

"Owyhee Gem"

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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August President's Message

Happy Dog Days of Summer All!! Hope this finds you out and active as the days will start to shorten soon. We would like to thank all of you who came for the picnic and participated in the Auction. A lot of fine material was donated for the auction and we appreciate your generous donations.

This month's meeting will be in the park under the shelter and will start at 6:30pm. It will be an ice cream social. I hope you will all consider coming out and enjoying some great ice cream with us. There will be a small auction as we apparently missed some buckets that were to be sold.

Therefore, you have an opportunity to get some more rock. We will also be holding a slab drawing. If you have any slabs to donate, they would be welcomed! Be sure to bring your lawn chair to set in the shade. This was fun last year and we are hoping for a repeat.

This month's field trip will be to Wagontown for petrified wood. Robert will meet you at the junction behind the Extra Mile gas station on the corner of Hwy 55 & 95. Meet at 7am leave at 7:30am on August 21st. Be sure to bring plenty of water, lunch and digging tools.

Robert has an overnight trip planned for Labor Day weekend to the Texas Springs Area. He will be handing out maps and directions for you to find him as he will be there starting Friday –Monday (3-6). Several of the members will be camping out and digging for the pink limb casts. This area has some really pretty pink wood, which glows spectacularly when you hold a flashlight under the limbs.

Paul Deveau wanted to let you know that he has found a volunteer to be his assistant show chairperson. We would like to welcome Karen Davis to the Board. She is very excited to be a part of the club and is willing to help with the advertising. Thank you for stepping up!

As a side note the next Board Meeting will be in the park on August 30th at 7pm.

We still are waiting on the College to let us know if we can start holding our meetings there again. If not we will be working something out with the Elks for a bigger room as things start moving forward.

Thank you all again for helping keep our club strong and active through these trying times!

-Willa Renken OGMS President



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 21 JULY 2021

The July Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society General Meeting was called to order by **Willa Renken, President** on Wednesday, 21 July 2021 at 06:45pm at the Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving Street, Caldwell, Idaho. We thank Ed Moser for the prayer before our annual OGMS Club picnic. There was a wonderful variety of food brought and shared by the members, great lemonade from Ruth and Jim Hopkins, and ice cream for dessert provided by the club. Our General Business meeting was held, then the auction rounded out the evening.

Roxanne Franklin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Ed Moser seconded; motion passed.

Chris Deveau, Secretary gave the receipt for the Northwest Federation dues to Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence. Also, four advisory bank statements reflecting a change of terms on the club accounts were given to Debbie. Three memberships were given to Kim Bashford, Membership Chair. A message regarding a 2022 Show Contract was given to Paul Deveau, Show Chair.

Roxanne Franklin, Vice President gave an interesting presentation on Larimar, a lovely blue stone, found only in the Dominican Republic. It's rarity and color make it highly sought after for jewelry making. Thanks Roxanne. If any member would like to share their 'favorite' rock, or rock related presentation with the club, please contact Roxanne.

Debbie Lawrence, Treasurer summarized the club deposits from the slab drawing and silent auction. She had also paid the newsletter bill.

Robert Murphey, Field Trip Chair reported the next field trip is to Coal Mine Basin on Saturday, 24 July 2021. The group will meet at 7:00am at the Chevron/Xtra Mile station at the corner of Hwy 55/95, leave at 7:30am. Bring plenty of water... it will be hot! Robert has been in contact with the BLM Officer that he met on the Pink Plume trip. He will tentatively be providing a fire safety presentation to the group at the Succor Creek Campground of the way to our September Field trip to the Blue Egg Claim. Both Robert and Willa, expressed the importance of staying safe while you are out in the remote areas... WATCH FOR RATTLESNAKES!!!

Paul Deveau, Show Chair reminded everyone that we still need an Assistant Show Chair. Please remember, OGMS is a volunteer organization... please volunteer... be a part to keep things running smoothly!

Ed Moser, Northwest Federation Director thanked everyone for donating stamps. He will be taking them to the Federation meeting in September in Walla Walla, Washington.

The auction was our grand finale of the evening! The auctioneer, Ed, and his spotters, Roxanne and Charlene kept things moving and made sure everyone could see all the items that were auctioned off. From slabs to finished jewelry and cucumbers to huckleberries... there was a good variety and something for everyone to bid on! It was a rousing success... thanks to ALL that participated!



We didn't have the door prize drawing, so we will carry that over to the August meeting and the winner will receive the prize donated by the June winner, Pauline Prather, our historian.

