



# Owyhee Gem



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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#### **REFRESHMENTS:**

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#### **ROAD CLEAN-UP:**

Gene Alvey 468-3067

### July President's Message

Hello all it is finally July and that means picnic time for our club. Have you all dusted off your favorite recipes? Perhaps you have found another outstanding dish that you can hardly wait to share with all of us. In any case let's make it another fantastic get together. Be sure to remember that you will need to bring your own table service also. The club will furnish the water, ice tea, & punch. This event starts at 6:30 on Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> in the Caldwell Park under the shelter. You take 10<sup>th</sup> to Kimball and it is across from the golf course.

Ed Moser has agreed to be our auctioneer again this year so let's bring some fun things for him to auction off for the club. They don't have to be rock related so if you have made something that you want to share or have a project that you would like to donate for the support of your club we would appreciate all the involvement you are willing to contribute.

This month's field trip is going to be to Wagontown and Larry B. has been planning all the fun areas we will get to explore. He will have more information for you at the meeting. This area is nice as it does offer some shade and the more you explore you might be surprised at what you can find.

Susan has asked for us to be thinking of a theme for our show for 2013 so if you can come up with a jingle let her know. We will need tumbled rock, grab bags, rock critters, & items for both the silent auction & wheel of gems. I hope that those who can will help out in this quest. If we all chip in a little it winds up being more than enough to host our show and give the public a wonderful experience so they will come back year after year.

Your board of directors truly appreciates all the effort that each and every one of you put forth in support of your club. On their behalf we extend a thank you and recognize it is not always easy to do but know that it is well worth the sweat and time it takes. Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you all on Wed at the Park.

Willa Renken  
OGMS President

**Meeting held June 20, 2012****GENERAL MEETING:**

held June 20, 2012 at College of Idaho in room 103 was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30pm. Willa asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in the June newsletter. There were no changes to be corrected. Ed Moser made motion to accept the minutes as printed 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Larson and approved by general meeting.

**EVENING ACTIVITY:** The program for the evening was the 3<sup>rd</sup> film on thunder eggs.

**GUEST:** We had 2 guests for the evening and they signed up as members.

**SECRETARY:** Sylvia Foreman reported that she was putting out show flyers plus a new one from the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy to be in Kelso, Washington on October 12-14, 2012 on the front desk for all to see after meeting.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Judy Tucker reports that next month program annual picnic.

**TREASURER:** Janie Ehlers gave treasurer's report.

**SHOW CHAIRMAN:** Susan Beattie reports that we need a show theme, rock critters and a volunteer to chair the Silent Auction for 2013 Show.

**FEDERATION CHAIRMAN:** Ed Moser reported on the 2012 Federation Show and that the 2013 Federation Show will be in Butte, Montana. Ed turned in to the Federation Show 7 pounds of stamps from the OGMS for Cancer Research, and the Federation Director appreciates the fact that the special stamps is kept separate the special stamps from the regular stamps. Ed thanked the Club for appointing him and Deanna as their representatives to the Federation Shows and they enjoy attending the shows.

**HISTORIAN:** Pauline Prather had nothing to report.

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**SUNSHINE:** Sylvia Foreman had to have Willa's help. Willa asked the club on what they would like to do for a memorial for Joan Hooper. Brad Larson made motion to send \$50.00 to the AFMS Scholarship Fund in honor of Joan Hooper 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan Alvey and approved by general meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Neava Haney introduced new members. Pauline Prather made motion to accept new members 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Tucker and approved by general meeting.

**FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:** Larry Beattie announced that the June 23 field trip will be to Succor Creek to hunt for thunder eggs. Meet at 7:30am at Homedale Park and leave at 8am. It will be necessary to have 4 wheel drive. shovels, picks, water, and we will have to remember that it is fire danger time, snakes and bugs to think about.

**WEB REPORT:** Brad Larson reports that the web site is up to date with a lot of information.

**REFRESHMENT:** Mike Tucker thanked the June cookie crew and reminds us that next month is picnic.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Walt Barnett thanked all for remembering him at his time of sadness at losing Joan.

Freda Babbitt needs volunteers to help her and Gene at the Nampa Public Library July 12 to show the public what our hobby is about.

Susan Barton of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce presented what we can expect during the Thunder Eggs Days in Nyssa, Oregon July 12-13-14.

**NEW BUSINESS:** July 18, Wednesday, will be annual Picnic at Caldwell Public Park. Picnic time is 6:30pm. It will be potluck bring a dish, your own table service. The club will have drinks for all. There will be an auction after dinner.

**SLAB DRAWING:** Willa had Mike Tucker's help pulling tickets for slabs. Dan Nash won the door prize donated by Ivan Rekow.

**MEETING ADJOURNED and REFRESHMENTS ENJOYED BY ALL**

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**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING  
2012****JUNE 25,**

Present at OGMS Board Meeting were Willa Renken, Larry & Susan Beattie, Judy Tucker, Ed & Deanna Moser, Neava Haney, Pauline Prather, Bill and Sylvia Foreman.

