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April President's Message

Hello everyone hope you are all doing well. This year is rolling by pretty fast as the first four months always do. Wow what a fantastic Show! You all deserve a huge thank you for all the participation. Your efforts have provided us adequate funding for another year. As always we hope to bring in more new faces to increase the ranks.



Sue has secured an interesting program for us this month. It will be on the rules and regulations that the BLM require for the use of our public lands. We look forward to welcoming their input so we can all follow the rules.

John was excited to tell the Board all about the trip to Oreana last month. There were 40 vehicles and upwards of eighty people out looking for obsidian and fossil shells. He said it was a great turn out for our first trip of the year. This month John will meet you at the gas station on the north corner of Hwy 95 and 55 on Saturday the 22nd at 8am leave at 8:30am. The field trip this month will be to the Big Egg Claim. David Schmidt has been busy getting the updated bonding paperwork straightened out on this claim for our field trip. We really appreciate all you are doing David to keep us compliant!

Paul is working on getting a finalized show report for you. We need to let him know that we appreciate all his hard work and his attention to detail as, I don't know about you but, it sure seemed like it went very smoothly again this year. The setup and tear down was super and we were done in record time.

Thank you Sue Cassidy for jumping in there and helping Kim with the cases and ribbons. The cases provide the public with a look into all the fantastic rock and ideas of how to make it attractive. We missed our Kim tremendously and it was oh so nice to see her at this month's Board meeting. Her always cheerful smile and laughter is so uplifting.

I think that is about it other than I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on Wednesday the 19th at 7pm in the Boone Science Building.

-Willa Renken OGMS President

General Meeting Minutes—March 15, 2023

The March OGMS General Meeting was cancelled by the College of Idaho.

Boone Hall was experiencing a building issue and was shut down by the school. We were notified of the closure after 2:00pm and with our meeting at 7:00pm, we attempted to let the membership know by calling and posting on the website and Facebook that the meeting was cancelled. Several members, Don Dixon and Cindy Woolsey, John Wright, and Paul and Chris Deveau went to the Boone Hall parking lot and intercepted a few members that had NOT been notified. We apologize for the inconvenience but hope to see you ALL at the April General Meeting on Wednesday, 19 April 2023 at 7:00pm at Boone Hall Science Bldg., Room 103 on the College of Idaho campus. There will be a slab drawing so bring your slabs.

The March Board Meeting will be held at the Caldwell Public Library at 1010 Dearborn St, Caldwell, Idaho at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Oreana Field Trip—March 18, 2023



Vice-President's Corner—Sue Cassidy

"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 Sue.

Monthly Meeting Topic

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact Sue at (603) 548-8822, pypnhot@comcast.net



Sue Cassidy

April 19	Steve Flock and Amber Pike – BLM Vale Office Topic: BLM Rules, Regulations and Claims
May 17	Paul Verhage Topic: The Story of the Elements
June 21	Bill Todd from the Flintknappers Topic: Flintknapping
July/August	No speakers -club activities in the park
September 20	Bill Sawyer Topic: My favorite biggest rock and It's not a Meteorite
October 18	Bill Nance Topic: Select Minerals of Central America/Mexico
November 15	Auction & Voting
December	Christmas Party

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
(208) 340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com

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Society](#)

Field Trip Report —John Wright



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, Protective clothing and sunscreen to avoid burns.

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.
- Please remember to not park on tall grass or sagebrush as the fire season is in full swing and watch out for snakes.
- 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.



OGMS 2023 Field Trips

April 22nd—Big Egg Claim—Thundereggs

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

May 20th—Rockville (morning), Maple Ridge (afternoon) - Leaf Fossils and Petrified Wood

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

June 24th—Pink Plume Claim—Pink Plume Agate

Meet at Owyhee Junction Hwy 201 and Owyhee Ave at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (2499 OR-201, Nyssa, OR)

July 22nd—Wagon Town—Bog Wood

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

August 19th—Graveyard Point— Agate and Jasper

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

September 23rd—Blue Egg Claim—Blue Opal Thundereggs

Meet at Homedale Park (by the tank) at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (E Idaho Ave and S 2nd St E)

October 21st—Bruneau Wood Pile—Petrified Wood and Pine Cones

Meet at Walter's Ferry Boat Ramp, Melba, at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m.

