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February 2023

February President's Message

Hello everyone. Hope this newsletter finds you all well and planning for our up coming Gem Show.

This will be the last newsletter before our Show so it will be prompting you to get involved. I want to commend you for doing such a good job of signing up for the various venues. Paul will have the signup sheets at the next meeting again so if you did not put down a time please help the venue chairs out by committing to a slot.

I know that Andrea would like more participation in the Friday lunch for the dealers and volunteers. Chili, Soup, cheese, hotdogs (Falls Brand), buns, onions, saltines, salads, desserts, finger foods are always needed so be sure to indicate what you want to bring so things don't get over duplicated. This lunch is well received, by our vendors and it makes everyone feel included, so any donation is much appreciated.

If you haven't committed to a showcase let Kim Bashford know (208) 454-7287. At this time, I am not sure how many are left but please help us get them filled. These cases really set off the show.

We will need extra help at the resource desk this year as our anchor for this venue had a little accident and will be limited as to her time commitment. We all wish you a speedy recovery Kim and hope you know how much we all care about your efforts to keep us running like the smooth machine we are. Thank you so much!

Remember setup starts on Thursday, March 2 at 9am. Our show is located at the O'Conner Field House in Caldwell. We will put up as much as possible that day and will finish up on Friday. We usually go until about 2pm and lunch will be provided for the volunteers. If you can come this day we welcome all the help offered.

Sue has a program for you this month. It is the Rock Cycle and is presented by Howard Emery. We look forward to hearing all about the rock and its cycle.

Thanks again for all you do as members on behalf of this club. It takes a village and we truly appreciate all your donations, time and effort!! See you all on February 15 at 7pm.

-Willa Renken OGMS President



General Meeting Minutes—January 18, 2023

The January General Meeting of OGMS was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 7:00pm at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Hall Room 103. Ed Moser made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter, Kim Bashford seconded, motion passed.

A special event this month was having the club attend the Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History, which is in the basement of Boone Hall. The Museum includes the Evans Collection of Gems and Minerals, an amazing array of specimens from all over the world. Thanks to club member, **Don Dixon** for getting us access to the Museum (Don is a Board Member of the Museum).

At 7:55, Willa reconvened the meeting with a hearty welcome to visitors and members alike. We hope everyone enjoyed their visit to the Museum.

Secretary, Chris Deveau advised the group of the mail for the month of January, which included 15 memberships that were given to Kim Bashford, Membership Chair. A Department of Interior notice was given to David Schmidt. A notice from the Oregon Department of Geology regarding the Calico Gold Mine Technical Review Team was shared with the club. Two receipts, the PO Box rent, and the insurance were given to Roxanne Franklin, Treasurer. OGMS received a lovely thank you note from Dan and Diane Stevens, Life Members, for their Christmas ham.

Vice President, Sue Cassidy reported that the presentations for the club will be from members, Howard Emry in February, and Bill Sawyer in March.

Treasurer, Roxanne Franklin provided a summary of the OGMS accounts.

Show Chair, Paul Deveau advised the group of the Show status. We need volunteers to help with the set-up of the show on Thursday, 2 March as well as all the venues and the take-down on Sunday, 5 March. Paul will make the sign-up sheets available.

Federation Director, Ed Moser said that the Northwest Federation is holding their meeting in August in Billings, Montana. Please continue to save your stamps, (cancelled or not) and give them to Ed. He takes them to the Federation meetings, where they are sold to stamp collectors and the proceeds are used for breast cancer research.

Our **Sunshine Lady, Jewels Haines**, was not in attendance, but Willa advised everyone to let Jewels know if a member needs a little sunshine in their life. Her notes from OGMS are a bright spot in anyone's day. We really appreciate her time and efforts.

Membership Chair, Kim Bashford reported that she is processing lots of memberships. Please pick up your membership badges!

Field Trip Chair, John Wright is coordinating with Robert and Dale to finish up the list of field trips for the 2023 season. It will be ready at the February General meeting.

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General Meeting Minutes—January 18, 2023

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Unfinished Business:

A special thank you for everyone who helped with the Christmas Banquet and all those who came and shared the friendship and camaraderie.

A note to all members... be sure to stop by the Caldwell Public Library and enjoy the displays representing OGMS and our rockhounding hobby.

Ed Moser will have his display there through the month of January and Howard Emry will put one in for the month of February.



