



# “Owyhee Gem”



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### July President's Message

Well I hope this finds you all enjoying the summer as it is finally here which means it is “Picnic Month”. Our meeting will be in the same park in Caldwell across from the golf course and we will start at 6:30 p.m. This will be a potluck so please bring a dish or two to share and your own table service. The club will furnish the ice tea, punch, ice, and bottled water. This is always a fun event for all those who chose to join in. We have an auction after we eat so if you can part with something unique you think someone would like to bid on please chip in. It doesn't have to be rock related but that is always a nice touch. Ed Moser will be our auctioneer and he sure makes this a lot of fun. Be sure to bring your pocketbooks along with your donations as this is a great fundraiser for our club.

On July 24<sup>th</sup> from 11 am-4pm at the Caldwell Library Ed Moser is helping coordinate an event for the youth in the area. He has asked for volunteers and small rock donations to pass out to the youth who will be coming to the event. If you can help him with this in any way I know he would welcome the support. It gains us exposure to not only the youth but there will be adults accompanying that might spark interest in joining our club. These events are the fun things we get to participate in on behalf of the club but if you don't get involved you will never know what new adventure you may have missed out on.

In case you are not aware the club is sponsoring a grab bag sew off. There will be two grand prizes up for the challenge. Whoever sews the most bags will be awarded one of the beautiful spheres that have been donated by our club member. If you don't have a sphere here is your chance to start your collection. If you have extra material the bags take about an 8”1/2”X14”piece of material folded in half with a string through the top. The expert sewers we have out there have come up with a way to cut out multiples so the cutting, sewing and assembly is a piece of cake. Let us know if you need help, material or ideas as I am sure there are many who would be willing to give you a hand.

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Beattie will be conducting a review of our Annual Show. It will be at the Caldwell Library from 10:30 am-12pm. If you would like to put your input on how or what needs updated, changed, or flat just didn't work in this last year's show here is your chance to voice your opinion. This has been very constructive in past years and I am sure this one will be as well. All are welcome so look inside the newsletter for more information.

I want to take a minute and thank you all for the many things that each one of you do for our club. Without your service and grateful volunteering our club would not be as great and strong as it is. Thank you one and all for your contributions. On that note I look forward to seeing you all at the picnic. Bring on the good times!!  
-Willa Renken, OGMS President

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES****June 18, 2014**

**General Meeting:** The meeting was held at the Caldwell park and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:35 p.m. Willa asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none a motion was made to accept the minutes as printed and seconded. The motion passed. All guests and new members were introduced and greeted with a warm welcome.

**Program:** Our program for the evening was a poem from an older "Rock & Gem" magazine read by Thelma Brown, and a fun "pass the rock" game by Nancy Farrell.

**Secretary Report:** A flyer was read on a Dredge-In event in July.

**Vice President:** Nancy Farrell reminded us about the quilt she made for a fund raiser to the club. We will be able to purchase raffle tickets for the quilt before our meeting each month. The winner will be selected at the Christmas party. Nancy also asked for volunteers to put in displays at the museum.

**Treasurer's Report:** Janie Ehlers presented the Treasurer's Report.

**Show Chairman, Historian:** Had no new news to report.

**Federation Report:** Ed Moser reminded us to keep collecting postage stamps and bring them to the meetings. Money raised from the stamps will go to cancer research.

**Sunshine Chairman:** Rose Mary Peterson reported she sent a card to Myrt Alston. She is out of the hospital now and doing much better.

**Membership:** Kathy Larson is the new membership chairman. Please see her if you do not have your badge and membership card.

**Field Trip:** The June field trip will be to the pink plume agate claim.

**Refreshments:** Thank-yous went out to the people who brought goodies to our meeting.

**Web report:** Brad Larson has updated the website.

**Old Business:** Everyone with extra fabric and the need for a project is encouraged to make grab bags.

**New Business:** Jim Hopkins, and Nancy Farrell gave updates on their search to find another meeting place. Our July meeting will be held at the Caldwell park in the band shell.

