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July President's Message

Happy 4th of July to you all. Hope it was a safe and sane event for all of you. This month brings us some of the more fun events that the club holds. We will be having our Annual picnic and Auction. Be sure to bring your chair so you can find shade and enjoy the festivities. There will be a potluck so dust off your recipes and bring some wonderful summer food for all to enjoy. We will be eating at 6:30pm so bring your own table service. The Auction is the topper to our evening and this year our auctioneer will be our own Ed Moser and his helpful crew Roxanne, and myself. If you have something to contribute for the auction, it will be greatly appreciated. Your donation does not have to be rock related just something nice that others will bid on. Debbie Lawrence and Chris Deveau will be taking names and keeping track of the bids. We ask that you wait until the end to pay so they can concentrate on getting the information correct. They have a new system that will help to speed up checkout so we thank you for your consideration in this matter.

This month's field trip will be to July 23rd to Rome for Snake Skin Agate. Meet at Extra Mile outside of Marsing at the junction of Hwy 55&95 at 7am leave at 7:30am. Be sure to bring plenty of water, sunscreen, three-tine rake, and anything else you may need for your comfort. Robert will have more information at the meeting. We are still in need of a replacement for Robert and Dale as Fieldtrip Chairs. If you can help in this position please let us know. This is a fun position in the club and we depend on these Chairs, as they are usually the first point of contact for potential new members. You will have plenty of help in learning the spots that we go and no lack of advice for you to perform in these adventures.

Roxanne is always looking for informative programs for the meetings so if you have one or know of an individual to come help us learn more about rocks, fossils, geology etc. please contact her and let her know.

Paul asks that you keep the gem show in mind as you navigate the summer months. Now is a good time to collect for the silent auction, tumble for the grab bags, make critters for the wheel of fortune, and sew up that leftover material for grab bags. It is amazing how fast March comes and we have another Gem Show so it is nice to be like the little ant and be prepared. Paul thanks you for any and all things that you do to make his job easier! I look forward to seeing you on the 20th of July at 6:30 in Caldwell at Memorial Park. Till then keep on rocking! -Willa Renken, OGMS President



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 15 JUNE 2022

The OGMS June General Meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 07:00pm at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Hall, Room 103. Ed Moser made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Ruth Hopkins seconded; motion passed. Willa extended a hearty welcome to everyone.

Member, **Howard Emry** gave an interesting presentation on the Salmon Fossil Formation. He had a nice collection of leaf fossils to share with the group. Each of our members have so much knowledge to share... we can't thank you enough Howard for telling the group about yet another part of Idaho's geological makeup.

Secretary Chris Deveau received a letter from the IRS which was passed to Willa; two memberships were given to Kim, Membership Chair; an ad from Heritage Auctions, an on-line mineral specimen auction was shared with the group; new member, Tom Sullivan sent an informational brochure from the Fossil Butte National Monument in Wyoming, thanks Tom; and two returned newsletters will be researched for correct addresses.

Vice President Roxanne Franklin is working on more programs for the General Meetings. If you have a special collection or 'Favorite', that you would like to share with the OGMS membership, please contact her.

Treasurer Debbie Lawrence listed the deposits from the slab drawing and memberships and the various expenses for the club.

Show Chair Paul Deveau reminded everyone that we need *critters* for Wheel of Gems prizes... and polished rock... especially tiny pieces for the Sand Dig.

Federation Chair Ed Moser was unable to attend the meeting in Kennewick, but will be going to Hillsboro, Oregon to the Federation Meeting in September... so please keep saving your stamps, cancelled or not... they are collected by the NW Federation and sold to stamp collectors... the funds raised are donated for Breast Cancer Research.

Our **Historian, Pauline Prather** and **Sunshine Chair, Jewels Haines** were not at the meeting, but if you have any historical information about the club, please share it with Pauline or Willa and if you know of any member that needs a little note of sunshine, please let Jewels know. This is a family-oriented organization and it's nice to know that we can share and care about one another.

Membership Chair Kim Bashford advised that she had received four new memberships. Also, if you don't have your membership card or pin, please contact her.

Field Trip Chair Robert Murphey is leading the June trip on Saturday, 18 June to Jamieson, Oregon for Bog Wood. He brought several examples of the material found at that location. We will meet at the I-84 rest stop, just past the Idaho/Oregon border at 07:00am, leaving at 07:30. This is an early meet time due to the temperature... bring lots of water... also a shovel and fire extinguisher, just in case.

