



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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December President's Message

It doesn't seem possible but we are about to finish off another year. They seem to go by faster and faster the older I get. With the finish of the year just means our Gem Show is just around the corner. That being said it is time to start thinking about putting in a case and displaying all the beautiful work that is being done. Thelma is in charge of that and is looking forward to hearing from you so she can get a spot reserved for you. There are other venues that will need support so take the time to go over the list of Chairmen and don't be afraid to let them know when you can help out. It is always nice to have a solid plan in place before the show arrives as this lets us all plan accordingly.

For those that are interested there will be a Holiday Workshop at our house on Dec 19th and 20th from 10am-5pm both days. If you would like to come and cut a cab and or wire wrap a piece for Christmas come on over, all are welcome. There will be chili and soup provided if you would like to bring something to share feel free there will be enough for all. Our address is 12843 S Five Mile Rd which can be reached off of Kuna Rd as Five Mile dead ends at the Falcon Crest Golf Course.

Our Auction was a huge success and the Board would like to thank all of you that brought the items up for bid. It made for a great evening after we finally found our meeting room!! I commend all who bid as it went a long ways to funding our Christmas party and everyone deserves a big thanks for stepping up to the plate. Last but not least thank you Ed for all the hard work of auctioning off the items you really make this event a huge success thanks again!!!

As I hope you are all aware this month is our Annual Christmas Banquet at Orphan Annes on the corner of Kimball and Everett. If you have not made contact with Larry to get a ticket reserved please give him a call at (208) 466-6184 we have turned in a head count but we can add to it if needed. We will also have a gift exchange so be sure to bring a \$10 gift if you want to participate in that. Our No-Host Bar starts at 6:30 but we will start setup around 6 for those who would like to help. I look forward to a fun-filled evening hope to see you all there. Until then Merry Christmas to all!!

- Willa Renken, OGMS President



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES November 18, 2015

The meeting was held at the College of Idaho in the Langroise Building and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:45 p.m. Willa asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none Walter Barnett made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Jim Hopkins; motion carried.

Visitors were introduced and given a warm welcome.

Secretary: Received two membership renewals and two dealer contracts in the mail.

Vice President: Jim has a DVD lined up for the January meeting.

Treasurer: Janie gave a list of expenses from the previous month and gave us up-to-date information on the club accounts. The club made \$51 on the slab drawing last month.

Show Chairman: Susan brought clip boards for members to sign up to volunteer for venues.

Federation Chairman: The NWF Newsletter has information and updates about public land closures. The next Federation show will be in Albany, Oregon. Ed reminded us to keep collecting stamps.

Sunshine Chairman: RoseMary is not feeling well.

Membership Chairman: Kathi read the names of the new member applications and made a motion to accept the new members, Jim Hopkins seconded; motion carried.

Field Trip Chairman: Ithel asked for ideas for field trips next year. He also needs someone who can store the porta pot inside during the winter. Jim Hopkins was volunteered.

Webmaster: The newsletter is on the website.

Unfinished Business: Larry Beattie is selling tickets to the Banquet at Orphan Annie's on December 16. Bring a \$10 gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. A no-host bar will start at 6:30 with dinner at 7 p.m. Larry also thanked everyone who participated in the road clean up last month. All of the left over rock in the trailer, from the Gem Show silent auction, has been gone through and sorted. Ithel took the sorted rock that wasn't needed for the silent auction to Grave Yard Point and put it around the graves there.

New Business: Brad Larson won third place in the National AFMS website competition.

Held our annual auction with Ed Moser as the auctioneer, and Aubrey Kopp as his helper.

