



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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August President's Message

Hello fellow rock hounds, hope this newsletter finds you all out enjoying the beautiful outdoors. It doesn't take long and the days are growing shorter. When you get this the Northwest Federation Show in Butte will be just around the corner. I hope those who can, get a chance to take it in. It is fun to see all the different displays outside our area. There is a really great museum in Butte and some very interesting country to explore if you like the thrill of looking for different areas to find that one special rock story to share with us back here.

During the last Board meeting Susan B. expressed a desire to ask that all of you, who are looking to be a part of the club you have joined, to please step forward and offer to be a chairman for some of the annual show venues. We are in need of volunteers for several of the slots this year. Susan has worked hard to provide us with a well-run show and is in the process of creating a book that lays out each workstation and what is needed to run it efficiently. If you have been in charge of one of the venues your insight into what it takes to make it run smoothly would be greatly appreciated. If you could take a few minutes and do a write-up detailing the process from setup to teardown and the actual running of your area, we can then have a print out to hand to your volunteers which should help them understand what is expected in order to run smoothly each year. If you need more clarification or direction in this process please contact Susan and she will be happy to help you.

It is hard to believe but we are once again drawing close to election time. If you have thought about becoming an officer of the club, now is your time to throw your hat in the ring. We will need a new field trip chairman this year so if you would like to help others to find some nice material and just get out and enjoy the collecting areas by sharing your knowledge with others this would be a great opportunity for you. Most of the offices have a person willing to run but if you would like a chance at a certain position please let us know and as always the floor will be open for nominations as well. Remember this is your club and being a part of leading it can be very rewarding.

As always I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on August 21st at the College of Idaho. Until then, keep on rocking!

Willa Renken
OGMS President

Hello!

My name is Denise Stringer and I am your new bulletin editor.

My parents are Bill and Anna Stringer, and I grew up in the rock club in the 1970s and '80s. I am so glad to be able to give back to the club that gave me so much as I was growing up. My daughter, Aubrey, is now getting to enjoy the club and experience some of the great things the club has to offer.

I want to give a special thanks to Joan and Gene Alvey for all of their hard work on the bulletin. I have some big shoes to fill!

I would love to hear your ideas, suggestions, and articles for this bulletin.
You can email me items and pictures at: denisemstringer@gmail.com

Also, if you would rather have the bulletin emailed to you instead of mailed, please let me know and I will start a list of names to email each month.

I look forward to producing a very informative bulletin each month!



Denise Stringer and her dad, Bill Stringer
and her daughter, Aubrey Kopp

July Field Trip to the Oregon Sunstone Area - by Larry Beattie

Insanity. **in-san-i-ty** /in'sanitē/ Noun 1. The state of being seriously mentally ill; madness. 2. Extreme foolishness or irrationality. 3. Hunting for Sunstones in the Oregon desert in July.

The trip down was uneventful as Darell and Janie Ehlers and I took off on Thursday morning from Vale, Oregon. We set up camp in the Public Sunstone Collection Area where there were two shade shelters and one flying-ant infested pit toilet. We were joined on Friday by Mark and Terry Goodell, who are long-distance members of our club.

We all had a good time looking and digging for Sunstones in the desert, although the heat got to be more than we could handle in the afternoon. Thank you to Janie for supporting me in my efforts to stay hydrated and for threatening to tell Susan if I didn't drink enough or use sunscreen. We found Sunstones almost everywhere we looked and the ant hills looked like little diamond encrusted volcanoes. We met some interesting people out in the desert and I think everyone had fun. We suffered one mechanical malfunction on the trip back, which reinforces the idea of traveling in groups, as we were a long way from anywhere.



August 24th Field Trip to Wagontown

The August field trip will be to the Wagontown area for petrified wood, and is one I always look forward to. Unfortunately, Susan and I will be out of the country so, Darell Ehlers and Gene Alvey will heading up this trip. The meeting place will be the truck stop at ION Junction, which is now a Gem Stop I believe. How appropriate. 7:30 am, on Saturday, August 24th.