ALSO, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING THE FIELD TRIP CHAIR OR ASSISTANT, PLEASE CONTACT ROBERT, DALE, OR WILLA.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: The July General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20 July 2022 at the Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving, Caldwell, Idaho. It is a half hour earlier than a regular meeting, starting at 6:30 pm. **It is our annual potluck (bring your favorites) /fundraising auction.** The club provides water and ice and ice cream... bring your favorite dish... a serving spoon for your dish... and your own place setting. If you are uncomfortable with the potluck, then bring your own picnic, but do come... this is always fun and a chance to visit. You can bring a lawn chair to find a more comfortable spot in the shade. **PLEASE BRING ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION... ROCK RELATED... WHITE ELEPHANT... BAKED GOODS...** This is a fundraiser to help defray the cost of our Christmas Meeting/Party in December.

Also, the August General Meeting will be in the park on Wednesday, 17 August 2022 at 6:30pm. It is an ice cream social, so if you have an ice cream freezer, please fill it up and bring it for a successful event!

We raised \$60.00 for the club at the slab drawing. Thank you for donating slabs and taking part in the process! Much appreciated. There will NOT be a slab drawing at the picnic, so we have more time at the auction.

The door prize, won by Paul Deveau, was a polished stone cross donated by Andrew Weiner. If you want to take part in the door prize drawing, remember to sign up on the Attendance Sheet (Chris has it), we draw the winner at the end of the meeting... the new winner, brings the door prize (something rock related) for the next meeting.

The June Board Meeting will be held on Monday, 27 June 2022 at 07:00pm at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn Street, Caldwell, Idaho.

The meeting was adjourned at 08:35pm

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Vice President's Corner—Roxanne Franklin[Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society | Facebook](#)**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

"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.

July 20th Meeting:

Picnic in the park and auction!

A past member has donated her rock collection (mostly specimen minerals and crystals) to our club and part of it will be in our auction the 20th.

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
(208) 340-8060,

August Meeting and Ice Cream Social!

**The August 17, 2022 general meeting will be at the
Memorial Park in Caldwell on the corner of Irving and Kimball**

See you there at 6:30 p.m.

**If you have the ability to bring homemade ice cream or toppings,
you are welcome to do so!**



**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.**



July 23rd Field Trip

July 23rd: ** Rome, Oregon for Snake Skin Agate—Meet @ Extra Mile Gas Station / Chevron (Hwy 55&95) ** (meet @ 7am – leave @ 7:30)

The July trip will be to Rome OR to look for Snake Skin Agate. We will be meeting on the back side of the Extra Mile gas station outside of Marsing ID on the corner of Hwy 55/95 on July 23 at 7AM leaving at 7:30AM. It will be very hot so bring a lot of water and some food as this trip is in the middle of nowhere. Some digging tools may be necessary however a hand trowel, rake and a bucket should suffice. It has been a while since our club has been to this location and should be a great time. Hope to see you all there.

Remember to bring a lunch and drinking water. Other things to consider: Protective clothing and sunscreen to avoid burns. Please remember to not park on tall grass or sagebrush as the fire season is in full swing and watch out for snakes.

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society - Field Trips 2022

Aug 20th: ** Wagon Town for Bog Wood—Meet @ Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

Sept 24th: * Blue Egg for Blue Opal Thunder Eggs—

Meet @ Homedale City Park with Tank

Oct 22nd: * Graveyard Point for agate and Jasper—

Meet @ Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95).

Legend: *(meet @ 8am – leave @ 8:30) ** (meet @ 7am – leave @ 7:30)

For further information, Contact Robert (208)590-1848 or Dale (208)283-7990

June 18th Field Trip: Jamieson, Oregon for Bog Wood

Fun trip to the bogwood out of Jamieson, Oregon.

We had about 15 vehicles and lots of hounders who started leaving with full buckets by about 10:00am.

The bogwood was so abundant that everyone took home some good pieces.



An end cut from a piece I collected from the Jamieson Bogwood trip.

A fun trip, thanks to our fearless guides. – Linda Morgan



Great day with wonderful people.

- Daniel McCann

Some of that pretty bog agate.

