



Owyhee Gem



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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August President Message

Hello fellow rock hounds are you enjoying your summer? I hope so at least perhaps you have found some cool water to relive these hot days. This week is supposed to be a scorcher so remember to stay hydrated as it doesn't take long to experience heat exhaustion.

Did you enjoy the picnic? If you weren't there you missed another great outing. To those who contributed food way to go! There were a lot of choices and all of them were wonderful thanks to all for making the night a nice get together. We would like to thank Ed Moser for being our auctioneer he had a great time getting folks to loosen those wallets. We were also lucky to have Erik with us again as he is a wonderful demonstrator and gets those items around for all to see. We are also very appreciative of Mike and Judy for overseeing the organization of every thing. You do a great job on the clubs behalf. Thanks so much!!

Ed would like you all to keep an eye out for stamps for the Federation for their cancer research program. Your newsletters will be having a special stamp on them as Red Larson donated some special stamps for Joan to use on the newsletter so be sure to save them for Ed. We were one of the top contributors at the last NW Federation show.

This month's program will be a video for all to enjoy. If it is anything like the last ones it should be very good. We look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting until then keep an eye out for those one of a kind finds.

Willa Renken
OGMS President

Meeting held July 18th General Meeting

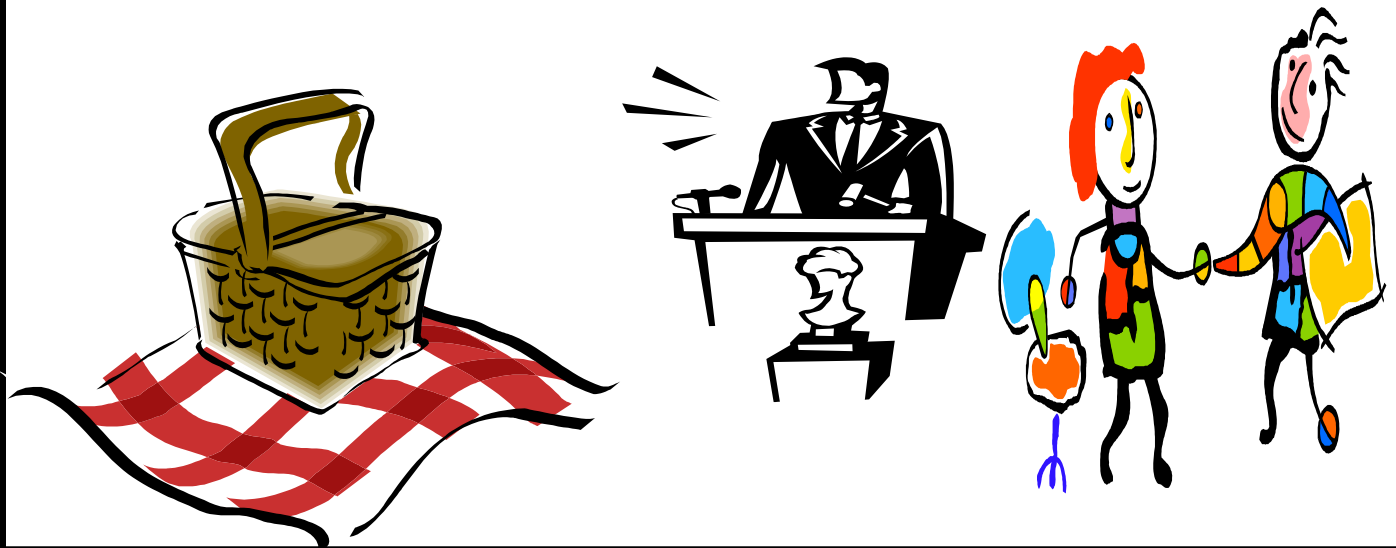
Well we held our annual Picnic meeting again in July we had a pretty good turnout but sure did miss those of you who were unable to make it. Our Auction raised a good amount of money to help defer the cost of our Christmas Dinner. We need to all be grateful for all who donated items to be auctioned off and for those who bid on all those great treasures. And of course our thanks to Ed and Eric for their help making it such a big success.

