



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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August President's Message

Hello everyone, how is your summer going? Hopefully you are out and about enjoying the freedom of exploration. Did any of you go up to Montana for the NW Federation field trip? I hope so as it was going to be a big event with many opportunities to find all kinds of great material.

An update on our meeting facility: we are still waiting for the old Sears Building to be vacated so our meeting this month will be in the Caldwell Park on Wed the 20th at 7:30 p.m. Please bring a chair for your own comfort and I look forward to seeing you all there.

As a reminder, Aug 9th will be our annual show meeting so if you have an idea or constructive suggestions for next year's show this is the meeting you need to attend. It will be in the Caldwell Library from 10:30 a.m. -12 noon if you are interested.

The field trip this month will be to our Succor Creek Foreman egg claim. Ithel has been working hard this year to provide us with great field trips and this will be another great one as this valley is filled with all different kinds of eggs for your enjoyment.

Just as a reminder your membership renewals will start in October. In the same breath, elections are coming up so if you are interested in serving on the Board now is the time for you to step forward and let us know. You are allowed to run for any office if you would like a chance to serve, just let me know.

On that note I look forward to seeing you all soon.

-Willa Renken, OGMS President

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society Meeting**July 16, 2014**

General Meeting: Our meeting was held at Caldwell Park and was called to order by our President Willa Renken at 6:30 p.m. Willa asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to accept them as printed. Pauline Prather made a motion to accept the minutes as printed and was 2nd by Nancy Farrell. Guests were asked to stand and introduce themselves and given a warm welcome by all.

Evening Activity: Members and guests provided an abundant buffet that was enjoyed by all who attended. After a short meeting Ed Moser did an excellent job of auctioneer. He auctioned off the items that were generously donated to help raise money for our club.

Secretary: Fliers were read from Highland Park Lapidary Co., and Holabird's Western Americana Collection. We received invitations to attend the Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Show on September 13 and 14, 2014 at the Walla Walla County Fair Grounds; and an invitation to NFMS Rock and Gem Show on August 15 – 17 at the Hermiston Conference Center. We were also invited to a sale at the Ensley's on August 29 – 31 in Wilder. They will have equipment, tools, jewelry, slabs, cabs, and rocks to purchase and lunch for \$5.

Vice President: Nancy reminded us to purchase quilt raffle tickets for \$1 per ticket.

Treasurer: Janie gave an update on our books.

Federation Report: Ed gave us an update on the Federation Show which included information on a silent auction and tailgating. He asked for donations of rocks to give to the kids who attend a program at the Caldwell Library on July 24. Ed also reminded us to keep saving our postage stamps.

Show Chairman: There will be a meeting for our gem show on August 9 at 10:30 at the Caldwell Library. Susan showed the club spheres that were donated for the winners of our grab bag challenge.

Field Trip: The field trip will be to Wagon Town for petrified wood and fossils.

Old Business: Jim Hopkins and Nancy Farrell reported on new locations to have our meetings. After hearing all of our options, Red Larson made a motion to meet at the Sears building in Caldwell. Joan Alvey 2nd the motion and the motion was passed by the club. Willa volunteered to meet with the owners to get more information on the building and will look into getting chairs to use at the meetings.

New Business: Sharlene McCaslin thanked everyone who came to the Nyssa Thunder Egg Days. She also invited club members to display at the show next year.

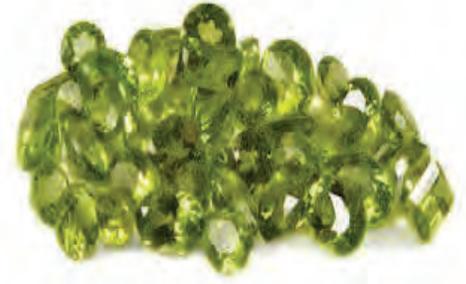
-Debbie Lawrence for Secretary Silvia Foreman

August Birthstone—Peridot

Birthstone Color: Yellow Green

If fire appears to leap from the vibrant green surface of the Peridot, this may be because this gem is formed as a result of volcanic activity. Many years ago, natives discovered Peridot crystals in the black sands of Hawaii, explaining their presence as tears shed by Pele, the volcano goddess. Throughout history, August's

birthstone has been used as a means to connect with nature. Early Egyptian priests drank a stimulating beverage called Soma from cups made of Peridot, believing this practice to draw them closer to Isis, the goddess of nature.



The name Peridot comes from the Arabic word "faridat," meaning gem. Ancient Egyptians called them the "gem of the sun," because of their dazzling brilliance when seen in the desert sun. It was believed that the Peridot glowed with light even as darkness fell, which is why miners were said to have scouted for these gems during the night, marking their location, and returning in the light of day to retrieve them. Perhaps this legendary mining method is the reason that the Peridot is sometimes called "evening emerald."

