



# “Owyhee Gem”



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### January President's Message

Hello all! Here's hoping your holidays were everything you hoped for. Ours was very nice and we really enjoyed sharing the December Christmas party with you all. It was a very nice night and we got to welcome three new lifetime members to our ranks. Congratulations to Gene and Joan Alvey and Walt Barnett.

Are you preparing for March? It is soon to be here and our annual show will require us all to make it as effective as last year. Susan is looking for helpers for several of the venues so if you can put in a couple hours here and there I am sure she can direct you to a needed time frame. Be sure to let Thelma know how many showcases you are intending to put in as she is compiling a list and we have about 50 to 60 cases that will need displays again this year. These items are not necessarily rock oriented so if you have something unique to show off I know she would really appreciate your contribution. Together you all make our show the best, so please start preparing as it come up fast.

The club has a need for a refreshment chair, so if you could volunteer to be in charge of this for the year, please let me know. Remember, all you have to do for this position is ask for a couple of the members each month to bring cookies, and buy some punch which the club reimburses you for. If you have enjoyed the after-meeting socialization, it is only possible if someone is in charge.

On that note, I look forward to seeing you all again soon. Until then, enjoy all your winter projects and take a minute or two and check out the Caldwell library. Ed Moser has done a nice job of promoting our club and its activities. Thanks again for all your support and I look forward to another rewarding year.

P.S.—the popcorn balls are the best!!!

Willa Renken, OGMS President

## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society General Meeting Minutes December 18, 2013

The December club meeting was the annual Christmas party held at Orphan Annie's restaurant in Caldwell, December 18, 2013.

We had a very nice attendance of members and guests to enjoy a nice ham dinner and Willa supplied desserts from the Club.

We did not have a club meeting, but President Willa acknowledged the 2013 outgoing Club Officers with a gift for their participation in the position they had held and introduced the new 2014 Club Officers.

Willa acknowledged the lifetime members with a very nice gift and had other gifts to be delivered. She reported that as of now, Gene & Joan Alvey, and Walt Barnett became lifetime members of the Club and presented them with their lifetime wall plaques.

Willa presented gifts and a big thank you to Denise and Aubrey Stringer for their nice table centerpieces for the Christmas dinner.

Willa had so much fun in presenting gifts and thank you's to everyone. Thank you to Janie Ehlers who stepped forward and presented Willa with a box of popcorn balls and said Thank You to our Willa for being our Club President.

We had an exchange of gifts and then we said our Merry Christmas and Happy New Year wishes to everyone and ended our evening of fun.

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No board meeting for December due to the holidays.





**January Birthdays**

- 1 Bradford Brown**
- 2 Robert Markley**
- 5 Melissa Jones**
- 6 Connie Couch**
- 9 Jan Smith**
- 12 Robert Troyer**
- 13 Denise Stringer**
- 16 LeaAnne Haney**
- 16 Pamela Overbay**
- 18 John Byrom**
- 18 Paulette Hand**
- 18 Kelly McConnell**
- 18 Jerry Sherer**
- 24 Kurt Fosnaugh**
- 24 Robert Sudweeks**
- 26 Diane Stevens**
- 27 John Chaplik**



**January Anniversaries**

- 9 David & Connie Couch**
- 21 Dan & Linda Phillips**
- 22 Isaac & Betty Ward**
- 26 Jim & Veva Jencks**

**Lifetime Members**

- Gene & Joan Alvey**
- Mae Aman**
- Walt Barnett**
- Roy & Pat Bethel**
- Everett & Evelyn Ensley**
- Bill & Sylvia Foreman**
- Georgia Moody**
- Dick & Irene Parker**
- Pauline Prather**
- Larry & Mary Ridley**
- Bill Stringer**
- Helen Weber**

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](mailto:denisemstringer@gmail.com)

## **January Birthstone—Garnet**

The star garnet is the official Idaho gemstone.