Minutes were approved as corrected.

We had a very interesting and informative guest speaker Ken Davis. He talked about the possibilities of the government changing our favorite Rock hunting, Hiking, Hunting and Four wheeling areas into a Wilderness area. If you are apposed to this and want to keep our lands opened to all users please be aware of the upcoming meetings that we will be informed about through our most gracious volunteer Andy Kirvy.

If you are interested in joining his crusade give him a call or talk to him at our next meeting. We all need to be involved with saving our rights to use our beautiful land in the manner we have become a custom to. Here is a map showing the areas in jeopardy of being changed to shut us out.

Joan Alvey, Editor



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MINUTED**JULY 30, 2012**

Present at the OGMS Board Meeting July 30, 2012 were Willa Renken, Joan & Gene Alvey, Larry & Susan Beal, Ed & Deanna Moser, Neava Haney, Pauline Prather, Bill and Sylvia Foreman.

BOARD MEETING: was called to order by President Willa Renken, at the College of Idaho in room 106 at 7pm. Willa asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in the July newsletter. There were no changes to be made. Pauline Prather made motion to accept minutes as printed in newsletter 2nd Susan Beal and approved by board.

SECRETARY: Sylvia Foreman had nothing to report.

VICE PRESIDENT: Judy Tucker was not present.

TREASURER: Janie Ehlers was not present.

EDITOR: Joan Alvey asked for more information on the MAP to preserve our hobby to put in the newsletter. She would like all information for newsletter by end of week.

SHOW CHAIRMAN: Susan Beal reports that she has purchased 2 step ladders for use at the show. Susan is researching for ways to set up to show field trips during the show at O'Conner Field House and she also needs more Show Themes for 2013 Show turned in.

FEDERATION CHAIRMAN: Ed Moser encouraged us to keep saving Stamps for Cancer Research.

Joan Alvey reported that Red Larson donated special stamps to the club for mailing the newsletter so please save them for Cancer Research and turn them in to Ed Moser.

HISTORIAN: Pauline Prather had nothing to report.

SUNSHINE: Sylvia Foreman had nothing to report.

MEMBERSHIP: Neava Haney reported that she could get name tags at \$0.75 each plus (set-up fee and tax) if she would put in an order for 500. The Board gave her the OK to order the 500.

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN: Larry Beal reported that the field trip to Wagontown was a good trip. The August field trip will be to Rome for snake skin agate. If the weather does not permit a trip to Rome maybe a field trip to Donnelly would be a fun trip.

WEB REPORT: Brad Larson was not present.

OLD BUSINESS: The board is researching for more information for purchasing another trailer to store Silent Auction rock and for a Black Light Display at the show. It was reported that there may be enough room for the rock in the current trailers. This will be known when we transfer the items from the old trailer to the new one.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan Beal and her crew are looking into ways to advertising the Gem Show on Television.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:30pm

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July Field Trip to Wagontown

The July 21st trip to Wagontown included nearly 40 members and guests that included a family from the Magic Valley Gem Club. The weather cooperated nicely and I hope everyone had a great time! There was plenty to find and something for everyone; agatized wood, bogwood, and plant fossils in shale.



Even the junior rockhounds were busy digging! Hope you can join us for the next trip. This month's field trip was scheduled for Rome, Oregon for snakeskin agate, but due to conditions (fire, heat, dry grass, etc) we are looking into an alternate location. We will have details at the meeting so be sure to attend or contact Larry if you can't be there!



August Field Trip: August 18th, Rome, OR (if the fires are out).
Details and/or alternate location will be announced at the August 15th meeting.
We will meet at 7:00 A.M, leave at 7:30 A.M. from somewhere!

On July 12th members of the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society club were delighted to share their information and treasures' with the Nampa Library patrons. The count was 170 students getting baggies with rocks to take home and trying their hands at cutting a rock. Pauline Pranter with help from Elsa Phelps handed out the polished rocks.

