

"Owyhee Gem"

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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August President's Message

Hello fellow rockhounds! I am hoping this finds you well and enjoying your summer. August seems to be rolling in the heat so please stay hydrated while working outside. Thank you to all of you who braved the storm and came to the July picnic. We had a lot of great food and enough space so all could feel safe.

Would just like to let those know who couldn't make it you were missed. For the next two months we will be meeting at the Park, as the College is still not open to the public. Since there seems to be no end to this craziness, we as a Board are trying to locate another location to meet. When we have it locked down, we will be making an announcement. We appreciate your patience and hope to be back together sooner rather than later.

For our program this month, we will be implementing Bill and Andrea Sawyer's "My favorite rock!" program. We have asked Roxanne Franklin and Bob Bashford to give a short rundown on their favorite rocks. We anticipate this program to be very informative, fun for our group so please if you would like to contribute let Roxanne or myself know and we will get you on the schedule. These ideas only work if we can get you all to participate as everyone has different interests, which in turn give other different perspectives on our hobby.

Robert and Dale have been busy lining out the fieldtrips for all of you. The next trip will be to Wagon Town for petrified wood.

Robert will be at the Chevron Gem Stop off Highway 55 and 95 outside of Marsing at 7am with a leave time of 7:30am. There will be shade but as you know it is August so be sure to bring plenty of water, your lunch and anything else that you might need for your comfort. This area has a lot of interesting rock and it will be loads of fun. As most of you know, our annual Christmas Banquet has been at Orphan Annie's for several years now. As luck would have it, the owners have decided to retire and it is closing. If you have any ideas as to a venue, or know of an establishment that might be a replacement, let one of us know. We are exploring some different ideas for this year but will entertain all suggestions you may have! Do not forget that our August meeting will be an "Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social" in the park. Three of our members will be bringing homemade ice cream and several have volunteered to bring toppings to share.

If you would like to contribute, do not be bashful as all condiments are welcome along with more ice cream if you would like. We would like to have a slab drawing for this month so if you have extra slabs you would like to donate please bring them! I look forward to seeing you all at Memorial Park, on the 19th at 7pm, for a fun time with lots of interesting things to do.

Thank you for your patience in these days of uncertainty. Willa Renken, OGMS President



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**July 15, 2020**

The July OGMS General Meeting and annual Potluck dinner held at the Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving Street, Caldwell, Idaho. The meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 06:30pm on Wednesday, 15 July 2020. Ed Moser gave the prayer before everyone sat down to enjoy all the special dishes brought by the membership. Ice cream was provided by the club for dessert. New members were welcomed by Willa and the entire OGMS family. A short business meeting was held before the auction rounded out the evening. The turnout for this meeting was relatively small due to the ongoing coronavirus. With that, we hope everyone is staying healthy and we hope to see you soon.

Secretary, Chris Deveau turned over two new memberships to Kim Bashford for processing; a letter from the IRS extending OGMS tax filing was referred to Willa and Debbie Lawrence; and a letter and package of 2021 mining claim filing requirements were given to Dave Schmidt to fill out for the club claims. The Vice President, Show Chair, Sunshine, and Historian were not in attendance.

Membership, Kim Bashford said she is processing new memberships. She also has name tags and patches ready for pickup by new members.

Federation Director, Ed Moser said there has been no estimate from the Northwest Federation as to when they may meet again, hopefully COVID-19 will be a distant memory soon. He reminded us to keep saving stamps (cancelled or not), they are gathered and delivered to the Federation to be sold to stamp collectors. The funds raised by the sale of the stamps are then donated for cancer research.



Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence gave a summarization of the club checking and savings accounts.

Field Trip Chair, Robert Murphey thanked everyone that was able to go on the McDermitt, Nevada overnight fieldtrip. He thanked Bob and Kim Bashford for assisting with the trip and sharing their knowledge of the area. He also gave a special thanks to Leanne at the Caldera Rock Shop for all the maps, contacts, and information. The next field trip will be on 18 July 2020 to the club's Pink Plume Claim and Haystack Butte. We will meet at Owyhee Junction at the intersection of Owyhee Avenue and Hwy 201 just north of Adrian, Oregon at 7:00am, leaving at 7:30 am.

Old Business: We are having an ICE CREAM SOCIAL at the August meeting!!! We have a couple of volunteers bringing homemade ice cream, but if you have an ice cream freezer, please fill it up and bring it to help make this a success. There's no such thing as too much ice cream!!! Members are bringing toppings. If you have a favorite, share it with everyone.

New Business: Willa is still working with the College of Idaho to find out if / when we can begin using the lecture hall for our meeting.

