



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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December President's Message

So are you all ready for the upcoming Holidays? I know that I look forward to all the beautiful lights in downtown Caldwell. Especially love the tree this year. Have you taken some time and gone down to the Caldwell Library and checked out the displays being put in by our club members? If you have some material that the public would like to view and you would be willing to help Ed Moser would really love more displays for January. Please give him a call if you can possibly chip in.

Remember this month is our Annual Christmas party at Orphan Annie's in Caldwell off of Kimball and Everett. The no-host bar starts at 6:30pm and we will be eating at 7pm. It should be a fun and entertaining evening. There will be a gift exchange so if you want to participate be sure to bring a wrapped gift designated as male or female. This was a lot of fun last year so come prepared to get to know your fellow rock hounds.

It seems like the last month of the year has a lot for all of us to be involved in. The Idaho Gem Club has extended an invitation to join them at their annual workshop again this year. They will be providing chili and soup for lunch plus any finger foods you would like to make and share. There will be instructors to help you learn how to cut cabochons and also wire wrapping to show off those beautiful cut stones. There is a small charge for the wire but Marge and Dick will be there to help you create a wonderful finished product. See the write up inside the bulletin for more information.

The board would like to thank all the officers and chairmen who have served your club over the last year. Without your participation there would be no club and I know there are a lot of members who greatly appreciate all the sacrifices made on their behalf. On that note there will be a need for a refreshment chair which oversees the goodies we all chip in for throughout the year. Give it some thought and if you would like to help with this next year just let us know. I hope you all have a glorious and beautiful Christmas. I look forward to sharing another wonderful New Year with each and every one of you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President.

Willa Renken, OGMS President

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society General Meeting Minutes—November 20, 2013

GENERAL MEETING: Held at the College of Idaho, Room 103. Called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30pm. Willa asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in the November newsletter. There were no changes, so Brad Larson made motion to accept minutes as printed in the newsletter, Second by Dixie Lara and approved by the general meeting.

PROGRAM: No program for this meeting as we were having our annual auction.

GUEST: There were guests for the evening but I failed to get the number of guests there were, sorry.

SECRETARY: Sylvia Foreman had no report but Willa gave a report on National Greater Sage-Grouse planning strategy.

VICE PRESIDENT: Melissa Jones was not present.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Denise wanted to remind everyone that if you would like your newsletter emailed to you to please let her know.

TREASURER: Janie Ehlers gave the Treasurer's report.

SHOW CHAIRMAN: Susan Beattie gave an outline on the show.

DEMONSTRATORS—Willa Renken	FRONT DOOR--Randy Whipple	GRAB BAG--Joan Alvey
WHEEL OF GEMS--Denise Stringer	SAND DIG--Jody Atwood	CHILI FEED--Myrt Alston
SILENT AUCTION--Red Larson	ADVERTISEMENT--Darell Ehlers	HISTORIAN—Pauline Prather
SHOW CASES--Thelma Brown	FRONT TABLE & SPECIAL DISPLAY --Sylvia Foreman	

FEDERATION CHAIRMAN: Ed Moser encourages all to keep saving stamps for Cancer Research.

HISTORIAN: Pauline Prather had no report.

SUNSHINE: RoseMary Peterson had no report.

MEMBERSHIP: Neava Haney reports that she is receiving membership dues now.

FIELD TRIP: Larry Beattie says that the field trip to Texas Springs was the last field trip for 2013 and encourages all to help Ithel Kildow with his field trip duties for 2014.

WEB REPORT: Brad Larson reports that he has listed the 2014 show dates and times on the Web.

REFRESHMENT: Jim Hopkins thanked the November cookie crew for refreshments and announced that he and Ruth would not be able to hold the 2014 refreshment chairman position.

OLD BUSINESS: The Christmas dinner was announced, it starts at 6:30pm eat at 7pm.

NEW BUSINESS: Ed Moser reported that he and Deanna will fill show cases in the Caldwell Public Library for December and he will need someone to fill the cases in January of 2014, this is free advertisement for the Owyhee Gem Show.

Red Larson says he can help Ed, anyone else that wants to is welcomed to help.

Willa gave the Owyhee Club an invite to join the Boise Club at Renken homestead for the annual work fun shop day. The workshop days will be December 21 (Saturday) December 22 (Sunday) == time 10am to 5pm.

No slab drawing for this meeting.