- Roxanne Franklin



July Birthdays

1	Bobbie Real
2	Pat Erichson
6	Howard Emry
7	Elsa Beystrum
8	Leta Collord
9	Jodie Harrison
10	Lonnie Hicks
12	Ron Cassidy
12	Loren Francis
12	Kent Simon
14	Greg Tucker
14	Linda Waller
16	Denise Irwin
16	Doc Morgan
18	Jeffrey Stokes
20	Pat Bethel
22	Tom Rogers
23	Melody Greer
26	Larry Ridley
27	Miers Johnson
28	Kenneth Grove
30	Ken Freeze
31	Justin Cranney
31	Frank Kerbs

Sorry, missed this birthday:
June 22—Tia Call

July Anniversaries

1	Dick & Jarri McClarin
4	John Benedict & Teresa Nebeker
7	Craig & Judy Holladay
8	Ted & Lisa Diehr
9	Doug & Willa Renken
11	Robert & Karissa Sudweeks
14	Mel & Louise Channer
15	Jerome & Susanne Goettsch

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

July Meeting—Pot Luck and Auction!

The July 20th, 2022 general meeting will be at the Memorial Park in Caldwell, on the corner of Irving and Kimball

See you there at 6:30 p.m.

- Break out your favorite recipes and let's see how many wonderful dishes we can share with each other!
- Please bring your own paper plates and silverware, and serving utensils for your dish.
- Bring a comfy lawn chair to sit in.
- The Club will provide water and ice cream.
- This is also our Auction, so bring something to donate—rock related or not
- The money collected will offset our December Banquet costs.

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**June 27, 2022**

The June Board Meeting of the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order by President, **Willa Renken** at 7pm. Roxanne Franklin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; seconded by Kim Bashford, motion carried.

Secretary, Chris Deveau was not able to attend the meeting, but has been picking up the mail. Membership renewals that were picked up were given to Kim Bashford.

Vice President, Roxanne Franklin is working on a lineup of presentations for the rest of the year.

Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence reported no activity since the last meeting.

Show Chairman, Paul Deveau was unable to attend the meeting.

Federation Chairman, Ed Moser told us the next Federation meeting will be Aug 30th through September 2nd, and reminded us to continue to save our stamps.

Membership Chairman, Kim Bashford presented the following applications for new membership: Harald & Gail Villarreal, Sean Hall, Paul & Kathy Ferris, Kris & Tracy Menger, David & Jennifer McDonald, Jim Trenkel, and Spencer Wood. Roxanne Franklin made a motion to accept this list of applicants as new members of the club; seconded by Ed Moser, motion carried.

Sunshine, Jewels Hines Let Jewels know if there is someone you know who may need a little cheery note.

Field Trip Chairman, Robert Murphy was not able to attend. The next field trip will be to Rome, Oregon on July 23rd, meet at the Gem Stop at 7am. The last field trip to Jamieson had a great turnout.

Unfinished Business: The next General Meeting will be held at the park on Kimball in Caldwell. There will be a potluck and auction, with dinner starting at 6:30. Everyone is asked to bring a dish or two to share along with your own table service. Also, feel free to bring a lawn chair so you will have a comfortable seat in the shade. Ed Moser has volunteered to be the auctioneer for the evening. All are encouraged to bring a donation to be auctioned off. Proceeds from the auction go to help fund the banquet in December.



New Business: There was a discussion about Facebook posts from the public and it was decided to remove all inappropriate posts. Steve Narkaus' ad was approved for the newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Lawrence for Chris Deveau



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

Our 2022 show was a huge success, we now find ourselves in need of replenishing our supply of good material for the SILENT AUCTION, GRAB BAGS with polished-tumbled rock, (to include tiny rock for the SAND DIG)... "having to replenish everything is a good thing"...

At the last meeting, I received a great donation of SAND DIG material from Tom Rogers, thanks a bunch Tom, very much appreciated !!

The 2022 show has also depleted our supply of rock-critters for the WHEEL-OF-GEMS... if you feel you may have a little time you can donate, please contact me... let's see how creative we can be.

Please continue tumbling rocks for GRAB BAGS, remember OGMS pays **\$120.00** for a five-gallon bucket of nicely, tumbled rocks... **and please, save a few of your rock hunting treasures to donate for the 2023 SILENT AUCTION.**

Help us think of a great name for our up and coming, 2023 ROCK & GEM SHOW...

Old friends, New friends, Future friends, whenever you see me, even if we've already met, come up and say hello... looking forward to meeting and talking with all of you... Let's share a few ideas and learn from each other... or just shoot the breeze... "most of all, stay happy and have fun"



LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SHOW...

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The Museum is located in the basement of Boone Hall on the College's campus in Caldwell.

You can check them out on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/colidaho) or call (208)-459-5507.

Fossil Flora of the Salmon City Formation by Howard Emry

June's presentation included this information.

The **Salmon City Formation** is a [geologic formation](#) in [Idaho](#). It preserves [fossils](#) dating back to the [Paleogene period](#).

