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August President's Message

Hope this newsletter finds you all doing well! Summer is definitely here so let's be sure to stay cool and hydrated.



This month our meeting will be in Memorial Park again and it will be our Ice Cream Social. If you have an ice cream freezer to make a quart of homemade ice cream please join us as the more flavors the better. I know I am making Chocolate this year. Chris is making orange cream. Hopefully Ruth is going to bring huckleberry again this year. Last year was a big hit and after all, who doesn't like ice cream. If you want something to top it off with bring it along. We will be having a slab drawing so if you can spare a slab or two please donate to the banquet cause. Roxanne has some more silent auction items so come prepared to have fun bidding against each other.

John reported to the Board that the trip to Wagontown was hot but productive. Those that went found some nice wood to add to their collections. This month's fieldtrip will be to Graveyard Point for Moss Agate. John will be meeting you at 7am at the Chevron Station on the corner of Hwy 55 & 95 and will be leaving at 7:30am. Please be sure to look for the group as we meet a little ways from the store, because there is usually a lot of foot traffic and we do not want to hinder the store's business. Not to mention other clubs and businesses use it as a meeting area.

Our meeting will be on the 16th of August and will begin at 6:30pm. Be sure to bring your chair so you can chase the shade, along with being comfortable. I look forward to another fun filled evening in the Park. Hope to see you all then.

-Willa Renken OGMS President

General Meeting Minutes—July 19, 2023

The July Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society General Meeting was called to order by **Willa Renken, President** on Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 06:40pm at the Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving Street, Caldwell, Idaho. Thank you, Ed Moser, for giving the blessing before our annual OGMS Club picnic. There was a great variety of wonderful food shared by the members, refreshing lemonade from Ruth and Jim Hopkins, and the club provided ice cream for dessert. We held a short General Business meeting, with the auction finishing out the evening.

Chris Deveau, Secretary had two pieces of mail. The College of Idaho Alumni magazine was made available to anyone in the club. One membership was given to Kim Bashford, Membership Chair.

Roxanne Franklin, Treasurer presented the OGMS bank account balances to the membership and the changes made to the club CD's.

Kim Bashford, Membership Chair advised the group that she received one new application and a renewal. She has lots of nametags ready for pickup... stop by and get your nametag from Kim!!!

Ed Moser, Northwest Federation Director thanked everyone for donating stamps. He will be taking them to the Federation meeting in August in Billings, Montana.

Sue Cassidy, Vice President shared an update on the September General meeting presentation, which will be provided by Emily Hendrickson...on the topic – Redeveloping the DeLamar Mine. A tentative date of September 30th has been set for a DeLamar Mine tour for the club.

John Wright, Field Trip Chair reported the next field trip is to Wagon Town for Bog Wood on Saturday, 22 July 2023. The group will meet at 7:00am at the ION/Chevron station at the corner of Hwy 95/55, west of Marsing, leave at 7:30am. Bring plenty of water... it will be hot!!!

Show Chair, Paul Deveau shared that he has been in contact with the TV stations regarding the 2024 Show advertising.

Member, **Kurt Branham**, owner of 'Earth Brite' made an announcement that all club members are invited for a field trip to his Hog Creek claim for crystal and agate lined nodules. There will be no charge for any material found. It will be on a Saturday... the date to be set soon.

The auction finished off the evening. Ed, and his spotters, Roxanne and Willa made sure everyone could see the auction items and kept things moving. Spheres, slabs, finished jewelry, homemade jam, wine, books... quite a variety! We raised over \$1200.00 to help defray the costs of our Christmas/December dinner party meeting. Thank you... to everyone who took part in the activities!

The OGMS Board meeting will be held in the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn St., Caldwell, Idaho at 7:00pm on Monday, 31 July 2023.

The next General Meeting will be held in the Caldwell Memorial Park at 618 Irving Street, Caldwell, Idaho at 6:30pm on Wednesday, 16 August 2023. **It will be an 'ice cream social'! Homemade ice cream will be provided by several members, but if you have an ice cream freezer, and want to make some too... feel free to bring more. There's no such thing as too much ice cream. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite toppings to share.**

There will be a slab drawing in August... so please bring your slabs! We are also having a silent auction, so come and enjoy the fun!

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Vice-President's Corner—Sue Cassidy



Sue Cassidy

"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 Sue.