Six-ray Idaho Star Garnets from Emerald Creek are the most valuable and best quality star garnets known. Most star garnets from this locality are a very dark purple, and show their color best in sunlight or other bright, direct lighting. The unique color of Emerald Creek garnets comes from mineral impurities within the garnet. The core of the Emerald Creek garnet is rich in manganese whereas the rims are rich in iron and magnesium. Some star garnets have inclusions that reflect the light in such a way that looks as if the garnet has fine glitter just below the surface. The Star phenomenon comes from a sufficient amount of rutile, a mineral composed of titanium oxide, arranged along the crystal planes of the stone.

[Idahostargarnet.com](http://Idahostargarnet.com)

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## **Other Idaho Gemstone Legacies**

### **Bruneau Jasper**

Commonly known as a “thunder egg” formation, Bruneau Jasper is solely found in Bruneau Canyon in Idaho. This formation is so rare it is often used for exhibition and for some types of jewelry. It is highly prized by rockhounds and lapidarists alike.

Its hardness produces a pearl-like luster when polished by experts. Yet its depth and flowing reds and tans are responsive to the skills of the lapidary hobbyist.

This stone is available in only one area along the sheer walls of Bruneau Canyon. Since the claim is privately held, permission to dig for this semi-precious formation is given infrequently making Bruneau Jasper a valuable addition to any rockhound's collection.

### **Plume Agate**

This particular form of agate from the Owyhee Mountains of Idaho and Oregon got its name from its beautiful plume--like shapes. The colors range from a creamy white to yellow, pinks and different shades of blue. Iron Pyrite adds a sparkling touch of gold.

With the inclusion of browns and blacks from other minerals, fascinating scenes of animals, trees, and other shapes can be imagined.

In 1941, the late Dudley Stewart found what is now known as the Idaho Plume Agate near the location of Graveyard Point, close to the border of Idaho and Oregon. Although still called Idaho Plume Agate, the claims now being worked are located just over the border in Oregon.

Agate is one of many members of the Quartz family. As a hard and durable stone, polished pieces of Plume Agate can become beautiful and lasting jewelry.

# 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

### **Refreshment Report**

We are looking for a new refreshment chairman for 2014.

If you are interested in giving back to the club and helping arrange refreshments each month, please let us know and we can give you more information about the duties of this position.

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

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### Membership Report

It is time to get your membership up-to-date! The drive is on to seek new members as well as to keep the faithful returning as you are the Club Body. This is a good time to ensure your address and phone numbers are all current and we would like to get good email addresses for everyone as technology is changing all the time.

Dues are \$20.00 for a family, \$18.00 a couple or \$12.00 for singles. Children (18 and under) \$3.00 each. The membership form can be found on our website. Send to Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society, PO Box 1053, Caldwell ID 83605-1053 or bring it to the next general 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 to the meetings  
so everyone knows who you are.



- Neava Haney  
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### 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/>



### Federation Director

Bring your postage stamps to this month's meeting.

Remember to *cut 1/2 inch all the way around the stamp.*

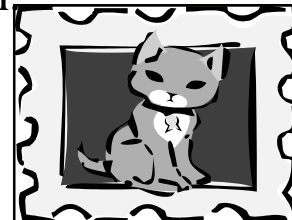
The money raised will go to help support cancer research.

Thank you all for this. It helps others and it might just help someone you know.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director

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### Upcoming Events

#### **Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society January Meeting**

January 15, 2014—7:30 p.m.

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

#### **“60 Years of 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' 76<sup>th</sup> 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:**

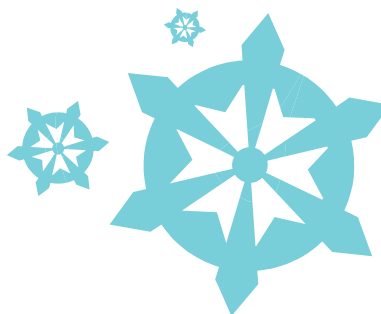
- Family** - \$20.00 per year
- Couples** - \$18.00 per year
- Singles** - \$12.00 per year
- Children (under 18)** - \$3.00 per year



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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