**BOARD MEETING:** was called to order by President Willa in room 106 at College of Idaho at 7:10pm.

Willa asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in the June newsletter. With no changes to be made Pauline Prather made motion to accept minutes as printed in the newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Tucker and approved by the board.

**SECRETARY:** Sylvia Foreman had nothing to report.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Judy Tucker reported that she had a program ready for August.

**TREASURER:** Janie Ehlers was not present.

**EDITOR:** Joan Alvey was not present.

**SHOW CHAIRMAN:** Susan Beattie reported on the special meeting she had at the Caldwell Public Library in May to discuss what we need to be working on for the 2013 show.

**FEDERATION CHAIR:** Ed Moser reported that we will not receive a Northwest Federation newsletter for June or July. He also reported that the Clubs in the Northwest Federation turned in enough Stamps for Cancer Research to amount to \$5,606.30.

**HISTORIAN:** Pauline Prather had nothing to report.

**SUNSHINE:** Sylvia Foreman had nothing to report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Neava Haney reported that she is looking for prices for name pins as she is about out.

**FIELD TRIP CHAIR:** Larry Beattie reported that the field trip to Succor Creek for thunder eggs was a very good trip. July field trip will be to Wagontown.

**WEB REPORT:** Brad Larson was not present.

**OLD BUSINESS:** July picnic was discussed and Ed Moser agreed to be auctioneer for the auction.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Sylvia Foreman wanted to know what we can do with the old left over skirting from past shows. Her suggestion was to donate if possible otherwise what ever she saw fit to do with it.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

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## Update on Sale

Remember last month I wrote to you all about a upcoming rock sale ,well here is an updated report.

Date: August 17, 18, and 19

Time: 9am – 6pm

Address: 8345 Stetson Dr. Boise Idaho

This sale will feature Original Old Biggs and Dispute Jaspers. Also available will be other excellent varieties of Jasper, Agate and also Fire agate. These will be in slab form as well as rough rock.

Also garden rock for 50 cents each and these weigh up to 20 pounds.

Phone number is 208-869-6325

Joe Neilson

June's birthstone is ALEXANDERITE it is one of the most expensive gems. Large stones with good color can cost thousands of dollars per carat. Stones weighing more than 10 carats are considered very large and might be worthy of museum display. The value of an Alexandrite is a function of its size, transparency, and the quality of the color change, as well as the disposition of the marketplace. It was named after Alexander II, Czar of Russia, on whose birthday the gem was discovered. It is also interesting that red and green were the colors of the Russian Imperial Guard.

For those of us that might not be able to afford this stone as our birthstone there are a couple alternatives Pearl and Moonstone so see no one should be left out.

## Thunder Egg Days

Hey guys and Gals the world Famous Thunder EGG days are approaching very soon. July 12, 13 and 14 to be exact. Remember those good old days we celebrated Thunder Egg days in Nyssa. Well they are going to be bigger and better this year along with all the fantastic vendors there displaying their wears great food will be available. A Quilt show and not to be forgotten a super duper CAR SHOW Oh yes and every morning breakfast will be made available to all at a very good price. And we must not for get that Walt Barnett will be taking any and all out on fieldtrips at a very small cost of \$5.00 per car load. So load up all your friends and come on over and join in the celebrations. Oh yea there will be karaoke also so come show off you hidden talents.

Joan Alvey

## 2012 List of tentative Field Trip Sites.

July 21	Wagontown Area
August 18	Rome, Oregon
September 22	McDermitt, Nevada
October 20	Texas Springs Nevada

Remember to bring extra water and fire extinguishers' Grass is high and very dry. Snakes and ticks are surely out and about so be prepared. High clearance is needed so if need be we will be friendly and offer those in need of a ride so that all can enjoy this great trip. Come on out the material you might find is unbelievable .

This is a very pleasant trip the good Lord supplied us with a few shade trees on this trip.

Got any Ideas of places you might like to go, give Larry a call 466-6184. Always interested in your input!!!!

Larry Beattie  
Field Trip Chairman

# Rock -N- Gifts

942 South Lincoln • Jerome, Idaho 83338

(208) 324-8860

## Bruneau Jasper

Cabs - Slabs - Specimens - Rough

Gerald & Joy Scarrow

(208) 324-4024

Rocky & Kelley Scarrow

(208) 324-1034

rockingift@cableone.net

## STRINGER'S GEM SHOP

Idaho Opals

Picture Jaspers & Plume Agate

Black Hills Gold & Silver

(Landstrom's & Stamper)

Bolos & Buckles

Bookends & Specimens

Birthstone Jewelry

Tumblers & Equipment

## WHITES METAL DETECTORS

W.A. (Bill)

& Anna Stringer

1812 West Orchard

Nampa, Idaho 83651

1 Mile South of Karcher Mall

**(208) 466-5169**

M-F 1:30-5:30 pm

Other Hrs. By Appointment

### **BIG SLAB SALE !!!!! HUDGE SLAB SALE!!!!**

Hey there all you fellow Rockhounds, we are having a HUDGE sale!!! hundreds and hundreds of slabs and raw material from all over the US and many other countries. There will be rocks from Gene Alvey's, Red Larson's and Brad Larson's collections. Cheap prices but fabulist specimens. Come and see!!!! The sale will start **Friday the 27 of July and end Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of July** Times will be from **8am to 5pm** both days. Address is 94 N 29<sup>th</sup> Street Nampa Idaho this is Gene and Joan Alvey's home come on over you will be so surprised at the fantastic items up for sale. Off Garrity its then off Kings Road down port and then left on 29<sup>th</sup> street Easy to find just down the road from the Yard sale Place. Oh Ya Jewelry and cabs will be there also.