New Business:

The 69th annual OGMS Rock and Gem Show... "Rocks to See in '23" will be held on Saturday, March 4th and Sunday, March 5th.

Please volunteer to help! Check with Paul Deveau, Show Chair or the specific Venue Chair to sign up.



The slab drawing was held... nice specimens... thank you, everyone that brings slabs.

The door prize was won by **Rick Voss**... his prize will be delivered at next months' meeting, provided by the winner from October. (We haven't had a drawing since then). He'll provide a rock-related prize for the February winner. All you need to do to take part in the door prize drawing is sign up on the attendance/door prize sheet... Chris puts it on the front table at the start of the meetings. At the end of the meeting, if your name is drawn, you win... the prize is provided by last months' winner.

The OGMS Board meeting will be held on Monday, 30 January at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Federation Director—Ed Moser



Bring your postage stamps to the next 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.

Please Respect the Rules when you are out collecting rocks, be careful of ticks and snakes, and have fun.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director

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Vice-President's Corner—Sue Cassidy**"My Favorite" Presentations**

If you have a favorite rock, gem, mineral, or fossil you would like to talk about and share with the members at the next meeting and in the newsletter, please contact Sue.



Sue Cassidy

Monthly Meeting Topic

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact Sue at (603) 548-8822, pypnhot@comcast.net

February Meeting:

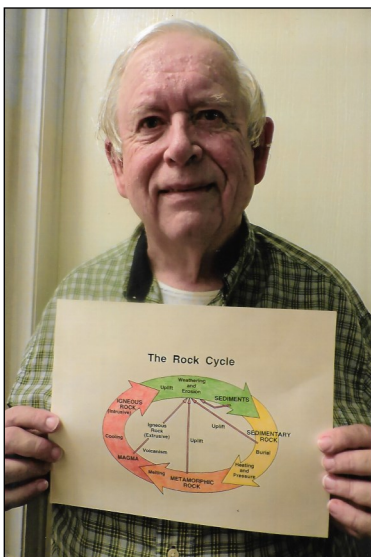
Howard Emery will bring some rock and mineral samples and discuss "The Rock Cycle".

March Meeting:

Bill Sawyer— "My favorite biggest rock & it's NOT a meteorite!"

"Minerals, Rocks, Fossils and the Rock Cycle"

Pictured here is Howard Emry holding a diagram of the Rock Cycle.



Howard, a member of OGMS and for many years an amateur geologist, will give a talk during the February club meeting on the basics of minerals, rocks and fossils, and share some things he has learned as a long-time amateur geologist. During his talk, Mr. Emry will explain the difference between a mineral and a rock, and in simple terms describe how minerals and rocks are formed. He will also explain how all rocks on Earth are constantly changing into new ones through the Rock Cycle process. He plans to display a few minerals and rocks to aid his presentation. He also hopes to tell those attending what is a fossil and by using a few actual fossils as examples, show how fossils help us to learn about previous climate changes.

So come to the meeting and see a fellow rockhound share with you some things about basic geology.

Field Trip Report —John Wright



USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and Small), Sieve, Gloves, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Knee Pads, Magnifier, Plenty of Drinking Water, Food, Appropriate Clothing, Protective Eyewear, Sun Protection, Day Pack or Back Pack, Umbrella, Pry Bar, Tick Spray, First Aid Kit, Protective clothing and sunscreen to avoid burns.

Shovel and fire extinguisher to put out any fires that may start.

- Trips can last most of the day.
- Generally, a High-Clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD or an ATV is required.
- Please remember to not park on tall grass or sagebrush as the fire season is in full swing and watch out for snakes.
- 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.



OGMS 2023 Field Trips

March 18th—Oreana—Fossils and Apache Tears

Meet at Walters Ferry Boat Ramp, Melba, at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m.

April 22nd—Big Egg Claim—Thundereggs

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

May 20th—Rockville (morning), Maple Ridge (afternoon) - Leaf Fossils and Petrified Wood

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

June 24th—Pink Plume Claim—Pink Plume Agate

Meet at Owyhee Junction Hwy 201 and Owyhee Ave at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (2499 OR-201, Nyssa, OR)

July 22nd—Wagon Town—Bog Wood

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

August 19th—Graveyard Point—Agate and Jasper

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

September 23rd—Blue Egg Claim—Blue Opal Thundereggs

Meet at Homedale Park (by the tank) at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (E Idaho Ave and S 2nd St E)

October 21st—Bruneau Wood Pile—Petrified Wood and Pine Cones

Meet at Walter's Ferry Boat Ramp, Melba, at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m.

