



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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January President's Message

Happy New Year! Hopefully this finds you all well and beginning to enjoy the new year. This month starts off kind of fast as our monthly meeting will be one week early on Jan 14th at the Best Western in Caldwell.

Thank you to all those who helped with the annual Christmas party as we all had a great time. Mary did a fantastic job of decorating for us and the picture frame photos were just such a special touch. Thank you so much!! Joan & Kathy saw to you all having a gift at least for those who chose to participate. I think they all deserve a huge way to go!! From us all.

Susan says we are doing well with the grab bag sew off so you still have time to turn in all those bags. As I understand it we really have a contest going on which I can't blame you all as those prizes are worth every stitch you put into those bags. Keep up the good work.

For those who are wanting to help with the critter making please get a hold of Thelma Brown as she is heading up this part to help with the Wheel of Gems. Her number is (541) 889-3672 so give her a call if you can help create or just want to learn how this process works. She is also in charge of the show cases so let her know if you can fill one.

It is amazing how fast the first two months fly by and then our Gem Show will be upon us. We will be needing volunteers for all the venues so please start signing up for the time slots so the chairmen know how to begin their plan to have each time frame manned. This worked so well last year as we really had a great show with lots of shared participation and no one had to be stuck in the same time slot for hours.

The Board thanks you all in advance for all the dedication and commitment to volunteer you all show each year. Our membership is what makes our club so strong and well organized.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting don't forget it is on Wed the 14th of January at the Best Western. Until then keep on rocking into the New Year.

-Willa Renken, OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING December 17, 2014

The December club meeting was our annual Christmas party held at Orphan Annie's in Caldwell on December 17. There were close to 60 members attending including seven lifetime members present. Willa welcomed everyone and the festivities started with a blessing from Ed Moser. We all enjoyed a buffet dinner and desserts were provided by the club. After dinner Willa had fun recognizing the lifetime members and presented each of them a gift she selected. The lifetime members present were: Everett and Evelyn Ensley, Bill Stringer, Pauline Prather, Gene and Joan Alvey, and Walt Barnett. She will be visiting the rest of the lifetime members to check in and say 'HI'. A special thank-you went to Mary Fitzpatrick for all of the time and energy she put into the festive decorations. Everyone went home with a handmade ornament for their tree and had a special photo taken in a decorated frame.

Nancy Farrell brought the quilt we had been purchasing raffle tickets on all year. The winner of the quilt was Mary Fitzpatrick. A big thank you to Nancy for a great idea for a club fund raiser.

Ed Moser reminded us to save our postage stamps for cancer research, and to keep the older stamps separate from the new ones. A display case set up by the club will be put in the Caldwell library for the month of January.

Susan Beattie encouraged everyone to sign up to volunteer at the venues for our show.

Janie Ehlers reported the club books being solvent until Willa went shopping! :) Thank you Willa for all you do for our club! We appreciate you!

Joan Alvey and Kathi Larson wearing elf hats were Santa's helpers hosting the gift exchange. We all received fun gifts to take home. The table favors and decorations were raffled off to members so they could be enjoyed for the holidays. Respectfully submitted – Debbie Lawrence







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

- 1 **Dick & Jarri McClarin**
- 9 **David & Connie Couch**
- 21 **Dan & Linda Phillips**
- 22 **Isaac & Betty Ward**
- 25 **Bob & Janet Bailey**
- 26 **Jim & Veva Jencks**



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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

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Across from the Idaho State Fairgrounds
4977 Glenwood, Garden City, Idaho
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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY Board Minutes

December 29, 2014

The meeting was held at Carl's Jr in Caldwell and called to order by consensus having a quorum present at 7:20. Attending were: Debbie Lawrence, Janie and Darell Ehlers, Susan and Larry Beattie, Denise Stringer and Aubrey Kopp.

President and Vice President were absent.

Secretary – Had a discussion regarding the mail and getting keys to the Post Office box.

Treasurer – Janie gave an update on expenses. The club will need to set up a \$1,400 bond in the form of a CD for the work plan and excavation that will be done on The Big Egg Claim. She also recommended having line items added to the budget for: the youth expenses, Christmas party expenses, and a dollar amount for the lifetime member gifts.