**Drawings:** Slab drawing took place with our young helpers. Janie Ehlers won the door prize donated by Bill Stringer.

Meeting adjourned and we all enjoyed refreshments.

**Board Meeting Minutes****June 30, 2014**

Called to order and meeting minutes approved by Ed Moser and seconded by Darrell Ehler.

**Vice President:** No report

**Treasurer:** Question of checking account money into Money Market ....no need for a change at this time. Need to pay for the last meeting at the College. The park is reserved for the July picnic.

**Show Chair:** Meeting for 2015 Show will be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Caldwell Library "Idaho Room". Requests have been made for 2 more vendors on the waiting list of the Show. Fourteen vendors are already planned.

**Federation:** Covers for the tires have been bought and the reimbursement has been made to Ed Moser. Terry, Montana is totally booked for the gathering taking reservations in nearby towns and the field trips have been arranged. Ed will explain the Federation and representation vote process for the NWF & AMF. Authorization will be brought to the general meeting.

The July 24<sup>th</sup> Caldwell Library project was discussed but will remind the members at the General Meeting.

**Membership:** not present

**Field Trip:** Ithel not present, but Darrell and Larry will handle helping Ithel with upcoming field trip.

**Business:** Picnic necessities: potluck, table service, solo cups and smiles needed. Bring an Item for the Auction. And be sure to bring an extra dollar or two for the Club quilt raffle.

The meeting room is possibly arranged.

Meeting adjourned

### July Birthstone—Ruby

Like a perfect red rose, the Ruby's rich color speaks of love and passion. Called the "Rajnapura" or King of Gems by ancient Hindus, July's birthstone is among the most highly prized of gems throughout history. The Ruby was considered to have magical powers, and was worn by royalty as a talisman against evil. It was thought to grow darker when peril was imminent, and to return to its original color once danger was past—provided it was in the hands of its rightful owner!



Rubies were thought to represent heat and power. Ancient tribes used the gem as bullets for blowguns, and it was said that a pot of water would boil instantly if a Ruby was tossed into it. Ground to powder and placed on the tongue, this crystal was used as a cure for indigestion.

The word Ruby comes from the Latin "ruber," meaning red. It is a variety of the mineral Corundum, and is found as crystals within metamorphic rock. Corundum is the second hardest mineral, after Diamond. It comes in a variety of colors, and is considered a Sapphire in any color except red, which is designated as a Ruby. Rubies range in hue from an orangey red to a purplish red, but the most prized gems are a true red in color. Large sized Rubies are very rare and valuable.

The history of Ruby mining dates back more than 2,500 years ago. The most beautiful crystals are thought to be from Burma, but quality Rubies are also found in India, Sri Lanka, Australia, Kenya, Tanzania, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the United States.

It has been said that the Ruby's red glow comes from an internal flame that cannot be extinguished, making a gift of this stone symbolic of everlasting love. With its hardness and durability, it is a perfect engagement gem. And if worn on the left hand, ancient lore has it that the Ruby will bring good fortune to its wearer, too!

<http://www.about-birthstones.com/julybirthstone.html>

### Meeting for the 2015 Show

- Where:** Caldwell Public Library, Idaho Room  
**When:** Saturday August 2, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.  
**Who:** Show venue chairs, interested club members and volunteers  
**What:**
- Inventory of venue items
  - Ideas and tips for venue chairs to solicit donations for venues
  - Any ideas to make the club's 2015 show successful

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**July Birthdays**

- 1 Mike Jones
- 2 Harry Erichson
- 6 Howard Emry
- 7 Patricia Sturm
- 9 Everett Ensley
- 9 Bob Riebe
- 10 Susan Beattie
- 10 Celina Wyss
- 11 Georgia Moody
- 12 Loren Francis
- 13 Marty Hinnenkamp
- 18 Kathy Griffin
- 18 John Priester
- 20 Pat Bethel
- 22 Tom Rogers
- 26 Larry Ridley
- 29 Catherine Parsons
- 29 Davis Sherran



**July Anniversaries**

- 1 Gary Monroe & Karen Clark
- 8 Randy & Carolyn Whipple
- 9 Doug & Willa Renken
- 11 William & Juanita Townley



We'll be on our way in no time Agnes  
 You unload the rocks and I'll change the tire

by Bill Mittlebeeler via Dust & Grit 2/00  
 via Golden Spike News 4/00

Visit this site for some great information for  
 kids (and grownups)!

