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January President's Message

Hello all and welcome to the New Year 2023!

I hope that there will be much excitement and wonder in our New Year. January brings us one month closer to our Annual Gem Show. Keep tumbling, sewing grab bags, making critters and setting aside your silent auction donations. It takes us all contributing a little to make our Show a huge success. There will be sign-up sheets for the various venues at the upcoming meeting so please take the time to pencil in your availability for the various venues.

John is still constructing our field trip schedule so if you have a spot or location you would like to see on it please let him know. I know he is excited to get you all out in the field to find that special treasure.

Remember this month Don Dixon has the museum setup for us to see starting at 7pm downstairs. After which we will have the business meeting and slab drawing.

If you are in Caldwell, take the time to go by the Public Library and view the cases that Ed Moser has put in there. It is fun to see the different materials that he has collected, along with supporting the community.

Kim Bashford, is this year's showcase chair and is taking names for the showcases. If you want to fill one, please let her know, as there are a limited number available.

I'd like to thank all who made our Christmas Banquet a success. It takes a village to oversee all the various plans and participation to make each of our events successful. I appreciate all of you and your selfless service to this club!

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday the 18th at the College of Idaho. The meeting starts at 7pm, see you there!

-Willa Renken OGMS President



General Meeting Minutes—December 21, 2022

President Willa Renken welcomed over 60 members to the Annual OGMS Christmas Banquet held at the Nampa Idaho Elks Club, 1116 1st St. S. in Nampa, Idaho. Ed Moser provided the prayer before dinner. An excellent buffet of roast beef and ham, green beans, scalloped potatoes, and salad was provided by the Elks. Cheesecake with Willa's special berry sauce and spice cake concluded the meal. It was great!

At 8:05pm, following dinner, **President Willa Renken** held the December General Meeting.

Secretary, Chris Deveau received the renewal for the PO Box, which the Treasurer paid, and Chris will return to the post office this week. One payment for the Christmas party and ten memberships were turned over to Kim Bashford, Membership. The bill for the club liability insurance was received and paid for 2023 coverage. The associated Certificates of Liability were passed to Paul Deveau, Show Chair for distribution.

Our new **Vice President, Sue Cassidy** was introduced by Willa. Sue shared that the presentation for the January General Meeting will be access to the Orma J. Smith Natural History Museum in the basement of Boone Hall beginning at our regular meeting time of 7:00pm, with our January General meeting to follow in Room 103 (back upstairs). She has programs lined out for the February and March meetings. If you have a favorite that you would like to share with the club or an idea for a program, please let Sue know. Thank you, Sue for volunteering and helping the OGMS organization.

Treasurer, Roxanne Franklin summarized the bank account activity, payments, deposits. She paid all the expenses of the banquet and bills that had come in during the past month.

Show Chair, Paul Deveau advised the group that the sign-up sheets will be at the January General meeting for our Rock Show, "**Rocks to See in '23**", on **March 4th and 5th, 2023**. He acknowledged our Assistant Show Chair, Karen Davis is working on the flyers for advertising the show. Paul thanked Rulon Allred for all his time in making 'critters' for the venues at the show.

Field Trip Chair, John Wright said that he and Robert and Dale are putting together the 2023 Field Trip schedule so it can be finalized and printed before the Show in March. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let him know.

Federation Director, Ed Moser shared with everyone about the display for the club in the Caldwell Public Library. It gives lots of exposure to the community about our rockhounding hobby. Take the time, go see it! Member Howard Emry will be filling the display cases after Ed. Ed thanked everyone for the stamps they have donated this year, it is for a good cause. The Federation sells the stamps to collectors and donates the proceeds for Breast Cancer research. Ed will be taking stamps and representing OGMS at the NW Federation meeting in Billings, Montana in August.

Membership Chair, Kim Bashford reminded everyone to be thinking about putting in a showcase display at the 2023 Show in March. Please fill out your display case request and send it in to Kim!

