

"Owyhee Gem"

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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January President's Message

Happy New Year folks! Let's hope this year brings us all back together.

Paul is on top of all things show related. If you are in charge of a venue, he will be contacting you to see how things are going. We will have venue signup sheets at the upcoming meeting so please take a minute and signup for a time slot or two. We ask that you do this so we know if there will be coverage for each event. March will be here before we know it and I for one can hardly wait.

I would like to thank all those who made our Christmas Banquet a huge success. I really enjoyed the space and great service we received from the Elks. If you went away hungry, it definitely was your own fault as there was plenty of food to enjoy. Thanks again Dale for bringing the raspberry desert folks really do enjoy it! The table favors were great and the gift exchange went over swimmingly. Looking forward to seeing the wonderful pictures that will be in this newsletter. All this came together nicely and I want to extend a special thank you to Kim Bashford. She is my right hand gal and anticipates all our needs. Way to go girl!

We will be having a slab drawing at this month's meeting so if you have a couple slabs you can spare we welcome the donations. Our meeting will be at the College of Idaho on January 19th at 7pm in the Boone Science Bldg. Be sure to mask up, as I believe the school requires it. Soon it will be field trip season so get those site requests into Robert. I know he and Dale really go out of their way to see we have material and places to explore. They do appreciate any suggestions you might have though.

On that note I look forward to seeing you all on the 19th.

Sincerely,
-Willa Renken, OGMS President



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 21 NOVEMBER 2021

The December General Meeting was held at the Nampa Idaho Elks Club, 1116 1st St. S. in Nampa, Idaho. Ed Moser gave the prayer before over 50 members enjoyed the Annual OGMS Christmas Banquet...a wonderful buffet of roast beef and ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans and salad provided by the Elks. Cheesecake with Dale Rawson's raspberry sauce and spice cake concluded the meal. It was excellent! Special thanks to Denise and her daughter, Aubrey for their cute Christmas Tree table decorations! Also, a big thanks to Denise for taking photos of everyone making the evening more memorable than ever! The gift exchange was fun, as always, with things ranging from jewelry and chocolate to books and tools.

Following dinner, **President Willa Renken** held a short business meeting. She gave a warm welcome to all members and a special acknowledgement to our attending lifetime members, Bill Stringer, Walt Barnett, Ron and Jean Dingley, Pauline Prather, Ed Moser, and Dan and Diane Stevens. Willa expressed our condolences to Ed for the loss of his wife, Deanna.

Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence was unable to attend but advised Willa, accounts are full and bills are paid.

Secretary, Chris Deveau received several items in the PO Box including 4 memberships which were given to Membership Chair, Kim Bashford for processing. A renewal for the PO Box was forwarded to the Treasurer for payment and statements from the club bank account and from our insurance company will be passed to the Treasurer at the next meeting. A Christmas card for Willa and the club from attorneys Shaver and Swanson was shared with the group. A nice Christmas greeting was read to the group from Elaine Oakander from Montana. She sent a large bag of stamps for donation to the Federation, which were given to Ed Moser. Thank you so much, Elaine.

Membership Chair, Kim Bashford advised she had received one membership. Kim also expressed her condolences for the loss of Chuck McCreath, Cindy Woolsey's father.

Federation Director, Ed Moser thanked everyone for the cards he received regarding Deanna. He told everyone about the display for the club in the Caldwell Public Library. It gives lots of exposure to the community about our rockhounding hobby. He thanked everyone for the stamps they have donated this year. The Federation sells the stamps to collectors and donates the proceeds for Breast Cancer research.

Show Chair, Paul Deveau has the flyers ready for distribution for our 2022 show. He will have the venue signup sheets available at the January General Meeting.

Field Trip Chair, Robert Murphey asked if anyone has a suggestion for a field trip, please let him or Dale Rawson know as they are putting together the 2022 Field Trip schedule so it can be finalized before the Show.

New Business:

Bob Bashford recommended a \$50.00 donation from OGMS to the NW Federation Endowment Fund in memory of members Gene Babbitt, Carolyn Whipple, and Deanna Moser. Paul Deveau made the motion to make the donation and Kim Bashford seconded; motion passed.