DOOR PRIZE was won by Mark Bramble donated by RoseMary Peterson

AUCTION WAS FUN AND PROFITABLE

MEETING ADJOURNED and Refreshments enjoyed by all





December Birthdays

- 1: John Scherer**
- 3: Terry Prince**
- 4: David Schmidt**
- 4: Lorene Alley**
- 4: Dana Stowell**
- 4: Shannon Tharp**
- 5: Darell Ehlers**
- 5: Barbara Hanson**
- 5: Neil Roberts**
- 6: Gene Babbitt**
- 8: Lillie Rogers**
- 10: Joan Alvey**
- 10: Cheryl Link**
- 11: Tom Evans**
- 12: Douglas Olsen**
- 15: Bill Anderson**
- 17: Steve McConnel**
- 17: Randy Whipple**
- 18: Dan Phillips**
- 19: Doug Renken**
- 22: Natasha Atwood**
- 24: Darlene Emry**
- 30: Tony Griffin**



December Anniversaries

- 2: Richard & Bonnie Coulson**
- 4: David & Cindy Schmidt**
- 12: Everett & Evelyn Ensley**
- 20: Roy & Pat Bethel**
- 23: Andy & Helen Krivy**
- 26: Paul & Donna Dole**



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

December Birthstone—Blue Topaz

As cool and inviting as a blue lake on a blistering summer day, December's birthstone is derived from the Sanskrit word "tapas," meaning fire. This is because Blue Topaz was considered by ancient civilizations to have cooling properties. Not only was it believed to cool boiling water when thrown into the pot, but to calm hot tempers as well! This gemstone was credited with many other healing powers, among them the ability to cure insanity, asthma, weak vision and insomnia. The Blue Topaz was even thought to have magical properties in its ability to make its wearer invisible in a threatening situation.

Blue Topaz is the hardest of the silicate minerals. While pure Topaz is colorless, minor changes of elements within the stone result in a variety of other colors, such as blue, pale green, red, yellow and pink.

The blue hue is created when Topaz is heated, whether the heat source is natural or engineered by man. The three shades of Blue Topaz are Sky, Swiss and London Blue. The latter is the deepest blue and is often used as a less expensive substitute for Sapphire.

Topaz is found primarily in Brazil, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Mexico, Pakistan, China, and the United States.



A gift of Blue Topaz is symbolic of love and fidelity. Luckily, this cool blue gemstone has no legendary power to put out the burning flame of love!

Alternate Birthstone

An alternate birthstone for December is the Turquoise. So named because it was initially brought to Europe by way of Turkey, this stone is one of the first gems to be used in jewelry. Turquoise was considered by ancients to be a sacred stone, protective against all manners of evil and ill health. This beautiful gemstone is mined in Iran and the southwestern United States. A gift of Turquoise represents friendship and luck.

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



December Workshop

We are invited to attend the Idaho Gem Club's Annual Christmas Workshop on December 21st and 22nd again this year. The shop will be open at 10 am and run until 5 pm. All club members and guests are welcome to attend. The club will furnish the chili and soup if you could bring a favorite snack or dish to share that would be great.

There will be wire wrapping and cab making to be had by all. I will need folks to help with those who don't know how to make a cab so come prepared to share a little knowledge with our newer members and help me with over seeing your machines. I really enjoy December's workshop as it is a time to share and get to know more of you in our club. I hope you will all come and share in this activity so you get a chance to know your fellow rock hounds.

The address is 12843 S Five Mile Rd, Kuna ID and the phone number is 362-3941. See you there.
Willa

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY Board Minutes November 25, 2013

Present for the OGMS Board Meeting November 25, 2013 were President Willa Renken, Treasurer Janie Ehlers, Bulletin Editor Denise Stringer, Field Trip Chairman Larry Beattie, Asst. Field Trip Chairman Gene Alvey, Show Chairman Susan Beattie, Asst. Show Chairman Darell Ehlers, Federation Chairman Ed Moser, Asst. Federation Chairman Deanna Moser, Membership chairman Neava Haney, Historian Pauline Prather, Secretary Sylvia Foreman, and guests Joan Alvey and Bill Foreman.

Meeting was called to order by President Willa Renken in room 106 at 7:45pm at the College of Idaho. Willa asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes as printed in the November news-letter, hearing none she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Pauline Prather made motion to accept minutes as printed Joan Alvey second the motion . Motion passed.

SECRETARY: Sylvia Foreman had nothing to report.

VICE PRESIDENT: Melissa Jones was not present.

TREASURER: Janie Ehlers gave report on the annual auction and made some suggestions for all to follow next year when it comes time dealing with money and tickets.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Denise Stringer asked for information for the newsletter about the Christmas dinner. WHERE: Orphan Annie's Restaurant in Caldwell. No Host Bar DATE – December 18 Wednesday – TIME meet at 6:30pm eat at 7pm.

SHOW CHAIRMAN: Susan Beattie reported that Larry Ridley will pick up door prizes and items for the sand-dig for the 2014 show . Darell Ehlers will make the Show Case favors and flyers for this year. We will fill grab bags with tumbled rocks on Thursday, February 27.

FEDERATION CHAIRMAN: Ed Moser encourages all to save stamps for Cancer Research and please keep the old stamps separate from the new stamps. Ed & Deanna will fill the show cases in the Caldwell Public Library for December and Kathi & Red Larson and Susan & Larry Beattie will fill them in January .

HISTORIAN: Pauline Prather had no report.

SUNSHINE: RoseMary Peterson was not present.

MEMBERSHIP: Neava Haney reports that she is receiving membership dues.

FIELD TRIP: Larry Beattie reports no more field trips for 2013. Willa thanked him from the club for all of his hard work.