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General Meeting Minutes—December 21, 2022

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New Business:

Willa gave the Lifetime Membership Award to **Red and Kathi Larson**. We thank them for all their hard work and dedication to OGMS over the years... it is with volunteers like them that this organization can thrive!

Roxanne Franklin was given a gift certificate as thanks for all her work as Vice President, providing programs and presentations to the group.

Robert Murphey and **Dale Rawson** were each given a 'Paleo Pick' as a gift of appreciation for all the time and effort to provide the group with fun and interesting Field Trips over the past four years. Thank you both!

Old Business:

The 2023 Rock Show is progressing... Please be ready to volunteer and help make **"ROCKS TO SEE IN '23"**, the BEST EVER Show!

The meeting was over at 8:30... on to gift exchange. The gift exchange was fun, as always, with things ranging from wine to tools and jewelry to chocolate to books.

Thank you to Denise Stringer for the cute little Christmas package table decorations! Denise and her daughter Aubrey arranged the tables and set them up with all the decorations. Also, thanks for the memories, Denise, you always take photos of everyone, we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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, 18 January 2023. The next Board Meeting will be held at the Caldwell City Library at 1010 Dearborn Street, Caldwell, Idaho on Monday, 30 January 2023 at 7:00pm.

Thank you all for a great year in 2022 and we look forward to the **best ever 2023!**

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Christmas Banquet

Red & Kathi Larson receive
Lifetime Membership Award



Vice-President's Corner—Sue Cassidy

[Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society | Facebook](#)

"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 Sue.



Sue Cassidy

Monthly Meeting Topic

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact Sue at (603) 548-8822, pypnhot@comcast.net

January Meeting:

Don Dixon will escort us to the **Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History** downstairs before the formal meeting.

February Meeting:

Howard Emery will bring some rock and mineral samples and discuss "The Rock Cycle".

March Meeting:

Bill Sawyer— "My favorite biggest rock & it's NOT a meteorite!"

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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[Website:](#)

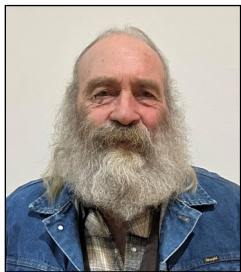
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Field Trip Report —John Wright



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, Protective clothing and sunscreen to avoid burns.

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.
- Please remember to not park on tall grass or sagebrush as the fire season is in full swing and watch out for snakes.
- 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.



A large measure of the enjoyment of our hobby consists of collecting in the field.

For that reason, the members of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies are proud to endorse the following "Code of Ethics".

I will respect both private and public property and will do not collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material—matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public, educational, and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

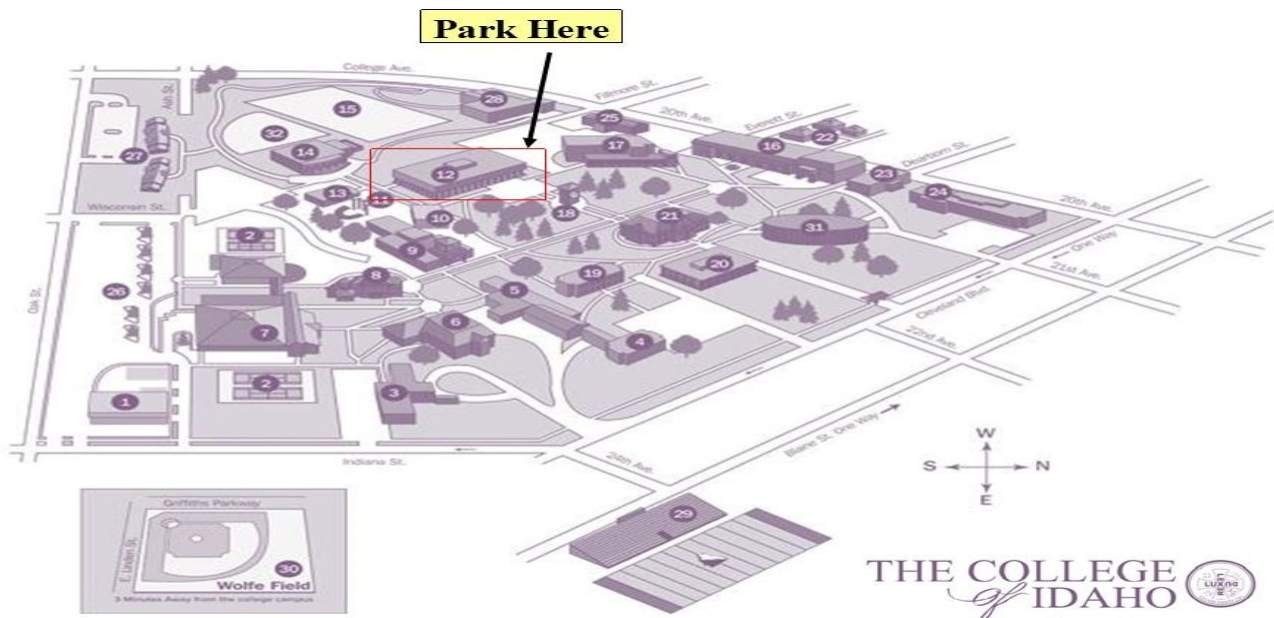
I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use good outdoor manners, and will at all time conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public image of Rockhounds everywhere.

