



Owyhee Gem



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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April President's Message

Wow from winter to almost summer in two weeks can you believe it. Hope you all had an enjoyable Easter and the bunny brought you all the chocolate you can eat. Soon it will be adventure time for most of you as you start exploring the great outdoors in hopes of finding the most wonderful of rock. As always please take precautions to carry all the essential items one might need when you are out there on your own. Make sure someone always know your route and destination as one never knows if you might experience a difficulty and need help.

Melissa is trying to coordinate some programs for our monthly meetings if you have any ideas or are willing to contribute in any way please contact her and let her know. I am sure there are members that have some skill or project know how that can be shared with all of us for an interesting night of entertainment.

Janie will be presenting our Annual Budget this month for our membership approval so come prepared to support her with your vote. I would like to thank all those who bring slabs for our monthly drawing your generosity is much appreciated. I look forward to seeing all the pretty rocks you bring to share. I know the new members really do enjoy it as most are just getting started and need your support in learning the right kind of material to work with.

Larry Ridley is in the process of setting up a work party day at the O Conner field house so we can fix the showcases. He should have the time and information available for us at this next meeting. I hope all who can, will set aside the time to come and help. We will be making the cases and fronts uniform so that it is easier to set up next year at our show. We appreciate all the effort all of you put forth on the clubs part.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting. Until then keep your nose to the ground as you never know what rock might catch your fancy. Remember to bring a few extra pieces home for our Silent Auction table.

Willa Renken
OGMS President

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society**March 20, 2013**

General Meeting: held at College of Idaho in room 103 was called to order by President Willa Renken. Willa asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in the March newsletter. Hearing none Willa asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed, Brad Larson made the motion to accept minutes as printed in the newsletter 2nd by Jim Hopkins and approved by general membership.

Evening Activity: There was no program for this evening.

Guest: There were 15 guests attending this evening's meeting.

Secretary: Sylvia showed a show flyer from Edmond Washington

Vice Pres: Melissa Jones had no report.

Editor: Joan Alvey was excused from the meeting as she was out of town on a family emergency.

Treasurer: Janie Ehlers gave her report

Show Chairman: Susan gave her report on the 2013 show it was a great success.

Federation Chairman: Ed Moser reports that the 2013 Northwest Federation membership directory will be \$10.00, if you want one please let him know. Keep saving stamps for Cancer Research and be sure to read your Northwest News Letter for upcoming shows, (date, time, place) and good information on our hobby.

Historian: Pauline Prather was not present.

Sunshine Chairman: Rose Mary reported that Jerry Ensley was now home from the Hospital.

Membership: Neva Haney gave her report on prospective members. Kathi Larson made a motion to accept the members in to our club Lloyd Summers 2nd the motion the motion carried.

Fieldtrip Chairman: Larry Beattie reported that the March field trip will be to Grave Yard Point, Saturday, March 23. Meet at ION junction at 8am. Hi Clearance or 4 wheel drive advised.

WEB REPORT: Brad Larson has updated the web site with club information Willa reported that she has received several letters asking about our club due to them finding us via our web site. Willa gave out a big thanks to Brad for doing a great job.

Refreshments: Ruth and Jim Hopkins thanked the March cookie crew and announced they are ready for April.

Old Business: Nothing to work on this meeting

New Business: Lloyd Summers reports he needs help with the Road Cleanup on Saturday April 13. We will meet at Walters Ferry Boat Landing at 9am and if weather permits there just might be a field trip for anyone who wishes to go.

Red Larson thanked all who helped him on the Silent Auction during the Gem Show.

Slab Drawing: Bill Stringers granddaughter helped Willa with the slab tickets. Door Prize was won by Ed Moser and was donated by Brad Larson.

Meeting adjourned and refreshments enjoyed by all
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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MINUTES MARCH 25, 2013

Present at the OGMS Board Meeting March 25 were Willa Renken, Darell & Janie Ehlers, Ed & Deanna Moser, Joan & Gene Alvey, Larry & Mary Ridley, Neava Haney, Pauline Prather, Nancy Farrell, Chad (Janie & Darell Ehlers grandson), Bill and Sylvia Foreman.