The finale of the evening was the fundraiser/auction. Ed Moser, our auctioneer, did a great job. Denise Stringer made sure that everyone could see the items as they were auctioned off. The items ranged from huckleberries and wine, slabs and limb casts, to a shovel and safe.

Paul Deveau won the door prize, a beautiful geode and several other stones, provided by Steve Narkaus, who won last month.

Please bring slabs to the next general meeting... we **will** have a slab drawing!

The OGMS Board Meeting will be at the park on Monday, 27 July 2020 at 7:00pm.

The next OGMS General Meeting will be held again, at the Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving Street, Caldwell, Idaho, beginning at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 19 August 2020. Bring your chairs, it helps with shade, comfort, and distance!

Respectfully submitted: Christine Deveau, Secretary



July 15th Picnic and Auction

What a beautiful evening for a picnic and meeting!
We had a lot of fun enjoying great food and each other's company.
And, Ed did a great job auctioning off some fun items!



Bill and Andrea Sawyer introduced a new segment for our meetings at the June 17th meeting. You can sign up to give a short 5-15 minute talk about your favorite rock/mineral/gem at the next meeting. Here is a list of questions to you to help you talk about your 'favorite'. The form is also available on our website ... owyheerocks.com. Contact Roxanne Franklin if you are interested in presenting your information—(208) 577-7095, rocksfrank@cableone.net

MY FAVORITE

My favorite (rock) (mineral) (gem) is _____

Why I like it _____

Did you find it or purchase it? _____

Are there other names for this material? _____

It is (igneous) (metamorphic) (sedimentary) in origin? _____

What form is it found in? (crystals) (nuggets) (rock) _____

What is its relative hardness? _____

It is made-up of (which element or mineral compounds) _____

Where is it found? _____

Is it common or rare? _____

What are its uses? (manufacturing) (jewelry) (medicine)
Other uses? _____

Is it safe to handle or work with? _____

Are there any special characteristics? _____

Radioactive Fluorescence Toxic Large Crystals

Used by ancient humans Rare fossil Newly Identified

OGMS 2020 Field Trips**Aug 22nd:** Wagon Town for Bog (Petrified) Wood

Meet at Gem Stop/Extra Mile (Hwy 55&95), meet @ 7am – leave @ 7:30am

Sept 19th: Blue Egg Claim for Blue Opal Thunder EggsMeet in Homedale, ID City Park with Tank (just east of four corners),
meet @ 8am – leave @ 8:30am**Oct 24th:** Graveyard Point for agate and Jasper

Meet at Gem Stop/Extra Mile (Hwy 55&95), meet @ 8am – leave @ 8:30am

**Robert
Murphey**

For further information,
Contact Robert Murphey (208) 590-1848
or Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990

**Dale
Rawson**

**ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS.**

USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and Small), Sieve, Gloves,
Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Knee Pads, Magnifier, Plenty of Drinking Water,
Food, Appropriate Clothing, Protective Eyewear, Sun Protection, Day Pack or Back Pack,
Umbrella, Pry Bar, Tick Spray, First Aid Kit, Shovel and fire extinguisher to put out any fires that may start.

Trips can last most of the day. Generally, a High-Clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD or an ATV is required. Remember, when you are finished, fill in all holes that are dug at the site.

July 18, 2020 Field Trip

Field Trip Chair, Robert Murphey—19 people went on the Pink Plume Claim trip on July 18th and there was some really nice Plume Agate that was found. Several people were from the Boise Club and we even had a new member sign up at the meeting place. Everyone went home with pieces ranging from tumbler size up to sphere-making size. We got an early start which helped to beat the heat some as this is a hard rock digging area but paid off well for those swinging their hammers. The follow-on trip to Haystack Butte provided several people with some nice Red Jaspers varying in size. It was a hot day and we wrapped things up around 1:30 in the afternoon.



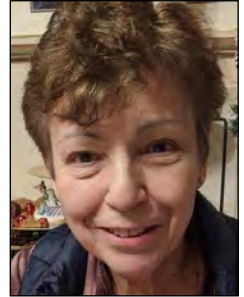
Vice President's Corner

Leave a Rock, Take a Rock

If you have lucked out and found some nice rocks bring one to our meeting.

You can leave the rock on the table and anyone who brings one can take a rock. At the end of the meeting if your rock is still there take it home with you.

If everyone brings something to trade each month, we can have the benefit of others' successful trips.

