



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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February President's Message

Hello, all welcome to a month before show time. I hope that you are all contemplating putting in a showcase and have signed up for several timeslots in the various venues. If not please do so at the next meeting. Susan will have the signup sheets there for you to fill in. Do not forget the Friday chili feed, as we will need all you wonderful cooks out there to help Michelle fill up those hungry bellies on Friday. We will be setting up again on Thursday with a finish up on Friday. There will be plenty of things to help with so please come help us put everything in place for the big weekend. Susan will have a rundown of what will be needed at this month's meeting.

Jim has a great program for you again this month and remember if you have an idea for programs please let him know. I know he loves all the input he can get.

David and Dale are planning the field trips and have a great one starting in March. We will have a tentative list of this year's excursions at the show.

It is my understanding that the museum will be advertising the opening of the Orma J Smith museum at our show this year so I look forward to the showcases and demonstrations they will be offering. We are honored to have such a great opportunity to promote the museum and I for one can hardly wait to see what they have to offer.

We are on the search for people to replace our Show Chairman Susan and our Treasurer Janie they are coming to a time when they need to move forward and have expressed a desire to be replaced next year. If you could fill in these spots please let me or them know. They are willing to train you so there will be no reinventing the wheel over these jobs as they are very well documented, and even come with your very own trainer. These two will be greatly missed but with some encouragement, their replacements will rise to the occasion as well. Give it some thought and remember it takes all of us pulling together to make our club as strong and vibrant as it is.

On that note, I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming General meeting on Feb 21st at 7:30pm. Till then keep on rocking.

Willa Renken OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINUTES MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING**January 29, 2018**

The Business Meeting of the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order at 7pm, by president Willa Renkin. Jim Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes as printed; seconded by Janie Ehlers, motion carried.

Secretary Report: The post office box contained an insurance renewal, an interest statement from the bank, one membership renewal, one show case application, and a check from the NFMS for overpayment of dues.

Vice President: Jim thanked Carol Farnham for her part in the January presentation. The presentation for the next two meetings are set up and will have a wealth of information on meteorites.

Treasurer Report: The contract for renting the O'Connor Field House for the March Gem Show was finalized and signed. Janie let them know the club would like to use the building again next year, the rental fee would raise about \$50. New checks were ordered for the accounts. Janie let the Board know this would be her last year as Treasurer.

Show Chairman: All of the venues are in good shape. Larry Ridley will be picking up some things for the show in Arizona. Show setup starts Thursday with trailers showing up at the O'Connor Field house around 9am and Friday setup will start around the same time. The museum will have volunteers that will have information at the demonstration table during the show. Darell will pick up the tumbled stones for the rock grab bags. There was a recommendation to find some strong young people to help unload the trailers and that can help with show setup. Susan will look for people who can help and the club ok'd up to \$20 per hour for 4 people to work 8 hours. Four hours on Thursday for setup and 4 hours on Sunday to help tear down and load the cases into the trailer. Fliers were mailed to Stewarts Rock Shop and Ed volunteered to take fliers to the Boise show.

Membership: There was one application for membership that was received at the last General Meeting. Susan Beattie made a motion to accept the application for membership from John and Jeanette Mainord; seconded by Ed Moser, motion carried.

Field Trip Chairman: David presented a list of field trips for the coming year. Janie made a suggestion for a 2 to 3-day trip to Prineville. The Forest Service there has an opportunity for clubs to go out on Forest Service land to hunt for specimens in lieu of helping with area cleanup. There was also a plan made to fortify the gate at the Big Egg Claim.

Federation Chairman: The motions that are on the table that will be voted on at the April meeting, were discussed. Ed reminded us to continue to save our postage stamps.

New Business: The next Board Meeting will be held on February 26 at the Caldwell Library.

Old Business: There was no old business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence,
Secretary

MORE EMAIL INFO

I have been receiving emails from Brad Smith Jewelry on instructions for making jewelry.

I have also been receiving emails from Brad Larsen with our NFMS Newsletter.

