



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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February President's Message

Hey you guys, there is just three more weeks and our annual show will be here. Are you ready? Have you signed up for a show case? Thelma wants to hear from you if you haven't. Are you planning on bringing a special item for Sylvia's special display? Time is growing short. Critters need to be finished and your items for the wheel of gems need to be put together. Make sure you have let the chairman know if you can fill a spot or have items to donate. The success of our show rests squarely on all our shoulders. The public is eagerly awaiting the many different and unique ways we have of presenting rocks for their pleasure.

This month's program is a short movie and demo on how to fill a show case. It should give you an idea of what is expected. Remember the cases should reflect our hobby and carry a theme that is rock related. The trailers will be arriving on Thursday so be planning on coming down to the O' Conner Field House to help start setting up, filling grab bags, and putting the opening touches to each venue we offer. Myrt is collecting signatures of those willing to bring food on Friday for the chili feed so be sure to let her know what you are willing to bring. Hopefully I haven't forgotten anybody, if so let me know and we will bring it up at the next meeting.

Thank you in advance for all the hard work you all have put into preparing for this event. I know each and every one of you are doing your best to support our club and it really shows. Keep up the good work and we will see you on February 19 at the monthly meeting. Until then, keep on rocking!!

Willa Renken, OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES**JANUARY 16, 2014**

GENERAL MEETING: Held at College of Idaho, Room 103. Called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:35 p.m. Willa asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in January newsletter. There were no changes, so Brad Larson made motion to accept the minutes as printed, second by Jim Hopkins and passed by general meeting.

PROGRAM: A game called "my 'Lil Rockhound Name" was played. The rule of the game was to find your Rockhound name by using the first initial and the birth month of a member. Conducted by Joan Alvey for Nancy Farrell.

GUESTS: There were four guests for the evening.

SECRETARY: Sylvia Foreman had two old flyers for front table.

VICE PRESIDENT: Nancy Farrell was not present; Joan Alvey conducted the program for her.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Denise Stringer asked if anyone would like to have the newsletter emailed instead of regular mail to let her know.

TREASURER: Janie Ehlers reported that OGMS had a good financial year. The financial information is available upon request by any member.

SHOW CHAIRMAN: Susan Beattie gave a report on how the Gem Show is coming along and went over the list of chairmen that needs help at the show.

SILENT AUCTION **Red Larson 465-8083	GRAB BAGS** Joan Alvey 409-2410
WHEEL OF GEMS** Denise Stringer 283-1903	SAND DIG ** Jodi Atwood 791-7228
FRONT DOOR ** Randy Whipple 585-5910	SHOW CASES**Thelma Brown846-3136
CHILI FEED** Myrst Alston -208-739-8185	SPECIAL DISPLAY**Sylvia Foreman

There are between 50 and 60 display cases and 8 black light cases to fill for a good show.

FEDERATION: Ed Moser gave a description of his duties at the Federation meetings and requested that all keep saving stamps for Cancer Research and remember to cut ¼ " around each stamp and also keep the new and the old stamps separate, please.

HISTORIAN: Pauline Prather had nothing to report.

SUNSHINE: RoseMary Peterson was not present but she had reported to Willa that she had sent a sympathy card to the Atwood family and get well card to Judy Tucker. Judy Tucker fell and broke her arm.

MEMBERSHIP: Sylvia Foreman reported that she had some membership dues to turn in.

FIELD TRIP: Ithel Kildow asked how he should represent OGMS at BLM meetings and reported that he is working on field trips for 2014.

WEB REPORT: Brad Larson reports that the web page is up to date.

REFRESHMENTS: Ruth & Jim Hopkins thanked all that had helped this past year and announced that they cannot do it anymore. We need a volunteer to hold this position.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Myrt Alston requested a board to cover the hole in the cabinet at the refreshment center at the O'Conner Field House while we have the Chili feed at show.

DRAWINGS: Aubrey Kopp helped Willa with slab tickets at meeting. Judy Tucker won the door prize donated by RoseMary Peterson.

MEETING ADJOURNED and refreshments enjoyed by all. sfs

February Birthstone - Amethyst

For those who were born in the month of February the Amethyst is the traditional birthstone. The February birthstone is associated with stability, peace, balance, courage, inner strength, sincerity and a calm disposition. The healing properties of the February birthstone are reputed to be effective for health problems relating to the withdrawal symptoms of any sort of addiction, headaches, insomnia, arthritis, pain relief, circulatory system issues and general healing. The Amethyst is also referred to as the "sobriety stone" as it was once believed to prevent drunkenness and used to treat alcoholism and other types of addictions.

