



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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December President's Message

Hello all and Merry Christmas. Once again, our year is drawing to a close and a New Year is on the horizon. I hope that you are all busy preparing your collections for the upcoming Annual Gem Show. We will need a number of showcases filled again this year. Please consider filling out the showcase application so you can show everyone the wonderful creations you have made. It is not hard and very rewarding both to yourself and to others as they can get inspiration from your beauties. Kathy Larson will be spear heading this venue along with Thelma Brown's help. They will be anticipating your entries.

Susan has been bringing the show venues signup sheets to each meeting so please help her get the time slots filled. Even though a lot of you just want to fill in as needed, it really does help to assign yourself time periods so the Chairpersons can know how much help they have.

This month is our Annual Christmas Banquet at Orphan Annie's on December 20th. It will start at 6:30pm with a no host bar and the buffet will begin at 7pm. We will have a gift exchange so if you would like to participate in that please bring a wrapped gift for the table. Please indicate if it is for a male, female, or either. If you haven't bought your ticket yet there is still time please give Carol Farnham a call as you can pay at the door we just need a head count by December 13th. This event is always a lot of fun so come and visit with your fellow rock hounds, eat lots of good food and share a tale or two.

At this time, I would like to thank you all for another great year. Our club is going strong due largely in part to the participation of each of you. It takes a village to create all the events and each of you provide a little, which affords us the opportunity to grow and strengthen. Let us keep up the great work and I look forward to another fantastic year. I look forward to seeing you all on the 20th. Till then keep on rocking.

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
Willa Renken OGMS President

DUES ARE DUE!!!

On page 9 is a membership form to cut out and fill out for next years membership and dues. Just give Kim your money and membership form together when you turn in to help keep all moneys straight.

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Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History

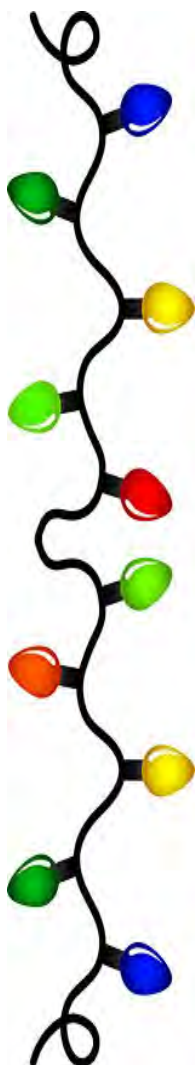
The Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History features specimens representing the Biology and Geology of SW Idaho, SE Oregon, and northern Nevada. The focal point of the museum is the Evans Gem and Mineral Collections. The museum hosts a workday and seminar the first Saturday of every month. The Museum is open to all visitors Tuesday-Friday from 1-5 pm, the first Saturday of every month from 8-5 and the third Saturday of every month from 10-4.

The Museum is located in the basement of Boone Hall on the College of Idaho campus. Visit the Museum website at www.collegeofidaho.edu/cultural-institutions/orma-j-smith-museum-natural-history to learn more.



December Birthdays

- 2 Gregg Austin
- 2 David True
- 3 Steve Powell
- 3 David Schmidt
- 4 Shannon Tharp
- 5 Darell Ehlers
- 6 Gene Babbitt
- 8 Lillie Rogers
- 10 Cheryl Link
- 10 Joan Alvey
- 13 Brian True
- 15 Bill Anderson
- 15 Barbara Hanson
- 17 Carolyn Whipple
- 19 Doug Renken
- 19 Patrick Stapleton
- 22 Jody Atwood
- 24 Gary Hill
- 24 Jack Wieden
- 28 Lorraine Wright
- 30 Debbie Lappin



December Anniversaries

- 3 David and Cyndy Schmidt
- 3 Mark and Christine Rednour
- 12 Robert and Connie Powers
- 15 Chuck Fawcett
- 16 Clarence and Lorraine Wright
- 17 James and Christi Jarrett
- 20 Pat McConnell
- 20 Helen Weber
- 23 Andy and Helen Krivy
- 24 Steve and Debora Powell
- 26 Paul and Donna Dole

Sunshine Report

Hi, I am Jewels Haines and I am your Sunshine Chairman. If you hear of anyone needing a get well card or visit, please give me a call at

