



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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January President's Message

Happy New Year OGMS. Hope you all enjoyed the season and holidays with family and friends. We sure had a good time at the Christmas Party. Lots of great food, friendship, and festivities. Everyone enjoyed himself or herself and this evening really lets us all get to relax by sharing our experiences in our lapidary arts. I'd like to thank all of you who helped make the evening a success. Especially Dale's special raspberry cheesecake. It was yummy! Chris Rawson for the lovely table decorations. Dave and Michele for overseeing the ticket sales. Kathy Larson for effectively running the gift exchange. It went a lot faster this year, which allowed us to get home a bit sooner. Good Job all!!

Since we were unable to have a board meeting in December I'm not sure if we will have a program this meeting. Roxanne is just settling in to her new assignment so may not be able to get that lined out. We will be having a slab draw so if you have extra slabs to share we will welcome all donations.

Since Ed Moser is having health issues, he really needs some volunteers to help with the Caldwell Library. If you can help in this please give him a call at (208) 340-8060.

Our Annual Gem Show is just around the corner. If you haven't signed up for a shift or two in the different venues please do so. We need to know who is volunteering and when so that the chairpersons can plan the coverage. Please volunteer! If we all chip in no one person will be overworked. We are still in need of someone to oversee the Chili Feed on Friday setup. Let Susan know if you can help fill this position. March will be here before we know it so being prepared is critical. Showcases will need to be filled so be sure and get your application into Susan or Kathy Larson.

Dale will be turning in his list for the upcoming years field trips. If you have a place that you would like to explore let Dale know so we can work it into the New Year schedule.

I look forward to seeing you all at this month's meeting. It will be in the Boone Science Bldg on Jan 16th at 7:30pm. Till then stay warm and happy rockn'.

Willa Renken OGMS President

DUES ARE DUE

Please use the form in this newsletter to continue your membership. You can vote in October if your membership is paid up. Just give the completed form to Kim with your money or mail it to the address in the membership report that is above the form.

**!!!!!!!**

Just a note that if you have not paid for your yearly ad in this newsletter, you need to get it to us by January 1st for the ad to continue to run. There will not be a statement sent out.

Thank you,



Calling all rock hounds. The above turtle is a project I put together on a whim. The shell is made of rock. The body is glass and I soldered it all together to hang as a sun catcher.

Since the show is coming up early March, I thought we could put some of these together and we could sell them at \$20 to \$25 each to go to the club as a fundraiser.

All I need from you is some rock that is polished well, see through and thin, about 1/8th inch. Once I have the rock, I would then need a couple of helpers to arrange the rock in the shape of a shell (I have a pattern to follow), I would take it from there. It all is time consuming which is why I need some help. I am thinking of doing about 30. We can do some that is not see through as long as it is polished well.

If you would care to help, please catch me at the meeting or better yet, call me. I need everything asap.

Carol Farnham, 208.475.4868



For the show fundraiser, If anyone has any agates like above, we can do some of these also for the same price. It would be easier and faster than the little individual rocks. This would be a great way for club fundraising.

What can you do for the club?
Can you get me some agates and rocks asap?

Carol



January 2019 Birthdays

4	David Dore
6	Lynn Mick
8	Teresa Benedict
8	Jerry Sherer
9	Jan Smith
10	Michael Lamarche
12	Carolyn Connelly
12	Robert Troyer
13	Denise Stringer
15	Andrea Hardman
20	Cathi Gonzalez
20	Lorena Roberts
20	Alex Gonzalez
21	Michele Munson
24	Nancy Fogleman
25	Wendy Patton
26	Diane Stevens
27	John Chaplick
27	Marcie Dishner
30	Vanessa Yohn
30	Jake Dishner

JANUARY

Garnet, the birthstone of January, is mined in a rainbow of colors. From the fiery orange of Mandarin Garnet to the rich green of Tsavorite Garnet and to the most widely recognized color of Pyrope Garnet, it is considered a great gift to symbolize friendship and trust.

January 2019 Anniversaries

1	Matt and Debbie Davis
1	Russ and Brenda Horsch
8	Chris and Susan James
22	Isaac and Betty Ward
23	Donald and Sevena McClain
24	Kurt and Charlene Branham
31	Greg and Jenn Austin

Congratulations

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



**Stone from Arizona**

Anderson Mine—Agate
 Brenda—Agate & Jasper
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Stone from Australia

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 Less than half price.**

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 Fresh factory tune up.**

**A dozen laps, many dops and several
 pieces of faceting material. Less than
 half price.**

Dale Brown
Phone 208-466-9608

**Also one year old brown leather reclin-
 er, rocker, swivel chair.**

OWYHEE GEM

STEVE'S Rocks & Gems

Welcome to Nampa!