July Field Trip—Oregon Sunstones

We would like to share our sunstone field trip experience with the club members: Larry Beattie, Terry and Mark Goodell and us, (Darell and Janie Ehlers) had a good time and picked up a lot of sunstones. On our way home on Sunday, our truck lost the idler on the serpentine belt and we had to be towed. Larry, Mark and Terry would not leave us until the tow truck came to our rescue, which was over two hours. Mark helped with the towing. Everyone was hot and tired, but no one was grumpy, just supportive. Where we broke down there weren't even any interesting rocks to look at! We are so blessed to have such great friends. We feel that OGMS is a great club with terrific people. So, thank you again, Larry, Terry, and Mark. Great trip, so let's do it again!! -Darell and Janie





August Birthdays

- 1: David Alley
- 2: David Couch
- 4: Erik Larson
- 6: Janet Huntley
- 6: RoseMary Peterson
- 13: Leon Farrar
- 14: William Townley
- 15: Bill Baker
- 15: Evelyn Ensley
- 18: Larry Beattie
- 22: Donna Hukill
- 23: Vicki Bellone
- 27: Linda Phillips
- 28: Scott Mars
- 30: Helen Weber



August Anniversaries

- 4: Larry & Susan Beattie
- 5: Charlie & Amber Kiester
- 10: Gene & Freda Babbitt
- 13: Lafe & Jamie Sackett
- 16: Tom & Lillie Rogers
- 17: Allen & Tammy Armstrong
- 20: Howard & Darlene Emry
- 24: Peter & Elaine Oakander
- 30: Harry & Pat Erichson
- 31: Bob & Jennifer Riebe

September Anniversaries

- 3: Darell & Janie Ehlers
- 3: Aden & Melissa Jones
- 4: Dick & Irene Parker
- 7: Larry & Mary Ridley
- 18: David & Patricia Sturm
- 24: Dan & Diane Stevens

August Birthstone - Peridot

For those who were born in the month of August the Peridot is the traditional birthstone. The August birthstone properties include love, truth, faithfulness and loyalty. The Peridot is also used to enhance prosperity, growth, and openness.

Where are Peridots found?

Olivine, of which peridot is a type, is a common material in mafic and ultramafic rocks, and it is often found in lavas, and in peridotite xenoliths of the mantle, which lavas carry to the surface; but gem quality peridot only occurs in a fraction of these settings.

Peridot can also be found in meteorites.

Olivine in general is a very abundant material, but gem quality material is rather rare.

Peridot olivine is mined in the U.S. at North Carolina, Arizona on the San Carlos

Reservation, Hawaii, Nevada, and New Mexico at Kilbourne Hole; Egypt, Australia, Brazil, China, Kenya, Mexico, Myanmar (Burma), Norway, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and Tanzania.

The Color of the Peridot

The traditional color associated with the Peridot is the lime green color and is a popular gem used in jewelry. The meaning of colors through the ages represented many aspects of life.

Social, religious, biblical and Christian symbolism were all reflected in the color green. The symbolic meaning of the color green was renewal of life and nature. The best Peridot is a stone with a sparkling lime green color, without a brownish or olive cast. The color of the peridot can range from lime, yellowish green, olive green or medium dark green.

Definition of the Peridot

The word Peridot is derived from the Greek word "faridat " which means "gem". The peridot (pronounced pear-a-doe) is a pale green variety of chrysolite and used as a gemstone. The crystal structure of the Peridot (magnesium iron silicate) is orthorhombic. The Peridot is one of the few gemstones that come in only one color. The depth of green depends on how much iron is contained in the crystal structure.

It is also often referred to as the "poor man's emerald".

Uncomplicated, but not for the cutter

Peridot is not particularly hard—only 6.5 to 7 on the Mohs scale— but it is easy to look after and fairly robust. Peridot cat's eyes and star peridot are particularly rare and precious.

The peridot is cut in accordance with its crystal shape, mostly faceted or in classical table cuts, or round, antique, as an octahedron or oval. Smaller crystals are cut in standardized series stones, larger ones as one-offs. Cabochons are made if the material contains more inclusions for the domed cut brings out the fine, silky shine of the inclusions at their best.