WEB REPORT: Brad Larson was not present.

OLD BUSINESS: Willa reported that she needed the head count for the Christmas dinner by December 6. Ed Moser thanked all for those participating in the annual auction.

Susan Beattie is working on some claim work for the club.

NEW BUSINESS: It was announced if anyone would like a membership list they can request one by e-mail or have one mailed to them or pick one up at the meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:57pm

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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

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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

Refreshment Report

We are looking for a new refreshment chairman for 2014.

If you are interested in giving back to the club and helping arrange refreshments each month, please let us know and we can give you more information about the duties of this position.

Thanks again to all you members for volunteering to bring refreshments. It sure makes a nice ending to our meetings and adds to enhance our fellowship after the meeting.

-Ruth & Jim Hopkins, Refreshment Chairmen

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Buy your Earth Science & Lapidary Plate before December 31, 2013



Contact your local DMV for purchase, or earthscienceplate.com

Proceeds from plate sales benefit your local schools!

Average cost is about \$50.00 for two-year registration. DMV will give full credit for your active car registration for upgrade to the Earth Science & Lapidary Plate.

Annual Membership is Due!

If you have not paid your dues for 2014, please complete this form and bring to the next meeting, or mail to:

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 1053, CALDWELL, ID 83606-1053

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ANNUAL DUES: Family \$20 – Couples \$18 – Singles \$12 – Juniors (18 and under) \$3

MEETINGS: 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. @ Boone Science Bldg. – College of Idaho, Caldwell

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____

Email: _____

PHONE: _____ ANNIV: _____ - _____ B'DAY: _____ - _____

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How did you become interested in rock-hounding?

What are your interests – Circle all that apply:

- | | | | |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Beading | Cabochons | Carving | Castings |
| Channel work | Crystals | Faceting | Fluorescents |
| Fossils | Identifying rock | Jewelry | Lapidary |
| Minerals | Rock hunting | Silversmithing | Spheres |
| Tumbling | Other: _____ | | |

DUES ENCLOSED: \$ _____ MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR **2014**

DATE PAID: _____ CHECK # _____

NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____ CASH _____ by _____

Membership Report

It is time to get your membership up-to-date! The drive is on to seek new members as well as to keep the faithful returning as you are the Club Body. This is a good time to ensure your address and phone numbers are all current and we would like to get good email addresses for everyone as technology is changing all the time.

Dues are \$20.00 for a family, \$18.00 a couple or \$12.00 for singles. Children (18 and under) \$3.00 each. The membership form can be found on our website and in this newsletter. Send to Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society, PO Box 1053, Caldwell ID 83605-1053 or bring it to the next general meeting.

To ensure you will continue to get the NFMS Northwest Newsletter for the upcoming 2014 year, your membership has to be current as of December 2013.

If you have not received your name badge and/or membership card, my contact information is listed below. Please contact me either by phone or email so I can have it ready for you at the next meeting.

Reminder: You get with "New Membership" – A membership card, a small patch and your name badge at no charge. With your "Renewal" you will get your membership card for the New Year. (Usually you can pick up your name badge at the next club meeting while enjoying refreshments and meeting new friends after the meeting)

We have had some inquires for replacement of Name Badges or small patches that have gone astray. You can purchase the Name Badge for \$2.00 and/or the small patch for \$3.00 each. We also have the big patches for \$10.00.



Remember to wear your name badge to the meetings
so everyone knows who you are.

- Neava Haney
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wehnh99@cableone.net



Have You Visited our Club Website?

Our awesome web site 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.



Federation Director

Bring your postage stamps to this month's meeting.

Remember to *cut ½ inch all the way around the stamp.*

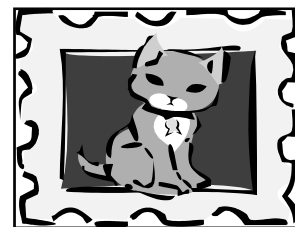
The money raised will go to help support cancer research.

Thank you all for this. It helps others and it might just help someone you know.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director

409-2410

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**Upcoming Events****Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society— Holiday Dinner**

December 18, 2013

Social: no-host bar starts at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner —7:00 p.m.

Orphan Annie's Bar & Grill

801 Everett St, Caldwell, ID 83605

Bring a present for the gift exchange (\$10 value) and tag it to let us know if it is for a male or female.

Tickets are \$7.50 each for members.

**“60 Years of Rock’n” Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show 2014 - Caldwell, ID - March 1 and 2, 2014**

Hours: Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost: \$3.00, Children Under 12 free if accompanied by a paid adult

Federation Show 2014 - Hermiston, OR - August 15-17, 2014

NFMS' 76th Anniversary Show

Presented by: Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society

Location: Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S Hwy 395, Hermiston, OR 97838

Hours: To be determined

Cost: \$3.50, Children Under 12 free if accompanied by a paid adult

For more information, visit: <http://amfed.org/nfms/FederationShow.asp>

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. in the Boone Science Building at the College of Idaho, 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 slab



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