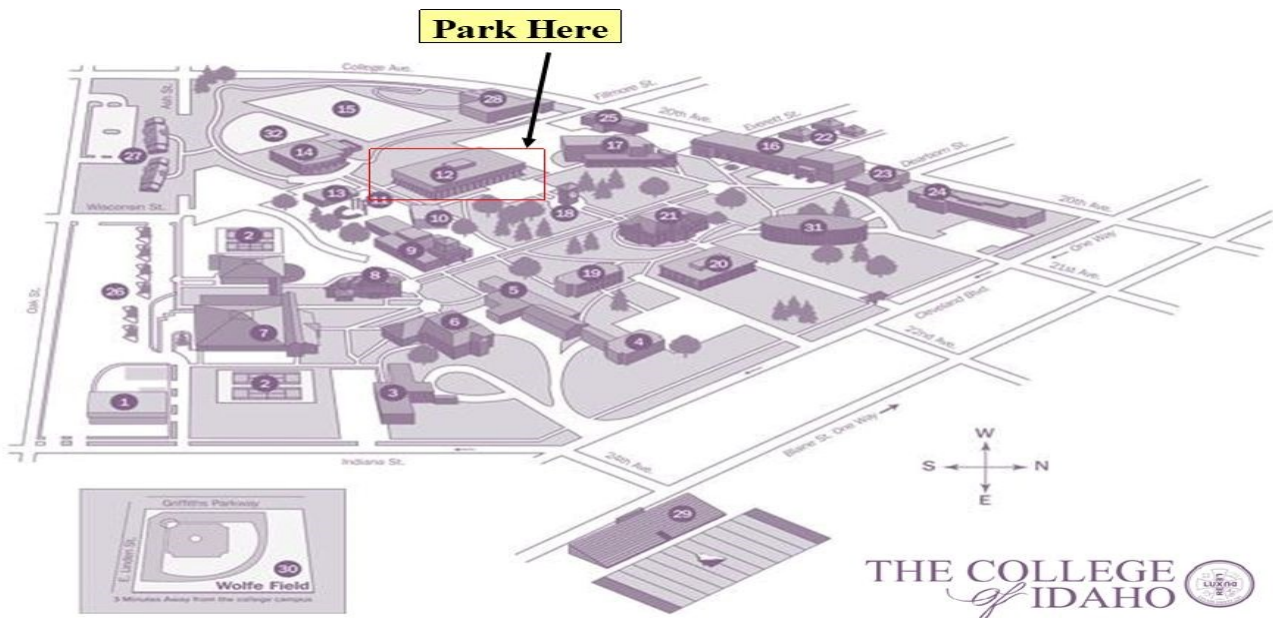
For further information contact John Wright at 208-571-6873 or Red Larson at 208-965-7624

April General Meeting

The April 19th General Meeting will be in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103 at 7 p.m.

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.

General meetings are the third Wednesday of each month.



Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History
College of Idaho—Boone Science Hall basement— Caldwell, Idaho
Hours: Monday—Friday, 12:15 - 5:00 p.m.
[Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History | The College of Idaho](https://www.collegeofidaho.edu/orma-j-smith-museum-of-natural-history)

As the only natural history museum in the region encompassing southwestern Idaho, southeastern Oregon, and northern Nevada, The College of Idaho's Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History is the premier resource for environmental and natural history education in the region. The Museum is listed in the "30 Most Amazing Higher Education Natural History Museums," compiled by Best College Reviews.

You can check them out on [Instagram](#) or call (208) 459-5507.

April Birthdays

- 1 David Nordberg
- 2 John Benedict
- 2 Sam Irwin
- 2 Jim Mangrum
- 4 Joyce Christensen
- 4 John Curt
- 6 Carter Helmer
- 6 Robert Schaffer
- 7 Janie Garcia
- 7 Mark Goodell
- 9 Randy Greer
- 10 Karen Perdew
- 11 Jewels Haines
- 12 Jim Mangrum
- 12 Rick Strack
- 12 Heather Strassell
- 13 Karen Butler
- 13 Ed Moser
- 14 Linda Barlow
- 19 Benjamin Sudweeks
- 19 Paul Verhage
- 19 Andrew Wiener
- 20 Zayden Garcia
- 22 Lisa Biffle
- 22 Willa Renken
- 23 Susan Cameron
- 25 Steve Ford
- 27 Jaydon Atwood
- 27 Pamela Gilmore
- 28 Roxanne Franklin
- 30 Michael Hutson

April Anniversaries

- 2 Mark & Terry Goodall
- 4 Bruce & Cathy Sistrunk
- 10 Bob & Kim Bashford
- 12 Will & Denise Eason
- 13 Walt & Thelma Barnett
- 20 Chris & Mia Larson
- 24 David & Christina Nordberg
- 26 Rick & Vicki Voss
- 27 Walter & Corina Anderson
- 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

Newsletter Editor

If you have articles or information for the newsletter, please submit to denisemstringer@gmail.com

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.