Monthly Meeting Topic

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact Sue at (603) 548-8822, pypnhot@comcast.net

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| August 16 | 6:30 p.m.—No speakers – Ice Cream Social
Memorial Park off Kimball and Irving in Caldwell |
| September 20 | Emily Hendrickson: Topic— Redeveloping the DeLamar Mine
Boone Science Building, College of Idaho |

September 30 – **Onsite visit to DeLamar mine** – limited to 30 people per visit. In the event that we have more than 30 people attending, Emily has agreed to host another tour visit on a **weekday** to be determined. Must have signed up with Sue prior to the September meeting. Send email to Sue Cassidy (pypnhot@comcast.net) with member name(s), contact phone number and email (in case of rescheduling).

- Meet at the ION Extra Mile in Marsing at the US 95/HWY 55 junction at **8am**
- Pile into Integra vehicles
- Bring a sack lunch with you – bottled water will be provided by the mine
- Depart the ION **by 8:15**.
- Arrive to DeLamar by **9:30 am**.
- Brief stop at site office for safety intro, distribute PPE, and use restrooms
- Stop at core shed to look at cool rocks
- Drive up to the Florida Mountain pits
- Drive out past the DeLamar and Glen Silver Pits/reclaimed tailings facility
- Depart DeLamar by **11:30 am**.
- Return to ION by **1:00 pm**.

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| October 18 | Bill Nance: Topic—Select Minerals of Central America/Mexico
Election of Board Members |
| November 15 | No Speaker—Annual Fall Auction |
| December | Holiday Banquet |
| January 17, 2024 | Paul Verhage: Topic— "Crater Counting to Compare the Age of Terrains" |

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

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Society](#)

Field Trip Report —John Wright



USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR FIELD 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, Protective clothing and sunscreen to avoid burns.

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.
- Please remember to not park on tall grass or sagebrush as the fire season is in full swing and watch out for snakes.
- 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.



For further information contact John Wright at 208-571-6873 or Red Lovette at 208-965-7624

OGMS 2023 Field Trips

August 19th—Graveyard Point— Agate and Jasper

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m.
(5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

September 23rd—Blue Egg Claim—Blue Opal Thundereggs

Meet at Homedale Park (by the tank) at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m.
(E Idaho Ave and S 2nd St E)

October 21st—Bruneau Wood Pile—Petrified Wood and Pine Cones

Meet at Walter's Ferry Boat Ramp, Melba, at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m.

For further information contact John Wright at 208-571-6873 or Red Lovette at 208-965-7624

Where did you find that?

Where are you rockhunting this summer? Share your photos and finds on our Facebook page, or email them to me and I will share in the newsletter: denisemstringer@gmail.com



Member Roxanne Franklin shared this:

Rockhounding with friends can take you to secluded areas, like the the Wah Wah mountains of Utah! Kathy Powers, Stephanie (a new friend from West Valley City, Utah), and I mined for red beryl, which is rare. It was a bit like mining for gold. You may find some gold but you're very lucky to find a nugget. We all found some red beryl, topaz and bixbyite. The color of topaz is from clear to golden.



Here we are at the Searle Canyon Red Beryl mine. Photos are me, Stephanie and Kathyey.

I think we had a good spot cuz I found a few nice pieces.

There were pockets of soft rock where the gems would be. The miners collected what we chiseled out and they hauled it out for us. Then we broke the rocks and screened for the gems.

Boy did we get dusty!



August Birthdays

- 1 Scott Orren
- 1 Richard Wallace, Jr.
- 3 Rod Marceau
- 4 Erik Larson
- 4 Betty Ward
- 6 Janet Huntley
- 6 RoseMary Peterson
- 6 Lisa Sanchez
- 7 Carolyn Hood
- 9 Paula Hales
- 9 Mike Kerns
- 10 Benjamin Gann
- 10 Cindy Hicks
- 11 Chip Sharp
- 12 Ruth Mangrum
- 13 Kalin Sudweeks
- 15 Bill Baker
- 16 Sue Oakes
- 17 Mark Powers
- 18 Laurie Ellis
- 18 Gail Villarreal
- 19 Steve Narkaus
- 20 Kai Anderson
- 23 Charles Russell
- 25 Luis Sanchez
- 26 Deana Ashton
- 26 Leon Doar
- 27 Kris Menger
- 27 Linda Schaffer
- 31 Johna Dunne
- 31 Rodney Polson

August Anniversaries

- 7 Jim & Ruth Mangrum
- 14 Dwain & Judy Bertoncello
- 14 Rick & Celeste Brose
- 15 Leon & Judy Doar
- 15 Jason & Heather Strassell
- 16 Tom & Lillie Rogers
- 21 Jim & Leta Collard
- 21 Howard & Darlene Emry
- 27 Randy & Sandi Greer

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

Newsletter Editor

If you have articles or information for the newsletter, please submit to 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.

