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August President's Message

Hello fellow rockhounds welcome to the dog days of summer. It sure has been a hot one this year. I hope that you all are well and staying cool and comfortable. This month brings our ice cream social. I find the summer event months a lot of fun. Since it is an old-fashioned event, I asked Chris and Paul Deveau to make homemade ice cream along with myself. If any of you want to make ice cream or contribute to our fun evening, please feel free to do so. Roxanne will have several items, from the recent collection that was donated to our club, up for auction again this month.

This month's fieldtrip will be to Wagon Town for petrified wood and fossilized reeds. Robert will meet you at the Extra Mile on the corner of hwy55 & 95 behind the building. Meet at 7am leave at 7:30am. Since it is so hot, please remember high-fire season protocol lots of water, don't park on high grass, careful of sparks, smoke in your vehicle just the common sense things we should already know. Above all, look out for dehydration. Have fun and find lots of wood.

Just as a reminder, **I will NOT ASK YOU TO BUY GIFT CARDS.** This age-old fraud is still raising its ugly head and playing on the sympathies of our membership. If you take the time to look, the email is not even mine. **Do Not Fall For This Scam!!!**

Remember we are still looking for a field trip Chairman so if you can fill this position please let me know.

Until the 17th stay cool and we will see you in the Caldwell Park at 7pm for ice cream and a small auction.

-Willa Renken, OGMS President



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 20 JULY 2022

The Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society July General Meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at the Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving Street, Caldwell, Idaho at 6:45pm. Our auctioneer for the evening was Don Dixon... as Ed was ill (we wish him a speedy recovery)! Thanks to Karen Davis for giving the prayer before our annual OGMS picnic. The OGMS members always bring a great variety of homemade food to share, and the club provides water and ice cream for dessert. We held our General Business Meeting and then followed with the fundraiser auction.

Secretary Chris Deveau shared two thank you cards from members, Jim and Ruth Hopkins and from Paul and Chris Deveau. A returned newsletter was investigated and resent to the member after we got a corrected address. A notice from the Oregon BLM regarding the Calico Basin goldmine project was shared with the club. A check for payment for advertising in the newsletter was given to Treasurer Debbie Lawrence for deposit. The post office put a notice in the box about how to prepare the newsletters for auto-handling, or there could be additional charges for manual processing. One membership was given to Membership Chair, Kim Bashford.

Field Trip Chair Robert Murphey advised that the June field trip to Jamieson, Oregon had a good turn out and everyone got some good pieces of Bogwood found there. Our next field trip is on Saturday, 23 July 2022 to Rome, Oregon for Snakeskin Agate. We will meet at the Chevron/Xtra Mile at the intersection of Hwy 55/95, west of Marsing at 7:00am, leaving at 7:30am. Helpful items to bring would include a rake, and ¼ to ½ inch screen. It will be hot, so bring LOTS of water... a lunch... sunscreen... a hat.

Vice President Roxanne Franklin confirmed that there will be no presentations tonight or at the next General meeting. Tonight, will be our auction with items donated by the membership. A former OGMS member, Eileen Mitchell donated her crystal specimen collection to the club for sale at the auction... we thank you so much, Eileen! Roxanne will have more of Eileen's collection to be auctioned off at the next meeting.

The auction was the highlight of the evening! Don did a great job keeping the bids climbing and Willa and Roxanne made sure that everyone could see the items that were up for bid. Eileen's crystal collection kept things very interesting... as were sphere's... slabs... tools... to huckleberries! We raised over \$1300.00 for the club. This will help defray the cost of our Christmas party/dinner/meeting. Thank you so much to everyone that took part in all the fun!

There was no door prize drawing, so we will have it at the August Meeting, with the prize provided by our June winner, Paul Deveau.

The OGMS Board Meeting will be held on Monday, 25 July 2022 at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn Street, Caldwell, Idaho at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Vice President's Corner—Roxanne Franklin

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Monthly Meeting Topic

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact me: Roxanne Franklin (208) 577-7095, rocksfrank22@gmail.com



“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.

Thanks to Don, as our auctioneer, the auction at our summer picnic was very successful. We had so many nice contributions from our generous members. We also sold part of a donation given to us by a past member, Eileen Mitchel. Next month at our ice cream social we have some kind of auction of more of the donated crystals and gems.

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,
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August Meeting and Ice Cream Social!

The August 17, 2022 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!



**Robert
Murphey**

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

**Dale
Rawson**



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.**



August 20th Field Trip

Aug 20th: ** Wagon Town for Bog Wood—Meet @ Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

**(meet @ 7am – leave @ 7:30)

This month we will be heading out to Wagon Town for some fun in higher elevation with shade. Here you can find multicolor Agate and Bog Wood as well as some petrified fossil material.