The traditional colors associated with the Amethyst is a pale lilac to violet to red-violet color through to a deep rich purple color. A popular gem used in jewelry. The meaning of colors through the ages represented many aspects of life. Social, religious, biblical and Christian symbolism were all reflected in the color purple. The original symbolic meaning of the color purple was for penitence and mourning. However, it became symbolic with wealth and power and strongly associated with Royalty as the dyes used for purple materials were extremely expensive to produce.



This information was found at: <http://www.birthdaygems.org/february-birthstone.htm>

Amethyst, the gemstone believed by ancient Greeks and Romans to ward off the intoxicating powers of Bacchus, also is said to keep the wearer clear-headed and quick-witted. English regalia were even decorated with amethysts during the Middle Ages to symbolize royalty. Amethyst is purple quartz, a beautiful blend of violet and red that can found in every corner of the earth. Historically, the finest amethyst were found in Russia and were featured in much royal European jewelry. Today, while Brazil is the primary source of this gemstone, fine material can be found elsewhere, especially in Zambia.

This information was found at: <http://www.americangemsociety.org/february-birthstones>

My 'Lil Rockhound Name

For those of you that missed January's meeting, here is the activity we all had fun with.

Use the first letter of your name and look at column 1 for the first part of your name.

Use your birth month and look at column 2 for the second part of your name.

For example, my name is Denise and I was born in January, so my rockhound name is...Opal on a Hill Side.

Column 1

A = Sapphire	N = Diamond
B = Jasper	O = Topaz
C = Thunder Egg	P = Ruby
D = Opal	Q = Obsidian
E = Petrified Wood	R = Jade
F = Agate	S = Sunstone
G = Rose Quartz	T = Silver
H = Pearl	U = Copper
I = Turquoise	V = Amber
J = Pyrite	W = Lead Ore
K = Amethyst	X = Peridot
L = Garnet	Y = Gold
M = Emerald	Z = Aquamarine

Column 2

January = on a Hill Side
February = at the Creek Bottom
March = on Grave Yard Point
April = down Succor Creek
May = on top of Beacon Hill
June = 'round Wagon Town
July = with Wang Doodle
August = at Queens Stone
September = near Wild Horse
October = down by Hog Creek
November = by Snake Creek Rome
December = hangin' at Hooker Creek



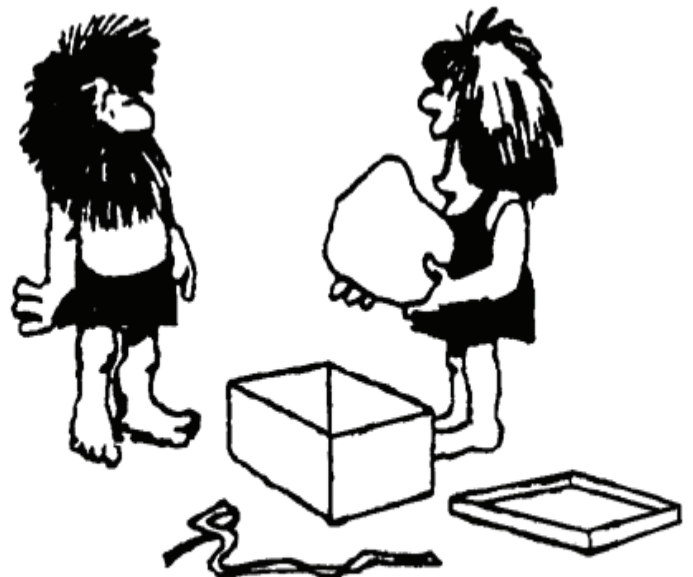
February Birthdays

- 1 Ruth Hopkins**
- 2 Mitzi Boutwell**
- 2 Steven Jewell**
- 5 Paul Dole**
- 7 Anita York**
- 10 Stephen York**
- 11 Rulon Darez Allred**
- 14 Shirley Metts**
- 16 Shaun Bales**
- 17 John Gragg**
- 21 Bill Foreman**
- 25 Deanna Moser**
- 26 Rodney Sharp**
- 25 Mike Tucker**
- 27 Carolyn Roberts**



February Anniversaries

- 14 Linda & Kurt Fosnaugh**
- 14 Mayo & Paulette Hand**
- 24 Neil & Carolyn Roberts**
- 25 Terry & Mary Beth Prince**



"How Sweet... My Birthstone!"

From Rock Chips 1/99

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

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

rockingift@cableone.net

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

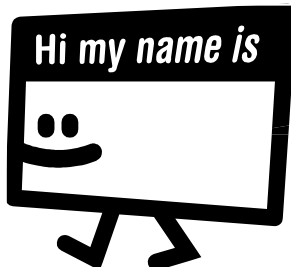
Other Hours By Appointment

Membership Report

It is that time of the year, MEMBERSHIP Renewal for the New Year (where has this year gone?). I will have membership forms at the next meeting.