January General Meeting

The January 18th General Meeting will be in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103 at 7 p.m.

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.

General meetings are the third Wednesday of each month.



Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History
College of Idaho—Boone Science Hall basement— Caldwell, Idaho
Hours: Monday—Friday, 12:15 - 5:00 p.m.
[Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History | The College of Idaho](#)

As the only natural history museum in the region encompassing southwestern Idaho, southeastern Oregon, and northern Nevada, The College of Idaho's Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History is the premier resource for environmental and natural history education in the region. The Museum is listed in the "30 Most Amazing Higher Education Natural History Museums," compiled by Best College Reviews.

You can check them out on [Instagram](#) or call (208) 459-5507.

January Birthdays

| | |
|----|-----------------------|
| 4 | David Dore |
| 6 | Hunter Helmer |
| 7 | Kelly Husted |
| 8 | Teresa Nebeker |
| 10 | Kathiey Powers |
| 12 | Carolyn Connelly |
| 12 | Robert Troyer |
| 13 | Denise Stringer |
| 17 | Barbara Korn |
| 19 | Martha Henslee-Kinney |
| 23 | Susan Cassidy |
| 24 | Dakota Hardy |
| 24 | Robert Sudweeks |
| 26 | Sean Hall |
| 26 | Barbara Neufeld |
| 26 | Diane Stevens |
| 29 | Iran Trankel |

January Anniversaries

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|----|---------------------------|
| 5 | Sean & Audrie LaVigne |
| 22 | Isaac & Betty Ward |
| 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

January Gemstone: Garnet

Those born in January are lucky to have the beautiful and diverse garnet as their



birthstone. Garnets are commonly red but also come in an extraordinary range of beautiful colors, including orange, yellow, purple and vibrant green. There are even garnets that change color from blue to purple in different lighting. Some believe the true value of the garnet birthstone is its power to bring the wearer good health, wealth and happiness.

Newsletter Editor

If you have articles or information for the newsletter, please submit to denisemstringer@gmail.com

Community Corner

If you are presenting to the community or working with the community on behalf of OGMS, please submit a summary of what you are doing for our "Community Corner". This helps us maintain our non-profit status and gives you a recognition for a job well done.

Show Report



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2023 Show Dates: "OGMS", March 4 and 5 O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho

Only two more meetings before the 2023 Gem Show – "ROCKS TO SEE IN '23"... I hope you've all been thinking of how you would like to help make the coming show a huge success. We really need everyone.

Juan at the O'Connor Field House and all our vendors are on board and share the enthusiasm for a GREAT SHOW in March.

I will provide a list of the Venue Chairs along with sign-up sheets at the January "general meeting". The time slots are only two hours in length and offer you a chance (if you wish) to sign up with more than one of the show venue chairs... it's an opportunity to meet people and have fun.