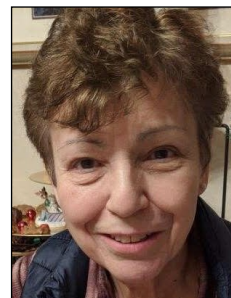
There will be a slab drawing in August... so please bring your slabs!

The OGMS Board meeting will be held in the Caldwell Memorial Park at 7:00pm on Monday, 26 July 2021.

The next General Meeting will be held in the Caldwell Memorial Park at 618 Irving Street, Caldwell, Idaho at 6:30pm on Wednesday, 18 August 2021.

The August Board Meeting will also be in the park on Monday, 30 August 2021 at 7:00pm. Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Christine Deveau



Vice President's Corner—Roxanne Franklin[Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society | Facebook](#)**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

Trade a Slab

Bring a slab to the next meeting and trade it for someone else's slab.

"My Favorite" Presentations

If you have a favorite rock, gem, mineral, or fossil you would like to talk about and share with the members at the next meeting and in the newsletter, please contact Roxanne.

2022 Show Dates: March 6 and 7

O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho

Show plans are moving forward – All of last year's vendors have secured their places for the 2022 show.

SHOW VENUE CHAIRS: (2-hour sign-up to take part and have fun)

Front Door	Roxanne Franklin	208-577-7095
Sand Dig	Jody and Natasha Atwood	208-409-7377
Wheel of Gems	Chris Rawson	208-371-7639
Grab Bags	Janie Ehlers	208-674-1213
Silent Auction	Don Dixon	208-908-3374
Membership	Kim Bashford	208-454-7287
Grand Prize/Basket Raffles	Deana Ashton	208-794-5628
Demonstrators	Willa Renken	208-362-3941



SHOW CHAIR:
 Paul Deveau
 (208) 994-8025,
devidaho@q.com

VOLUNTEERS, please contact any of the SHOW VENUE CHAIRS and sign-up "IT'S THAT EASY"

We will have Jari McClarin and Bill Anderson as our Roving Membership Ambassadors again in 2022.

Kim Bashford (208-454-7287) will be taking reservations for the "Showcases", so get your name on her list to reserve one or more for the show. These go fast!

Diane Stevens (208-454-5406) and Andrea Sawyer (208-323-1345) will Co-Chair the "Chili Feed" for the Friday show set-up.

Donations always needed... Wheel of Gems Prizes, Grab Bag Prizes, Polished and Faceted Stones for Sand Dig, Critters and Critter Making Supplies

Tumble those Rocks! Please continue tumbling rocks for grab bags, OGMS will pay \$120.00 for a five-gallon bucket of nicely, tumbled rocks.

Save a few of your rock hunting treasures to donate for the 2022 Silent Auction.

After speaking with Karen & Brian Davis, I requested at the 26 July Board Meeting for this position to be Co-Chaired, approval was given.

KAREN & BRIAN DAVIS are the new "CO-ASSISTANT SHOW CHAIRS", ... looking forward to working with you both.

LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SHOW!



**Robert
Murphey**

Robert Murphey (208) 590-1848
or Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990



**Dale
Rawson**

OGMS 2021 Field Trips

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.

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



OGMS 2021 Field Trips

Aug 21st: ** Wagon Town for Bog Wood, Meet at Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

Sept 4th - 6th: *** Texas Springs, NV for Pink Limb Casts and opalized wood. (Contact Robert or Dale for more information)

Sept 18th: * Blue Egg Club Claim for Blue Opal Thunder Eggs. Meet @ Homedale City Park with Tank (just east of four corners).

Oct 23rd: * Graveyard Point for agate and Jasper. Meet at Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95).
*(meet @ 8am – leave @ 8:30am) **(meet @ 7am – leave @ 7:30am) *** (Overnight Trip)

July 2021 Picnic and Auction!



July / August Field Trip Report 2021

Hello all, we had a great trip out to the Coalmine basin area for petrified wood. It was a hot day and most were done early. Some nice pieces were found by some. There were approximately 28 people and 14 vehicles. Some old faces and some new and I believe everyone had a fun time getting out. Our next trip is to Wagon town for some bogwood and fossils. This has always been a favorite for some and this place yields some very good quality specimens. We will be meeting at the Extra mile truck stop on the corner of 55/95 outside of Marsing. We will meet @ 7AM leaving @ 7:30. Come on out and enjoy some great rockhounding. There is a lot of shade and it will still be hot so bring plenty of water, a lunch and digging tools. The excellent pieces do require digging so even some prybars help here.