BOARD MEETING: Meeting was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:15pm in room 106 at the College of Idaho. Willa asked if there were any changes to the board minutes as printed in the March newsletter. No changes to the minutes to be made. Ed Moser made motion to accept minutes as printed in the newsletter 2nd by Gene Alvey and approved by board members.

SECRETARY: Sylvia Foreman reported a show buyer from Denver, Co, April 19-21 on Fossils & Mineral.

VICE PRESIDENT: Melissa Jones was not present,

TREASURER: Janie Ehlers gave the treasurer's report.

EDITOR: Joan Alvey would like information for April newsletter by April 1.

SHOW CHAIRMAN: Susan Beale was not present.

Asst. Show Chairman Darell Ehlers reported that Susan would like members to attend a meeting at the Caldwell Public Library to begin working on plans for 2014 Show on Tuesday, April 9 at 7pm.

FEDERATION CHAIRMAN: Ed Moser read information from the Northwest Newsletter on activities you might be interested in and shows you might like to attend.

HISTORIAN: Pauline Prather had nothing to report.

SUNSHINE: Rosemary Peterson was not present.

MEMBERSHIP: Neava Haney has 3 new members to present at April meeting.

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN: Larry Beale reports that the March field trip to Grave Yard Point was a good trip. The April field trip will be to the Pink Plume Claim for agate. Meet at O'Conner Field House at 8am.

OLD BUSINESS: The club will reimburse Larry Ridley for the trailer space at Idaho Tractor for 2012 and 2013;

NEW BUSINESS: Larry Ridley is working on a work day to repair Show Cases and Equipment. Volunteers will be more than welcome to help at O'Conner Field House. There will be more information later.

Shop Tips & Hints

Cutting oil *** Tired of the high cost of cutting oil? And you've tried diesel but don't like the smell. Just add pine-Sol. Use about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a bottle in a 16" saw and the rest of the bottle in a 10" saw. It does the trick. No more smell.

+++Rock & Gem Magazine via Hy Grader

Gold & Silver Cleaner *** If you want an excellent cleaner for gold, sterling silver or other metals, try Lipstick any shade. Use a soft cloth to apply and another to remove and buff. The results are unbelievable, They will be glowing. Works great on copper and brass also.

+++ The Golden Nugget via Hy Grader

Pickling Solutions*** Brown cider vinegar with 45% acidity can be used in place of pickling solution for silversmithing. No acid burns with vinegar, either.

+++ Hellgate Breezes via Magic Valley Gem Times.

All three of these came also from former Owyhee Gem News letters.

I have not tried any of these myself but they all seem to me to be good ideas, If you try and like any of them let me know. And if they work I'll keep putting the Tips and Hints in if they don't I guess I'll just keep trying to find some that do.

Some more on page 9 hope you enjoy these.



Hey Guys and Gals Here are a few activities that are coming up real soon.

Idaho Falls Mineral Society
Annual Rock Show
April 13 10am-6pm
April 14 10am-5pm
IDAHO Falls Rec. Center
530 Memorial Dr.
Idaho Falls, Id



Hatrockhound Gem & Mineral Society
May 18-19
Sat 10 am-6 pm
Sun 10am -5pm
Hermiston Community Center
415 South Highway 395
Hermiston OR

Happy St. Patrick's Day one and all

Madras Pow Wow
June 26th-June 30th
Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Madras Oregon
<http://www.nysachamber.com>

Nyssa Thunderegg Days
<http://www.nysachamber.com>
July 11-13
Guided Rock Tours Depart 7an daily
'Daily entertainment on Main Stage
Rock and Gem Venders
Quilt Show
Concessions' and much much more
For more information please call 541-372-3091

This month I have chosen **Pauline Prather** to be our **SPOT LIGHT MEMBER**

Before I begin I would like to thank Sylvia Foreman for supplying some very important information and Freda Babbitt for putting together in writing this very interesting article about Pauline .