Flyers will also be available at the January meeting... this is certainly a place where every member can pitch in and help get the word out.

Stay safe... see all of you at the January General Meeting.

2023 Upcoming Shows:

February 11-12—OAK HARBOR, WASHINGTON: 57th Annual Sweetheart of Gems Show; Whidbey Island Gem Club; The Center in Oak Harbor, 51 SE Jerome St; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free; Door Prizes, Member Displays, Vendors, Demonstrators; contact Victoria Lovett; Email: vick_o_rama@hotmail.com

February 25-26—BOISE, IDAHO: Annual Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show; Idaho Gem Club; Expo Idaho, 5610 Glenwood; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 kids under 12 free; We offer demonstrations, showcases, kid's games, silent auction, & loads of vendors; contact Brent Stewart, (208) 342-1151

March 4-5—CALDWELL, IDAHO: 69th Annual Show - Rock & Gem Show 2023; Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society; O'Connor Field House, 2207 Blaine; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 kids 11 and under free with adult; Dealers, Demonstrators, Blacklight Display, Wheel of Gems, Sand Dig, Grab Bags, Door Prizes Every Half Hour, Raffles, Silent Auction, Grand Prize; contact Paul Deveau, (208) 994-8025; Email: devidaho@q.com; Website: www.OwyheeRocks.com

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
Annual Gem & Mineral Show
March 4 and 5, 2023
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 3, 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

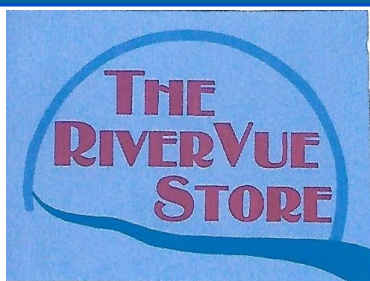
Show Dates: Saturday, March 4, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

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

**Stone from Arizona**

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Stone from Australia

Noreena

Mookite

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rivervu1@msn.com

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denisemstringer@gmail.com

(Ads are subject to Board approval)

Membership—Kim Bashford

We are accepting payment of 2023 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!

Rod & Shauna
Marceau

David & Christina
Nordberg

Eric Nordberg



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2023

| Family | Couple | Single | Child |
|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| \$20 | \$18 | \$12 | \$3 |

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

FIRST NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ ANNIV: _____ - _____ BDAY(s): _____ - _____ / _____ - _____

Month Day Month Day Month Day

EMAIL: _____

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

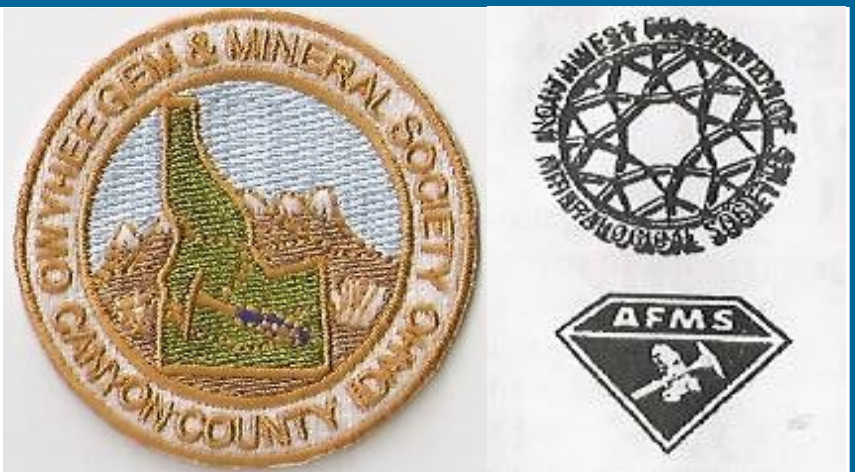
The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1938 at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho.

GENERAL MEETING: The club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103, except for the July picnic and the December holiday party.

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/>