Show Chair – There was one dealer that withdrew from the show and Susan will be looking for a replacement. We had a discussion on dividing the six table spaces and having two smaller dealers. She has received A LOT of bags donated for grab bags! It will be fun to see who will be the winners of the spheres. The donations for the Wheel of Gems has been good and the club is probably at the half way point of the items needed. We can all use the time left before the show to create more prizes. Darell Ehlers is putting the finishing touches on the flyer that will be used.

Federation Chair – Ed was absent but we still had a friendly reminder to collect postage stamps.

Old Business – The January General Meeting will be a week earlier. It will be held on January 14 at the Best Western Hotel in Caldwell.

New Business – Had a discussion on what to use for showcase favors. Darell and Janie Ehlers will be looking for items when they are on their trip to Arizona. Denise reminded us to have items for the newsletter ready a week earlier due to the change in the date of the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted Debbie Lawrence

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/>

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
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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
61st Annual Gem & Mineral Show—"We Will Rock You"
March 7 and 8, 2015
Caldwell Event Center—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 6, 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Show Dates: Saturday, March 7, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 8, 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 17, 2015 to:
Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society,
Attn: Thelma Brown, PO Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83606-1053
or bring to the next general membership meeting.

2015 Show—We Will Rock You!

The venue chairs for the 2015 show are:

Chili Feed—Myrt Alston 739-8185

Front Door—Randy Whipple 585-5910

Membership—Jarri McClarin and Kathi Larson 465-8083

Demonstrators—Willa Renkin 362-3941

Historic Display—Pauline Prather 459-4139

Grab Bags—Joan Alvey 440-3067

Sand Dig—Jody Atwood 801-791-7228

Silent Auction—Red Larson 465-8083

Showcases—Thelma Brown (509) 846-3136

Wheel of Gems—Denise Stringer 283-1903

Special Display—Nancy Farrell 914-3236

Advertising—Darell Ehlers 674-1213

Show Banker—Janie Ehlers 674-1213

WE NEED HELP

- *Faceted stones* for prizes at the sand dig and wheel of gems—*small stones* for the sand dig and *larger stones* for the wheel of gems.
- *Rock to tumble*—bring your donations to the meeting or call Susan or Darrel
- *Prizes for Wheel of Gems and Grab Bags*—If each member donates 20 items we would have enough prizes to expand our advertising effort! Bring your donations to the meeting or call Susan or Darrel
- *Special Display items*—Showcase your unique non-rock related talent!
- *Scrapbook repair and rejuvenation*—Call Pauline!
- *Raffle gift(s)* for volunteers that sign up and work at venues

We will be asking people to sign up for day/time at venues at the November meeting. If there is a venue that you want to work at and you need to reserve your favorite time now, please call the chair person for that venue.

Upcoming Events

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society January Meeting

January 14, 2015—7:30 p.m.

Location: Best Western Hotel , Exit #29, 908 Specht Ave, Caldwell



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61st Annual Gem & Mineral Show—"We Will Rock You"

March 7 and 8, 2015

Caldwell Event Center—2200 Blaine

Caldwell, ID



Refreshments

Here are the volunteers for refreshments for January:

Bill Anderson

Deanna Moser

Myrt Alston

Carolyn Whipple



Thank You, Ruth & Jim

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Membership Report

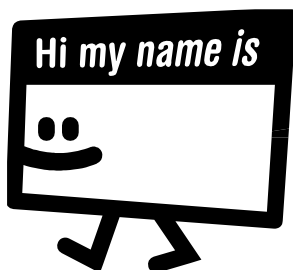
Membership forms are available at every meeting, so invite your "rockhound" friends to our next one!

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 1st through the following October 1st. You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053.



-Kathi Larson,
Membership Director
465-8083, redkatnthat@gmail.com

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2015

Family
\$20

Couple
\$18

Single
\$12

Child
\$3

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

FIRST NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ ANNIV: _____ - _____ BDAY: _____ - _____ / _____ - _____
Day Month Day Mo. Day Mo.

EMAIL: _____

RENEWAL _____ NEW _____ CASH _____ CHECK # _____ RECD BY _____

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. 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!



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