The cutters know full well that this gemstone is anything but easy to work with. The raw crystals can be very tricky and may crack easily. There is often a good deal of tension on the inside of the crystal. But once the cutter has succeeded in removing the coarser inclusions, the peridot is a precious stone with good wearing qualities which does not call for any special care.

This information was found at:

<http://www.birthdaygems.org/august-birthstone.htm>

<http://www.gemstone.org>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peridot>



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MINUTES

JULY 29, 2013

Present at OGMS Board Meeting were Willa Renken, Janie & Darell Ehlers, Ed & Deanna Moser, Larry & Susan Beattie, Joan & Gene Alvey, Caid (J & D Ehlers grandson), Pauline Prather, Bill and Sylvia Foreman.

BOARD MEETING: Meeting was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:10pm in room 106 at the College of Idaho. Willa asked if there were any changes to the board minutes as printed in the July newsletter. There were no changes to be made so Pauline Prather made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter it was 2nd by Joan Alvey and carried by board members.

SECRETARY: Sylvia Foreman. There was some show flyers announced.

TREASURER: Janie Ehlers gave the treasurer's report.

EDITOR: Denise Stringer was not present but Joan Alvey asked for all information for the newsletter to be received by Denise by Monday, August 5.

SHOW CHAIRMAN: Susan Beattie reported that all but four dealers are ready for the 2014 Gem Show.

She asked for an outline of the duties of the chair persons in charge of the show cases and the front table for the show.

FEDERATION: Ed Moser thanked all that donated rocks for the Federation Show. Keep saving Stamps for Cancer Research.

HISTORIAN: Pauline Prather had nothing to report.

SUNSHINE: RoseMary Peterson was not present.

MEMBERSHIP: Neava Haney was not present.

FIELD TRIP REPORT: Larry Beattie reported that the field trip for sunstones was a great trip.

The August field trip will be to Wagontown for petrified wood. Meet at ION Junction at 7:30am Leave at 8am.

WEB REPORT: Brad Larson was not present.

OLD BUSINESS: Darell Ehlers is looking for a trailer to store club auction rocks.

The board had a discussion on ways to take care of the club trailers tires and springs.

NEW BUSINESS: Willa announced that it is time to be thinking about Club Officers for 2014.

It was suggested that the duties of each officer's position be listed in the newsletter.

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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.

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Membership Report

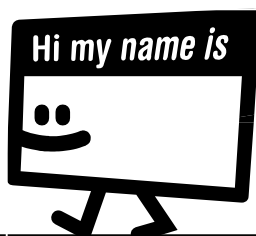
Membership Drive will begin next month, so watch for the application form in the September newsletter.

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 to the monthly meetings so everyone knows who you are.



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Y o u M i g h t B e a R o c k h o u n d I f

- You think road cuts are built as tourist attractions.
- You describe your vacations by the rocks you brought home.
- The rock pile in your garage is over your head.
- Your PC screen saver features pictures of rocks.
- You find rocks when you empty your pockets at night.
- You gave rocks, tumblers, or rock tools for Christmas.
- When friends say they're going to Tucson, you assume it'll be in February.
- You can find Quartzsite on a map in less than five seconds.
- You can pronounce "molybdenite" correctly on the first try.
- The bookshelves in your home hold more rocks than books; and the books that are there are about rocks.
- You think you know how to pronounce "chalcedony."
- You are thinking about giving out rocks for Halloween.
- You planted flowers in your rock garden.
- You purchase things like drywall compound just to have another nice bucket to carry rocks in.
- The club you belong to uses rocks for center-pieces for the annual holiday dinner.
- The first thing you pack for your vacation is a chisel and a hammer.
- You know what findings are for.
- Your company asks you not to bring any more rocks to the office until they have time to reinforce the floor.
- The local jewelry stores & libraries give out your name for information on rock clubs.
- You examine individual rocks in driveway gravel.
- Your local rock shops send you get well cards when you don't stop by in more than a week.
- The city sends you a letter informing you a landfill permit is required to put any more rocks in the back yard.
- UPS has a regular pickup and delivery schedule for your house.
- You can debate for hours on the differences between spectrolite and labradorite.
- Your children have names like Rocky, Jewel, and Beryl.
- You get excited when you find a hardware store with 16-pound sledge hammers and 5-foot long pry bars.
- You can't remember the last time your car still fit in the garage.
- Local science teachers plan field trips to your back yard.
- You've spent more than ten dollars on a rock.
- You still think pet rocks are a pretty neat idea.
- You have amethyst in your aquarium.
- You associate the word "hard" with a value on the the Mohs scale instead of "work".
- You know the location of every rock shop within a 100-mile radius of your home.
- You're retired and still thinking of adding another room to your house.
- You're planning on using a pick and shovel while you're on vacation.
- You put a web page about rocks on the internet.
- You associate the word "saw" with rocks instead of "wood".
- You have mineralogical database software on your computer.
- You have 137 empty squeeze syrup bottles washed and ready to use as squeeze bottles on the next field trip.