Door Prize drawing: Donated by Ed Moser, won by Dan Stevens

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



December Birthdays

- 1 John Scherer
- 3 Terry Prince
- 3 David Schmidt
- 4 Dana Stowell
- 4 Shannon Tharp
- 5 Darell Ehlers
- 5 Neil Roberts
- 6 Gene Babbitt
- 8 Lillie Rogers
- 10 Cheryl Link
- 12 Douglas Olsen
- 15 Bill Anderson
- 15 Barbara Hanson
- 17 Steve McConnel
- 17 Randy Whipple
- 18 Dan Phillips
- 19 Doug Renken
- 22 Natasha Atwood
- 24 Jack Wieden
- 26 Lorraine Wright
- 27 Maria Sifuentes
- 29 Bryan Brown
- 30 Tony Griffin
- 30 Debbie Lappin



December Anniversaries

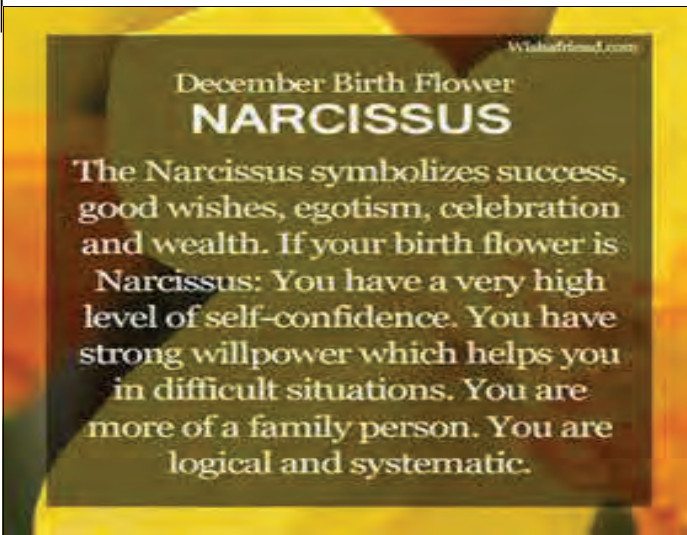
- 1 Eric & Debbie Milstead
- 2 Richard & Bonnie Coulson
- 3 David & Cindy Schmidt
- 16 Paul & Donna Dole
- 16 Clarence & Lorraine Wright
- 20 Roy & Pat Bethel

The three birthstones associated with December are Tanzanite, Zircon, and Turquoise

Tanzanite: Discovered in the late 1960s in Tanzania, and found exclusively in this tiny area of the world, tanzanite exhibits a rich violet-blue color for which the gemstone is treasured; often it is heat-treated to achieve this color. Colors range from blue to purple, and tanzanites that are medium dark in tone, vivid in saturation, and slightly violet blue command premium prices. As tanzanite can be less expensive than sapphire, it often was purchased as an alternative. However, it has increased in popularity and now is valued more for its own beauty and brilliance than as a sapphire substitute.

Zircon: Derived from the Arabic words zar and gun, meaning gold and color, zircon is found in a wide range of colors such as: blue, yellow, orange, brown, green, colorless, and red (the most prized color). For many years colorless zircon was used to imitate diamonds. Folk wisdom grants zircon the power to relieve pain, whet the appetite, protect travelers from disease and injury, to ensure a warm welcome, and to prevent nightmares guaranteeing a deep, tranquil sleep. Major sources of zircon are the Chanthaburi area of Thailand, the Palin area of Cambodia, and the southern part of Vietnam.

Turquoise: The name turquoise, from the French expression Pierre tourques or Turkish stone, originated in the thirteenth century and describes one of the oldest known gemstones. Turquoise varies in color from greenish blue, through robin's egg-blue, to sky blue shades and its transparency ranges from translucent to opaque. Turquoise is plentiful and is available in a wide range of sizes. It is most often used for beads, cabochons, carvings, and inlays. Although its popularity fluctuates in fashion, it is a perennial favorite in the American Southwest.



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.

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Think SHOW! March 5 and 6, 2016**Thank you to all of the Venue Volunteers!**These are your venue chairs:

Front Door—Cyndy Schmidt—870-6544

Wheel of Gems—Denise Stringer—283-1903

Sand Dig—Jody Atwood—801-791-7228

Silent Auction—Red Larson—465-8083

Grab Bags—Randy Whipple—585-5910

Demonstrators—Willa Renken—362-3941

Show Cases—Thelma Brown—541-846-3136

Special Display—Ithel Kildow—455-7960

Resource/Doorprize Table—Sharlene McCaslin—916-804-4435

and Kim McEwan—249-4567

Chili Feed—Dianne Barker—965-7187

Plenty of opportunities to sign up for two-hour volunteer sessions at all venues

Sign-up sheets are available at our next meeting.