We also have a trip to Texas Springs on Labor Day weekend. This is a campout trip but if you like accommodations, Jackpot Nevada is not far away. I will be marking the route with orange survey tape at each turn and I will have maps available upon request. There is room for campers and those who intend on bringing campers or trailers, I recommend coming in the back way as it is much easier on vehicles and trailers. We will be going after the Pink Limb casts and opalized wood. There is a lot to offer in this area with a bit of exploring and according the history of weather in the area, this is a great time to go with very little chance of rain. However, mother nature was not so kind to us last year, this year should be great weather permitting. I will be heading down on Thursday and marking the routes. I will have more information at our next club meeting for those interested. Hope to see you all out in the field soon.

On behalf of Dale and myself, I wanted to Thank all of you for donations for fuel as this has helped tremendously this year due to rising gas prices.



August Birthdays

2	Wilma Green
4	Erik Larson
4	Betty Ward
6	Janet Huntley
6	RoseMary Peterson
7	Carolyn Hood
9	Paula Hales
12	Ruth Mangrum
15	Bill Baker
15	Neil Green
16	Deven Welsh
18	Larry Beattie
19	Steve Narkaus
20	Kai Anderson
26	Deana Ashton
26	Marilu Jones
27	Linda Schaffer
30	Jackie Hone

August Anniversaries

4	Larry & Susan Beattie
7	David Dore & Arlene Purchase
7	Jim & Ruth Mangrum
8	Harold & Linda Park
10	Gene & Freda Babbitt
14	Rick & Celeste Brose
16	Tom & Lillie Rogers
21	Jim & Leta Collard
21	Howard & Darlene Emry
24	Dan & Leslie Bonney
30	Harry & Pat Erichson
30	Tom & Cheri Gordon

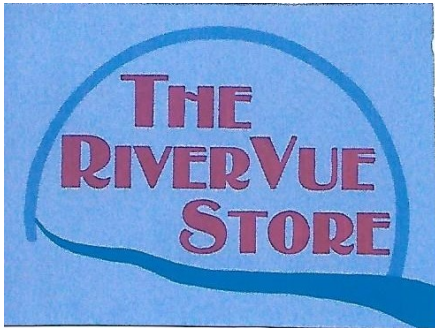
Community Corner

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 Chair. If you hear of anyone needing a get-well card or visit, please give me a call at (760) 331-3443.
- Jewels Haines, Sunshine Chair, 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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August Birthstone— Peridot

The first official birthstone for August is the lovely yellow-green gemstone **Peridot** and so the August birthstone color is **light green**. Peridot is also known as Olivine, due to its primary color of olive green.



Peridot is one of the Zodiac birthstones for **Virgo** (Aug 23 – Sep 23) and Sardonyx is one of the Zodiac birthstones for **Leo** (Jul 23 – Aug 22).

Other birthday symbols include the [birth flowers for August](#) which are the Gladiolus and Poppy.

The Peridot gemstone is associated with growth, prosperity, love, loyalty and protection.

The origin of 'peridot' is not clear but may come from the Arabic word "faridat", which means "gem."

Besides being a meaningful August birthday gift, [Peridot jewelry](#) is also given to celebrate a 16th wedding anniversary.

Peridot is one of the few gemstones that only occur in one color – ranging from shades of brownish to yellowish green.

Peridot is the gem quality of the mineral forsterite and the green shade is determined by its iron composition. Some of the best specimens were found in St John's Island off Egypt where Peridot was mined for over 3500 years.

Other locations where Peridot is found include Australia, Brazil, China, Hawaai, Myanmar (Burma), Norway, Pakistan, South Africa and the USA.V

[August Birthstone Color and Flower & more August Birthday Symbols \(monthlybirthstones.com\)](#)

August Meeting and Ice Cream Social!

The August 18, 2021 general meeting will be at the Memorial Park in Caldwell on the corner of Irving and Kimball

See you there at 6:30 p.m.

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

Bring your lawn chairs and be comfy in the shade!

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

26 July 2020

President, Willa Renken called the OGMS Board Meeting to order at 7:10pm at the Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving Street, Caldwell, Idaho. Kim Bashford made the motion to accept the minutes as posted in the newsletter; Robert Murphey seconded; the motion passed.

There was no mail per **Secretary, Chris Deveau**.

Ed Moser, Federation Chair wanted to thank everyone that took part in the auction at the General Meeting. He also reminded everyone to save your stamps... either cancelled or not... they are collected and sold by the Federation and the proceeds are donated for Breast Cancer Research.