Peridot is a mineral named Olivine, which is found in a variety of greens, ranging from light yellowish green to a dark olive. Early mining for this gem was done on Saint John's Island near Egypt around 1500 BC. The green crystal was considered protective against evil and when set in gold, especially helpful against night terrors. It was ground to powder and used as a remedy for asthma and as a cure for thirst brought on by fever. Today, Peridot is mined in Burma, Norway, Brazil, Australia, Hawaii, the Congo, and in Arizona.

The force of nature is alive within a Peridot, making a gift of this gemstone symbolic of vitality. It signifies strength, both individual and within a relationship, as well as the promise of new growth in years ahead.



Alternate August Birthstone - Sardonyx

An alternate birthstone for August, Sardonyx is a type of translucent or opaque quartz with alternating parallel bands of brownish red and white. This stone was worn as a talisman by the Egyptians to protect against infections and evil. Today it is highly polished and carved into beautiful beads and cameos. Sardonyx is mined in India, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Brazil and Uruguay. A gift of this stone is considered symbolic of happiness within a relationship.

<http://www.about-birthstones.com/augustbirthstone.html>



August Birthdays

- 1 David Alley
- 2 David Couch
- 4 Erik Larson
- 4 Betty Ward
- 6 Janet Huntley
- 6 RoseMary Peterson
- 13 Leon Farrar
- 14 William Townley
- 15 Bill Baker
- 15 Dixie Booker-Lair
- 15 Evelyn Ensley
- 18 Larry Beattie
- 22 Donna Hukill
- 23 Vicki Bellone
- 23 Landon Sacketta
- 24 William Townley
- 27 Linda Phillips
- 28 Scott Marrs
- 29 Rex Brown
- 30 Helen Weber



August Anniversaries

- 4 Larry & Susan Beattie
- 5 Amber & Charlie 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

Q: Why wasn't the geologist hungry?

A: He lost his apatite.

Q: Where do rocks sleep?

A: Bedrock.

Q: Why did the prospector throw his ore samples away?

A: He took them for granite.

Visit this site for some great information for kids
(and grownups)!
<http://www.rockhoundkids.com>

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

Rocky & Kelley Scarrow

(208) 324-1034

rockingift@cableone.net

STRINGER'S GEM SHOP

Idaho Opals

Picture Jaspers & Plume Agate

Rough Rock and Slabs

Bolos & Buckles

Bookends & Specimens

Tumblers & Equipment

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

Idaho Indoor Farmers Community Market

Across from the Idaho State Fairgrounds
4977 Glenwood, Garden City, Idaho
Corner of Glenwood and Chinden Blvd

THIS FLYER GOOD FOR 15% OFF
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UNIQUE CREATIONS ROCK BOOTH
GEMS, MINERALS, GIFTS OF ALL KINDS

Lots of veggies, Raw Milk, Fresh Eggs,
Hydroponic Garden

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Computer Sales Setup & Repair, Knife Sharpening
We can do it all!! Gift Certificates are Available!!
Coins, Antiques, Jewelry, Furniture, Lots, New & Used!!

Wed-Sat 10am-6pm Sun 12n-5pm Closed Mon-Tues
Vendor Spaces Available Call Willie 208-850-0451

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

August 29th, 30th, 31st

Equipment
& Tools
Rocks
for
Sale !!!!



Come join us
A field trip

@ The Ensley's

28168 Peckham Road in Wilder, Id

Graveyard Plume Agate, Picture Stone, Jasper,
ThunderEggs, Snake Skin Agate, Dino Dung and
Bone, Petrified Woods and so much more!

SLABS, CABS,
ROUGH ROCK,
JEWELRY, ETC.

10am to 5pm each day
Lunch on site....\$5.00 A plate !!!



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society August Field Trip



August 23, 2014 — Succor Creek Thunder Egg Claim

We'll meet at the Homedale Park at 7:30 a.m., leaving at 8:00 a.m.

It is a dig site, so bring tools.

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

For field trip information, call:

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

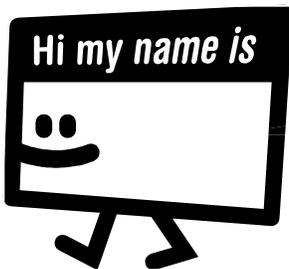
*All field trips are subject to change depending on weather and road conditions.

Membership Report

Membership forms are available at our meetings, so 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.

DUES: Our dues (due in October) are Family \$20, Couple \$18, Single \$12, and Child (under 19) \$3. I will be accepting payment for the 2015 dues at the September meeting.

-Kathi Larson, Membership Director
465-8083, redkatnthat@gmail.com

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES -July 28, 2014

Business Meeting: The meeting was held at Red and Kathi Larson's home and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7 p.m. Willa asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Board Minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Joan Alvey made the motion and Pauline Prather 2nd it, motion carried.

