



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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January President's Message

Hello all and so begins another year. It would seem they just keep coming faster and faster. On that note, our Annual gem show is just around the corner. Susan has been bringing the signup sheets each meeting so please put your name in one or two of the time slots. This is important as it gives the venue chairs the ability to schedule out the days. Another important opportunity for you is to fill out an application to put in a showcase. These cases are an intricate part of our show. They give the public a chance to see what our hobby is all about not to mention show off your god given abilities. Give Kathy Larson a call or turn in an application to her so she can get an accurate case count.

Jim has a nice program all lined out for us again this month it is a bit of a surprise as we were unable to hold a Board meeting this last month. However, I know he will not let us down and it will be informative as always.

Our new field trip Chairmen are hard at work compiling a list of the trips we will be going on in the upcoming year. If there is, a particular place you would like to explore be sure to give them your ideas. I know that they would appreciate any input you may have. You can contact David at (408) 489-3996 or Dale at (208) 283-7990.

At this time, I would like to thank all of you who helped with the Annual Christmas Banquet. It was great as always. I know it was fun and well received. Special thanks to Denise and Aubrey for making the beautiful table favors, Carol and John for overseeing the ticket sales, and Kathy Larson for organizing the gift exchange and especially to all of you for coming and making it a lovely evening.

One last thought. We are in need of someone to take on the position of Show Chair as Susan has expressed a desire to help train her replacement. This is a great chance to get involved with your club. Susan has done a fantastic job and has documented all the duties, so it is all laid out, for the individual who would be willing to take it over. Please consider this opportunity and if you are willing contact either Susan or myself and we will get you trained for the next year.

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on January 17th at the Boone Science Bldg. at 7:30pm. Till then keep on rocking!!

Willa Renken OGMS President

DUES ARE DUE!!!

Don't be Late...



On page 9 is a membership form to cut out and fill out for next years membership and dues. Just give Kim your money and membership form together when you turn in to help keep all moneys straight.



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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 work-day 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.



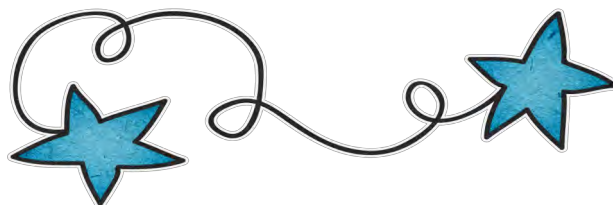
January Birthdays

- 3 Connor, Pete
- 4 Dole, David
- 5 McCall, Keith
- 9 Smith, Jan
- 12 Connelly, Carolyn
- 12 Troyer, Robert
- 13 Stringer, Denise
- 15 Hardman, Andrea
- 18 Sherer, Jerry
- 20 Gonzalez, Alex
- 20 Gonzalez, Cathi
- 20 Roberts, Lorena
- 21 Andersen Tina
- 24 Fogleman, Nancy
- 26 Connor, James
- 26 Stevens, Diane
- 27 Chaplik, John



January Anniversaries

- 3 Baker, Robert and Deborah
- 22 Ward, Isaac and Betty
- 24 Branham, Kurt and Charlene
- 31 Austin, Gregg and Jenny



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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For those of you that are still getting the snail version of the newsletter, please consider switching to email. It will save a little over a \$1.00 per newsletter. Please help out our club and send me an email to switch over.

I know that some of you do not do computers, that is ok. Don't worry about it.

Thank you,

Carol Farnham

carolfarnham@ymail.com

If the info on your newsletter is not correct, please see Kim our membership chairman. Kim will then send the info to me.

Items to check are:

Birthday

Anniversary

Address

Names, spelling

If you have requested the newsletter to be emailed but are not receiving it please let me know so I can correct it.

Thanks, Carol

"PULLING TEETH"

A man and his wife walked into a dentist's office. "Doc, I'm in one heck of a hurry," he said. "I have two buddies sitting out in my car waiting for us to go play golf, so forget about the anesthetic. We have a 10 am tee time at the best golf course in town, and it's 9:30 already. I just want you to pull the tooth and be done with it."

The dentist thought to himself, "Wow, this guy is brave, asking to have his tooth pulled without anything for the pain." He asked the man "Which tooth is it sir?"

