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January President's Message

Happy New Year everyone! Here's to a wonderful 2024. We have loads of fun plans in the works for all of you this coming year. John has numerous field trips lined out even an overniter. Sue is coordinating with the Delmar Mine for a much-anticipated tour and finally yet importantly, Paul and Chris have everything Show related underway for March. This looks like one of the best fun filled years yet!



A BIG Thank you to all who attended the December Banquet. It was filled with loads of good food and fun socializing. The table decorations were very festive and a big gift exchange as well. For those who could not make it you were missed and we look forward to next year.

Sue has asked Paul Verhage to present the January Program. It will be on Crater counting to compare the age of the terrain. This should be interesting information.

The signup sheets for the Gem Show in March were at the party, there was a lot of interest, and commitments made but there are still open spots. Please take the time to volunteer to help run some of the different venues. The signup sheets will be at this month's meeting so please help by making a commitment. Paul's goal is to get them all filled so let us help him out.

One last thing. If you have not signed up to put in a showcase please step up. They are filling up fast. Robert Murphey is making the case favors this year and you won't want to miss out on getting one or two. They are a special memento for the 70th anniversary of the Gem Show. Kim Bashford has the list so reach out to her so she can get you on the list.

On that note, I hope to see you all at the next meeting on January 17th at the Boone science bldg. It starts at 7pm and we will have a slab drawing so if you have some material to spare it would be greatly appreciated. Until then keep on rock'n.

-Willa Renken OGMS President

General Meeting Minutes—December 20, 2023

President Willa Renken announced Show sign-up sheets on the table in the back of the room for the March Gem Show, Ken led the group in a prayer. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas dinner.

President Willa Renken called the general meeting to order at 8:05 p.m., at the Elks Club in Nampa. She announced that both Paul and Chris Deveau were out sick. The Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes from the last meeting as printed in the newsletter.

Secretary's report. Vice President, Sue Cassidy, presented the Secretary notes from Chris Deveau:

- Picked up mail through December 12 (sick since then and will pick up after recovery)
- BLM CD Renewal
- Original to Ken, Treasurer, for records
- Copy to Willa for Tax purposes
- Final 2024 Show contract to Show Chair, Paul for processing
- Check to Treasurer for deposit
- Three memberships for Kim with checks for deposit
- Received bill for Club PO Box. Paid with personal check, will get with Treasurer for reimbursement.

Vice President Sue Cassidy announced that July 6 (Saturday) will be the DeLamar Mine Tour and will be doing new signup sheets next year.

Treasurer Ken Christensen gave a summary of the OGMS accounts.

Show Chair Paul Deveau was out sick. **President** Will Renken noted that the Show sign-up Sheets are on the table at the back of the room and to please take some time to review the various roles and sign up to help out at the show.

Membership Chair Kim Bashford said she received three new memberships.

Field Trip Chair John Wright is working with the Magic Valley Rock club to work out an overnight, mutual field trip. The first part would be at Tony Funk's shop and a BBQ and the second part would to a place the Magic Valley club will take us.

If anyone has any recommendations on where they would like to go for field trips, get with John before the January meeting. He needs to publish the trips in the February newsletter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Show preparation (noted above in the Show chair report)

NEW BUSINESS: Installation of Officers and Committee Chairs: President: Willa Renken; Vice President: Sue Cassidy; Secretary: Chris Deveau; Treasurer: Ken Christensen; Show Chair: Paul Deveau; Assistant Show Chair: Chris Deveau; Membership Chair: Kim Bashford; Field Trip Chair: John Wright; Newsletter Editor: Denise Stringer; Sunshine: Jewels Haines; Federation Director: Ed Moser

President Willa Renken made the following presentations:

- The Lifetime Membership Award to Darell and Janie Ehlers
- Thank you gift for assisting with Field Trips to Dale Rawson
- Thank you gift presented to Roxanne Franklin for her contributions to the club. Roxanne will be moving to Colorado as soon as her house is sold.