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 at the monthly meetings so everyone knows who you are.

Sylvia Foreman, 459-4554/
Nancy Farrell 899-5203,
giddeyupgirl@live.com

Refreshment Report

Hello Fellow Members,

Jim and I would like to thank those who brought refreshments to the January meeting. We would also like to thank those who pitched in and helped us set up the refreshments.

Thanks also to Nancy Farrell and Judy and Mike Tucker for signing up to bring refreshments to the February meeting.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting.

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

466-8817

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Newsletter Report

We print and mail the newsletter each month to our club members.

If you would like to help us reduce our monthly expenses, you could request to have the newsletter emailed to you and print it at home.

Just email me and let me know if you would like this option:

denisemstringer@gmail.com

Also, if you have ideas or articles for the newsletter, please send them to me!



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY Board Minutes**January 27, 2014**

Present for the OGMS Board Meeting January 27, 2014 were President Willa Renken, Vice President Nancy Farrell, Treasurer Janie Ehlers, Secretary Sylvia Foreman, Show Chairman Susan Beattie, Asst. Show Chairman Darell Ehlers, Federation Director Ed Moser, Asst. Federation Director Deanna Moser, Asst. Field Trip Leader Gene Alvey, Membership Sylvia Foreman, Historian Pauline Prather, Guest was Bill Foreman and Michelle Novack.

SECRETARY: Sylvia Foreman had no report.

VICE PRESIDENT: Nancy Farrell reports that she has a short movie (6 to 8 minutes) on last year's gem show and will have a demonstration on show case set up for program in February.

TREASURER: Janie Ehlers gave treasurer's report and she has sent the membership list into the Federation.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Denise Stringer was not present.

She did send a report that Mr. Bill Stringer had a big selection of items to donate to the gem show. Denise needs the information for the newsletter by February 3.

SHOW CHAIRMAN: Susan Beattie reports that Thursday, February 27 will be set up day at 9:30 am and we will fill grab bags at 3:00 pm. Friday morning we will finish setting up and start filling show cases from 3 pm to 7pm. And take down Sunday at 5:00pm.

FEDERATION CHAIRMAN: Ed Moser thanked all that helped him with the Caldwell Public Library show cases. Keep saving the stamps for Cancer Research and reading the Northwest Newsletter.

HISTORIAN: Pauline Prather had nothing to report.

SUNSHINE: RoseMary Peterson was not present.

MEMBERSHIP: Sylvia Foreman reported that she had four prospective members to report at general meeting that wishes to belong to the club and sixteen renewals.

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN: Ithel Kildow was not present.

WEB REPORT: Brad Larson was not present.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan Beattie is checking into rent for club trailers.

MEETING ADJOURNED sfs



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. <http://www.owyheerocks.com/>



It's Show Time!

Calling all volunteers for our 60th Annual Show....

60 Years and Still Rock'N

March 1 and 2, 2014

O'Conner Field House, 2200 Blaine, Caldwell, Idaho

Thank you to those of you that have already signed up to help at a venue.

If you want to sign up, contact the venue chairs to see what slots are available:

Front Door—Randy Whipple—585-5910

Wheel of Gems--Denise Stringer --283-1903

Sand Dig—Jody Atwood—801-791-7228

Silent Auction—Red Larson—465-8083

Grab Bags—Joan Alvey—440-3067

Chili Feed—Myrt Alston—739-8185

Special Display—Sylvia Foreman—459-4554

Show Cases—Thelma Brown—846-3136

Each two hour slot you sign up for and work at a venue earns you one opportunity to win one of three spheres donated by Red Larson.

Set up volunteers needed:

Thursday at O'Connor Field House from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Arrive at any time and stay for as long as you are able.

Friday at O'Connor Field House from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Arrive at any time and stay for as long as you are able.

Set up your showcases:

Friday from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

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 me to pick up some donations for you, or you can bring them to the February 19th meeting.

Susan Beattie, 466-6184

Federation Director

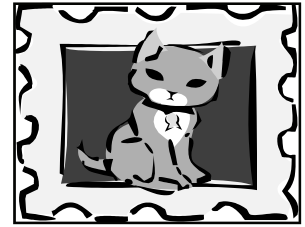
Bring your postage stamps to this month's meeting.

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 & Mineral Society February Meeting**

February 19, 2014—7:30 p.m.

Boone Science Building at the College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho

“60 Years and Still 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 11 free when 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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