



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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January President's Message

Happy New Year to all of you! Hope your holidays were full of fun, friends and family. This month begins the countdown to our Annual Gem Show. By now you should have signed up for your timeslots so the Chairmen can get organized. By signing up it helps those in charge to know when and where they will need additional help. Our tumbled stone contest is drawing to a close so be sure to get ahold of Susan in order to get your tickets for the drawing. I have heard many good things about all of the donations of tumbled stones. Thank you to all who have participated. Your hard work is much appreciated.

I believe there is still time to put in suggestions for this year's field trips so please let Ithel or David know the sites you are most interested in. The field trips are great family outings so if you haven't taken the time to join them please do. Not only do you get a chance to find rocks for your collections you also get the perk of sharing time with those who have the same love of rock hounding as you do.

We had a great time at the Christmas party this last month. I want to thank Chris for the beautiful table decorations. You made the tables very festive and we all appreciate you taking the time to make our evening special. Also want to commend Sharlene for handling the tickets as it too came together like clockwork. Last but not least Thanks so much to Denise and Aubrey for always seeing what needs to be done and just jumping up and helping out. The gift exchange is always a fun top off to our evening and you girls make it look easy. Good food, good fun & a chance to hang out with a bunch of really nice folks who could ask for more!!

I think that's all I can think of other than I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on the 18th at the Boone Science Bldg. Till then keep on rockin'!!

-Willa Renken OGMS President

December 21, 2016

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The December Meeting was the annual Christmas party at Orphan Annie's in Caldwell. The snowy evening set the stage for some lovely holiday socializing. Ed Moser gave the benediction and then everyone helped themselves and enjoyed a nice buffet dinner. Denise and Aubry Stringer and Willa served your choice of cheesecake with huckleberry topping, carrot cake or apple pie to everyone for dessert. After the feast, Willa recognized the lifetime members and presented each of them with a gift. Lifetime Members present were: Pauline Prayther, Bill Stringer and Walter Barnett. Gifts will also be presented to Lifetime Members who were not present. Denise and Aubry Stringer hosted the gift exchange. All of the beautifully wrapped gifts made it difficult to choose the perfect package, when your number was called.

Willa introduced the new officers for the upcoming year. Sign-up sheets for the Gem Show were out and ready for volunteer signatures. Prizes for the rock tumble contest will be handed out at the January meeting. Darrel will have fliers to advertise the Gem Show ready at the next meeting. Thelma would like everyone interested in putting a display case in the Gem Show, to get their applications in early. You can find an application in the newsletter or online on the OGMS website. There are 50 show cases available and a few spaces left for a black light case. Bill Anderson has 150 mirrors left. Let him know if you would like some and he will bring them to the next meeting. Ed Moser found a volunteer to put a rock display in the Caldwell Library for the month of January. The December Board Meeting was cancelled because of the holiday. The evening wrapped up around 8:45.

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



January Birthdays

3	Pete Connor
6	Connie Couch
8	Teresa Nebeker
9	Jan Smith
9	John Bravebull
12	Robert Troyer
12	Carolyn Connelly
13	Denise Stringer
15	Andrea Hardman
17	Lloyd Zenick
18	Jerry Sherer
20	Cathi Gonzalez
26	James Connor
26	Diane Stevens
27	John Chaplik



January Anniversaries

3 Robert & Deborah Baker
 9 David & Connie Couch
 22 Isaac & Betty Ward
 24 Kurt & Charlene Branham
 31 Gregg & Jenny Austin

Newsletter Editor

Please let me know if I don't have your correct information, or if you are not on the lists above and should be.

If you would like just the email edition and not the mailed edition, let me know. You could save the club money by receiving the email edition only.

Email me at:
carolfarnham@ymail.com

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

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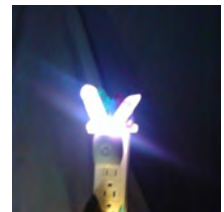
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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

No board meeting held in December due to holiday.



Star Garnets

[Emerald Creek Garnet Area](#) - Near Clarkia, Idaho

The Forest Service has developed the Emerald Creek Garnet Area as a place where the public may collect star garnets. In the past, people would dig in the stream bed in search of the garnets. Now, due to concerns for water quality, aquatic habitat, and public safety, the Forest Service provides a stockpile of garnet bearing gravels from which people can gather material to run through one of two sluice boxes in search of garnets. The site is open during the summer.

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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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.