Board Meeting Minutes—March 27, 2023

President Will Renken called the March Board Meeting of the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society to order at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Public Library at 1010 Dearborn St., Caldwell, Idaho. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Kim Bashford seconded; motion passed.

Chris Deveau, Secretary advised that 11 memberships were given to Kim Bashford, Membership Chair. Two contracts for our 2024 Show, and three advertising statements from the 2023 show were given to Paul Deveau, Show Chair. A package from BLM regarding an OGMS claim was signed for and given to David Schmidt for processing. A new license plate for the OGMS trailer will be given to Darell Ehlers. One Gem Show postcard was returned and shredded.

Sue Cassidy, Vice President said she has presentations for the General meetings scheduled for the remainder of the year. The April speakers will be Amber Pike and Steve Flock from the BLM – Vale Office. Their topic of discussion will be: "BLM Rules, Regulations, and Claims".

Roxanne Franklin, Treasurer advised the group of all the membership and Show related deposits.

Paul Deveau, Show Chair discussed many aspects of the show. He thanked all the volunteers that helped to make our 2023 show a huge success.

Ed Moser, Federation Chair asked that everyone continue to save their stamps. Either cancelled or not, the stamps are collected and taken by Ed to the Federation Show, which will be held in August in Billings, Montana. They are sold to collectors and the funds raised are donated for Cancer research. He also reminded us that the Federation Membership Book will be available at the show in Billings at a cost of \$10 each... if you want one, pay Ed in advance and he will pick it up for you.

Kim Bashford, Membership Chair was at the Board meeting! Hooray, nice to see her smiling face and know she is on the mend! Kim had some great help at the show. Thank you to Kathi Larson, and Jim and Vickie Wise for taking care of the Grand Prizes and Membership.

The Show 'Grand Prize' winners were: Amethyst Cathedral – 'Carol'; Bookends - 'Henry McRae'; Calcite Cluster – 'Jean Hoene'; Copper Tree – 'Pam Gilmore'.

The show brought in over 40 new members plus more that were mailed in made the increase... 50 new memberships! Kim presented the list to the Board for approval... Roxanne Franklin made the motion to approve the new members, Ed Moser seconded, the motion passed.

We would like to send a hearty welcome to each of you from the OGMS family!!!

The new members are:

Jim Allen; Jeff and Rachelle Armstrong; Dustin and Mary Baker & family; Linda Barlow; Mark Barnett; Dwain and July Bertencello; Lisa Biffle; Lawrence Buys; Brady and Eliza Callahan & family; Shaun and Abigail Collett; Ron and Gen Crump & family; Lori Deitrick & family; Cameron and Melody Dunne & family; Joseph and Pamela Ellsworth & family; Fred and Cindy Giesen; Elizabeth Greeley; Randy and Sandi Greer; Lynn and Paula Hansen & family; Ray and Cheri Harshman; Chuck Hoffman; Michael and Kassandre Hutson & family; Chris and Mia Larson & family; Alexander Kerns; Robert and Ruth Kerns; Mike and Tammy Markel & family; Missy McDaniel; Jon McGinnis; Dennis McManamon; Rosanna Mendoza & family; Doug Merrell and Trish Kelsoe; Justan and Andrea Meyer & family; Dominique Moreno & family; Steve and Sue Oakes & family; Scott and Christina Orren; Richard and Karen Perdew & family; Miguel and Kayce Ramirez & family; Charles and Francisca Russell & family; Luis and Lisa Sanchez & family; Orrel Savage; Josh and Amy Schultz & family; Peter Sherbanenko & family; Bruce and Cathy Sistrunk; Steve and Kate Souza; Dennis Stokes; Rick Strack and Laurie Ellis; Jason and Heather Strassell & family; Steve Ussing; David and Denise Watson; Mary Winchester; Bryan and Trina Yiengst & family. Again, we thank you for joining us in the great outdoors... out rockin' in Idaho! (continued on page 8)



John Wright, Field Trip Chair told the Board that our first field trip of the year started out a little chilly, but was a beautiful clear day. There were more than 40 vehicles, 80 plus people that trekked to Oreana, mostly new members of the club. Everyone enjoyed getting Apache Tears and fossils.

