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July President's Message

Hello, all hoping this finds you enjoying the beautiful summer that is finally here. This month we will be having a potluck and our annual summer auction. So please dust off the recipes and create a few new ones to share with your fellow rockhounds.



It will be a bit hot I am sure so be sure to bring your chairs, to follow the shade, along with your own table service. The club will be providing the water, ice, and ice cream. I hope you will all join in on the fun bring those casseroles, your auction donations and come on out. We will be meeting in Memorial park just like last month only we will be starting at 6:30pm.

Ed will be our Auctioneer and he will have helpers for the bidding. In the past, we have had all kinds of different donations so nothing is off the table. All we ask is that you please wait to pay for your treasures until the auction is over as it makes it hard for Roxanne to keep the bids and people straight.

John has been busy getting your field trip to Wagontown for petrified wood. He will be meeting you at the Chevron station on the corner of Highway 55/95 at 7am leave at 7:30am. Be aware that others meet here as well so be sure you are with the right group. This is a nice area as there are some trees for shade and makes a nice digging area as well as picnic spot. It will be hot so be sure to bring plenty of water, sunscreen, and anything else for your comfort. As it gets hotter the fire danger rises, so be aware of where you are parking so that the exhaust systems don't catch the grass on fire. If you smoke be sure to either smoke in your vehicle or at the very least, be aware of the hot ash as it doesn't take much to create a serious situation.

The Club and Board appreciates all of your service and donations in supporting your club. Without your dedication and generosity, we would not be able to have the fun that make our events and enjoyable and interesting time in our lives. Thank you!!

I look forward to seeing you all at 6:30 on Wednesday the 19th until then keep on rocking.

-Willa Renken OGMS President

General Meeting Minutes—June 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order by OGMS **President Willa Renken** at 07:03pm at the Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving St, Caldwell, Idaho. Kim Bashford made the motion to accept the minutes from the newsletter as printed; Red Larson seconded; the motion passed. Willa gave all attendees a warm welcome.

Vice President, Sue Cassidy introduced Bill Todd and his wife, Amanda from the Idaho Flintknappers. They explained the process, shared many examples of their work and a demonstration of how the blades and arrowheads are made as well as some of their collection of artifacts. Very nice! Lots of history and information. what a great program!

Secretary, Chris Deveau advised of the notice from the State of Oregon about another Technical Review Team conference call regarding the proposed gold mine in Malheur County. The approval from the IRS for the OGMS tax filing, plus a statement from First Interstate Bank regarding an OGMS 'CD' was given to Willa and a copy to Roxanne. Two memberships were given to Kim Bashford – Membership, as well as a returned newsletter, Kim will check out the address information.

Vice President, Sue Cassidy shared there will be no presentations during the months of July and August due to club activities, the picnic and ice cream social. If you are interested in sharing your rockhounding hobby favorites and information with the club contact Sue to schedule.

Treasurer, Roxanne Franklin summarized the OGMS accounts.

Show Chair, Paul Deveau advised he had picked up the club tumblers.

Federation Chair, Ed Moser reminded everyone to save stamps (cancelled or not) for donation to the NW Federation. The stamps are sold to collectors and the funds are then donated for Breast Cancer Research. The Federation Show is in Billings, Montana in August so bring your stamps to the July meeting, so he can take them with.

Membership, Kim Bashford received a couple of new membership for processing. Also, if you don't have your nametag or patches check with Kim, she has a bunch to give out.

Field Trip Chair, John Wright said the June field trip will be to the OGMS Pink Plume Claim on Saturday, 24 June 2023. Everyone to meet at Owyhee Junction on the corner of Hwy 201 and Owyhee Avenue at 7:00am, leave at 7:30. Bring digging tools and lots of water!

Willa advised everyone to let **Sunshine Chair, Jewels Haines** know if anyone needs a little 'sunshine'. We have lost members, good friends... had illness...and Jewels lets them know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Unfinished Business – Deana Ashton advised the group of a Boise club field trip to northern Idaho on 30 June through 2 July for sugar garnets. Contact Deana on 208-794-5628 for more information.

New Business - The summer general meetings are all held in the park, starting at 6:30pm. The auction is a fundraiser to help offset the cost of our Christmas Banquet so please come and take part in the activities.

The July General Meeting will be our annual picnic and fundraising auction. It will take place at the Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving, Caldwell, Idaho. It will start early at 06:30 pm on 19 July 2023. It will be our usual potluck (bring your favorites) ... the club will provide water, ice, and ice cream, bring your own place settings, a serving spoon for your dish, do come, this is always a fun event. You might bring a lawn chair to find a comfortable spot in the shade. Please bring items for the auction, rock related, white elephant, this is a fundraiser to help defray the cost of our Christmas Meeting/Party in December. Bring 'lots of money' and donate to the great cause!!!

The August General Meeting will also be in the park on Wednesday, 16 August 2023, again, at 6:30. It will be an ice cream social. If you have an ice cream freezer, please fill it up and bring it to help make this a success.