August Birthstone

-Peridot-



Symbolizing dignity, fame, and prosperity. Peridots have been used in jewellery through the ages to achieve peace and success, and to attract love and good fortune. Hawaiians believe the traces of peridot found in volcanic ash are the tears of the volcano goddess, Pele.

Board Meeting Minutes—July 31 , 2023

The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society Board Meeting was called to order by **President, Willa Renken** on Monday, 31 July 2023 at 7:05pm at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn St., Caldwell, Idaho. Roxanne Franklin made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Ed Moser seconded; the motion passed.

Chris Deveau, Secretary said there was one piece of mail from the US Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Land Management Oregon regarding two OGMS claims that will be given to OGMS claim agent, David Schmidt.

Sue Cassidy, Vice President has presentations lined out for the General meetings through the rest of 2023 and into 2024. The September talk will be from Emily Hendrickson on 'Redeveloping the DeLamar Mine'. OGMS has been invited for a tour of the DeLamar Mine site on the 30th of September, to be confirmed this week.

Paul Deveau, Show Chair, is working on the advertising for the 2024 Show.

Roxanne Franklin, Treasurer gave a summary of the OGMS accounts. She advised the Board that over \$1200.00 was raised at the auction. She gave a nice thank you to Ed Moser, our auctioneer!

Ed Moser, Federation Chair thanked everyone for their assistance at the auction, always a lot of fun! He is ready to go to the Federation Meeting and bring all our donated stamps to Billings, Montana next weekend. He also wants to remind everyone that we have another fundraiser auction in November, so get ready for the fun!

Kim Bashford, Membership Chair presented one new application for membership to OGMS, **Archer McGill**. Roxanne Franklin made the motion to accept the new member; Kim Bashford seconded; the motion passed unanimously! Welcome to the OGMS family!

John Wright, Field Trip Chair advised that the trip to Wagon Town was successful, though attendance was down, probably due to the heat! John advised us that the August field trip will be to Graveyard Point for Moss Agate on Saturday 19 August 2023. Meet at the ION/Chevron at the intersection of Hwy 95/55 at 07:00am, leave at 07:30am.

John advised the Board that he was contacted again, by member, Kurt Branham of 'Earth Brite' regarding Kurt's field trip to his Hog Creek mining claim. Kurt has decided that half of what you dig at his claim will be taken as a donation towards his 'kids dig' at Earth Brite. So, you get to keep half of what you dig. Because of this change of the rules, the Board has opted out of supporting this as a club event.

Unfinished Business: The August General Meeting on Wednesday, 16 August 2023 is an '**Ice Cream Social**'. Several club members are making 'homemade' ice cream, but if you have an ice cream maker and want to bring some, PLEASE DO! There's no such thing as too much ice cream!!! Members are encouraged to bring their favorite toppings to share with everyone. Roxanne is bringing bowls and spoons. **There will be a silent auction! Also, we will have a slab drawing... SO BRING YOUR SLABS!**

New Business: The September General Meeting will be back in Boone Science Center Room 103 on Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 07:00pm on the campus at the College of Idaho. Our Vice President, Sue Cassidy will be conducting this meeting in Willa's absence.

Again... The August General Meeting in on Wednesday, 16 August 2023 at the Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving St., Caldwell, Idaho at 06:30pm. We are having an 'Ice Cream Social'! Come and enjoy the treats and fun!

The August Board Meeting will be held at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn St., Caldwell, Idaho on Monday, 28 August 2023 at 07:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Show Report



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2024 Show Dates: “GEMS AND MORE IN ‘24”, March 2nd & 3rd O’Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho

The cooler early mornings have been great for our outdoor chores and hobbies. Out and about just before daylight seems to make the whole day a little more worthwhile.

Chris and I have been in contact with production at Channel 6, in advance of our commercial remake. Lots of ideas to kick around but it looks like we’re all starting off on the same page. The actual remake will not begin until sometime in November.