There will be no December Board Meeting as it falls on Christmas Day.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Cassidy, Vice President filling in for Chris Deveau, Secretary
Gift Exchange took place.



Vice-President's Corner—Sue Cassidy

"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 at (603) 548-8822, pypnhot@comcast.net



Sue Cassidy

Monthly Meeting Topic

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact Sue.

January 17, 2024: Paul Verhage: "Crater Counting to Compare the Age of Terrains"

February 21, 2024: Linda Barlow: "Metaphysical Properties of Rocks and Crystals"

March 20, 2024: Howard Emry: "Adventures of Two Rockhounds and Dinosaur Bones"

April 17, 2024: James Ferdinand, EMT: First Aid Skills for Rockhounds

November Auction



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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86th Anniversary Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show & Convention 2024
Come experience "Natures Treasures Under Foot" at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center (EOTEC)
Hermiston, Oregon, May 10-12, 2024, Hosted by the Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society

Field Trip Report —John Wright



USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR FIELD 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.



For further information contact John Wright at 208-571-6873 or Red Lovette at 208-965-7624

Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History
College of Idaho—Boone Science Hall basement— Caldwell, Idaho
Hours: Monday—Friday, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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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 [Facebook](#) and also on [Instagram](#) or call (208) 459-5507.



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January Birthdays

- 1 Ron Crump
- 6 Hunter Helmer
- 7 Kelly Husted
- 8 Teresa Nebeker
- 10 Kathiey Powers
- 12 Carolyn Connelly
- 12 Robert Troyer
- 13 Denise Stringer
- 14 LeAnna Thomas
- 17 Barbara Korn
- 19 Miranda Henslee-Kinney
- 20 Archer McGill
- 23 Susan Cassidy
- 24 Robert Sudweeks
- 25 Conner McCuiston
- 26 Diane Stevens

January Anniversaries

- 6 Jeff & Rachelle Armstrong
- 6 Richard & Sarah Wallace
- 22 Isaac & Betty Ward
- 24 Kurt & Charlene Branham

Birth Stone Chart Choose your birthstone by month



Newsletter Editor

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

January Birthstone

• Garnet •



Most commonly known as red, **Garnet** comes in all colours except blue. They are known to stop hemorrhaging, cure inflammatory diseases and manage anger. Garnets symbolize fidelity, loyalty, sincerity, grace and faith.

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

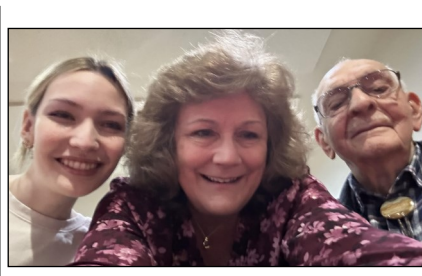
Community Corner

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.

Christmas Banquet



The Lifetime Membership Award was presented to Darell and Janie Ehlers





Stone from Arizona

Anderson Mine—Agate
Brenda—Agate & Jasper
Burro Creek—Pastelite & Agate

Stone from Australia

Noreena
Mookite

Stone from Idaho & Oregon

Owyhee Picture Jasper
Green Moss Agate
Tumbled Stones

Amethyst from Uruguay
Slabs & Rough
Hammers/Tools/Gold Pans
Brazilian Agate

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Show Report



SHOW CHAIR:
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2024 Show Dates: “GEMS AND MORE IN ‘24”,
March 2 and 3, 2024
O’Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho



ASST SHOW CHAIR:
Chris Deveau
(208) 994-8026
dragonflylight70@outlook.com

The dates are now less than two months away when we’ll open the doors for our 70th annual gem show, “GEMS AND MORE IN ‘24”!

Sorry that Chris and I were unable to attend the Christmas banquet, we heard it was another great dinner. We always look forward to it. Kim does such a great job putting it together.

I need to thank Chris Rawson for taking care of the sign-up sheets. They’re such an important part of getting ready for our up-and-coming gem show. Hopefully most of you have already signed one or more of the sheets, but fortunately, there’s still time if you’re trying to decide where’d you’d like to help. Remember there is also a general signup sheet for either day.