Old Business:

- The 2022 Rock Show is progressing... Please be ready to volunteer and help make "GEMS FOR YOU IN '22", the best show ever! If you can Demonstrate a lapidary/jewelry making skill, please contact Willa.
- Mining claims have all been taken care of by David Schmidt. Thank you, David!
- Willa introduced the 2022 OGMS Board to those in attendance.

President – Willa Renken	Vice President – Roxanne Franklin	Secretary – Christine Deveau
Treasurer – Debbie Lawrence	NW Federation – Ed Moser	
Field Trip Chair – Robert Murphey	Asst. Field Trip Chair – Dale Rawson	
Show Chair – Paul Deveau	Asst. Show Chairs – Karen and Brian Davis	
Newsletter Editor – Denise Stringer	Membership Chair – Kim Bashford	
Historian – Pauline Prather		

There will be no Board meeting in December. The next General Meeting will be held at the College of Idaho Boone Science Building, Room 103 at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 19 January 2022. The next Board Meeting will be held at the Caldwell City Library at 1010 Dearborn Street, Caldwell, Idaho on Monday, 31 January 2022 at 7:00pm.

Thank you all for a great year in 2021 and we look forward to the best ever 2022!

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Vice President's Corner—Roxanne Franklin

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Monthly Meeting Topic

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact me: Roxanne Franklin (208) 577-7095, rocksfrank22@gmail.com

Trade a Slab

Bring a slab to the next meeting and trade it for someone else's slab.

"My Favorite" Presentations

If you have a favorite rock, gem, mineral, or fossil you would like to talk about and share with the members at the next meeting and in the newsletter, please contact Roxanne.

Federation Director—Ed Moser



Bring your postage stamps to the next 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.

Please Respect the Rules when you are out collecting rocks, be careful of ticks and snakes, and have fun.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director
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OGMS Field Trips



**Robert
Murphey**

Robert Murphey (208) 590-1848
or Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990

**Dale
Rawson**



USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and Small), Sieve, Gloves, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Knee Pads, Magnifier, Plenty of Drinking Water, Food, Appropriate Clothing, Protective Eyewear, Sun Protection, Day Pack or Back Pack, Umbrella, Pry Bar, Tick Spray, First Aid Kit, Shovel and fire extinguisher to put out any fires that may start.

Trips can last most of the day.
Generally, a High-Clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD
or an ATV is required.

Remember, when you are finished, fill in all holes
that are dug at the site.

**ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS.**



**2022 Show Dates: "GEMS FOR YOU IN '22", March 5 and 6
O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho**

Agreements are being finalized with the Field House, TV stations, newspapers and we will continue to post our event on many websites and event calendars, locally, as well as throughout the Pacific Northwest.

I will be contacting all the vendors and Venue Show Chairs in January to address any last-minute needs so everything will be covered ahead of our March show. The flyers have been printed and ready to distribute, this is certainly where every member can pitch in and help get the word out. The flyers will be available to grab at the January general meeting along with the volunteer sign-up sheets for every position.

The time slots are only two hours in length and offer you a chance to sign up with more than one of the show venue chairs... it's an opportunity to meet people and have fun.

SHOW VENUE CHAIRS: (2-hour sign-up to take part)

Front Door	Roxanne Franklin	208-577-7095
Sand Dig	Jody and Natasha Atwood	208-409-7377
Wheel of Gems	Chris Rawson	208-371-7639
Grab Bags	Janie Ehlers	208-674-1213
Silent Auction	Don Dixon	208-908-3374
Membership	Kim Bashford	208-454-7287
Grand Prize/Basket Raffles	Deana Ashton	208-794-5628
Demonstrators	Willa Renken	208-362-3941

We will have Jari McClarin and Bill Anderson as our Roving Membership Ambassadors again in 2022.

Kim Bashford (208-454-7287) will be taking reservations for the "Showcases", so get your name on her list to reserve one or more for the show. These Go Fast !!

Diane Stevens (208-454-5406) and Andrea Sawyer (208-323-1345) will Co-Chair the "Chili Feed" for the Friday show set-up.

VOLUNTEERS, please contact any of the Show Venue Chairs and sign-up "IT'S THAT EASY"

Donations always needed...Wheel of Gems Prizes

Grab Bag Prizes

Polished and Faceted Stones for Sand Dig

Critters and Critter Making Supplies

Tumble Rock...

