



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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April President's Message

Hello everyone. Are you ready for another great rock hounding experience? The weather is starting to turn and we should all be able to get outdoors soon. I can hardly wait. Soon it will be the 15th and more free time should be coming my way. I love going to the desert in the spring time, the wild flowers are so very pretty especially the paintbrush.

Ithel and Gene are busy setting up this month's field trip. They will be leading you to the Jamieson petrified wood area. This trip is a fun one and everyone usually finds all the wood they need. They will have two meeting places: the first one will be at the rest stop just across the Snake River Bridge heading into Ontario at 8am, the next one will be in Vale at the pull out across from the restaurant about 8:30am. There was some discussion on first aid supplies and it was decided that everyone should be responsible for their own needs as it is safer for all of us that way.

The program this month will be on basic rock hounding and the supplies one needs to go out into the field. There should be lots of questions and discussion on this one. If you want some answers don't be afraid to ask as this is your chance to get some good input.

Please set aside Saturday the 26th as that is the intended day for the road cleanup party. There will be cookies and lots of fun. The cleanup usually takes a couple hours and then weather permitting, a mystery field trip afterwards. Be sure to bring gloves and appropriate clothing for the day.

Remember to help out the new refreshment lady and chip in when you can. The time after the meeting should be respectful so that those cleaning up aren't there all night. On that note I look forward to seeing you all there on Wed the 16th.

Willa Renken, OGMS President



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES**March 19, 2014**

General meeting: Held at College of Idaho, Room 103, called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:36 p.m. Willa asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes as they were printed in the newsletter, hearing none she asked for a motion to accept minutes as printed. Pauline made the motion to accept the minutes and Walt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Willa asked for all guests and new members to stand and introduce themselves. Afterwards she reminded all regular members to extend a welcoming hand to all new members to help make them feel more welcome and willing to return. We are very fortunate to have gained a lot of new members from our show and if we can help them to feel welcomed into our group, hopefully they will continue to join us.

Program: Our program was a real unique program. We all were presented with a square of material divided into fourths: favorite rock, favorite place to hunt rock, worst rock, and best project you did with a rock. Nancy will make a quilt out of the squares. Then at our April meeting and every meeting until December we will sell raffle tickets for a dollar each and then at our Christmas meeting we will draw a winner of the quilt.

Secretary Report: Joan is filling in for Sylvia as she broke her writing arm, so Joan will be filling in until Sylvia can resume her office. She had a couple newsletters from out of town clubs.

Treasurer's Report: Janie Ehlers reported our audit was complete and everything went well.

Show Chairman: Susan Beattie thanked all the vendor chairmen and let them know we out did ourselves and did better than last year. She announced the winners of the spheres donated by Red Larson for people who worked in all or one of our venues and received a raffle ticket for every two-hour shift they worked: Blain Bahlstrom, Jerry Sheer, Jim Hopkins. Susan wanted to send a special thank you to all who made the most fantastic prizes we have ever had for our Wheel of Gems and grab bags. We even have some left over for next year. Thank you all!

Federation Report: Ed explained to all our new members about saving stamps and how to cut them with a ¼ inch around them, save even ones that have been used. They are then taken to the Federation show and sold at that time to stamp collectors and money raised is then sent off to cancer research.

Historian: Pauline Prather reported that she sent postcards all over the state to remind them of the dates for the 2014 show. These cards are ones that folks filled out last year with their names and addresses on them.

Sunshine Chairman: Rosie Peterson reported that she has sent a card to Sylvia. Report is that she is healing well but will definitely take a while. We lost two of our members this last month, and Ed Moser asked for a moment of silence in their honor: Mary Ridley and Nellie Rekow, they will truly be missed.

Membership: Names of new members were read off and Mike made a motion to accept new members and Red seconded the motion. Willa asked for a vote to accept the new members, all voted in favor.

Field Trip: This month's field trip will be to Graveyard Point on March 21. Road cleanup will be April 26, meet at Walters Ferry at 8 o'clock leave at 8:30 and there just might be a mystery field trip afterwards if all want to have one. Joan and Nancy will make cookies for a little treat following the cleanup, since our regular cookie maker is unable to at this time.

Web Report: Brad was not present.

Refreshments: Willa asked again for someone to step up to be our Refreshment Chairman. She explained that if no one volunteers we will no longer be able to have refreshments after the meeting. We are very fortunate one of our new members stood up and we now have Suzanne Lopez as our new Refreshment Chairman.