Ed Moser showed off the delights of rocks that glow in the dark with the help of Michelle Tripp. Susan Beattie brought a large magnifying glass that kept the kids coming back to check out their rocks. Dan & Diane Stevens showed how to make spheres from start to finish. Tom & Lillie Rogers along with their grandson Tabor Ketrenos were busy showing how to cut a gem and explain the process. Tabor was busy on the faceting machine and doing a great job.

Gene Babbitt had lots of help on the trim saw & cabber with great grandson Nate Tripp taking over the demonstrations. Freda Babbitt was showing off jewelry and how to use the torch to make beads but that demonstration was taken over by great granddaughter Ashley Tripp. It is amazing how much more interested the kids at the Library were when they say other kids their ages doing the demonstrations. Ferne & Paul Brockman were there to help and give out information on where rocks are from. The kids always like the coprolite. Here are a few of the pictured. It was a very nice way to promote our very special hobby.

Freda Babbitt





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Idaho Opals

Picture Jaspers & Plume Agate

Black Hills Gold & 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

Thank Heavens we have had no cards sent out to any one sick or needing a pick me up. But if you know of anyone needing a get well wish ,friendly call or visit please let our most awesome Sunshine Chairman Sylvia Foremen know give her a call our tell her at the meeting we sure don't want to miss anyone who might need a little pick me up or a howdy call. But she can only do this to those who are in need if she is kept informed.

Please read and respond !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hey Members a very important date is coming up real, real soon. We all need to be thinking about our officers we want to lead our great club into the New Year. Remember we are only as good as our members are active, it takes us all to keep this great club running. No one person is in charge, we are all responsible and have to step up to the plate. Please, please be willing to accept this challenge and offer to be a officer or chairman. All are open, and in need of being filled. It is not hard and can be so much fun and fulfilling. If you are interested please let any officer know we need your help. And the only qualification is the wish to serve. Help is always available .

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The Rockhound

Gather round me, hear my story,
I'm a rockhound in distress.
I'm a rockhound bathed in trouble,
I'm the outcast more or less.

I have fossils in my kitchen,
I have crystals in the hall.
I have minerals in the bathtub
Wifey thinks I goffy -----.
I don't know, she may be right.
She insists I'm silicosis,
Or some contagious form of "ite."
Sundance, Why. Golden Spike News
(Owyhee Gem & mineral Society (1981)
Get your mate to join you and your troubles'
will be no more .

I have relics on the wall.
I have tin oxide on the carpet,
I have oil upon the floor.
I have black light in the parlor,
I have bones behind the door.

Attic rooms are fairly sagging,
Rocks have the cellar floor.
Pockets bulge with gemmy pieces,
All this and millions more.

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Threatens me with separation,
Storms about our rockhound home.
Life to me is just a geode
Or a hunk of mammal bone.

Are you rated as a fossil?
Are you obligated to live alone?
How do you maintain a hobby
AND STILL MAINTAIN A HAPPY HOME?
Sundance, Why. Golden Spike News

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

This fall it is going to be held on
DATE..... October the 13,2012
**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.

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.

Sign up sheets will be at the September
meeting..

Thank you Gene Alvey Chairman



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society**Membership Report Report**

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 so everyone knows who you are.

Neava Haney 899-1519
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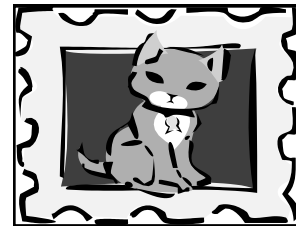


Bring your Postage Stamps to this months meeting.
Remember to *cut 1/2 inch all the way around the stamp.*

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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Happy, Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all you August married and born Rockhounds.

I am taking another great leap and trying to list the Birthdays and Anniversaries' hope I don't miss anyone. Oh my goodness unless I am completely blind we have NO Anniversaries this month boy I hope I didn't guff up and miss someone. I f so I am so sorry.

BIRTHDAY

Bill Baker	8/15
Larry Beattie	8/18
Leon Farrar	8/13
Janet Huntley	8/6
Rose Mary Peterson	8/6
Bob Kiernan	8/12
Don Osborn	8/10
Linda Philips	8/27
William Townley	8/14
Betty L Ward	8/4



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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