760-331-3443

-Jewels Haines,
Sunshine Chairman

jewelsmalia@yahoo.com



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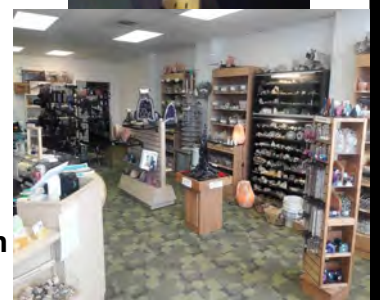
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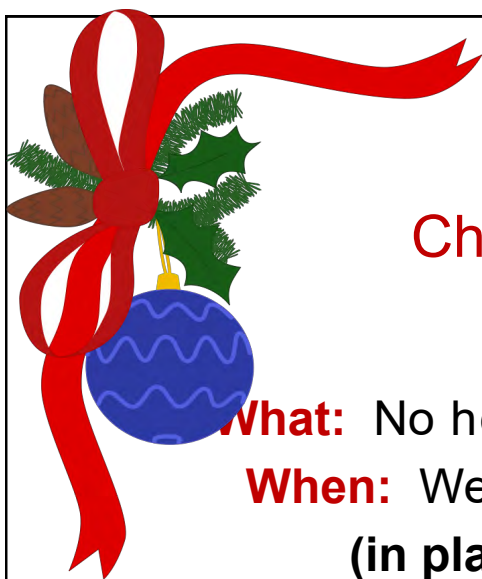


Office: 208-475-4550

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Website: earthbrite1.com





Christmas Party Time!!!

What: No host bar, buffet and gift exchange

When: Wednesday, December 20th, 2017
(in place of our regular meeting)

Time: 6:30pm no host bar. Dinner at 7pm

Where: Orphan Annie's Bar & Grill
(downstairs)

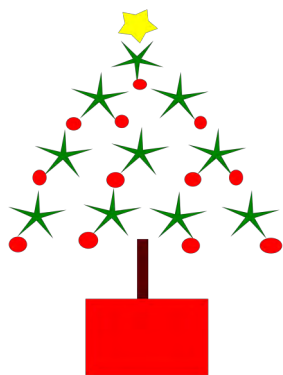
801 Everett St. Caldwell

(Corner of Everett and Kimball)

Cost: Dinner will cost \$8 for members and \$16 for guests.

If you did not sign up for the dinner yet, please give Carol Farnham a call ASAP, with the number coming and pay Carol at the dinner. She will be there at 6pm.

(208) 475-4868



Gift: Please bring
a \$10 value gift
for the exchange



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**November 15, 2017**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30pm. Jim Hopkins made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; seconded by Cindy Woolsey, motion carried. Guests were introduced and given a warm welcome.

Secretary Report: Received 5 membership renewals and information from The Oregon Department of Geology & Mineral Industries regarding a meeting to be held in Portland, Oregon about the Calico Grassy Mountain Gold Project.

Vice President: Jim brought in applications to apply for/renew membership to St. Luke's Life Flight, at the reduced rate they are giving to the members of the OGMS Club. He is lining up a presentation about meteorites for the first part of next year.

Treasurer Report: Janie gave a report on the standings of the Club's accounts.

Show Chairman: The Gem Show will be held March 3 & 4, 2018. Showcase applications can be found online on the website. Susan has sign-up sheets from each of the venues and is looking for volunteers to man each station during the show. If you didn't get the opportunity to sign up at the meeting, give her a call. She will also have the sign-up sheets available at the Christmas Party.

Federation Chairman: Ed thanked everyone for bringing donations for the auction and gave a reminder to save your postage stamps.

There was no Historian Report or Membership Report.

Sunshine Chairman: Let Jules know if you know someone who could use a card of cheer.

Field Trip Chairman: David is putting together the line up of field trips for next year. Give him a call if you have a place you would like him to lead a field trip.

Unfinished Business: The Christmas Dinner will be held at Orphan Anne's on December 20, 2017. John and Carol Farnham will be collecting money for dinner. The address for Orphan Anne's is 801 Everett St in Caldwell. There will be a no host bar starting at 6:30 with dinner to follow at 7. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a \$10 gift, wrapped and labeled for a man or lady. Kathy Larson will host the gift exchange. Denise and Aubry Stringer volunteered to decorate and make table decorations.