Old Business : Randy Whipple made a personal thank you to Susan Beattie for all her hard work as Show Chairman.

New Business: Rosie Peterson thanked all who have come by to see her at the show. She gave out coupons to everyone to be redeemed at the Community Market in Garden City. She reported that has been a great success. Nancy Farrell reported on a very important event soon to be happening on June 21 at Boot Hill to help raise money for Veterans and their companions to go to Washington DC to view the monuments. Boot Hill will be sponsoring a Walk and (Push in wheel chairs) Roll event. There will be vendor booths, speeches and much more to celebrate our Veterans.

Jim Hopkins made a suggestion that at the Silent Auction next year we have rock bags to sell for a small price. This would generate revenue for the club and help those buying rock at the Silent Auction table. Nancy volunteered Boot Hill to make the bags if the club would help with the cost of the material or if members had some old jeans they could donate that would save the cost of material.

Drawings: Larry Beattie won the door prize donated by Jim Jenks
Meeting adjourned and refreshments enjoyed by all.

Joan Alvey setting in as Secretary for Sylvia Foreman.

April Birthstone — Diamond

For those who were born in the month of April, the Diamond is the traditional birthstone. Some of the properties with which the Diamond is associated - enhancing relationships and increasing inner strength. The Traditional Metaphysical Properties for the April Birthstone Diamond are balance, clarity and abundance.

The Diamond is found in the following countries: Australia, Ghana, Zaire, Russia, USA and Brazil.

The traditional color associated with the Diamond is white, or colorless, and is strongly favored as a popular gem in jewelry. The diamond is categorized into the following: Colorless, Nearly colorless, Faintly tinted (usually yellow), Lightly tinted (usually yellow) and Tinted (usually yellow but may progress to brownish).

The word Diamond is derived from the Greek word "adamas" which means "hardest metal" which reflects the property of the stone. The diamond is a precious stone or gem excelling in brilliancy and beautiful play of prismatic colors, and remarkable for its extreme hardness. This gem is a member of the Diamond (Carbon) family. It is the hardest substance known. The diamond as found in nature (called a rough diamond) is cut, for use in jewelry, into various forms with many reflecting facets, by which its brilliancy is much increased. The crystal structure of the Diamond is Isometric. This information was found at: <http://www.birthdaygems.org/april-birthstone.htm>

THE HISTORY AND BELIEFS SURROUNDING THE DIAMOND

As told through the Encarta, Sanskrit texts dating back before 400 B.C. found that people associated significant value and wonderment with crystals. There is also significant research that dates back to the 1330s showing diamond cutting in Venice. The diamond trading business flourished toward the 15th century with the opening of Eastern trade routes. Ancient theories touting the magical powers of diamonds were prevalent: some thought lightning bolts formed diamonds, while other theories asserted that diamonds were the tears of God.

THE HEALING POWERS OF DIAMONDS

During the Middle Ages, diamonds were thought to hold healing powers and to cure ailments stemming from the pituitary gland and brain. By heating the crystal and taking it to bed, it was thought to draw out the harmful toxins that were crippling the body. It was believed that diamonds could also have an effect on an individual's balance and clarity and could boost their energy when combined with other crystals like amethyst.

This information was found at: <http://www.americangemsociety.org/diamond-history>



ATTENTION ROCKHOUNDS: ROCK AND SLAB SALE

- Approximately 1000 slabs—new material
- Rough Rock—lots of good stuff, hundreds of pounds, top varieties will be available
- Stones—garnets, sapphires, blue opal

Dates: May 23, 24, 25

Times: 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Place: 8345 Stetson Dr, Boise, ID 83709

Contact: Joe Nielson, 869-6325



April Anniversaries

- 3 Mark & Terry Goodell**
- 6 Tony & Kathy Griffin**
- 21 Don & Robbin Hampton**



April Birthdays

- 1 Peter Oakander**
- 7 Mark Goodell**
- 9 Gary Monroe**
- 12 Sylvia Foreman**
- 13 Ed Moser**
- 21 Laura Lindsay**
- 21 Tofa Moala**
- 22 Willa Renken**
- 26 Earnest Haney**



You are invited to the
90th Birthday Celebration
 for
William (Bill) Stringer

Saturday, May 10, 2014
 1:00—4:00 p.m.
 Nampa Senior Center
 207 Constitution Way
 Nampa, Idaho

No gifts, please.