<http://www.rockhoundkids.com>

Please let me know if I don't have your correct information, or if you are not on the lists above and should be.  
 Email me at: [denisemstringer@gmail.com](mailto:denisemstringer@gmail.com)

# 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

Rough Rock and Slabs

Bolos & Buckles

Bookends & Specimens

Tumblers & Equipment

## WHITE'S METAL DETECTORS

**W.A. (Bill) Stringer**

1812 West Orchard

Nampa, Idaho 83651

1 Mile South of Karcher Mall

**(208) 466-5169**

M-F 1:30-5:30 pm

Other Hours By Appointment

### Idaho Indoor Farmers Community Market

Across from the Idaho State Fairgrounds  
4977 Glenwood, Garden City, Idaho  
Corner of Glenwood and Chinden Blvd

THIS FLYER GOOD FOR 15% OFF  
ANYTHING AT  
UNIQUE CREATIONS ROCK BOOTH  
GEMS, MINERALS, GIFTS OF ALL KINDS

Lots of veggies, Raw Milk, Fresh Eggs,  
Hydroponic Garden

26 Unique Independent Vendor Shops  
Special Services available

Watch Repair, Custom Engraving, Piano Sales, & Repair  
Computer Sales Setup & Repair, Knife Sharpening  
We can do it all!! Gift Certificates are Available!!  
Coins, Antiques, Jewelry, Furniture, Lots, New & Used!!

Wed-Sat 10am-6pm Sun 12n-5pm Closed Mon-Tues  
Vendor Spaces Available Call Willie 208-850-0451

### LABOR DAY WEEKEND

August 29th, 30th, 31st

Equipment  
& Tools  
Rocks  
for  
Sale !!!!



Come join us  
A field trip

@ **The Ensley's**

28168 Peckham Road in Wilder, Id

Graveyard Plume Agate, Picture Stone, Jasper,  
ThunderEggs, Snake Skin Agate, Dino Dung and  
Bone, Petrified Woods and so much more!

SLABS, CABS,  
ROUGH ROCK,  
JEWELRY, ETC.

**10am to 5pm each day**  
Lunch on site....\$5.00 A plate !!!

## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society July Field Trip



July 19, 2014— Wagon Town Petrified Wood

Wagon Town is around 30 miles from the ION Junction,  
outside of Marsing.



We'll meet at the ION Junction at 7:30 a.m., leaving at 8:00 a.m.

**It is a dig site, so bring tools**

Useful items to bring: bucket/canvas bag, shovel, pick, rock hammer, gloves,  
appropriate clothing, first-aid kit, sunscreen, drinking water, lunch and snacks.

For field trip information, call:

Ithel Kildow (208) 455-7960 or Gene Alvey (208) 440-3067

\*All field trips are subject to change depending on weather and road conditions.

### Father, Son Kickstarting Mineralogy

We're trying again on Kickstarter to raise awareness for mineralogy and mineral collecting! Please note, we're not selling anything. But we do need your help, chatter and support to get this project rolling! We're creating free downloadable educational content for kids and educators and we're trying to get a more formative television show going about mineral collecting! Please, if you value mineral collecting, you won't have to put in much effort at all to help out a bunch! It's as easy as forwarding a link, reviewing the project, "Liking" us on Facebook and "Re-Tweeting" our content on Twitter. Simple!