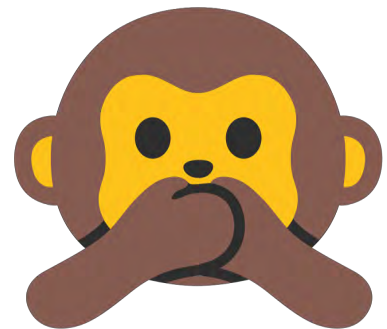
The man turned to his wife and said "Open your mouth, honey, and show him."

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table.

I asked her, "Do you know him?"

"Yes," she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago and I hear he hasn't been sober since."

"My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**December 20, 2017**

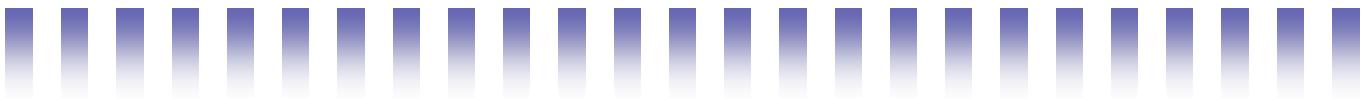
The December meeting was the annual Christmas Party held at Orphan Anne's in Caldwell. Our President Willa Renken started the festivities welcoming all in attendance. Directors and Lifetime Members were recognized. Ed Moser gave the benediction and everyone enjoyed a ham dinner buffet that included some delicious Chinese dishes. The Club provided a wonderful dessert that everyone enjoyed.

After the meal guests were introduced and given a warm welcome. Lifetime Members and Directors were thanked. Willa presented gifts from the Club to the Lifetime Members who were present: Bill Stringer, Pauline Prayther and Walter Barnett.

Susan Beattie brought sign-up sheets for the venues for the Gem Show in March. She is looking for someone who is willing to learn the duties of the Show Chair position. There was a discussion about getting a field trip together for March (weather permitting). The new 2018 Board of Directors were introduced.

Kathy Larson hosted the gift exchange. Thank you to Denise and Aubry Stringer for providing the beautiful table decorations. The decorations were given to one lucky person at each table. It was announced there would be no Business Meeting in December due to the holiday. The next Board Meeting will be January 29th and held at the Caldwell Library. Meeting adjourned at 9pm. 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.

OWYHEE GEM

OWHYEE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

64th Auunual Gem and Mineral Show

March 3 and 4, 2018

Caldwell Event Center--2200 Blaine St., Caldwell, Idaho

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Cub Affiliation: _____

Number of Cases Requested: _____ Dealer: _____ Amateur: _____ Junior: _____
(Junior cases must be prepared by Juniors)

Name(s) for Exhibitor Badges: _____

Set-up day: Friday March 2, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Show Dates: Saturday, March 3, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 4, 10:00 a.m. to 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 Chair is received.

Bring your completed form to a club meeting between November and February, or send your completed application by February 10, 2017 to:

Showcase Venue Chair

P. O. Box 1053

Caldwell, ID 83606-1053

or by email to the webmaster at Owyheerocks.com

SHOW Update

We need YOU:

Sign up for a showcase,
Sign up for as many venues as you can,
Donate to the Chili Feed



Thank you to all of the Venue Volunteers!

These are your venue chairs:



Front Door—Carol Farnham—208-475-4868

Wheel of Gems—Chris Rawson—208-371-7639

Sand Dig—Jody Atwood—801-791-7228

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/Door Prize Table—Kim Bashford—208-459-4567

Chili Feed—Michele Wiles-- 208-870-5153

***Plenty of opportunities to sign up for two-hour volunteer sessions at all venues
Sign-up sheets are available at the January Meeting.***

We are still accepting donations for Wheel of Gems,
Grab Bags, Silent Auction, and Sand Dig venue items!

Please call me if you would like someone to pick up your donations.

Please call Susan if you have any questions 208.466.6184

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 .

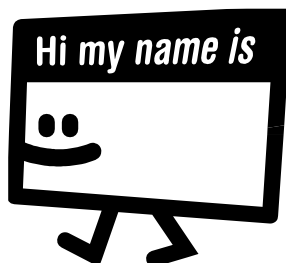
You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to:

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
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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.

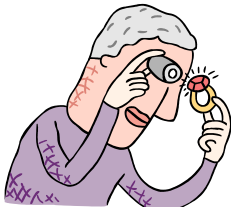
MEMBERSHIP DUES:

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/>