There was no New Business.

Debbie Lawrence won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Ed Moser led the annual auction.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary.

OWHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**November 27, 2017**

The Business Meeting of the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order at 7pm by President, Willa Renken. Jim Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes as written in the newsletter; seconded by Ed Moser, motion carried.

Secretary Report: Received information from AFMS/NFMS to update the membership roster. There was also insurance renewal information along with two Christmas Dinner reservations and three membership renewals. Received a newsletter from Wasatch Gem Society.

Vice President: There will be a DVD at the January meeting and information about meteorites for the February presentation. Carol Farnham will give some information from an organization called 'Ladies in Defense' in January.

Treasurer: The auction held at the General Meeting brought in \$1,112.

Show Chairman: There is a volunteer to head each of the venues for the Gem Show. Volunteer sheets for each of the venues will be at the Christmas Party. Susan is working on getting the showcase favors for each of the cases. There may be a need to make the demonstration table area larger to accommodate the display that will be brought in from the Orma J Smith Museum of Natural History. Kathy Larson will be helping Thelma with showcases. Susan is looking for someone to shadow her during the next Gem Show so they can learn the Show Chairman duties.

Federation Report: The NWF Board still has a couple of positions available. You can find information about the openings in the Northwest Newsletter. There will only be one case available in the Caldwell Library in December for club displays. They may have someone other than the Club to display in January. Ed will be talking to the library staff to finalize case availability. The Northwest Federation is having a raffle. Tickets are available through the NWF Secretary. Ed thanked everyone for their participation in the auction and reminded us to keep saving our postage stamps.

There was no Historian Report or Sunshine Report.

Membership: Kim reported on the membership renewals.

Field Trip: The field trip itinerary is being put together for next year and the list will be available in time for the Gem Show in March.

Unfinished Business: All of the planning is coming together for the Christmas Party. The final count for reservations will be given on December 9th. Willa will bring desserts. Kathy Larson will host the gift exchange. Denise and Aubry Stringer will decorate and make table favors.

New Business: It was decided to have a line item added to the yearly budget for the Club's yearly maintenance donation to the Orma J Smith Museum of Natural History. There was a recommendation to have Randy Whipple make sure the funds will be kept in an account separate from the College of Idaho and have a clause stating the yearly funds may be rolled over for use on a larger project. There will be no Business Meeting in December. The next Business Meeting will be January 29, 2018.

Meeting adjourned 7:50.

Respectfully submitted.

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

SHOW Update

Looking to Give a little of yourself?

We need YOU:

Sign up for a showcase

Sign up for as many venues as you can

Donate to the Chili Feed



Thank you to all of the Venue Volunteers!



These are your venue chairs:

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Wheel of Gems — Chris Rawson — 208-371-7639

Sand Dig — Jody Atwood — 801-791-7228

Silent Auction — Don Dixon — 208-908-3374

Grab Bags — Randy Whipple — 208-585-5910

Demonstrators — Willa Renken — 208-362-3941

Show Cases — Kathi Larson — 208-4658083

Resource/Door Prize Table — Kim Bashford — 208-459-4567

Chili Feed — Michele Wiles -- 208-870-5153

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

Sign-up sheets are available at our Christmas Party and the January Meeting.

Federation Director

Please save the postage STAMPS for cancer research and bring to this months meeting. Remember to **cut ½ inch all the way around the stamp**. Thanks to all for your help. It helps others and it might just help someone you know.

Federation Director-Ed Moser, Federation Director
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**Membership Report****Now accepting payment of 2018 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 .

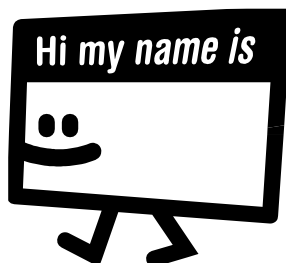
You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to:

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

Kim Bashford, Membership Chairperson

Phone: (208) 454-7287

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**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES****Year: 2018**Family
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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.

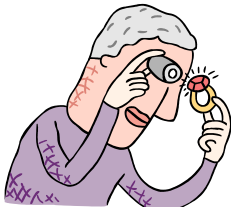
MEMBERSHIP DUES:

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 at 7:30 P.M. in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103, 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!



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/>