Secretary: Had nothing to report.

Vice President: Absent

Treasurer: Janie gave information on the auction that was held at the general meeting.

Show Chairman: Susan was not present. There will be a show meeting on Aug 9 at the Caldwell library, from 10:30 till noon.

Federation Chair: Ed reported the presentation at the Library went well and thanked everyone for the donations. If you would like a Northwest Federation roster, Ed needs to know before Aug 15. They are \$10. He wants to remind all rockhounds to be sure to cover all of your diggings. There have been places closed to all collecting because of people leaving without restoring the ground. Also, remember to save your postage stamps.

Historian: Pauline asked what kind of information the club wanted to hear.

Sunshine: RoseMary was asked to send 'thinking of you' cards to Bill and Sylvia Foreman, The Ensley's, and May Aman.

Field Trip Chairman: The next field trip will be to the Blue Egg Claim. Meet at the park in Homedale at 7:30 a.m and leave at 8 a.m. There was discussion on the name of the claim; Blue Egg Claim or Forman Egg Claim.

Membership: Club dues are due in October. Kathi Larson designed new forms that were presented for keeping membership information. These new forms will make it easier to file and access information, and will save paper and space.

Old Business: The Sears Building is still occupied and may not be available for the August meeting. Janie will reserve the Caldwell Park on Kimball Ave and we will have the meeting there for August.

New Business: Janie Ehlers asked what the club policy is for letting non-members on the club-owned claim. After a discussion it was decided that non-members were welcome to go with the club on club field trips. Willa will check on the process to change the non-profit status to 501C3. Changing the status will allow the club to accept equipment and rock donations. Meeting adjourned at 7:55. Kathi provided refreshments.

AFMS Code of Ethics

- o I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
- o I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- o I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- o I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- o I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- o I will leave all gates as found.
- o I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- o I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- o I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- o I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- o I will will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- o I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- o I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- o I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- o I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- o I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use "Good Outdoor Manners," and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.

Federation Director

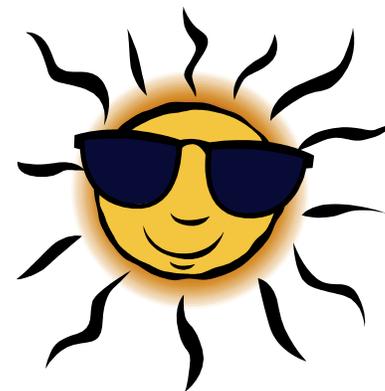
Bring your postage stamps to this month's meeting. Remember to *cut ½ inch all the way around the stamp*. The money raised will go to help support cancer research. Thank you all for this. It helps others and it might just help someone you know.

The State of Washington has closed the Lolo forest to collecting of Smoky Quartz, due to problems of persons not filling in the holes. Also, a permit is required for collecting on forest lands. Thanks to Bill Anderson for his help at the Caldwell Library, and to all that gave material for us to share with them, THANK YOU.

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/>

Upcoming Events**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society August Meeting**

August 20, 2014—7:30 p.m.

Location: Caldwell Park**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society August Field Trip**

August 23, 2014— Succor Creek Thunder Egg Claim

We'll meet at Homedale Park at 7:30 a.m., leaving at 8:00 a.m.

Federation Show 2014 - Hermiston, OR - August 15-17, 2014NFMS 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 adultFor more information, visit: <http://amfed.org/nfms/FederationShow.asp>

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

Hotels:

Best Western Hermiston Inn: 541-567-4188

Economy Inn: 541-567-5516

Motel 6: 541-567-7777

Wildhorse Resort and Casino: 800-654-9453

Oxford Suites: 541-564-8000

Rodeway Inn: 541-567-5561

Stokes Landing B & B: 541-922-3857

Camping:

Hatrock Campground Good Sam Park: 541-567-4188

Boardman Marina & RV Park: 541-481-7217

Pioneer Trailer Park: 541-564-9286

Oasis RV Park (Irrigon): 541-922-2699

Umatilla Marina RV Park: 541-922-3939

Pilot RV Park (Stanfield): 541-449-1189

Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society Show—September 13 and 14

10 a.m.—5 p.m. each day

Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, Walla Walla, WA

Fairgrounds Community Center Building, 363 Orchard St

Admission \$2.00, children under 12 free

Contact Lisa Stearns 509-386-0584, lisa_sundin1@hotmail.com**Billings Gem and Mineral Club Show—September 27 and 28**

Billings Hotel and Convention Center, 1223 Mallowney Lane, Billings, MT

Sat – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sun – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Adults \$3.00 12 and under free

Contact: Doug True dtruefossils12@yahoo.com 406 670 0506

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. 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 rock and we'll help you figure out what it is!



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