OGMS now has in hand all the signed dealer contracts for 2024. It’s always great talking with them, lots of growing enthusiasm for Caldwell in March.

Remember we’re always in need of material for the SILENT AUCTION... the WHEEL OF GEMS. GRAB BAGS and the SAND DIG (pea size, and smaller) We can’t do it without you.

Looking forward to the January general meeting... see you there !

STAY SAFE AND HAVE FUN

General Meetings at The College of Idaho— Third Wednesday of the month -January through May

Caldwell, Idaho—Boone Science Hall (#12 on map below), Room 103 at 7:00 p.m.



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
Annual Gem & Mineral Show
March 2 and 3, 2024
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 1, 3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Show Dates: Saturday, March 2, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 3, 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.

Board Meeting Minutes

There was no OGMS Board Meeting in 2023, since it fell on Christmas Day! *We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas!!*

First and foremost, I would like to thank Sue Cassidy for filling in for me and reporting the General Meeting minutes since Paul and I were unable to attend the Christmas Banquet. We heard it was great, we missed seeing everyone, we always the enjoy the time to visit and see our friends.

We hope to see everyone at the General Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 17 January 2024 on the College of Idaho campus, Boone Science Bldg., Room 103 at 7:00pm. **Time to join in and sign up to volunteer at our upcoming 70th Annual Rock Show!**

The January Board Meeting will be held on the last Monday of the month, 29 January 2024 at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho at 7:00pm.

The Board would like to wish you all 'good health and much happiness' in 2024.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Looking forward to another rockin' good year!

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau - Secretary



Membership—Kim Bashford

We are accepting payment of 2024 dues

Membership forms are available at every meeting and on the next page of this newsletter. Invite your "rockhound" friends to our next meeting!

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 meetings, 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 on the next page to:

Kim Bashford, Membership Director
P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053
Phone: (208) 454-7287 Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com



**Welcome
New
Members!**

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY—2024 Membership Application

Rockhounds’ Code of Ethics

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no 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 times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

I have read and understand the Rockhounds’ Code of Ethics: Signed _____

Family—\$20 Couple—\$18 Single—\$12 Child—\$3

(Please Print)

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ADDRESS: _____

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BDAY(s): First Name _____ Month _____ Day _____ / First Name _____ Month _____ Day _____

Renewal ___ New ___ Amount Paid: _____ Date Paid: _____ 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

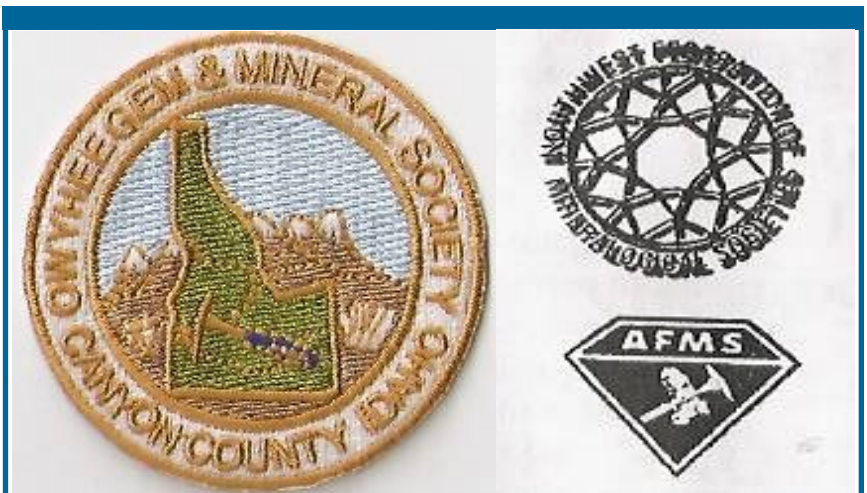
The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1938 at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho.

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 summer months 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/>