THIS LIST WAS WRITTEN BY MEMBERS OF THE GMEDITORS E-MAIL SWAP GROUP.
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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society—General Meeting Minutes—July 17, 2013

July's general meeting was our annual picnic, and everyone attending had a great time!

Meeting was called to order by President Willa Renken, after which she asked Brad Larson to bless our food.

She then asked if there were any corrections to the general meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter.

Hearing none, she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Jim Hopkins made a motion to accept the minutes as printed and Lillie Rogers seconded it. Motion carried.

Several guests joined us and they all stood up and introduced themselves, the club joined in with a welcoming hand to each and every one .

There was no Secretary report or Treasurer report.

Larry gave a quick report on the July field trip which was an overnighter to the Oregon Sun Stone Beds.

Ed told us he had the box here if anyone had any stamps to donate.

There was no new business or old business so Willa adjourned the meeting so we could eat and have our auction.

Ed Moser will be our auctioneer.

I, Joan Alvey, took the minutes this time for Sylvia.

**Sunshine Report**

Hi, I am RoseMary Peterson and I am going to contact all our members that I can via the phone to see if you have been able to get to the monthly meetings. If not and there is something we can do to help you get there, let me know. And if you hear of anyone needing a get well card or visit, please give me a call at 546-1897.

-RoseMary Peterson, Sunshine Chairman



Federation Director

Thank you for the items that were donated for the Federation Show auction and
for the stamps donated for the cancer research program.

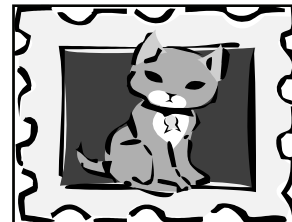
Bring your postage stamps to this month's meeting.

Remember to *cut 1/2 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 Monthly Meeting, August 21, 7:30 p.m., College of Idaho

Federation Show 2013 - Butte, MT - August 9-11, 2013

NFMS' 75th Anniversary Show

Presented by: Butte Mineral and Gem Club

Hours: Fri 9 – 5, Sat 10 – 5, Sun 10 – 5

Location: Butte Civic Center, 1340 Harrison Avenue, Butte, MT 59701

Cost: Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Students 10 – 17 \$3, Under 10 free if accompanied by an adult.

26+ Dealers with 100+ exhibits

Field trips every day, Silent Auction, Speakers

<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/FederationShow.asp>

Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society Show - August 17, 2013

Hours: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Location: 4-H Fairgrounds (south of Tautphaus Park Zoo) 2925 Rollandet Avenue, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

Free Admission

Gems and related items for sale—rocks and slabs, mineral specimens, unique finished jewelry-making supplies, hand-crafted artisan items, cut and tumbled stones, rough gemstone material.

Displays and Demonstrations—gemstone cutting, wire wrap jewelry making

Contact: Bill Thielbahr

Phone: 208-524-0139

Mail: PO Box 2362, Idaho Falls, ID 83403

Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club—43rd Annual Gem & Mineral Show—September 7 & 8, 2013

Hours: Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4

Location: Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Frear Street, Roseburg, OR 97471

Admission is free—donations are appreciated

Contact: Janet Stringfellow

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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 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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