There was no door prize drawing, the next door prize drawing will be held in August.

There was no slab drawing, the next slab drawing will be held in September and another silent auction will take place at the August ice cream social. The silent auction raised \$67.00 for the club. Thank you all for taking part.

The OGMS Board Meeting will be at the Caldwell Public Library at 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho at 07:00pm on Monday, 26 June 2023.

The general meeting was adjourned at 08:40pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



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.

Monthly Meeting Topic

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



Sue Cassidy

July 19/August 16 6:30 p.m.—No speakers -club activities in the park

Memorial Park off Kimball and Irving in Caldwell

September 20—Updated **Emily Hendrickson**

Topic: Redeveloping the DeLamar Mine

October 18 Bill Nance

Topic: Select Minerals of Central America/Mexico

November 15 **Auction & Voting**

December Christmas/Holiday Banquet and Party

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.

(208) 340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com

-Ed Moser, Federation Director

Website: Northwest Federation Mineralogical

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If you are going to the NW Federation meeting and show in Billings, Montana on August 3-6, 2023, there has been a contamination of the city water, bring your own drinking water. Please continue to save your stamps and bring them to the July meeting, so Ed can take them to the Federation meeting. If you want a Federation Club and Membership book, get with Ed before he leaves for Montana, the cost is \$20.00.

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.





OGMS 2023 Field Trips

July 22nd—Wagon Town—Bog Wood

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

August 19th—Graveyard Point- Agate and Jasper

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

September 23rd—Blue Egg Claim—Blue Opal Thundereggs

Meet at Homedale Park (by the tank) at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (E Idaho Ave and S 2nd St E)

October 21st—Bruneau Wood Pile—Petrified Wood and Pine Cones

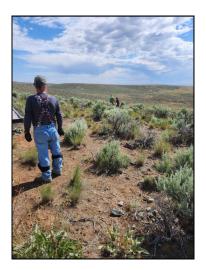
Meet at Walter's Ferry Boat Ramp, Melba, at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m.

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

Field Trip—Pink Plume Agate Claim—June 24, 2023

Field Trip Chair John Wright said there was a good turn out with about 32 vehicles. Everyone found lots of specimens and enjoyed the day!

Photo credits to John Wright and Sarah Wallace. Thanks for posting photos on our Facebook page! When you attend field trips, make sure to share your photos with us!











Cabs created by
John Wright from
the field trip to
the Pink Plume
Agate claim







July Birthdays

1 Missy McDaniel

- 2 Lilly Gann
- **6** Howard Emry
- 7 Elsa Beystrum
- 8 Leta Collord
- **10** Lonnie Hicks
- 12 Ron Cassidy
- 12 Loren Francis
- 14 Greg Tucker
- 14 Linda Waller
- 15 Dennis McManamon
- 16 Denise Irwin
- 16 Doc Morgan
- 20 Pat Bethel
- 21 Dustin Baker
- 22 Tom Rogers
- 23 Melody Greer
- 26 Larry Ridley
- 27 Jason Strassell
- 29 Danielle Wellman
- 30 Ken Freeze
- 30 Justan Meyer
- 31 Justin Cranney

July Anniversaries

- 4 John Benedict & Teresa Nebeker
- 5 Hartley & Lucinda Streeter
 - 7 Miguel & Kayce Ramirez
 - 8 Ted & Lisa Diehr
 - 9 Doug & Willa Renken
 - 11 Robert & Karissa Sudweeks
 - 27 Doug Merrell & Trish Kelsoe
 - 30 Chip & Cheryl Sharp

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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.

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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.

July Birthstone



A **ruby** provides strength, vigor, and nobility, helping protect its wearer from the evils of the world. It signifies love and passion while attracting good luck.

Board Meeting Minutes—June 26, 2023

President, Willa Renken called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn in Caldwell, Idaho. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes from the last board meeting as written in the newsletter; Roxanne Franklin seconded; motion passed.

Secretary, Chris Deveau had no mail.

Vice President, Sue Cassidy advised that there will be no meeting presentations for the July and August General Meetings due to the picnic (July), and the ice cream social (August). They will begin again in September.

Treasurer, Roxanne Franklin gave a report of expenses and deposits and that THE ARC is up-to-date with billing and payments for the newsletter.

Show Chair, Paul Deveau gave a status report on the club tumblers.

Federation Chair, Ed Moser reported that if you are going to the NW Federation meeting and show in Billings, Montana on 3-6 August 2023, there has been a contamination of the city water... bring your own drinking water. Please continue to save your stamps and bring them to the July meeting, so Ed can take them to the Federation meeting. If you want a Federation Club and Membership book, get with Ed before he leaves for Montana... the cost is \$20.00.

Membership Chair, Kim Bashford presented four new memberships to the Board: Carol Proctor; Teresa Ohge; Hartley and Lucinda Streeter; and Brad, Donna, and Danielle Wellman. Roxanne made the motion to accept the new members, John Wright seconded... the motion passed unanimously. Welcome to each and every one of you from OGMS!