I have not had room in the newsletter to print these so I will be sending them out to those of you that get my emails. Maybe you that receive them can print out the info and share with the club members that do not get the emails.

Carol Farnham, Editor



February Birthdays

2/1 Hopkins, Ruth
 2/1 Smith, H.G.
 2/5 Dore, Paul
 2/9 Budden, Edwin
 2/11 Allred, Rulon
 2/13 Purchase, Arlene
 2/17 Roose, Linda
 2/24 Darlene Emry
 2/24 Roberts, Carol
 2/28 Cox, Robin

February Anniversaries

2/25 Moser, Deanna
 2/27 Roberts, Carol
 2/28 Mainord, Jon and Jeanette

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



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.

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Burro Creek—Pastelite & Agate

Stone from Australia

Noreena
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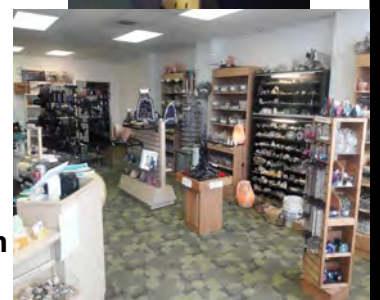
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2018 Owyhee Field Trip Schedule

March 24th. Bruneau Wood Pile for Petrified Wood, Petrified Pinecones (Meet at Walter Ferry just across the Snake River on the right Side at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

April 21st. Rockville, ID for Leaf Fossils, Agate, Jasper (Meet at the GEM Stop at HY55 & HY95, 8:00 AM. Leave at 8:30 AM).

May 19th. Blue Egg Claim in Oregon for Blue Eggs (Meet at Homedale, ID Park where the Tank is, just East of the Four Corners, at 8:00 AM. Leave at 8:30 AM).

June 23rd. Beacon Hill in Oregon (Meet at the Rest Stop on I-84 just over the Snake River in Oregon at 9:00 AM. Leave at 9:30 AM).

July 21st. Coal Mine Basin for Blood Stone, Black Opalized Wood (Meet at the GEM Stop at HY55 & HY95, 8:00 AM. Leave at 8:30 AM).

August 18th. Wagon Town for Petrified Wood, Cat Tail Fossils (Meet at the GEM Stop at HY55 & HY95, 7:00 AM. Leave at 7:30 AM).

September 22nd. Oreana, ID., for Obsidian, Apache Tears, Opalized Nodules (Meet at Walter Ferry just across the Snake River on the right side at 8:00 AM. Leave at 8:30 AM).

October 20th. Haystack Butte for Red Jasper (Meet at Homedale, ID, Park where the Tank is, just East of the Four Corners, at 8:00 AM. Leave at 8:30 AM).

USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and a Small one), Sieve, Gloves, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Knee Pad's, Magnifier, Plenty of Drinking Water, Food, Appropriate Clothing, Protective Eyewear, Sun Protection, Day Pack or Back Pack, Umbrella, Pry Bar.

Trips can last most of the day. Generally, a High-Clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD or an ATV is required. **Remember, when you are finished, fill in all holes that are dug at the Site.**

ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS.

Anyone have suggestions for a 2 or 3 day trip?

For Field Trip Information, contact David Schmidt (408) 489-3996, david_schmidt2114@aol.com or Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990.

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2018

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, and called to order by President Willa Renkin at 7:30pm. Jim Hopkins made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; seconded by Brad Larson, motion carried. There was an informative presentation given by Rosie Ray and Carol Farnham about personal protection with the use of items from Damsels in Distress. If you are interested in any of these items you can contact Carol.

Secretary Report: Received 7 membership renewals, a renewal for insurance and a newsletter from the Wasatch Gem Society. There was also a sad note from the daughter of Ted and Pat Herman stating both of our Life Members had passed.

Vice President: The February and March meetings will be a presentation about meteorites. The speaker has a lot of information to share with the club and didn't think it could be presented in one meeting.

Treasurer Report: The annual report was given to Willa and Janie updated the members on the accounts. Janie asked for someone to do the yearly audit, Larry Beattie volunteered.

