



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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December President Message

Merry Christmas to all. Hope you are finding the holiday season a fun and exciting time. This month is a fun one for our membership as it is Banquet time. We look forward to seeing you all, at the Banquet on the 19th at Orphan Annie's in Caldwell. The No-Host bar starts at 6:30pm and dinner will be served at 7pm. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift. You can still get tickets by calling Michele Wiles at 208-870-5153. We need a head count by the 14th so please let her as soon as you can.

Dale Rawson is busy planning the next years field trips so if there is an area you would like to be included on the agenda please let him know.

If you have ideas for the basket raffle contact David Baldwin, as I am sure he would like all the help anyone is willing to give.

Ed Moser has the Caldwell Library display cases reserved for us in January. We need volunteers to put in displays just like the showcases we do at show time. This is good exposure for our club right before our next show so, if you can, let him know so he can coordinate dates and time.

We still have a venue chair that needs a Chairman and that is the Chili Feed. All this entails is overseeing the list of food for lunch on Friday of our show. If you can help us out please let Susan know so she can get your list going.

At this time of year, take the time to reach out to our members who haven't been able to be with us and just say hi. They, like all of us, need companionship. An uplifting card, phone call or visit can really make someone's day.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Party and enjoying a fun filled evening together.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New from myself and your Board of Directors.

Willa Renken OGMS President

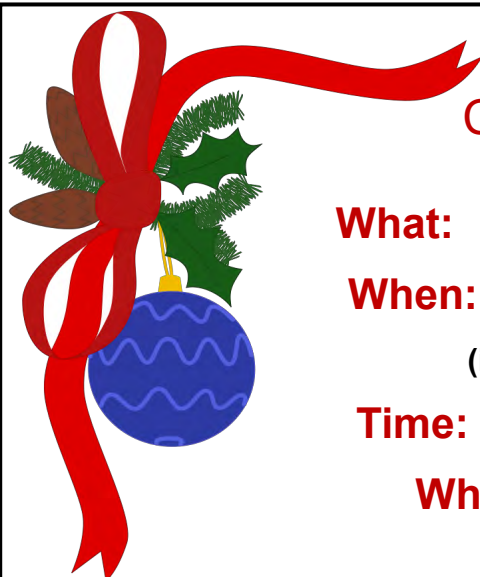
DUES ARE DUE

Please use the form in this newsletter to continue your membership. You can vote in October if your membership is paid up. Just give the completed form to Kim with your money or mail it to the address in the membership report that is above the form.

**!!!!!!!**

Just a note that if you have not paid for your yearly ad in this newsletter, you need to get it to us by January 1st for the ad to continue to run. There will not be a statement sent out.

Thank you,

**Christmas Party Time!!!**

What: No host bar, buffet and gift exchange

When: Wednesday, December 19th, 2018
(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)

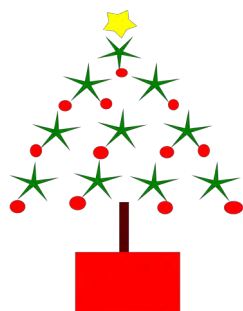
Cost: Dinner will cost \$8 for members and \$16 for guests.

If you are going, you can pay at the dinner. Please call or email Michele so we can get a count of who will be coming. Michele will take your money at the Party)

Gift: Please bring a \$20 or less value gift for the exchange

You will need to select a category of gift:

Man, Woman or general (gift can go to either one) What you bring is what category you get to pick from.





December Birthdays

12/1	Todd Joyner
12/2	Gregg Austin
12/2	Joann Whiteman
12/3	Steve Powell
12/3	David Schmidt
12/3	Terry Prince
12/4	Shannon Tharp
12/5	Darell Ehlers
12/6	Gene Babbitt
12/7	Jim Wise
12/8	Theresa Larson
12/8	Lillie Rogers
12/10	Joan Alvey
12/10	Cheryl Link
12/13	Brian True
12/14	Lindsey Soong
12/15	Bill Anderson
12/16	Sue Chambers
12/17	Steve McConnel
12/17	Carolyn Whipple
12/19	Doug Renken
12/22	Jody Atwood
12/24	Darlene Emry
12/24	Jack Wieden
12/25	David Filkins
12/28	Lorraine Wright
12/29	Katie Hackman
12/29	Todd Kinney

Birthstone - Topaz is known to represent creativity and thought to have the power to enhance one's imaginative thinking and artistic ability. An overall sense of well-being and good health are also thought to be brought about by topaz. Additionally, topaz is thought to balance emotions and calm fears and anxieties.