Please let me know if I don't have your correct information, or if you are not on the lists above and should be.
 Email me at: denisemstringer@gmail.com

Rock -N- Gifts

942 South Lincoln • Jerome, Idaho 83338

(208) 324-8860

Bruneau Jasper

Cabs - Slabs - Specimens - Rough

Gerald & Joy Scarrow

(208) 324-4024

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Idaho Opals

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Rough Rock and Slabs

Bolos & Buckles

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WHITE'S METAL DETECTORS

W.A. (Bill) Stringer

1812 West Orchard

Nampa, Idaho 83651

1 Mile South of Karcher Mall

(208) 466-5169

M-F 1:30-5:30 pm

Other Hours By Appointment

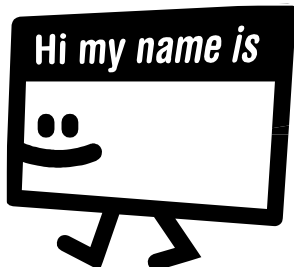


Membership Report

It is that time of the year, MEMBERSHIP Renewal for the New Year. There will be membership forms available at the next meeting.

If you have not received your name badge and/or membership card, my contact information is listed below. Please contact me either by phone or email so I can have it ready for you at the next meeting.

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 to wear your name badge at the monthly meetings so everyone knows who you are.

Sylvia Foreman, 459-4554/
Nancy Farrell 914-3236,
giddeyupgirl@live.com

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society April Field Trip

April 19, 2014— Jamieson, Oregon—Petrified Wood

We will have two meeting places: the first one will be at the rest stop just across the Snake River Bridge heading into Ontario, Oregon at 8:00 a.m. The next one will be in Vale, Oregon at the pull out across from the restaurant about 8:30 a.m.

Jamieson is located on U.S. Route 26, 17 miles northwest of Vale.



Useful items to bring: bucket/canvas bag, shovel, pick, rock hammer, gloves, appropriate clothing, first-aid kit, sunscreen, drinking water, lunch and snacks.



Generally a high-clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD or ATV is required.

For field trip information, call:

Ithel Kildow (208) 455-7960 or Gene Alvey (208) 440-3067

*All field trips are subject to change depending on weather and road conditions.

Judith Hart would like to car pool with someone on the field trips. She lives close to Karcher Road and Lake Avenue. If you are able to swing by and pick her up, call 602-7848.

A FIELD TRIP IS A SOCIAL OCCASION



—Cartoon by Erston Barnhart in *Are We Having Fun Yet? An Irreverent but Affectionate Look at Rockhounds*

via Golden Spike News 11/01

Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society Board Minutes**March 31, 2014**

Present for the OGMS Board Meeting March 31, 2014 were President Willa Renken, Vice President Nancy Farrell, Treasurer Janie Ehlers, Joan Alvey sitting in for Secretary Sylvia Foreman, Show chairman Susan Beattie, Guest Larry Beattie, Asst show chairman Darell Ehlers, Federation Directors Ed and Deanna Moser, Field trip Chairman and Assistant Ithel Kildow and Gene Alvey, Membership chairman Sylvia Foreman and guest Bill Foreman, Historian Pauline Prather, Editor Denise Stringer, Guest Larry Ridley and Preston Gourly.

President Willa Renken called meeting to order at 7:00 pm she asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Board minutes as they were printed in the newsletter. Hearing none she asked for a motion to accept minutes as printed, Pauline made the motion and Ed seconded it, motion carried.

Secretary Report: Had nothing to report.

Vice President: Janie suggested that the program for next month's meeting be a demonstration of all one should have on a field trip and a few ideas of what to look for. It was also suggested that if possible Ithel of Gene bring samples of what to look for while on each field trip. Nancy reported that the program will be the basic needs for rock hunting.

Treasurer: Janie asked for anyone having bills for the show please get them to her ASAP. She will have breakdown of who did what at the show at the April meeting.

Editor: Denise asked if there was a charge to advertise rock sales in the newsletter. It was decided that yes it would cost \$5/month to put any ads in the newsletter. She also reported that she would need all information for the April newsletter by the 6th of April. And if you had any information or news item for the paper she would greatly appreciate your input.