Kickstarter.com is a crowd funding website, where projects are submitted and approved by the staff to get a much needed funding boost from people all over the world. Well our project "Minerals or Bust!" was approved and we launched it on the Fourth of July! Now we need your support! We have specific goals, aims and budgets listed on the project website, so please take a minute to look it over. Two years ago we launched a project that failed to get the funding we needed, but we're not ones to roll over and give up! So we regrouped and created a bigger, better project!

Sadly, mineral collecting is an interest that is dying out and we want desperately to breathe some new life into this great past time. There are practically no young faces at swap meets, in local clubs and at conferences and if we don't do something fun and entertaining to grab some new interest now we'll lose an entire branch of scientific study. Every year notices circulate about friends and colleagues who made great strides in mineralogy who've passed away. Their collections and research materials disappear, sometimes just into the dumpster! Oh, what a true shame that is!

But that's where we can help! There's no better bunch to put a comical spin on some educational awareness about minerals right now than a goofball father/son team with an extensive mineralogy background. Over the years we've been members of the Nittany Mineralogical Society, Kyana Geological Society, the Georgia Mineral Society, the Coon Creek Non-Meetings in Arkansas, the Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society, Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society, Friends of Mineralogy Midwest, FM Southeast, the Northern California Mineralogical Association and Southern California FM! Our project deadline is August 28th, 2014. Please help us Kickstart an entertaining and informative series about gems, minerals and mineralogy!

Our project on Kickstarter.com: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/jbarwood/minerals-or-bust-season-one-episode-one>  
"Like" our Facebook.com page with additional news/info: <https://www.facebook.com/Minerals3DHD>

Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MineralsOrBust>

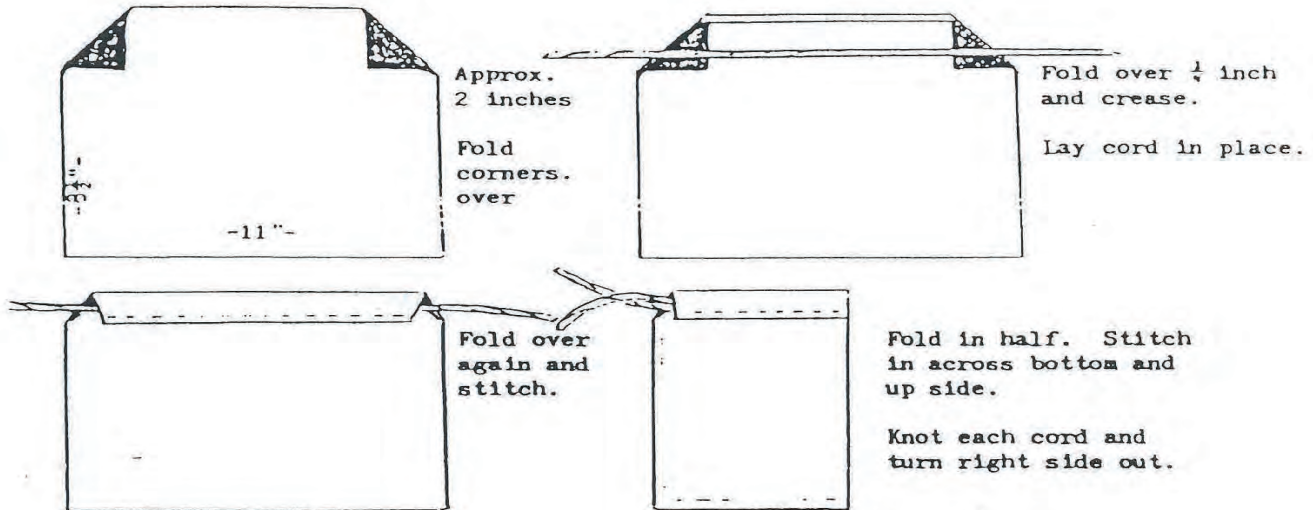
Website coming soon: <http://www.mineralsorbust.com>

All support, be it a "Tweet", a "Like" or just good word of mouth, is greatly appreciated!