Tanzanite - The Basics

Discovered as recently as 1967, tanzanite is a purplish blue gemstone from the zoisite family. There is only one source of tanzanite - the Merelani Hills of Tanzania. While sometimes a similar hue to sapphire, this gem often contains purple tones of varying depth.

December Anniversaries

12/3	David & Cyndy Schmidt
12/8	Chris & Paul Deveau
12/9	John & Jeanine Lane
12/11	Paul Langton
12/12	Robert & Connie Powers
12/15	Chuck Fawcett
12/16	Clarence & Lorraine Wright
12/20	Pat McConnel
12/20	Roy & Pat Bethel
12/23	Andy & Helen Krivy
12/24	Steve & Debora Powell

Congratulations

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



**Stone from Arizona**

Anderson Mine—Agate
Brenda—Agate & Jasper
Burro Creek—Pastelite & Agate

Stone from Australia

Noreena
Mookite

Stone from Idaho & Oregon

Owyhee Picture Jasper
Green Moss Agate
Tumbled Stones

Handmade Jewelry
Slabs & Rough
Hammers/Tools
Brazilian Agate
- Slabs and Rough

Located at the corner of US 95 & Homedale Road
26736 Homedale Road, Wilder, Idaho

By appointment only:

Phone (208) 861-8229 or Text: (208) 258-4250
rivervu1@msn.com

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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

**NEW 2019 OGMS Board**

President: Willa Renken

Vice President: Roxanne Franklin

Secretary: Debbie Lawrence

Treasurer: Michele Wiles

Show Chairperson: Kathi Larson

Asst. Show Chairperson: Darell Ehlers

Editor: Carol Farnham

Fieldtrip Chairperson: Dale Rawson

Asst. Fieldtrip Chairperson: David Baldwin

Federation Chairman: Ed Moser

**Would you like to see
your ad here?**

You can buy a 1/4 page ad, rock & hobby related, like this for one month for only \$5.00.

A 12-month ad is only \$50.00!

Your ad will be seen by over 200 club members, plus online visitors.

To place an ad, please email:
carolfarnham@ymail.com

IMPORTANT!

Ed Moser is looking to find someone to set up a display case in January at the Caldwell Library with their special rocks and specimens. Please contact Ed for more information.



Collecting Rocks

I think that there shall never be
An ignoramus just like me,
Who roams the hills throughout the day
To pick up rocks that do not pay
For there's one thing I've been told
I take the rocks and leave the gold.

O'er deserts wild or mountains blue
I search for rocks of varied hue.
A hundred pounds or more I pack
With blistered feet and aching back,
And after this is said and done
I cannot name a single one.

I pick up rocks where e'er I go,
The reason why I do not know,
For rocks are found by fools like me
Where God intended them to be.
Author Unknown

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: Monday-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.

Federation Director

Please save the postage STAMPS for cancer research and bring to this month's meeting. Remember to ***cut 1/2 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,
(208) 340-8060,
edmoser15@gmail.com



Show Report



Are you ready to sign up?

The VENUE VOLUNTEER sign-up sheets will make an early appearance at the Christmas Party... If you would know what times will work best for you on Show Weekend, you can sign up to help!! **Kathi Larson will be learning the ropes—so please lend a hand.**

We have received a lot of wonderful donations for grab bags, Sand Dig polished rocks, and silent auction material.....Keep it coming.



Venue Volunteers Needed:

Chili Feed

Showcases



Front Door—Carol Farnham—208-475-4868

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

Sand Dig—Jody Atwood—801-791-7228 or 208-697-8166

Silent Auction—Don Dixon—208-908-3374

Membership Ambassador—Jeri McClarin

Grab Bags—Janie Ehlers--208-674-1213

Demonstrators—Willa Renken—208-362-3941

Show Cases—**VACANT**

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

Chili Feed—**VACANT**

Theme Raffle Baskets—David Baldwin—208-570-9781

Please let David know if you can help to solicit donations from local businesses for our new Theme Raffle Baskets venue. I know he would really appreciate it and a little help from a few people goes a long way!

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**November 21, 2018**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, and called to order at 7:30pm by President, Willa Renken. Brad Larson made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; Red Larson seconded, motion carried. Guests stood and introduced themselves and were given a warm welcome. Vice President, Jim Hopkins gave a presentation on the importance of fire extinguishers in your home and vehicles. He also gave information and ideas on how to keep a re-chargeable power pack handy in your vehicle.