Robert Murphey, Field Trip Chair reported that there were 14 vehicles and 28 people on the trip to Coal Mine Basin. It was very hot and the group did not go for leaf fossils. The August field trip is to Wagontown. It will be on Saturday, 21 August 2021, meeting at the Chevron/Xtra Mile station at the junction of Hwy 55/95 at 7:00am, leaving at 7:30am. Robert also wanted to remind everyone that there is an extra field trip in September over Labor Day weekend, 4-6 September 2021 to Texas Springs, Nevada. Please contact Robert for maps and information regarding that trip.

Kim Bashford, Membership Chair presented four new memberships to the Board: **Miranda Henslee; Douglas Peterson and Martha Lane; Deven Walsh; and Charles and Liane Martin**. Ed Moser made the motion to accept the new members; Chris Deveau seconded; the motion passed. **We would like to welcome you all to the OGMS family!**

Paul Deveau, Show Chair advised the Board of volunteers for the Assistant Show Chair position. Thank you for stepping up to help!

Willa advised the Board that **Denise Stringer, Newsletter Editor** will continue to do the newsletter. Thanks, Denise for ALL you do!

Don Dixon advised the OGMS Board that the sphere collection currently on display on the first floor of Boone Hall on the College of Idaho Campus will be moved downstairs to the Museum. There is a potential that club members will be able to use the sphere area on the first floor as a display area for their collections, presenting OGMS to the community.

We would like to thank the owners of the Pink Lady and ION claims for their donations to the club for the silent auction!

There will be a slab drawing at the August General Meeting... please bring your slabs!

There will be an ICE CREAM SOCIAL at the August General Meeting! Several Board members have volunteered to bring homemade ice cream and some toppings, but ALL members are encouraged to bring your favorites to share... there is NO SUCH THING AS TOO MUCH ICE CREAM!!!

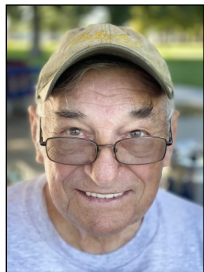
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The August Board Meeting will also be held in the park on Monday, 30 August 2021 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Federation Director—Ed Moser

Bring your postage stamps to the next 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

(208) 340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com

Annual Federation Meeting Set!

Save the Date: Saturday, September 11th, 10:00 a.m.

Marcus Whitman Club House, Walla Walla, Washington

The Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society is offering us the use of their clubhouse for their meeting. The meeting is in the same time frame as their show, so you can take in the venue when attending the meeting. Although they cannot offer a full blown hosting of the show, they are graciously making accommodations for competitive displays. So, hone your entry and get ready to show off your skills.

The Federation is working independently to provide an awards banquet on Saturday evening. Stay tuned as plans develop.

The Walla Walla area has much to offer in the way of site seeing. Very near where the meeting will be one can find the Whitman Mission. Fort Walla Walla is also a historical venue to explore. The Walla Walla area is also rife with wineries, so if you want a tour or just to check out the show rooms, there are plenty around. Wildhorse Resort and Casino is within an hour's drive if you want to add a little gambling fun into your time. I hear there is a huge car show on September 10th and the local fair will take place the week before.

Just in case, it might be a good idea to book your accommodations early.

Following is a list to get you started:

Walla Walla Hotels:

Best Western Plus Walla Walla Suites, 7E Oak St, 509-525-4700

Budget Inn, 305 N 2nd, 509-529-4410

Courtyard by Marriott, 550 W Rose, 509-876-8100

Hampton Inn & Suites, 1531 Kelly Place, 509-525-1398

Holiday Inn, 1433 W Pine St, 509-525-6200

Marcus Whitman Hotel and Conference Center, 9 W Rose St, 509-525-6200

Travel Lodge, 423 Main St, 509-529-4940

Morgan Inn & Suites, Milton-Freewater, OR, 541-938-5547

Wild Horse Resort & Casino, Pendleton, OR, 800-654-9453

Membership

We are accepting payment of 2021 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 Director

P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053

Phone: (208) 454-7287 Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com



Welcome New Members!

**Rick & Celeste Brose; Miranda Henslee; Douglas Peterson and Martha Lane;
Deven Walsh; and Charles and Liane Martin**

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES

Year: 2021

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\$20

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\$18

Single
\$12

Child
\$3

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
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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.

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag— Bring an unidentified rock and we'll help you figure out what it is!

FIELD TRIPS:

Field trips are scheduled once a month.
Visitors are welcome at all these events!



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/>