; Michael & Christina Munster; Judie Schafer & Ann Wright; Jeffery & Polly Stokes; Roy & Frances Vance; Tim Browne & Jani Belcore; Mark & Vicki Hewitt and family; Jerome & Susanne Goettsch; David & Suanne McCullough; Tom Sullivan; Frederick & Rebecca Freeman; Josh & Valerie Anderson; Allison Kytte; Doug & Lisa Elliot; Garry & Donna Scholz. Roxanne Franklin made the motion to accept the new members; Ed Moser seconded; motion passed. **We would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to you all from the OGMS family!**

Field Trip Chair, Robert Murphey has published the list of field trips in the newsletter. The March trip to Oreana had a great turn out... hope everyone enjoyed themselves on our first spring outing. The April field trip will be on Saturday, 16 April 2022 to the Big Egg Claim for Thundereggs. Meet at the Gem Stop/ Chevron west of Marsing at the intersection of Hwy55/95 at 8:00am. Leave at 8:30.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Member, **Don Dixon** was a visitor to the Board Meeting and advised that the museum at the College of Idaho will hopefully be operational in April or May for the public to enjoy. We will keep you posted!

The April General Meeting will be held at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Bldg. Room 103, on Wednesday, 20 April 2022 at 7:00pm. Please bring your slabs, there will be a slab drawing!!!

The April Board Meeting will be held at the Caldwell Public Library at 1010 Dearborn Street, Caldwell, Idaho, on Monday, 25 April 2022 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



**“GEMS FOR YOU IN ‘22”, March 5 and 6
O’Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho**

Well, the 2022 “Gems For You in ‘22” Gem Show has come and gone and it was a huge success! However, I am still having a very hard time coming up with the magic words to express my feelings to all of you.

It goes much, much further than just the Gem Show. Although an event such as this has a way of bringing everyone closer together, my ultimate goal would be to meet each and every one of you on a personal level. The Gem Show has brought me one step closer to meeting that goal.

I am constantly blown away by the talent, knowledge, and skill within our group, and your willingness to share your collecting stories, as well as working methods.

I spent time with each one of our vendors and I think it’s fair to say we’ll see all of them next year. I already have 75% of the signed 2023 contracts in hand.

I mingled with the general public, as much as time allowed, and they also felt the energy and enthusiasm of the show. Over 3,000 adults plus families attended, making the 2022 show the largest attendance ever! Many, many great comments. Thirty-three additional new memberships (during the show) speaks very well to that point.

I would like to thank all of the venue chairs, the demonstrators, and the (way too many to mention) volunteers. You are all great. Thank you so much!

Nearly everyone knows that Chris has been my very best friend for forty-nine years. Not just for the Gem Show, she has always been there for me so a big THANK YOU to Chris.

I started off by saying I was having a hard time finding the words, however, I would like to say how grateful I am to be allowed the privilege of being part of your show.

THANK YOU ALL, VERY, VERY MUCH!

Paul

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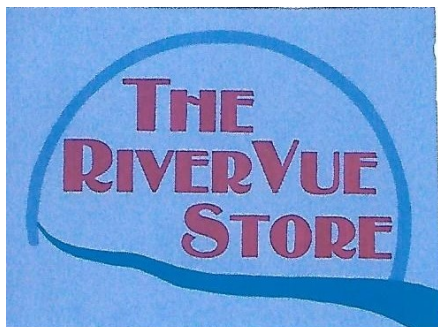


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Any member needing a name badge, membership card, or patch, please call me so I can have them ready for you to pick up at the next meeting. If you need a "replacement" of any of these, there will be a nominal charge of \$2 for the Name badge and \$3 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 New Members!

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2022

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
PO Box 1053
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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 at 7:00 P.M. in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103, except for the July picnic and the December holiday party.

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.

<http://www.owyheerocks.com/>