Secretary: Mail was picked up that included; 6 membership renewals, statements from the insurance company and bank, and a newsletter from the Wasatch Gem Society in Sandy, Utah.

Vice President: There was no report. Jim was thanked for his informative presentation.

Treasurer: Michele was not present to give a report.

Show Chairman: Plans for the Gem Show are going well. A volunteer is needed to head the chili feed on Friday afternoon. Janie Ehlers volunteered to organize the show cases. Show case favors will be ordered next month. Show dates and show case applications were updated on the website along with a current flier. If you have a donation for a raffle basket, or would like to put together a raffle basket, coordinate with Dave Baldwin. His contact info is in the newsletter. Kathi Larson will be taking over as show chairman in January.

The Federation Chairman and Historian were not present.

Sunshine Chairman: Contact Jewels Haines if you know of someone who needs a note of cheer. Cards were sent to Roulon and Bill Anderson.

Membership: Three membership renewals were received since the last meeting.

Unfinished Business: The next meeting will be held at Orphan Anne's in Caldwell, and will be our Holiday Banquet. A no host bar will begin at 6:30 and dinner will be served buffet style at 7pm. Thank you to Chris Rawson for volunteering to provide table decorations. Kathi Larson will head the gift exchange. If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped gift that is labeled for a man or woman. Let Michelle Wiles, Treasurer know if you will be joining us, if you haven't already RSVP'd. Ed Moser is looking for someone to put a rock related display at the Caldwell Library in January. The field trips for next year are in the planning stages. If you have ideas for places you would like to look for rocks, contact Dale Rawson.

There was no New Business.

Slab drawing. Ruth Hopkins and Brad Larson won the door prizes. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**November 26, 2018**

The monthly Board Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order at 7pm by President, Willa Renken. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; Jim Hopkins seconded, motion carried.

Secretary: There was no mail since the last meeting.

Vice President: There was no report.

Treasurer: An update was given on all accounts. A certificate of deposit is maturing and it was decided to let it roll over for another 18 months.

Show Chairman: Janie Ehlers is organizing the show cases. Someone is still needed to chair the chili feed on the Friday, of show setup.

Federation Chairman: Club members are encouraged to send information to the NWF Newsletter about the rockhounds point of view for collecting specimens.

The Membership Chairman and Historian were not present.

Unfinished Business: Ed will be setting up a display at the Caldwell Library in December and he still needs a volunteer to put in a display in January. There are 51 paid reservations for the Holiday Banquet. Dale Rawson will be bringing his famous cheesecake and Willa will be picking up apple pie and carrot cake for dessert. Kathi Larson will head the gift exchange.

New Business: It was decided that Willa will get gifts for the Life Members and have them mailed, this year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted.

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

What are Yooperlites?

Recently discovered by Erik Rintamaki, Yooperlite rocks are actually Syenite rocks that are rich in fluorescent Sodalite.

In 2017, Erik went out on a beach in Lake Superior (Michigan) with a UV light and discovered dozens of these glowing rocks. To the naked eye, they look like gray rocks, but under the UV light, the mineral composite makes the rocks glow.

From humble beginnings, Yooperlites are now an internet and news phenomenon and have been featured on TV and news sites across the globe.

Erik wants people of all ages to learn more about Yooperlites and other rocks and minerals. Check out google for more info.

*taken from Wasatch Gem Society Nov. 2018



Membership Report**We are accepting payment of 2019 dues**

Membership forms are available at every meeting. Invite your "rockhound" friends to our next one!

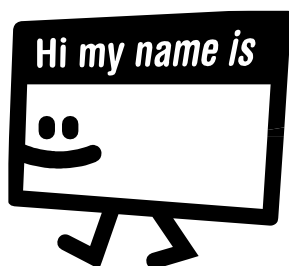
Any member needing a name badge, membership card, or patch, please call me so I can have them ready for you to pick up at the next meeting.

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

Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com

PAY YOUR DUES NOW Please!**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES****Year: 2018**Family
\$20Couple
\$18Single
\$12Child
\$3

LAST NAME: (Please Print) _____ Date Paid: _____ Amount: _____

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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.

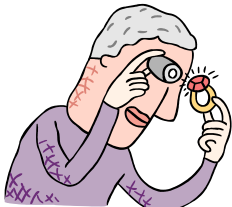
MEMBERSHIP DUES:

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 7:30 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/>