Pauline joined the club back in 1973 and has been a tireless worker ever since. Positions she has filled include: President: Vice President: Refreshment chairman: Sunshine Chairman; and presently holding the Historian position. She always helps with arranging the picnic site, The Christmas Party, and is and has been in charge of the show cases for many years. She is very involved with the making of Critters for our Wheel of Gems. Always willing to share our Rock hobby with any and all who might be interested she shares her knowledge with students at the Nampa Library. There are so many more ways that Pauline has helped in our club I am sure we have missed some so all I can say is that we are very blessed to know her and have her as a friend and fellow member of our Rock club.

But I need to tell you about the woman who is so much more than just a club member here are just a few more of her attributes'.

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She is a founding member of the Snake River Fiber Artists-group that has met for over 20 years to exchange tips, ideas and support to spinners and other fiber artists in the Treasure Valley. She often takes a fleece fresh from the sheep, scours and washes it, then dyes it using either natural or synthetic dyes. After it is dry, she will use either hand cards or a drum carder to prepare it for spinning. She has taught several people to spin- she loves to share her vast knowledge of wool breeds, fleeces, dyeing procedures and spinning techniques.

She uses the fiber she has spun to create hats, scarves and other items which she generously donates to our club as well as various charitable auctions as well as giving these treasured items as gift

She was an original participant in the Donnelly Fiber Retreat that has been held for the past 18 years. This event has evolved from a small group of ladies exchanging ideas and dye stains to a highly sought after retreat featuring instructors that are nationally and internationally renowned. She is a beloved contributor to this group.

She is a avid Gardner of both food stuffs and flowers. Her home is an oasis of color and texture all throughout the growing season. She assists her daughter in planting and caring for a garden that could feed most of Canyon County. Together they preserve the fruits of their labors and many a happy person has been the recipient of their gifts of food. Here again her vast knowledge of plants is readily shared with anyone who asks.

She actively practices Yoga, keeping up with the much younger persons in the class she attends. She can be found at the local YMCA during the winter months walking the indoor track before her class.

At the age of 80, she decided to take up the art of silver smiting and giving many of her creations to most grateful friends and relatives.

She is generous with her time, Skills and Knowledge in all her endeavors-never ceasing to seek more information, skills and fun. She is by far the best friend a person could ever have.

Written by Freda Babbitt, with the help of Sylvia Foreman

Rock -N- Gifts

942 South Lincoln • Jerome, Idaho 83338

(208) 324-8860

Bruneau Jasper

Cabs - Slabs - Specimens - Rough

Gerald & Joy Scarrow
(208) 324-4024

Rocky & Kelley Scarrow
(208) 324-1034

rockingift@cableone.net

STRINGER'S GEM SHOP

Idaho Opals

Picture Jaspers & Plume Agate
Silver

(Landstrom's & Stamper)

Bolos & Buckles

Bookends & Specimens

Birthstone Jewelry

Tumblers & Equipment

WHITES METAL DETECTORS

W.A. (Bill)

& Anna Stringer

1812 West Orchard

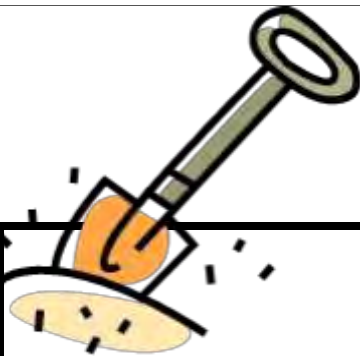
Nampa, Idaho 83651

1 Mile South of Karcher Mall

(208) 466-5169

M-F 1:30-5:30 pm

Other Hrs. By Appointment



March Field Trip to Graveyard Point

The time finally arrived for us to do what we do best. Look for rocks! Our caravan of 23 vehicles made its way to Graveyard Point where we looked for agate and petrified wood. Some nice leaf fossils were also found. The day started out pretty chilly but the sun came out, it was dry, and there wasn't much wind. Not bad for a March day.

April Field Trip: April 20th – Pink Plume Claim

Meet at the O'Connor Field House parking lot, Saturday, April 20th, 8:00 A.M. then to Nyssa High School parking lot to pick up any who would like to meet us there, and on to the claim.