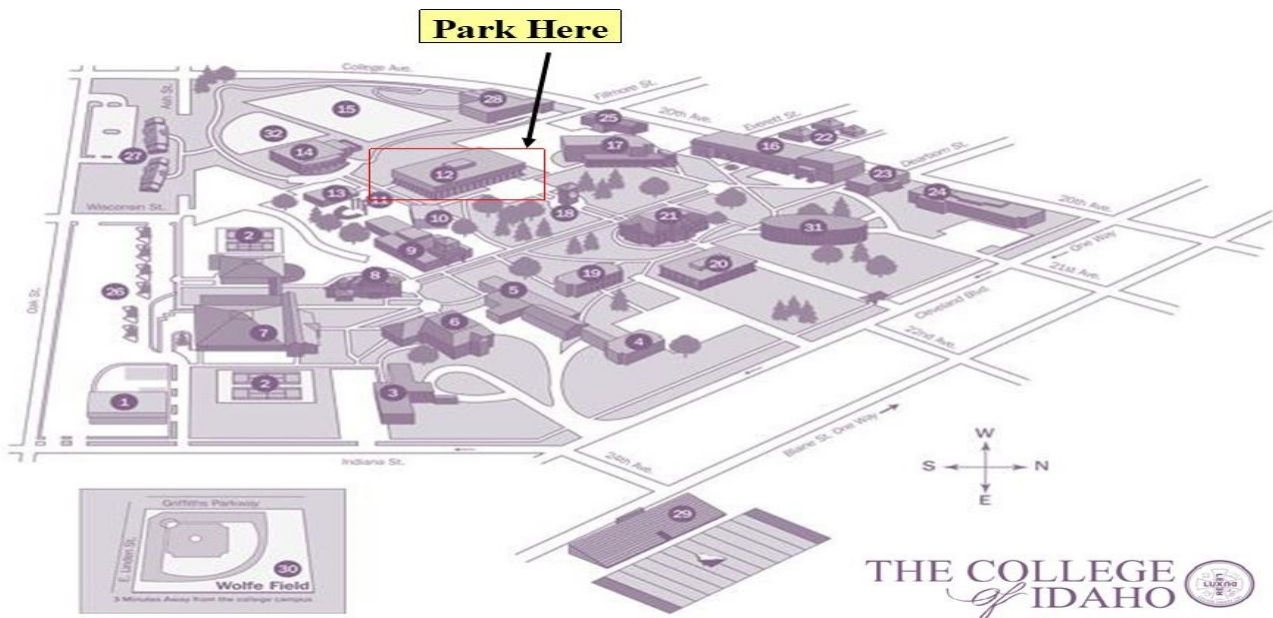
For further information contact John Wright at 208-571-6873 or Red Larson at 208-965-7624

February General Meeting

The February 15th General Meeting will be in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103 at 7 p.m.

If you are heading SW on 20th Ave, you will take a left at Filmore St and go through the parking lot to the side entrance of the building.

General meetings are the third Wednesday of each month.



Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History
College of Idaho—Boone Science Hall basement— Caldwell, Idaho
Hours: Monday—Friday, 12:15 - 5:00 p.m.
[Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History | The College of Idaho](#)

As the only natural history museum in the region encompassing southwestern Idaho, southeastern Oregon, and northern Nevada, The College of Idaho's Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History is the premier resource for environmental and natural history education in the region. The Museum is listed in the "30 Most Amazing Higher Education Natural History Museums," compiled by Best College Reviews.

You can check them out on [Instagram](#) or call (208) 459-5507.

February Birthdays

- 1 Ruth Hopkins
- 1 H.G. Smith
- 3 Michelle Wiles
- 8 Lisa Diehr
- 9 Ed Budden
- 11 Rulon Darez Allred
- 12 Julie Camp
- 13 Arlene Purchase
- 14 Dave McCullough
- 17 Ken Johnson
- 17 Audrie LaVigne
- 18 Christina Munster
- 19 Jani Belcoe
- 19 Brian Newman
- 19 Christina Nordberg
- 20 Lou Real
- 21 Sheena Bravo
- 25 Mike Dome
- 26 Tani Hughes
- 28 Allan Beck

February Anniversaries

- 11 Jewels Haines & Miguel Lantz
- 14 Steve & Judy Ford
- 14 Kris & Tracy Menger
- 14 Robert & Linda Schaffer
- 25 Terry & Mary Beth Prince

Sunshine Report



Hi, I am Jewels Haines and I am your Sunshine Chair.