Joan Alvey

## Owyhee Gem &amp; Mineral Society

**Membership Report**

Well it is now June and the weather is finally warming up! Hope everyone is getting the opportunity to get out on the field trips. Looking forward to see YOU at the next meeting.

If you have not received your name badge and/or membership card, my contact information is listed below. Please contact me either by phone or email so I can have it ready for you at the next meeting.

Reminder: You get with “New Membership” – A membership card, a small patch and your name badge at no charge. With your “Renewal” you will get your membership card for the New Year. (Usually you can pick up your name badge at the next club meeting while enjoying refreshments and meeting new friends after the meeting)

We have had some inquires for replacement of Name Badges or small patches that have gone astray. You can purchase the Name Badge for \$2.00 and/or the small patch for \$3.00 each. We also have the big patches for \$10.00.

Remember to wear your name badge so everyone knows who you are.

Neava Haney 899-1519  
wehnjh99@cableone.net



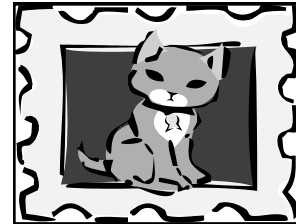


Bring your Postage Stamps to this months meeting.  
Remember to *cut 1/2 inch all the way around the stamp.*

Give them to me at the OGMS meeting.  
The money raised will go to help support  
**CANCER RESEARCH.**

Thank you all for this it dose  
help others and it might just  
Help some one you might know..  
Ed Moser Federation Director

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### **News Flash!!!!**

Well fellow Rock Buddies there are some fantastic things coming our way this month and next.

Remember this months meeting will be a Potluck Picnic / Auction starts a **6:30 on the 18<sup>th</sup>** of July at the Caldwell part under the big gazebo. Be on time ,bring your favorite dish to share, your own service settings and anything you want to auction off and oh yes don't for get to bring your **WALLETS.**

Then on the **27<sup>th</sup> and 28** of July Gene and Red are have a huge rock sale. And then if that's not enough fun in August on the **17, 18, and 19** Joe Neilson will be having another big Rock sale. And then of cores there is our rock trip to Wagon Town on the 21. Oh my what fun is in store for us and our summer is just beginning. So remember come one come all and join in. Oh I almost forgot about the World Famous Thunder Egg days on **July 12,13,and 14 .**

**COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!**

*jae*

This is to help celebrate all those July Birthdays' and Anniver-  
saries'. We want you all to have the happiest day  
ever and hope there are so many

more. Remember to be **Kind** and  
**HAPPY.** Give a howdy to all  
who are celebrating this Month!!!!!!



### *June Field Trip to the Succor Creek Claim*



Nothing brings a group of people together like digging in the desert! June 23rd was a beautiful day for a field trip, and 26 members and four guests met at the Homedale City Park for a day of exploring our Succor Creek thunder egg claim. We even picked up a few more on the drive to the claim! Rock hounds of all ages carted away buckets of eggs with hopes of finding a few prized agates inside.



**July Field Trip:** July 23rd, Wagontown  
Meet at Ion Junction, 7:00 A.M, leave at 7:30 A.M.

## JUST A LITTLE BIT OF “ WISDOM”

### IT DOESN'T COST MUCH!!!!!

It doesn't cost a penny to shake your neighbor's hand.  
 It's a universal language that people understand.  
 A pleasant smile, a cheerful air, a friendly word or two,  
 Is very hard to measure the good that it will do.  
 Oh sure, we all have problems, that we live with every day,  
 And how we let them worry us is up to us to say.  
 SMILE, a bit more often it's easy if you try.  
 And soon you'll look at others frowns and really wonder why.  
 Rouckhound Scoop via Pick, Stick, and Shovel---

If you want to be seen, Stand up!  
 If you want to be heard, Speak up!  
 If you want to be appreciated, Shut up...

Tact is the ability to close your mouth, before someone else wants to!!!!!

### Food For Thought

1. Most important six words: “I admit I made a mistake.”
2. Most important five words: “I am proud of you.”
3. Most important four words: “What is your opinion?”
4. Most important three words: “If you please.”
5. Most important two words: “Thank you.”
6. Most important word: “We.”
7. Lest important word “Me.”



**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 with it.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

**Family— \$20.00 per year**

Couples - \$18.00 per year

Singles - \$12.00 per year

(18 and under)

Children - \$3.00 per year

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



**GENERAL MEETING:** The club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Boone Science Building at the College of Idaho, except for the July picnic and the December party. Field trips are scheduled once a month. Visitors are welcome at all these events!

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag  
Bring an identified slab



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