Show Chairman: Show fliers were brought to the meeting and members were encouraged to pick up a few and hang them up around the local areas they travel. The venue signup sheets were out for members to fill. Give Susan a call if you were not able to get signed up at the meeting. They will also be at the next General Meeting. Everyone was encouraged to sign up to bring something to the chili feed that will be on Friday of the show set up. Cathy Larson will be accepting applications for show case sign ups. There is an application on the website and in the newsletter. All members were encouraged to put in a showcase to show off your talents. Anything rock related is welcome. There will be 52 show cases and 8 black light cases to fill. Ideas for cases could be: raw materials, the process of raw material to finished project, slabs from different locations, finished jewelry, wire wrapping, the sky is the limit.

Federation Chairman: There will be an opportunity to vote on two motions; to amend, 1st the Memorial and Special Trophies that are presented. Reasoning for the change was because of no current written list & the second amendment would allow reimbursement of entry fees, by NFMS, to Judges and Clerks to recognize their contributions. The NFMS gem show is the last week of April 27, 28 and 29, 2018, with the Annual meeting being held April 27. Remember to save your postage stamps, they will be presented at the NFMS meeting.

Sunshine Chairman: Several cards of cheer were sent last month.

Field Trip Chairman: David is working on the list of field trips for this year. If you have any suggestions for a trip, you can give him a call.

Website: The website is up do date and a current show case application has been added. If you have pictures to add to the club website, you can email them to Brad.

New Business: Ed Moser made a motion to donate \$50 each to the NFMS Memorial Fund in memory of Pat and Ted Herman; seconded by Jim Hopkins, motion carried.

Slab Drawing. Dave Wiles won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

FOR SALE**10" Slab Saw \$250****14" Slab Drop Saw \$600****Includes table****(208) 830-8934 Dan Stevens**

OWYHEE GEM It's Show Time!

Calling all volunteers for our 64th Annual Rock and Mineral Show...

"Come Rock With Us"

March 3 and 4, 2018

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



Thank you to all that have signed up to help at a venue.

Front Door—Carol Farnham—208-475-4868

Wheel of Gems—Cnris Rawsen—208-371-7639

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

Silent Auction—Don Dixon—208-908-3374

Grab Bags—Randy Whipple—208-585-5910

Demonstrators—Willa Renken—208-362-3941

Show Cases—Kathi Larson—208-465-8083

Resource/Doorprize Table—Kim Bashford—208-459-4567

Chili Feed—Michele Wiles—208-870-5153



We will meet to move trailers:

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Idaho Tractor

Monday 9:00 a.m. O'Connor Field House



Set-up Volunteers needed—Arrive at any time and stay for as long as you are able:

Thursday at O'Connor Field House from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We will fill grab bags after tables are set up.

Friday at O'Connor Field House from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Set up showcases:

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

We need help for the Sand Dig this year....So please sign up to help

Chili Feed needs donations---Please help by signing up and then PLEASE make sure to remember to bring that item or call Michele so she can buy a replacement.



Please call Michele to sign up or sign up at the meeting.

OWYHEE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY
64th ANNUAL

ROCK & GEM SHOW



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March 3rd and 4th, 2018

Saturday March 3rd 10 am to 6 pm

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WHEEL OF GEMS
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C of I will have a Phd on hand to do rock and mineral identification
The Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History will have an
open house across the street at the College of Idaho
See the Evans Rock Collection (free)

COME ROCK WITH US

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
(208) 340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com

**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 .

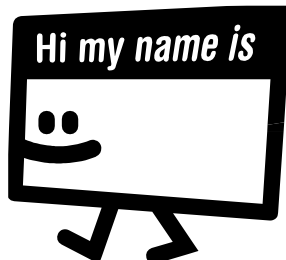
You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to:

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

Kim Bashford, Membership Chairperson

Phone: (208) 454-7287

Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com

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

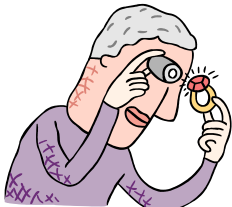
MEMBERSHIP DUES:

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/>