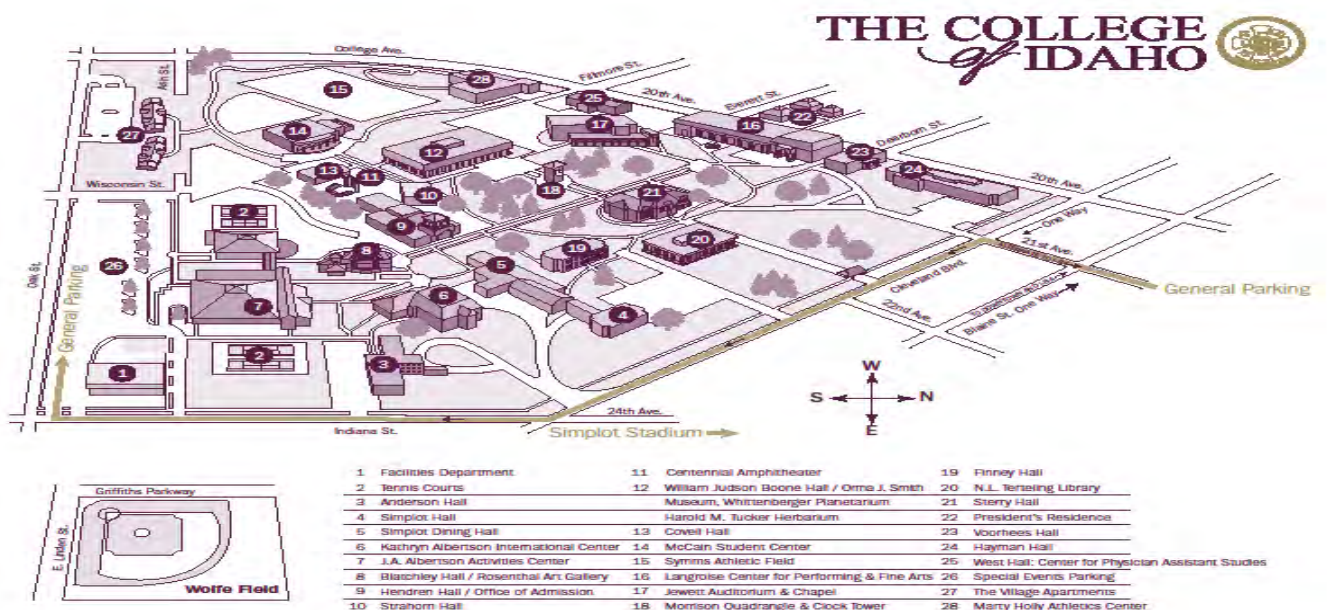
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The General Meetings are at the College of Idaho

The January 18, 2017 general meeting will be in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103.

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.

See you there at 7:30 p.m.



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
63rd Annual Gem & Mineral Show
March 4 and 5, 2017
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 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: Thelma Brown, PO Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83606-1053
or bring to the next general membership meeting.

Show Report—by Susan Beattie

We are seeking a **Chair Person** for the **Front Door** venue.

Please call me if you would like to help with that.



If you would like to have a showcase....

FILL OUT the form and send it to Thelma--**PRONTO**.

THANK YOU for singing up to work at a venue,,,,,

PLEASE help the venue chairs by singing up to work for two hours at each venue.

Donations Always Accepted

Silent Auction
Wheel of Gems Prizes
Grab Bag Prizes

Critter making supplies
Sand Dig
Wheel of Gems



CONTEST DRAWING THIS MEETING

Every person who donates tumbled rocks for grab bags will receive a ticket good for a **prize drawing** at our **January** meeting.

Here's the DEAL:

You do not have to be present at the January meeting to win, so put **your name** and **phone number** on your ticket.

You will be given a **ticket every time** you donate tumbled rocks between now and January.

If you have a donation but can't make the meetings, **call me** and I will arrange to pick up your donation and give you your ticket.

Any quantity earns a ticket; small jar or bag to 5 gallon bucket—any and a ticket.

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Prizes: Paleo Pick and Alaskan Jade (Kobuk)



Thank you for all your donations!!!

We have received many nice donations of critters, grab bags, polished rocks, critter making supplies, and silent auction material.....Keep it coming.

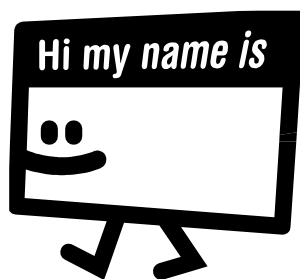
Membership Report**Now accepting payment of 2017 dues**

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 McEwan, Membership Chairperson
Phone: (208) 454-7287,
Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2017

Family
\$20

Couple
\$18

Single
\$12

Child
\$3

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

FIRST NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

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PHONE: _____ ANNIV: _____ - _____ / _____ - _____
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EMAIL: _____

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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!