**We are still accepting donations for Wheel of Gems,
Grab Bags, Silent Auction, and Sand Dig venue items!**

Please call me if you would like someone to pick up your donations.

Susan Beattie 466-6184

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES November 30, 2015

The Business meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7p.m. Ithel Kildow made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the last newsletter; seconded by Susan Beattie, motion carried.

Secretary: Received two membership renewals in the mail.

Vice President: Jim has a DVD lined up for the January meeting and working on a speaker for February.

Treasurer: Absent

Show Chairman: The venue chairs are all full. Susan and Darell will be selecting a time to discuss advertising for the Gem Show. The meeting will probably be the first or second week of January.

Federation Chairman: The Caldwell Library would like to have rock displays in their cases December and January. If you have something you would like to display, contact Ed Moser.

Field Trip Chairman: Ithel is working on some new places for field trips next year. Let him know if you have ideas for field trips you would like to go on.

Historian: Restoration of the Historical books is complete. They will be going home with Pauline.

Unfinished Business: Held a discussion about gifts for Lifetime members. Christmas dinner will be December 16 at Orphan Annie's with a no-host bar starting at 6:30 and dinner at 7p.m. If you would like to participate, bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange. It is a good time of year for members to give a call to members you haven't seen or talked to in a while.

New Business: In January we will be back at our regular meeting room at the College of Idaho. There will be a holiday workshop at Willa's house on December 19 & 20. The mining claims are all up to date. Carolyn will be at the January meeting for 'kids club'. She is looking for help with kids club while she is recovering from surgery later in the year. Ed Moser would like to thank everyone who brought items to the auction. There will be no December Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:15

Respectfully submitted Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



Presenting the 2016 Board of Directors

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 Vice President – Jim Hopkins
 Secretary – Debbie Lawrence
 Treasurer – Janie Ehlers
 Federation Director – Ed Moser
 Field Trip Chairman – Ithel Kildow
 Assistant Field Trip Chairmen – David Schmidt
 Show Chairman – Susan Beattie
 Assistant Show Chairman—Darell Ehlers
 Bulletin Editor—Denise Stringer

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
62nd Annual Gem & Mineral Show
March 5 and 6, 2016
Caldwell Event Center—2200 Blaine, Caldwell, ID

Request for Showcase Space

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Name of Club: _____

How many cases would you like to reserve? _____

Exhibit Material: (must be gem or mineral related)

Are you a: Dealer _____ Amateur _____ Junior _____ (All Junior cases must be prepared by Juniors.)

List name(s) for exhibitor badges:

Set-up day: Friday, March 4, 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Show Dates: Saturday, March 5, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 6, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Take-down time: Not before 5:00 p.m. on Sunday

The Show Committee Members will help you locate your space.
Displays shall remain for the duration of the show unless prior authorization
from the Show Chairman is received.

Send your completed application by February 17th to:
Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society,
Attn: Thelma Brown, PO Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83606-1053
or bring to the next general membership meeting.



Upcoming Events

**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society December Meeting
December 16, 2015.**

Location: Orphan Annie's, 801 Everett St, Caldwell

6:30 p.m.—No-Host Bar

7:00 p.m.—Dinner

\$8.00 for members, \$16.00 for non-members

Bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange (men's, women's, or general).

December Workshop

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**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society January Meeting
January 20, 2016—7:30 p.m.**

Location: College of Idaho, Boone Science Hall, Room 103

Historian's Report

Professor Carl Van de Venter was instrumental in creating the monument at the small graveyard new Homedale.

In 1954 the land was donated by G. W. Hopkins.

The Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society started working on a memorial.

Professor Harold Tucker was the guest speaker when the memorial was dedicated.

Seven people are buried there:

In 1956 a man named McConnell

1901 infants of Jake Mussell and William Harris

1914 a man named Jack Spaits

And Uncle Billy—no date given

So next time you are headed for Graveyard Point, take time out and see if it needs some TLC and maintenance, and let the club know.

- Pauline Prather

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
340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com

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/>



Congratulations to Brad Larson for earning Third Place in the National AFMS Web Site Competition, with 99 out of 100 points!

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 7:30 P.M. 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 unidentified rock and we'll help you figure out what it is!