Please continue tumbling rocks for grab bags, OGMS pays \$120.00 for a five-gallon bucket of nicely, tumbled rocks... Save a few of your rock hunting treasures to donate for the 2022 Silent Auction.

KAREN & BRIAN DAVIS: CO-ASSISTANT SHOW CHAIRS
(208) 409-8936 bkdavis76gmail.com

LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SHOW...

SHOW CHAIR: Paul Deveau
(208) 994-8025, devidaho@q.com



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
Annual Gem & Mineral Show
March 5 and 6, 2022
O'Connor Field House—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 4, 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Show Dates: Saturday, March 5, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 6, 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: Kim Bashford, PO Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83606-1053
Email to: kmcewan1957@msn.com
or bring to the next general membership meeting.

January Birthdays

- 4 David Dore
- 7 Kelly Husted
- 8 Teresa Nebeker
- 12 Carolyn Connelly
- 12 Robert Troyer
- 13 Denise Stringer
- 17 Barbara Korn
- 19 Miranda Henslee-Kinney
- 23 Susan Cassidy
- 25 Conner McCuistion
- 26 Rodger Jones
- 26 Barbara Neufeld
- 26 Diane Stevens
- 27 Norm Seid

January Anniversaries

- 1 Matt & Debbie Davis
- 22 Isaac & Betty Ward
- 24 Kurt & Charlene Branham
- 25 Neil & Wilma Green
- 27 Kenny & Cassandra Murdock

Sunshine Report



Hi, I am Jewels Haines and I am your Sunshine Chair.

If you hear of anyone needing a get-well card or visit, please give me a call at (760) 331-3443.
jewelsmalia@yahoo.com

Rockhounding in Idaho

[Rockhounding - Department of Lands \(idaho.gov\)](http://idaho.gov)

Idaho is truly the Gem State. Since the origin of the earth, geologic processes combined to make the rocks of Idaho a mineral collector's storehouse. This, coupled with the beautiful forests and streams, makes Idaho the place where the rock collector's dreams come true.

Rockhounding on State Endowment Trust Land

All state endowment trust lands are open to casual exploration for gemstones and mineral specimens, provided the lands are not under a valid exploration location or mineral lease. Information regarding status of state endowment trust lands can be obtained from the IDL field offices.

Mineral Leases and Exploration Locations

A **mineral lease** allows you to mine and remove larger amounts of minerals from state endowment land.

An **exploration location** gives you the exclusive right to explore and prospect for gold and other locatable minerals on state endowment trust lands not already under location or lease. Exploration locations may also be filed on the beds of navigable rivers and streams between the ordinary high water marks.

Rockhounding on Public Land

Rockhounds are welcome to collect rocks and gemstones from most public land administered by the U.S. Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management, but there are some exceptions. Contact the agencies directly for more information.

Christmas Banquet—December 21, 2021



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

There was no Board Meeting for December 2021.

OGMS General Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, so the next one will be on Wednesday, 19 January 2022 at 7:00pm on the College of Idaho campus in the Boone Hall Science Building Room 103 at 7:00pm.

OGMS Board Meetings are held on the last Monday of the month. The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, 31 January 2022 at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Public Library at 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho at 7:00pm.

We hope you and your family had a very **Merry Christmas** and wish you all good health and much happiness in 2022... **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!** We look forward to more rockin' in the New Year!

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Owyhee and Mineral Society's Gem 68th
"Gems For You in '22"

Rock & Gem Show

Sat. March 5, 2022 10am- 6pm

Sun. March 6, 2022 10am-5pm

O'Connor Field House
 2207 Blaine St. Caldwell, ID

Admission \$5.00

(kids under 11 yrs., free with adult)



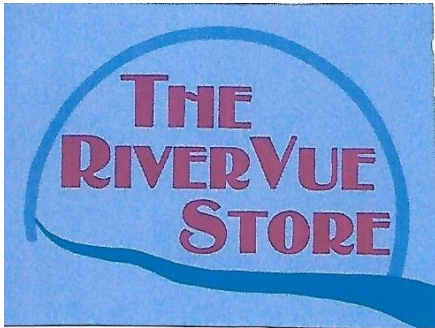
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GENE BABBITT-MEMORIAL

DEC 6, 1933 - OCT 24, 2021

This picture was taken just three short weeks before Gene left us. He was cutting rocks for three of his grandchildren showing them how to open a rock to share all it's glory.