Unfinished Business: Because there was no March General meeting, Bill Sawyers' presentation has been rescheduled to September... don't miss it, it will be a good one! As part of our continuing commitment to community service, Karen Davis is still working with the Middleton School District, giving classes on Idaho rocks. She also teaches classes at her home to both adults and kids. Don Dixon and Cindy Woolsey made a presentation at Homedale school. We appreciate our volunteers' time and expertise, sharing such a lifelong hobby with Idaho children.

New Business: Karen Davis announced to the Board that due to her personal family, community, and church commitments, she will be giving up her position as Assistant Show Chair. We appreciate all her hard work and efforts for the club. Thank you so much Karen, your assistance has been nothing short of amazing.



The April General Meeting will be held at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Bldg. Room 103 on Wednesday, 19 April 2023 at 7:00pm. **There will be a slab drawing!**

The April Board Meeting will be at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn St., Caldwell, Idaho on Monday, 24 April 2023 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 08:20pm. Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary

Show Report



**OGMS 2023 Show—March 4 and 5—"Rocks to See in '23"
O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho**



The 2023 "Rocks to See in '23" GemShow has now passed and becomes the second back-to-back show ever to clear 3,000 adults to walk through the front door.

Show Chair:
Paul Deveau

Each OGMS event brings us all a little closer together and the 2023 Show certainly was no different. Set-up, take down, the chili feed, sand dig,

Co-Assistant Show Chairs:
Karen & Brian Davis

wheel of gems, critters, grab bags, or the silent auction...you could see it and it feel it everywhere. From the people working the front tables, the membership and resource tables to the raffle tables, the demonstrators, the show chairs, many many volunteers—laughing and working together. We are a team and it really showed. Thank you all so very much!

I have received several requests to be added to the 2024 sign-up sheets.

I would like to borrow a comment that I made after last year's show:

"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"

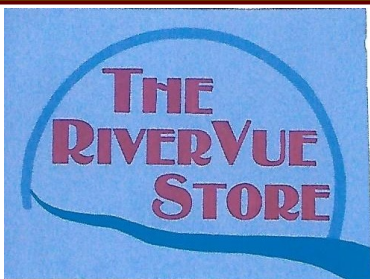
This is still the very best way to describe the OGMS. I know it, and the public knows it. I am sure that our 50 new memberships (during the show) would all agree.

I have received several comments from our dealers for a great 2023 show. I currently have 12 signed dealer contracts in hand for the 2024 gem show. Also, one of our current dealers, after many, many years, Catherine Jeffers—Beartooth Minerals, is retiring and we wish her the very best.

On behalf of Karen, Brian and myself, stay safe and have fun.

Photos from the Gem Show





Stone from Arizona

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Membership—Kim Bashford

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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

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
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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

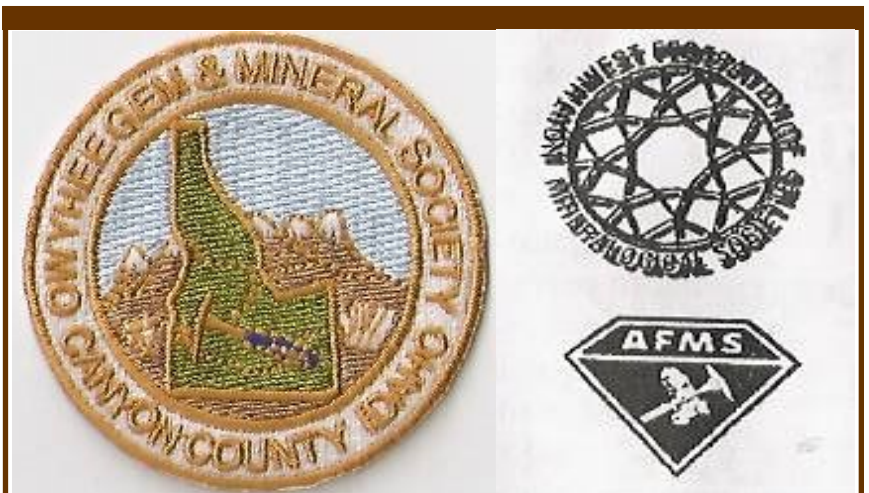
The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1938 at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho.

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/>