Steve and Barb Narkaus are retiring from Oregon.

Steve was a Geologist and business owner and Barb was an art teacher and business owner. They are opening their new business in March after they return from the Tuscon Rock Show.

Steve has collected since he was a geology student at Oregon State University. Steve has purchased his saws and equipment and is opening a full lapidary lab March 2019. Steve will specialize in making new products and teaching about geology. So, let's have some fun!



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 workday and seminar the first Saturday of every month.

The Museum is open to all visitors: Monday-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.

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,
(208) 340-8060,
edmoser15@gmail.com



Show Report



Venue Volunteers Needed

Chili Feed

Front Door



Still accepting donations!!!

If you have small thin pieces of rock that Carol Farnham can use to make turtle shells for the show, please let her know—208-475-4868. A sample of the turtle will be at the meeting for you to see.

Thank you all in advance for being prepared to sign up to help at venues at the **January** meeting.



Front Door—VACANT

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

Sand Dig—Jody Atwood—801-791-7228 or 208-697-8166

Silent Auction—Don Dixon—208-908-3374

Membership Ambassador—Jeri McClarin

Grab Bags—Janie Ehlers--208-674-1213

Demonstrators—Willa Renken—208-362-3941

Show Cases—Janie Ehlers-208-674-1213

Resource/Doorprize Table—Kim Bashford—208-459-4567

Chili Feed—VACANT

Theme Raffle Baskets—David Baldwin—208-570-9781

Please let David know if you can help solicit donations from local businesses for our new Theme Raffle Baskets venue. I know he would really appreciate it and a little help from a few people goes a long way!

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES December 19, 2018

The OGMS Annual Banquet was held at Orphan Anne's Restaurant in Caldwell, and called to order by President, Willa Renken. Brad Larson delivered the benediction before we started a delicious ham dinner buffet with traditional holiday sides that also included several Chinese dishes. After dinner apple pie, carrot cake or cheesecake (prepared by Dale Rawson) with huckleberry topping (prepared by Willa Renken) was served to each guest.

After the meal, Willa lead a short meeting. Roxanne Paige made a motion to accept the minutes from the last newsletter; seconded by Steve McConnel, motion carried. Chris Rawson was thanked for providing table decorations. Lifetime Members present were introduced: Bill Stringer, Pauline Prather and Walter Barnett. Willa had Christmas gifts mailed to each of the Club's Lifetime Members and then read several thank you notes that were received for the gifts.

Secretary: Received 12 membership renewals, Post Office Box renewal, Bank Statement, information on renewal of the NWF yearly dues, a statement from Auto Owners Insurance and a package for Dale Rawson. The package was a gift for leading a group of people from out of town, on a rock trip.

Sunshine: Jules sent Christmas cards to all Lifetime Members as well as Ed & Deanna Moser and David Schmidt.

Willa thanked and presented gifts to each of our outgoing officers: Vice President, Jim Hopkins; Treasurer, Janie Ehlers; and Show Chair, Susan Beattie. Kathi Larson led the gift exchange and everyone enjoyed the friendship of the evening.

Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis

This is the longest word in the dictionary. It is an ailment caused by inhaling very fine silicate or quartz dust. Rockhounds, take warning and precautions when you are dry sanding; always wear a face mask.

The word may be long, but the cure is longer and you'd have a hard time telling your doctor what you have.

From Roadrunner News and seen in ROAMIN' RAMS 12/01, via The Post Rock 12/07; News and Views 3/15, via Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society 8/15

**"The quickest way to double your money is to fold
it and put it back in your pocket"**

—Will Rogers

More info on Yooperlite, continued from December newsletter:

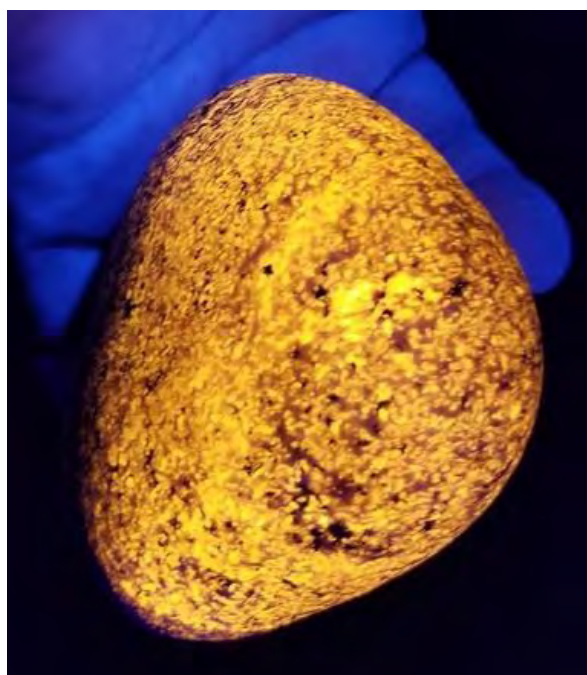
Yooperlite Rintamaki's passion has made him a local celebrity. He says his tours are booked solid through 2019 and the videos of his rock hunting have gone viral. Michigan Man discovers Glowing, Fluorescent Rocks called "Yooperlites". Follow us: @GeologyTime on Twitter. Erik Rintamaki was searching for rocks on a Michigan beach last summer when he made what he calls a "mind blowing" discovery. Resting among the thousands of pebbles covering the Lake Superior beach Rintamaki saw a glowing rock. The gem and mineral dealer told CBS News he often goes rock hunting. But on this particular June night, he found a rock unlike any other—a florescent orb that he later names "Yooperlite."

Like lava glowing through cracks in the earth, glowing light seeped out of the lines in the small rock. Rintamaki knew this couldn't be the only Yooperlite out there, but he couldn't find any information about glowing rocks online. He knows many people in the gem and mineral field, but everyone he asked had no clue what these mysterious rocks were. Rintamaki went back to the beach night after night, carrying a black light which helped illuminate the glowing rocks. "I was blown away," he said. "It's insane how many are on the beaches up here." He started collecting Yooperlites by the bagful and sold them online. Michigan State University messaged Rintamaki with an interest in buying some of the rocks to study. Michigan State, along with the University of Saskatchewan, researched the Yooperlites for months. The universities determined that Rintamaki did, indeed, discover a new type of rock. He says other people may have spotted these gems before, but he was the first person to get Yooperlites verified—making him the self-proclaimed "Christopher Columbus of rocks." Rintamaki said Michigan State gave the rocks a scientific name: syenite clasts containing fuorescent sodalite. The name he gave them—Yooperlites comes from the nickname "Yoopers," which refers to people who live in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, according to Mineral News, a newsletter for mineral collectors that reported on Rintamaki's discovery.

When his discovery was verified and made public in May 2018, Rintamaki says life as he knew it changed. "I've had thousands of messages and I can't get to them all," he told CBS News. He now gives Yooperlite tours on the beaches along Lake Superior. "I've never had anyone not find stones," Rintamaki said of his tour groups. He takes groups out near dusk and they use black lights to search for Yooperlites for about four hours, he says. He also still sells Yooperlites and bought a machine that can buff them into perfect, smooth orbs. When he's not with a tour group, he finds himself looking for Yooperlites alone all night long. "I work the night shift at a casino, so when I get out of work at 2 a.m., I get to the beach ... I search until the sun comes up," he said. Rintamaki's passion has made him a local celebrity. He says his tours are booked solid through 2019 and the videos of his rock hunting have gone viral.

From the internet geology-in via "The Rockpile" Nov 2018 issue.

From via the Walsatch Gem Society November 2018



Membership Report**We are accepting payment of 2019 dues**

Membership forms are available at every meeting. Invite your "rockhound" friends to our next one!

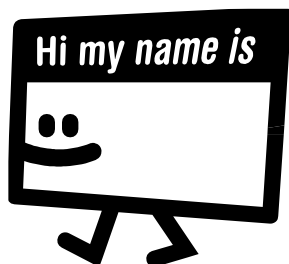
Any member needing a name badge, membership card, or patch, please call me so I can have them ready for you to pick up at the next meeting.

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

PAY YOUR DUES NOW Please!**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES****Year: 2018**Family
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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.

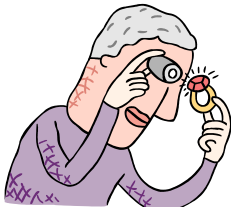
MEMBERSHIP DUES:

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/>