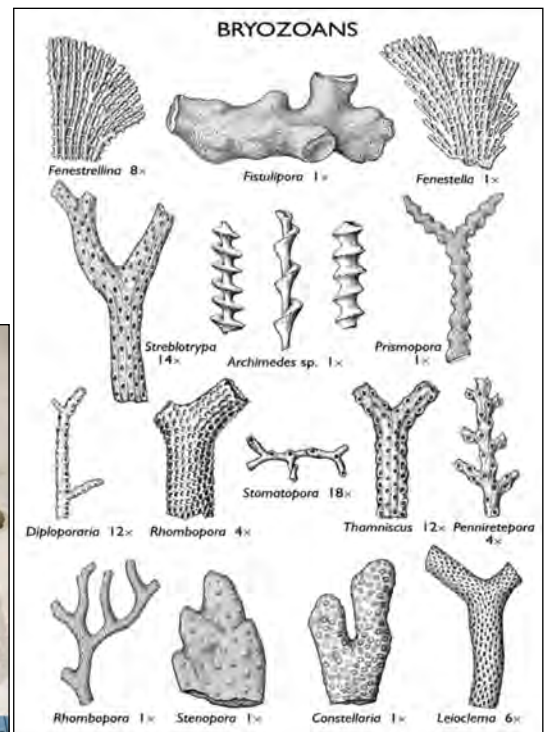


Monthly Meeting Topic

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact me: Roxanne Franklin - (208) 577-7095, rocksfrank@cableone.net

Nuggets for RockHounds

The June fieldtrip to the McDermitt area included some of us finding at least 10 different species of sea fossils. Some of the fossils have been identified as bryozoans, which includes corals. Bryozoans are tiny creatures which live in colonial structures. Each secretes calcite to help form the structure, and each creature is attached to a pit inside the structure, feeding on microscopic organisms that are floating by. Their fossils are quite common and are usually found in branched formations.



Federation Director—Ed Moser

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.

Please Respect the Rules when you are out collecting rocks, be careful of ticks and snakes, and have fun.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director

August Birthdays

- 2 Wilma Green
- 4 Erik Larson
- 4 Betty Ward
- 5 Seth Ruhter
- 6 Gemma Hone
- 6 Janet Huntley
- 6 RoseMary Peterson
- 7 Carolyn Hood
- 9 Paula Hales
- 12 Ruth Mangrum
- 13 Martin Saraqueta
- 13 Kalin Sudweeks
- 15 Bill Baker
- 15 Neil Green
- 18 Larry Beattie
- 19 Steve Narkaus
- 20 Kai Anderson
- 21 Camden McDaniel
- 23 Kay Taylor
- 26 Deana Ashton
- 26 Marilu Jones
- 27 Linda Schaffer
- 30 Jackie Hone

August Anniversaries

- 4 Larry & Susan Beattie
- 5 Michael & Wanda Weiskircher
- 7 David Dore & Arlene Purchase
- 7 Jim & Ruth Mangrum
- 8 Jim & Leta Collord
- 8 Harold & Linda Park
- 10 Gene & Freda Babbitt
- 14 Rick & Celeste Brose
- 15 Rich & Kay Taylor
- 16 Tom & Lillie Rogers
- 17 Patrick & Aftan Sweeney
- 21 Howard & Darlene Emry
- 24 Dan & Leslie Bonney
- 30 Harry & Pat Erichson

Newsletter Editor

Please let me know if I don't have your correct information, or if you are not on the lists above and should be.

If you would like just the email edition and not the mailed edition, let me know.

Email me at:
denisemstringer@gmail.com

Community Corner

If you are presenting to the community or working with the community on behalf of OGMS, please submit a summary of what you are doing for our "Community Corner". This helps us maintain our non-profit status and gives you a recognition for a job well done.

Sunshine Report



Hi, I am Jewels Haines and I am your Sunshine Chairman. If you hear of anyone needing a get-well card or visit, please give me a call at (760) 331-3443.

- Jewels Haines, Sunshine Chairman, jewelsmalia@yahoo.com

**Stone from Arizona**

Anderson Mine—Agate
 Brenda—Agate & Jasper
 Burro Creek—Pastelite & Agate

Stone from Australia

Noreena
 Mookite

Stone from Idaho & Oregon

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of Natural History**

The Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History features specimens representing the Biology and Geology of SW Idaho, SE Oregon, and northern Nevada. The focal point of the museum is the Evans Gem and Mineral Collections.

The Museum is open to all visitors:
 Monday-Friday from 1—5 p.m.
 and the first Saturday of every month
 from 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

The Museum is located in the basement of
 Boone Hall on the College of Idaho
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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2020

The OGMS Board Meeting was called to order by **President, Willa Renken** at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Memorial Park in Caldwell, Idaho. Kathi Larson made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Chris Deveau seconded the motion; motion passed.

Secretary, Chris Deveau received one new membership which was given to Kim Bashford.