I have had the honor of writing memorials for several rockhounds over the years but this is the hardest one of all. My husband will no longer hunt for or cut rocks here on earth but our memories will live on.

Owyhee Gem and Mineral society became a big part of our lives after joining in 1984 thanks to Bill and Anna Stringer.

Gene's contributions to the club were many. He gladly took on the jobs of joint Bulletin Editor and helping with the field trips. The Northwest Federation started an Endowment Fund so Gene became the 1st to take on the challenges as Chairman.



Can you imagine loading your 18-inch rock saw onto a trailer to take to a club show? Gene did so people could see a rock being cut, it was a big hit. A sand dig for treasures was one of Genes ideas to involve the Pebble Pups in the club so the dig was started with the young ones running the booth.

School students are always interested in rocks so it was natural to take a small trim saw and grinder into the classrooms. Students were shown they could cut their own rock by trimming off the end of a small petrified limb and then polish it. That wasn't enough for some schools. They were able to follow us in a bus on a field trip to find petrified wood on their own. What a thrill that was for the students, teachers and us.

Exploring Idaho contacted us to do a segment on Idaho Rockhounds so Gene enlisted the help of fellow club members to take the film crew to the Big Egg Claim. The segment ended with David Mills TV Crew filming the eggs being cut and then how to use them in display, jewelry, book ends etc.

The Nampa Library gave Gene another opportunity to advance the rockhound hobby. He brought his trimsaw/grinder and more small petrified limbs so kids could cut and polish. Many fellow members brought their rocks, fossils and talents to share. Free bags of tumble polished rocks were also given to each student to take home.

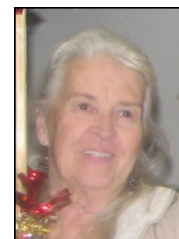
Of all the activities he enjoyed his biggest was walking the hills in search of that one great find of the day. There were many great finds over the years both in Idaho and Arizona where 38 winters were spent with adventures and friends.

Gene will be missed by many but especially his large loving family.
Submitted by his wife Freda Babbitt

Deanna Moser

February 25, 1941 - December 4, 2021

Deanna Moser, of Middleton, Idaho, left her earthly home on December 4th, 2021. She was born in Roberts, Idaho on February 25th, 1941. Deanna loved to provide service to all that she came in contact with, something she learned at an early age. Deanna enrolled at Nampa High School as a teenager. She and Ed would always be found gleaning fields for many and you could always find her helping and supporting the Middleton Food Bank. She was an avid hunter and her and Ed have many fond memories of being in the mountains together. Deanna also loved going to McCall with family and enjoying company and the beautiful outdoors. Deanna was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and enjoyed serving in many callings. Her favorite and most cherished calling was Primary, where Deanna served as Sunbeam teachers for 35 years and Ed assisted, as needed. Her and Ed were married on June 29th, 1958 and sealed in the Idaho Fall temple on June 29th, 1968. Later in life, Deanna and Ed served together as ordinance workers in the Boise, Idaho Temple and loved every minute of that service. Deanna had a love of God and had a strong testimony of Christ and just loved the gospel. Deanna is survived by her husband Ed of 63 years, and their four children; Debbie, Ed Jr., Dean and Dwayne. They are also blessed with seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren and one on the way. She is also survived by a brother Wayne Jensen, a sister Duenna Gaisford, and many nieces, nephews and a number of in-laws. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emery and Thelma Jensen, three brothers (Lamont, Leondus and Jay Dell) and a great grandson, Kendrick.



Membership

We are accepting payment of 2022 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:

Kim Bashford, Membership Director

P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053

Phone: (208) 454-7287 Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com



Welcome New Members!

Mark Allen

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES

Year: 2022

Family
\$20

Couple
\$18

Single
\$12

Child
\$3

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ADDRESS: _____

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PHONE: _____ ANNIV: _____ - _____ BDAY(s): _____ - _____ / _____ - _____
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RENEWAL _____ NEW _____ CASH _____ CHECK # _____ RECD BY _____

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
PO Box 1053
Caldwell, ID 83605-1053

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.

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag— Bring an unidentified rock and we'll help you figure out what it is!

FIELD TRIPS:

Field trips are scheduled once a month.
Visitors are welcome at all these events!



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/>