Hope to see you on the next field trip!

Larry Beattie Fieldtrip Chairman



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Shop Tips & Hints *****

FIRE OBSIDIAN*** Cut and polish as you would agate, but remember that obsidian is volcanic glass. IT is very brittle and heat sensitive. Cut slabs as parallel to the color as possible. Then when you dome the stone you should get a very nice bull's eye effect.

Fire agate***' Fire Agate is similar to cutting Any stone with color refraction' properties. You must cut for the maxim color. Unlike Spectrolite you can loose the fire by grinding To far. But, like Opal, you can increase The fire by hitting the fire line exactly. Also like Opal the more stones you cut the better you get. Sand and polish like any other agate. Just remember **DO NOT SAND PAST THE FIRE...**

Via Glacial Drifter via Eureka News...

Hey Members it is time for our Spring ROAD CLEAN UP!!!!!!!!!!

This Spring it is going to be held on **DATE..... April 13,2013**
TIME..... Meet at 9 0 clock am leave at 9:30am
Where..... Walters Ferry in parking lot
 After work is done we will be going on a rock hunting trip. If weather permits. Please volunteer the more the merrier and the less work for all of us who show up. Besides a good time is had by all who come out and help.
 Thank you Lloyd Summers Chairman



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society**Membership Report**

If you are interested in receiving the membership roster for 2013, please let me know. I will be happy to email it to you.

My contact information is listed below, so you can give me a call or contact by email if you have any changes throughout the year. We want you to receive the newsletter to the correct address. Besides this is the only way we can insure our contact information is current.

Reminder: You get with “New Membership” – A membership card, a small patch and your name badge at no charge. With your “Renewal” you will get your membership card for the New Year. (Usually you can pick up your name badge at the next club meeting while enjoying refreshments and meeting new friends after the meeting)

We have had some inquires for replacement of Name Badges or small patches that have gone astray. You can purchase the Name Badge for \$2.00 and/or the small patch for \$3.00 each. We also have the big patches for \$10.00.

Remember: wear your name badge so everyone knows who you are.

Neava Haney 899-1519
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Bring your Postage Stamps to this months meeting.
Remember to *cut 1/2 inch all the way
around the stamp.*

Give them to me at the OGMS meeting.
The money raised will go to help support
CANCER RESEARCH.

Thank you all for this it dose
help others and it might just
Help some one you might know..
Ed Moser Federation Director

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Federation Director Report

There is going to be a Northwest Rockhound Retreat held on Sunday September 2, 2013 thru September 8, 2013 the charge to attend will be \$282.00 To find out other information about this retreat, see the Northwest News Letter dated March 2013. Or you can look it up on there web site at http://www.amfed.org/nfms/documents/NorthwestNewsletter/NW01_0213.PDF.

AFMS Endowment Fund having a fundraiser the tickets are \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00. If you would like to buy tickets you can contact Chris Blickfeldt at 345-8774 or <grumpies@q.com>. There are some fantastic prizes just to name a few: #1 two strand Amethyst Necklace with matching earrings estimated value: \$75.00 #2 Chalcopyrite Specimen from the closed French Creek Mine in Chester County PA estimated vakue: \$75.00 #3 Caveman Cloths Pin . This amazing piece is made of Eastern Washington Wood its Estimated value is also \$75.00. This is just a couple of the items you can find a complete list and pictures of most of the raffle items at the AFMS web site www.amfed.org so far there are thirteen items and the list is still growing.

NFMS mid year meeting will be April 20-21 in Kennewick Washington. The WFMS Annual Meeting will be August 9-11, 2013 in Butte Montana. Check the News letter for more information.

Federation Director Ed Moser

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 with it.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Family— \$20.00 per year

Couples - \$18.00 per year

Singles - \$12.00 per year

(18 and under)

Children - \$3.00 per year

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



GENERAL MEETING: The club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Boone Science Building at the College of Idaho, except for the July picnic and the December party. Field trips are scheduled once a month. Visitors are welcome at all these events!

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag

Bring an identified slab



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