Field Trip Chair, John Wright shared that there were 32 vehicles (great turnout) on the field trip to the Pink Plume claim. Everyone found nice plume... some newly exposed thanks to the weather. The July field trip will be on 22 July 2023 to Wagon Town. Meet at the Chevron at the junction of Hwy 55/95 at 7:00am, leave at 7:30am.

Willa advised the Board that member, Freda Babbitt fell and broke her hip. Kim will get with Jewels to send Freda a little sunshine... we're thinking about her! We hope she is healing well!

Unfinished Business: 19 July 2023 is the OGMS potluck and fundraising auction at Caldwell Memorial Park at 618 Irving Street, Caldwell, Idaho. It starts at 6:30 pm (a half hour earlier than our normal meeting to have social time and auction). Please bring you favorite dish, a serving spoon for your dish, your own place settings... the club will provide water, ice, and ice cream. It is a fun event. Bring your rock related items or white elephants for the auction, the money raised is used to defray costs of the annual Christmas Meeting/Dinner in December. You might bring a lawn chair, to find a more comfortable spot in the shade. There will NOT be a slab drawing or door prize drawing... to devote more time to the auction.

The August General Meeting will be held at the same location in the Caldwell Memorial Park, starting at 6:30pm

on Wednesday, 16 August 2023. We are having an ice cream social. If you have an ice cream freezer... make some... there's no such thing as too much homemade ice cream!!! There will be a silent auction and a door prize drawing.

The July Board Meeting will be held at the Caldwell Public Library on Monday, 31 July 2023 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 08:05pm, Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Show Report



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

2024 Show Dates: "GEMS AND MORE IN '24", March 2nd & 3rd O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho

Chris and I have been enjoying the summer weather, hope all of you have as well. We have a wide range of interests focused on nature and history... and of course, rocks and adding to our many collections.

We will soon start working with Channel 6 on a remake of our TV commercial for "Gems and More in '24". Sue Cassidy has done a great job documenting the 2023 rock show and her photos will help bring life to the new commercial. The ideas placed in our current TV spot by Darell Ehlers will continue in the new remake. Thanks to both of you.



ASST SHOW CHAIR: Chris Deveau (208) 994-80256 dragonflylight@q.com

Covington Engineering has overhauled the club's (2) forty-pound tumblers and they are now ready for another few years of service. Harald Villarreal will soon begin the tumbling for OGMS. Clarence Wright (who has tumbled rock for the OGMS for many years) has offered to meet with us to explain his process, and to share his knowledge of tumbling. Thanks Clarence.

During your rock collecting travels this summer, please remember to set back a few of your findings for "GEMS AND MORE IN '24".

OGMS stills pays \$120 per five-gallon bucket of nicely tumbled rock that we can use for the show grab bags. STAY SAFE AND HAVE FUN.

In Loving Memory —Sylvia Foreman



Sylvia was truly a dedicated member of our club. She was always available to help out wherever needed. When Gene and I started going to Arizona in the winter, Sylvia and Bill (her husband) stepped in and took over the job of editor of the Owyhee Gem newsletter. With no prior experience, and a typewriter and printer to work with, they gave us the club newsletter for over ten years. She was also in charge of the special display area and the front desk at the annual show for many years. And, she was also the Sunshine Lady for the club for a while.

She was an excellent seamstress making many wedding dresses and teddy bears. She liked the furry look for the teddy bears so

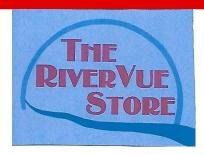


that was the favorite material, however denim worked very well. Canning and making Christmas candies using walnuts from their trees will be remembered by many.

Sylvia wasn't interested in just letting Bill do all the rock work. While his specialty was cabs and spheres, she learned how to create with silver to make rings and pendants. She had a workshop in her home for whomever wanted to join the fun. Ideas were shared and help as needed. Next on her list was faceting. She turned out many fine gems and shared with friends.

Many field trips were taken with the OGMS group to find rocks suitable for spheres or cabs. Sylvia would get excited over finding a "just right" treasure.

So goodbye Sylvia, and thanks for being in our lives! - Submitted by Freda Babbitt



Stone from Arizona

Stone from Australia

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Brenda—Agate & Jasper Mookite

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July and August General Meetings—In the Park

The summer general meetings will be at the Caldwell Memorial Park 618 Irving Street, on the corner of Irving and Kimball

See you there at 6:30 p.m. on July 19th for the July pot luck and auction meeting.

- 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

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The money collected will offset our December Banquet costs.

August 16—6:30 p.m.—Ice Cream Social

Membership—Kim Bashford

We are accepting payment of 2023 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!

Carol Proctor; Teresa Ohge; Hartley and Lucinda Streeter; and Brad, Donna, and Danielle Wellman.

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY—2023 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.

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

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/