Show Chairman: All but one dealer has signed up for next year. And one reported she would not be able to attend in the 2015 show but wants to come back for the 2016 show dates. So Susan is going to check with vendors on the waiting list to find one who would be willing to participate for just 2015. Who ever did sign up they would be put to the front of the list to be our next permanent dealer. Susan received nothing but great reports from all the dealers they said this show for most was their biggest success. Lots of good feedback. She again wants to thank all who helped put on this most successful show ever.

Federation Director: The next big show coming up will be in Hermiston Oregon. Ed reminded everyone to save their stamps. Deanna found four large boxes of stamps that had been cut right to our specifications and separated just how we ask for our collectors to do. Oh my goodness what a find and all she paid was \$4.00. So this should be a great reminder to us all to keep a look out when yard selling this summer, you just never know what treasure you might find.

Historian: Nothing to report

Sunshine: Chairman was not present but it was reported that Bill Anderson lost his brother.

Membership: Sylvia and Denise will be working together to put a current membership list together and Joan will help also since Sylvia is unable to write or type at this time. Joan asks Denise to send her what information she has and together she and Sylvia will get their part done and sent off to Denise for the mailing list.

Fieldtrip Chairman: April's field trip will be to Jamieson, Oregon for petrified wood. Also reported was a need for a Club first aid kit to be taken on every field trip. It was decided that this was each person's responsibility going on the field trips to supply their own safety items, not the Club's.

Web Report: Chairman was not present.

Old Business: It was reported that the Road cleanup will be on April 26 meet at Walters Ferry at 8 am leave at 8:30 possible mystery field trip afterwards.

No new business so meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm

Joan Alvey setting in for Sylvia Foreman

Road Clean-Up: April 26, 2014

Meet at 8:00 a.m.— leave at 8:30 a.m.

Where: Walters Ferry boat ramp 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, Ithel Kildow 455-7960

**Refreshment Report**

Please welcome Suzanne Lopez as our new Refreshment Chairman!

Her contact number is 936-0328.

Thank you to Bill Stringer, Denise Stringer and Aubrey, Carolyn Whipple, Larry and Susan Beattie for bringing refreshments to the March meeting.



Thanks again to all you members for volunteering to bring refreshments. It sure makes a nice ending to our meetings and adds to enhance our fellowship after the meeting.

Have You Visited our Club Website?

Our awesome web site 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/>



Federation Director

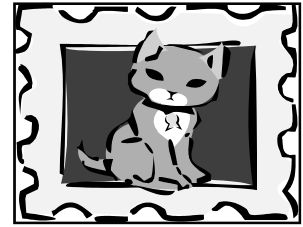
Bring your postage stamps to this month's meeting.

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.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director
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Upcoming Events

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society April Meeting

April 16, 2014—7:30 p.m.

Boone Science Building at the College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho

Program: Field Trip Basics—learn what you need to do and bring

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society April Field Trip

April 19, 2014—Jamieson, Oregon—Petrified Wood

Inter-Regional Field Trip in Terry, Montana - July 31, August 1,2,3, 2014

Four great days in Eastern Montana, numerous trips every day to collect Montana Agate, petrified wood, coral, stromatolites, ammonites, dinosaur fossils and more.

The town of Terry has given us their two-city block park with a big swimming pool, showers and rest rooms. We can camp around the park with our doors opening into the park. They will have a BBQ benefit with live music one evening. We will have several potlucks, with several speakers and more music. There are two small RV parks for those that need electricity, one hotel and a motel for those that don't camp. There will also be a guided tour on the Calypso Trail in exotic badlands. Bring the kids for a special trip.

For more information or to jump in and help, email dtruefossils12@yahoo.com or phone (406) 670-0506, Doug True—NFMS and AFMS Field Trip Chair

Federation Show 2014 - Hermiston, OR - August 15-17, 2014

NFMS 76th Anniversary Show—Hatrockhound Happenin'

Presented by: Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society of Hermiston, Oregon

Location: Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S Hwy 395, Hermiston, OR 97838

Hours: Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: \$3.50 per day or \$9.00 for all three days, Children Under 12 free with a paid adult

For more information, visit: <http://amfed.org/nfms/FederationShow.asp>

Mike Filarski (541) 571-2593 and Judi Allison (541) 720-4950 (Co-Chairpersons)

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 18) - \$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 7:30 P.M. in the Boone Science Building at the College of Idaho, except for the July picnic and the December holiday 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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