If you hear of anyone needing a get-well card or visit, please give me a call at (760) 331-3443.

jewelsmalia@yahoo.com

Newsletter Editor

If you have articles or information for the newsletter, please submit to denisemstringer@gmail.com

February Birthstone

•Amethyst•



It has long been said that the **Amethyst** can guard against drunkenness and has a sobering effect for those excited by passion and love. It symbolizes peace, protection, tranquility, and sincerity.

Community Corner

If you are presenting to the community or working with the community on behalf of OGMS, please submit a summary of what you are doing for our "Community Corner". This helps us maintain our non-profit status and gives you a recognition for a job well done.

Board Meeting Minutes—January 30, 2023

The January OGMS Board Meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 7:05pm at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho. Ed Moser made a motion to the accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter, Roxanne Franklin seconded, motion passed.

Chris Deveau, Secretary gave the form 1099 for the club taxes to Willa. Eight memberships will be given to Kathi Larson, who is assisting Kim Bashford, Membership Chair.

Vice President, Sue Cassidy called in for the meeting and advised she has two speakers lined up for the General meetings in March and April. Sue will be assisting Kim with the Showcases at the Rock Show.

Treasurer, Roxanne Franklin gave an account summary and advised that the BLM bond is being updated.

Show Chair, Paul Deveau gave an update on the OGMS Rock Show **"Rocks to See in '23"**. He reminded everyone that we need volunteers for every venue. Come join in the fun! Willa is lining out the demonstrators.

Assistant Show Chair, Karen Davis talked about notifications on social media and event calendars.

Federation Chair, Ed Moser got flyers from Paul to put in the cases at the library displays, plus some extras for Howard Emry as he puts in his display on February 1st. Ed asked that everyone continue to save their stamps for him to take to the Federation Meeting in August in Billings. The stamps are sold to collectors and the funds raised are then donated for breast cancer research.

Willa asked that the articles for the newsletter be submitted to **Denise Stringer** by the 4th of February.

Membership Chair, Kim Bashford was not in attendance as she was in a car accident. She is doing well, but we send her our love and healing wishes. Kim does an amazing job for OGMS, she is so much appreciated. **I spoke to Kim at the hospital, and she wants to thank everyone for all the prayers and good wishes. She especially wants to thank those that have stepped up to help her take care of the Show!**

Field Trip Chair, John Wright said the trip schedule is in place for 2023. He will be providing it to Denise for the newsletter.

Unfinished Business:

Sign up to volunteer at the show, March 4th and 5th. There is something for everyone to do. This is your show!!!

New Business:

- Gary Moore from the Salmon rock club checked with Willa to ask if he could take some Scouts on an overnight field trip to the Succor Creek area and then take them to our Blue Egg Claim as part of their Badge requirements. The Board agreed, this is a good thing to support! Willa will contact Gary to advise of the approval.
- Willa advised that David Schmidt is working with the BLM to increase the bond amount for our claim.
- Don Dixon advised that the Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History is looking for directors for their Board. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Don.

The February General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 15 February 2023 at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Hall, Room 103 at 7:00pm. There will be a slab drawing at the General meeting.

The February Board Meeting will be held on Monday, 27 February 2023 at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho at 7:00pm.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Show Report



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OGMS 2023 Show Dates: March 4 and 5 "Rocks to See in '23" O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho

Agreements are being finalized with the "Field House", TV Stations, Newspapers, Vendors, Venue Chairs, and Volunteers. We will continue to post our event on websites and event calendars, locally, as well as throughout the Pacific Northwest. Flyers and Sign-up sheets are already in circulation. "Thank You All" for your participation and enthusiasm, we're working toward another great show.