Vice President, Roxanne Franklin said there will be no presentations until our meetings can resume as normal. However, she will be the point of contact for the club for our new program: **"My Favorite"** ... (see Bill Sawyer's presentation in the July newsletter). Bill and Andrea Sawyer introduced a new segment for our meetings at the June 17th meeting. You can sign up to give a short 5-15 minute talk about your favorite rock/mineral/gem. A list of questions will be available to you to help you talk about your 'favorite'. The form is included in this newsletter, or will be available on our website ... **owyheerocks.com**.

Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence was unavailable for the meeting.

Show Chair, Kathi Larson wanted to remind members that the club will pay \$120.00 per five-gallon bucket of good tumbled rock for the Rock Show grab bags.

Federation Chair, Ed Moser said he had not heard anything from the NW Federation... everything is still shut down due to COVID-19. He wanted to again thank Dave Schmidt and Don Dixon for the old stamps that they had donated for the Federation (the stamps are sold and the proceeds are donated for cancer research).

Membership, Kim Bashford presented four new memberships to the Board: Kent Berrymon; John Lundberg; Trent & Cecile Young and family; Scott & Patti Powell. Ed Moser made the motion to accept all the new members, Roxanne Franklin seconded, the motion carried. **We would like to welcome you all to OGMS!**

Kim also notified us that the Caldwell Public Library is still closed for meetings... we will continue having the Board Meetings in the park for as long as the weather permits.

Field Trip Chair, Robert Murphey was unavailable for the meeting but sent an e-mail to share information about the club field trip on 18 July 2020. Nineteen people went on the trip to the club's Pink Plume Claim, they found good specimens ranging from tumbler to sphere-making size. They followed with a trip to Haystack Butte, finding some nice red jasper.

Assistant Field Trip Chair, Dale Rawson confirmed it was very hot, so they wrapped up around 1:30pm. The next field trip will be on 22 August 2020 to Wagon Town for Bogwood. Meet at the gas station formerly known as the Gem Stop at the corner of Hwy 55/95 junction outside of Marsing at 7:00am, leave at 7:30am.

Unfinished Business: The August OGMS General Meeting will be an Ice Cream Social held at the Caldwell Memorial Park on Wednesday 19 August 2020 at 07:00pm. We have homemade ice cream being made and several members are bringing toppings. If you haven't volunteered to bring ice cream or toppings, we will happily welcome any extra... there's no such thing as too much ice cream!!! Please bring your lawn chairs. Also, please bring your slabs... we will have a slab drawing and remember to contact Roxanne if you would like to do a presentation of **"My Favorite"**.

New Business: Orphan Annie's Restaurant is closed... if anyone has a recommendation for the Board for a new place to have our Christmas banquet, please let anyone on the Board know. We are also looking for a space for our General Meetings if the College of Idaho is not fully opened to outside groups.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



**Show Chair
Kathi Larson**



**2021 Show Dates: March 6 and 7
O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho**

Thoughts for Silent Auction

As you go out hunting rocks, please keep in mind our yearly show's Silent Auction! If you find a nice sample for our auction, place it in a bucket labeled "OGMS". By the end of the year, your bucket could be full of great rocks and ready to donate for our show. It is amazing how just a few rocks can add up if every "rockhound" contributes!

Tumble Those Rocks!

Every person who donates a 5-gallon bucket of tumbled rocks for grab bags for the rock show will receive \$120.00!

Donations Always Accepted

Silent Auction
Critters and Critter Making Supplies
Wheel of Gems Prizes
Grab Bag Prizes

August Meeting and Ice Cream Social!

**The August 19, 2020 general meeting will be at the
Memorial Park in Caldwell on the corner of Irving and Kimball**

See you there at 7:00 p.m.

**If you have the ability to bring homemade ice cream or toppings,
you are welcome to do so!**

Bring your lawn chairs so we can physically distance.

Upcoming Events

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society September Meeting—September 16, 2020—7:00 p.m.
Location: Caldwell Memorial Park, corner of Irving and Kimball

Membership**We are accepting payment of 2020 dues**

Membership forms are available at every meeting. 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. Your yearly dues cover membership privileges from October 31st through the following October 31st.

You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to:

Kim Bashford, Membership Chairperson
P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053
Phone: (208) 454-7287 Email: kmcewan1957@msn

**Welcome to our new members!**

Kent Berrymon
John Lundberg
Scott & Patti Powell
Trent & Cecile Young and family

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES**Year: 2020**

Family
\$20

Couple
\$18

Single
\$12

Child
\$3

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
PO Box 1053,
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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 19) - \$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 Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103, 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 unidentified rock and we'll help you figure out what it is!



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/>