ASST SHOW CHAIR:
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dragonflylight@g.com

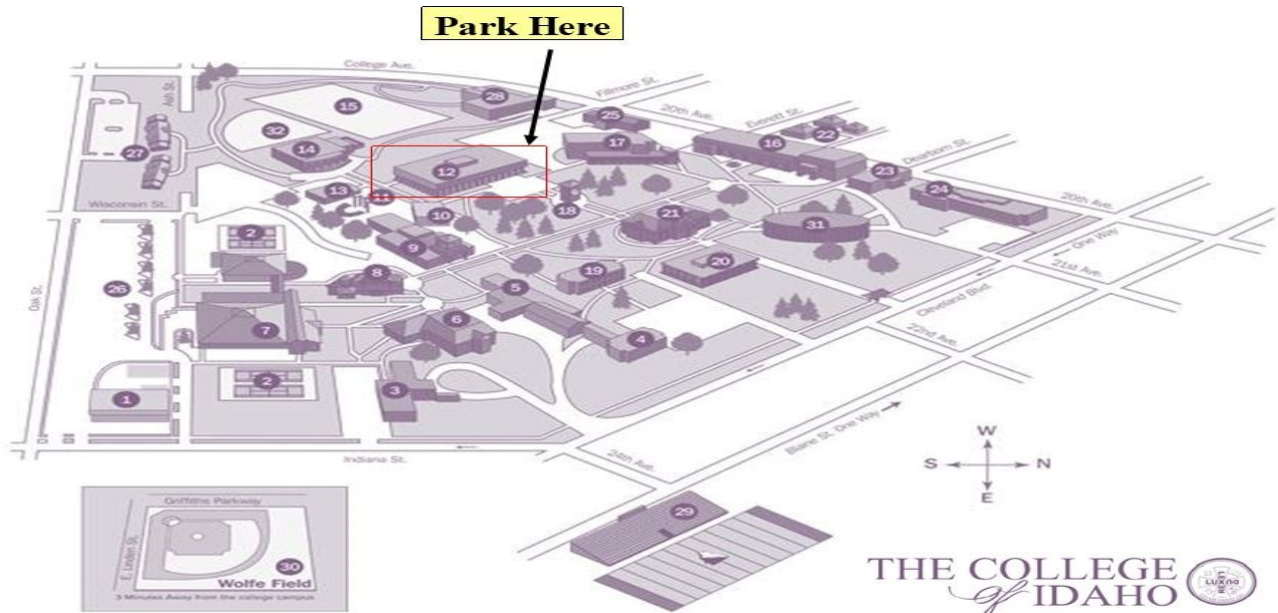
The two OGMS forty-pound tumblers are now in the hands of Harald & Gail Villarreal. We enjoyed the one-on-one with them. They are both very knowledgeable on rocks and minerals. One look at their home and shop and you know these guys are rock people. We left their home envious of their many specimens on display.

We have some rock to give Harald, however, we could sure use more donations of small rock to be tumbled.

During your rock collecting travels this summer,
please remember to set back a few of your findings for
“GEMS AND MORE IN ‘24”.

OGMS stills pays \$120 per five-gallon bucket of nicely tumbled rock
that we can use for the show grab bags.
STAY SAFE AND HAVE FUN.

September 20th, October 18th, and November 15th General Meetings at The College of Idaho
Caldwell, Idaho—Boone Science Hall (#12 on map below), Room 103 at 7:00 p.m.





Stone from Arizona

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Brenda—Agate & Jasper
Burro Creek—Pastelite & Agate

Stone from Australia

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August General Meeting and Ice Cream Social—In the Park

The August 16th general meeting will be at the Caldwell Memorial Park

618 Irving Street, on the corner of Irving and Kimball

See you there at 6:30 p.m. for the Ice Cream Social!

- Bring your lawn chair
- Several club members are making 'homemade' ice cream, but if you have an ice cream maker and want to bring some, PLEASE DO! There's no such thing as too much ice cream!!!
- Members are encouraged to bring their favorite toppings to share with everyone.
- Roxanne is bringing bowls and spoons.
- There will be a silent auction! Also, we will have a slab drawing... SO BRING YOUR SLABS!

Membership—Kim Bashford

We are accepting payment of 2023 dues

Membership forms are available at every meeting and on the next page of this newsletter. Invite your "rockhound" friends to our next meeting!

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 meetings, 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 on the next page to:

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



**Welcome
New
Members!**

Archer McGill

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY—2023 Membership Application

Rockhounds' Code of Ethics

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material – matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- 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.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- 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.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- 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.

I have read and understand the Rockhounds' Code of Ethics: Signed _____

Family—\$20 Couple—\$18 Single—\$12 Child—\$3

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
PO Box 1053
Caldwell, ID 83605-1053

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 summer months 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/>