The time slots for the Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets are only two hours in length and offer you a opportunity (if you wish) to sign-up with more than one of the Venue Show Chairs... it's a good chance to meet people and have fun. VOLUNTEERS, please contact any of the Show Venue Chairs and sign-up, "IT'S THAT EASY"

VENUE CHAIRS – 2023

General Show Questions	Paul Deveau	208-994-8025
Trailer Pick-Up (3 Drivers)	Paul Deveau	208-994-8025
Set-Up	Paul Deveau	208-994-8025
Chili Feed	Andrea Sawyer	208-323-1345
Front Door	Chris Deveau	208-994-8026
Roving Ambassadors	Karen Davis	208-409-8936
Resource Table	Paul Deveau/Chris Deveau	208-994-8025/208-994-8026
Membership	Kathi Larson	208-465-8083
Grand Prize/Show Prizes	Kathi Larson	208-465-8083
Showcases	Sue Cassidy	603-548-8822
Basket Raffles	Deana Ashton	208-794-5628
Demonstrators	Willia Renken	208-362-3941
Silent Auction	Don Dixon	208-908-3374
General Volunteers	Paul Deveau/Chris Deveau	208-994-8025/208-994-8026
Grab Bags	Janie Ehlers	208-674-1213
Wheel of Gems	Chris Rawson	208-371-7839
Sand Dig	Jody Atwood/Natasha Atwood	801-791-7228/208-831-0162
Take Down	Paul Deveau	208-994-8025
Trailer Return (Monday)	Paul Deveau	208-994-8025

Most of you know that **KIM BASHFORD** was recently involved in an auto accident and may not be able to attend the entire show. She's one of our true OGMS workaholics and has been keeping us all in line from her hospital bed. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

KATHI LARSON, who has a very long history with OGMS and has held many of the positions of our past gem shows, "including mine". We all owe her a lot. She and her husband **Red** are currently LIFETIME MEMBERS... Kathi may be seen anywhere helping during the show, but, mostly assisting Kim at the membership table. Thanks Kathi!

Donations are always needed Grab Bags, Wheel of Gem, Sand Dig, Silent Auction. Remember OGMS pays \$120.00 for a five-gallon bucket of nicely tumbled rock.

Let's talk at the next meeting... stay safe and have fun. - Paul

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
Annual Gem & Mineral Show
March 4 and 5, 2023
O'Connor Field House—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 3, 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

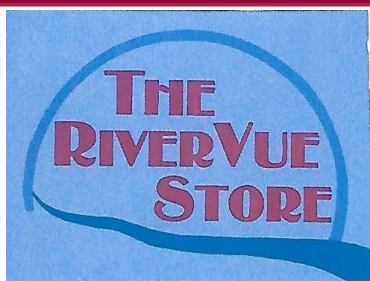
Show Dates: Saturday, March 4, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 5, 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 15th to:
Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society,
Attn: Kim Bashford, PO Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83606-1053
Email to: kmcewan1957@msn.com
or bring to the next general membership meeting.

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(Ads are subject to Board approval)

Membership—Kim Bashford

We are accepting payment of 2023 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:

Kim Bashford, Membership Director

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

Phone: (208) 454-7287 Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com

Welcome New Members!

William & Michael
Domres

Sean & Erin Reed



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2023

Family	Couple	Single	Child
\$20	\$18	\$12	\$3

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

FIRST NAME(s): _____

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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

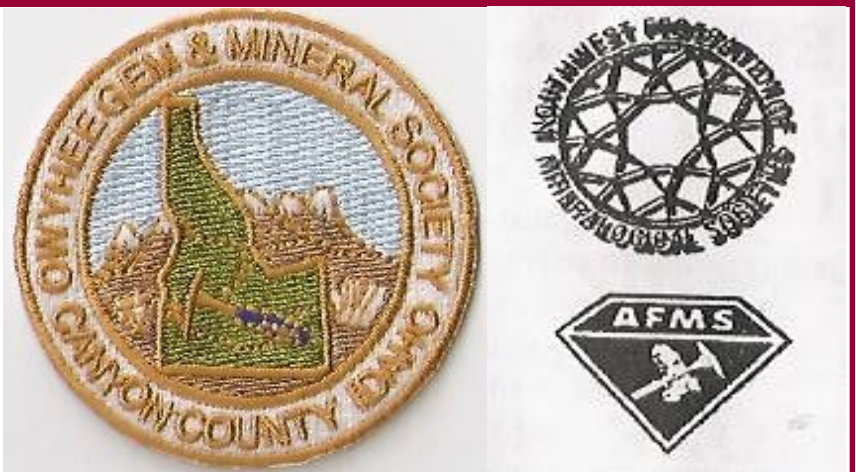
The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1938 at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho.

GENERAL MEETING: The club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103, except for the July picnic and the December holiday party.

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag— Bring an unidentified rock and we'll help you figure out what it is!

FIELD TRIPS:

Field trips are scheduled once a month.
Visitors are welcome at all these events!



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/>