We are meeting in the back-parking lot behind the Chevron located on the corner of Hwy 55 /Hwy 95 just outside of Marsing, ID. Meeting @ 7AM and leaving @ 7:30AM. This is a location that requires heavy digging tools and prybars to get out the good stuff. Please remember it will be hot so bring plenty of water and some lunch or snacks, we look forward to seeing you out there for another successful rock hounding trip, Thank You!

Other things to consider: Protective clothing and sunscreen to avoid burns. Please remember to not park on tall grass or sagebrush as the fire season is in full swing and watch out for snakes.

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society - Field Trips 2022

Sept 24th: * Blue Egg for Blue Opal Thunder Eggs— Meet @ Homedale City Park with Tank

Oct 22nd: * Graveyard Point for agate and Jasper— Meet @ Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95).

Legend: *(meet @ 8am – leave @ 8:30) **(meet @ 7am – leave @ 7:30)

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

July 23rd Field Trip: Rome, Oregon—Snakeskin Agate

Hello All, our trip out to Rome was fun and enjoyable for all, there were 15 vehicles and approximately 25 people. Everyone went home with some excellent Snakeskin Agate and the stuff was everywhere. It was hot and no shade but we enjoyed our time and shared stories. Thanks for everyone's participation and hope to see you in August for our next trip.

Thanks to Jeff Trowbridge for providing photos.



July Birthdays

- 3 Brenda LaRocque
- 4 Erik Larson
- 4 Betty Ward
- 6 RoseMary Peterson
- 7 Carolyn Hood
- 9 Paula Hales
- 10 Cindy Hicks
- 12 Ruth Mangrum
- 13 Kalin Sudweeks
- 15 Bill Baker
- 18 Katie Davis
- 18 Gail Villarreal
- 19 Steve Narkaus
- 20 Kai Anderson
- 26 Deana Ashton
- 26 Leon Doar
- 26 Allison Kytle
- 27 Kris Menger
- 27 Linda Schaffer
- 31 Rodney Polson

July Anniversaries

- 1 Dave & Suanne McCullough
- 4 Larry & Susan Beattie
- 6 Frank & Barbara Kerbs
- 7 David Dore & Arlene Purchase
- 7 Jim & Ruth Mangrum
- 8 Harold & Linda Park
- 14 Rick & Celeste Brose
- 15 Leon & Judy Doar
- 16 Tom & Lillie Rogers
- 21 Jim & Leta Collard
- 21 Howard & Darlene Emry
- 24 Dan & Leslie Bonney
- 30 Harry & Pat Erichson
- 30 Tom & Cheri Gordon

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.

jewelsmalia@yahoo.com



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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES 25 JULY 2022

The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society Board Meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** on Monday, 25 July 2022 at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho at 7:10pm. Ed Moser made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the last newsletter; Kim Bashford seconded; motion passed.

Chris Deveau, Secretary advised that the only mail was one returned newsletter, she will correct the address and resend it.

Roxanne Franklin, Vice President said Howard Emry will make the next presentation at the September General meeting. There will be another auction or possibly a silent auction of the donation made by former member, Eileen Mitchell at the August meeting.

Paul Deveau, Show Chair discussed final figures from our 2022 Gem Show with the Board.

Ed Moser, Federation Chair plans to go to the NW Federation meeting in Hillsboro, Oregon on the weekend of 30 September through 2 October. He will be taking all the boxes of stamps we have collected over the past two years. The stamps are sold by the NW Federation to stamp collectors and the funds raised are donated for breast cancer research. Please continue to save your stamps for Ed and the Federation. Ed also wanted to thank everyone in OGMS that sent get well cards recently... he really appreciates the good thoughts and well wishes.

Denise Stringer, Editor asked for everyone to have all newsletter articles in by 1 August 2022.

Kim Bashford, Membership Chair advised there were no new members.

Robert Murphey, Field Trip Chair was not at the meeting, but sent Willa the information about the August 20, 2022 field trip to Wagon Town for bogwood and fossils. This will be another early meet (due to the heat) at the Chevron/Xtra Mile gas station west of Marsing, Idaho, junction of Hwy55/95 at 7:00am, leave at 7:30am. **OGMS still does not have a volunteer for Field Trip Chair for next year... please let Robert, Dale or Willa know if you interested in this position.**

Unfinished Business:

Kim Bashford has purchased the fabric for the table coverings for the 2023 Gem Show.

New Business:

The August General Meeting is an ice cream social.... A couple of Board Members are making homemade ice cream, and if any other members would like to make some, that would be great! However, store-bought is always good and any toppings are always appreciated! Please come, bring your chairs and enjoy the ice cream, auction and time for socializing! This is always fun... remember there is 'NO SUCH THING AS TOO MUCH ICE CREAM'!!!