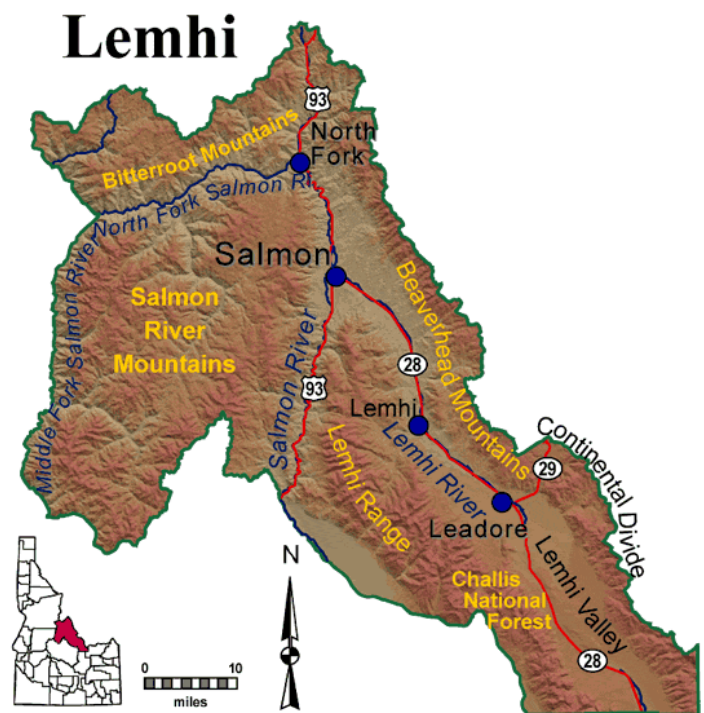
The fossil flora of the Salmon City Formation lies in sedimentary deposits exposed along the edges of the Lemhi Valley located in east-central Idaho. On the east side of the valley are the Beaverhead Mountains which separates Idaho from Montana, while the Lemhi Range borders the valley's west side. As these mountain ranges pushed upward during the Eocene Epoch, the adjacent floor of the Lemhi Valley sank in elevation (forming a graben) thereby creating conditions that formed fossil layers of the Salmon City Formation. Today, located at the north end of the Lemhi Valley is the small town of Salmon, Idaho.

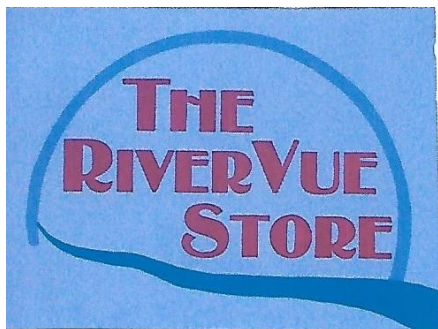
This flora grew during the middle Oligocene Epoch (30.6 million years ago). It represents a deciduous hardwood forest with conifers and dicot (flowering) trees that are similar to species that grow presently in southeastern United States and in eastern Asia. Total precipitation in central Idaho during that time was around 30 inches annually with a frost frequency of about 3% hours per year.

The Salmon City Formation rests unconformably on the late Eocene Challis Volcanics. It is composed of two members: The Mulkey Creek Member exposed in the southern half of the Lemhi Valley, which represents lacustrine (lake) deposits, and the Carmen Creek Member found in the valley's northern region, which is made up of fluvial (stream and river) sediments.

Along the edges of this ancient lake and near the streams and rivers that flowed into it grew super riparian (near water) plants as fern (*Osmunda* sp.), alder maple (*Acer* sp.), willow (*Salix* sp.), sycamore (*Platanus* sp.), Chinese fir (*Cunninghamia* sp.), redwood (*Sequoia* sp.), and dawn redwood (*Metasequoia* sp.). In the drier, upper slopes grew barberry (*Berberis* sp.), pine (*Pinus* sp.), fir (*Abies* sp.), spruce (*Picea* sp.), douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga* sp.), and elm (*Ulmus* sp.).

The Salmon City Flora reflects a change in vegetation from plants that grew in warm temperate to subtropical environments of the Eocene Epoch to those that thrived in the drier, cooler climate of the Oligocene. As climate changes in the future we may have a further change in the environment of Idaho's Lemhi Valley.



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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!

Harald & Gail Villarreal, Sean Hall, Paul & Kathy Ferris, Kris & Tracy Menger, David & Jennifer McDonald, Jim Trenkel, and Spencer Wood.

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES

Year: 2022

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
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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 7:00 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/>