Kim Bashford also advised the Board that she has reserved the Nampa Elks for the OGMS Christmas Party... so mark your calendars for Wednesday, 21 December 2022... more information to follow...

There will be a slab drawing at the August General meeting... please bring your slabs! The August General Meeting will be on Wednesday, 17 August 2022 at the Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving Street, Caldwell, Idaho at 6:30pm. The August Board Meeting will be on Monday, 29 August 2022 at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn Street, Caldwell, Idaho at 7:00pm.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



2023 Show Dates: "OGMS", March 4 and 5**O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho**

WOW, how hot is too hot, ?? There's always a way. Pack the rig and make a lunch the night before, set the alarm for around 03:30 or 04:00a, be at one of your favorite spots just past dawn (or before)... 60 to 65 degrees, two to three hours (maybe four) of great collecting weather. Chris and I have several things we like to do, so, some mornings we are lucky enough to grab several great sunrise photos... Early morning light casts long shadows which photographers love.

Remember, "lots of water" and it would be a good idea to read the safety material (and tool list) provided by our field trip guides, Robert Murphey & Dale Rawson. Oh yeah, watch for snakes and tics, and lots of extra water for your dog. **"FIRE DANGER IS VERY HIGH"**

It's always a great idea to let someone know the area you are planning to visit. Maybe ask another rockhound friend to join you and provide that second vehicle. Friends always add extra fun to an outing.

OGMS needs to replenish good material for the SILENT AUCTION, GRAB BAGS with polished-tumbled rock, (to include tiny rock for the SAND DIG)...

The 2022 show has also depleted our supply of rock-critters for the WHEEL-OF-GEMS... if you feel you may have a little time you can donate, please contact me or any of the directors... let's see how creative we can be.

Please continue tumbling rocks for GRAB BAGS, remember OGMS pays **\$120.00** for a five-gallon bucket of nicely, tumbled rocks...

Help us think of a great name for our up and coming, 2023 ROCK & GEM SHOW...

See you at the meeting... "STAY HAPPY & BE SAFE"



LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SHOW...

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The Museum is located in the basement of Boone Hall on the College's campus in Caldwell.

You can check them out on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/orma_j_smith_museum) or call (208)-459-5507.

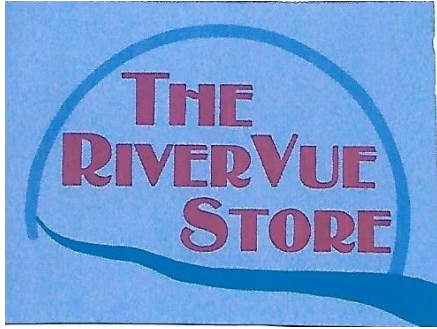
Community Corner

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.



I have been busy giving rock classes to kids, ages 3-16 since April of 2019. I have given classes to 132 kids and 40 adults. I now teach these classes in my garage or sometimes out in the field while searching for rocks and minerals. I have had as few as four to as many as 15 in a class, not including adults. I have been amazed at the amount of young ones who are sincerely interested in the hobby of rock hounding. I now include in my classes the various uses of rock in everyday life and tell them that most of them have eaten a rock (salt), lived in rock (sheet rock), driven in rocks (vehicles), brushed their teeth with rocks (flourite), talked on rocks (cell phones), etc. (the list is pretty extensive) and their eyes get very big when they are told how much rock there is in their lives. The youth are pretty attentive because I make sure every table has rocks they can touch and look at while I am talking. They love looking at rocks through magnifiers and I currently have 12 of them. They are fascinated with ores, pumice (the magic rock), minerals and fossils. They pick up, examine and feel the rocks in my collection. Many parents tell me afterwards their kids are so fascinated by the boxed collection each student gets in the classes that they take them with them everywhere. I now am making larger collections of Igneous, Sedimentary, Metamorphic Rock and some minerals to take to science classes in select schools. I will keep you informed if that endeavor is successful. Teaching the next generation, Karen Davis



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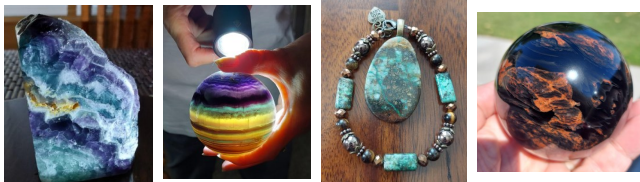
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We are accepting payment of 2022 dues

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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!

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES

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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 7:00 P.M. in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103, except for the July picnic and the December holiday party.

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/>