## Grab Bag Instructions

### Easy Grab Bags

The easiest method of cutting out grab bags is to first cut out a cardboard pattern  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$  inches. Lay the pattern on the material and trace around it with white chalk. Cut out material. The strings are made of any heavy cord cut into 24 inch lengths. (Rug yarn is good--strong and colorful.) Follow the diagrams below to sew. Before sewing, press the folds with a hot iron or crease with the fingers to make the sewing job easier.



Please study the grab bag plans shown above. They show an easier and faster way to make grab bags. Jim Olsen deserves the credit for coming up with this easier method. Jim worked for years as a man's tailor and so has picked up quite a few sewing tricks.

Time is saved by folding the two corners over diagonally, then folding the top down over the cord. Try it.

"The Gates Rockhound Bulletin" 2/94 via NEWS AND VIEWS 3/96

## Membership Report

Do you know of someone that is interested in joining the club? Invite them to our next meeting! Membership forms are available at the meetings.

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. Your 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 at the monthly meetings so everyone knows who you are.

-Kathi Larson, Membership Director  
465-8083, redkatnthat@gmail.com

### Federation Director

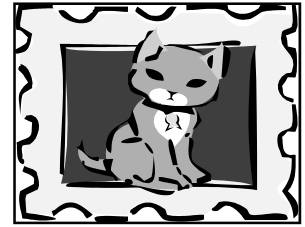
Bring your postage stamps to this month's meeting.

Remember to *cut 1/2 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.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director  
340-8060  
edmoser15@gmail.com



### Refreshment Report

Suzanne Lopez is our new Refreshment Chairman!

Her contact number is 936-0328.

Thank you to the members that brought refreshments to the June meeting!

Our picnic is this month at the Caldwell park, so remember to bring one or two dishes, plus your own table service.



### 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/>





Upcoming Events**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society July Meeting**

July 16, 2014—6:30 p.m.

**Location: Caldwell Park****Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society July Field Trip**

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**Inter-Regional Field Trip in Terry, Montana - July 31, August 1,2,3, 2014**

Four great days in Eastern Montana, numerous trips every day to collect Montana Agate, petrified wood, coral, stromatolites, ammonites, dinosaur fossils and more.

The town of Terry has given us their two-city block park with a big swimming pool, showers and rest rooms. We can camp around the park with our doors opening into the park. They will have a BBQ benefit with live music one evening. We will have several potlucks, with several speakers and more music. There are two small RV parks for those that need electricity, one hotel and a motel for those that don't camp. There will also be a guided tour on the Calypso Trail in exotic badlands. Bring the kids for a special trip.

For more information or to jump in and help, email [dtruefossils12@yahoo.com](mailto:dtruefossils12@yahoo.com) or phone (406) 670-0506, Doug True—NFMS and AFMS Field Trip Chair**Federation Show 2014 - Hermiston, OR - August 15-17, 2014**NFMS 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show—Hatrockhound Happenin'**Presented by:** Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society of Hermiston, Oregon**Location:** Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S Hwy 395, Hermiston, OR 97838**Hours:** Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**Cost:** \$3.50 per day or \$9.00 for all three days, Children Under 12 free with a paid adultFor more information, visit: <http://amfed.org/nfms/FederationShow.asp>

Mike Filarski (541) 571-2593 and Judi Allison (541) 720-4950 (Co-Chairpersons)

Hotels:

Best Western Hermiston Inn: 541-567-4188

Comfort Inn: 541-564-5911

Economy Inn: 541-567-5516

Motel 6: 541-567-7777

Wildhorse Resort and Casino: 800-654-9453

Oak Tree Inn: 541-567-2330

Oxford Suites: 541-564-8000

Rodeway Inn: 541-567-5561

Stokes Landing B &amp; B: 541-922-3857

Camping:

Hatrock Campground Good Sam Park: 541-567-4188

Boardman Marina &amp; RV Park: 541-481-7217

Pioneer Trailer Park: 541-564-9286

Oasis RV Park (Irrigon): 541-922-2699

Umatilla Marina RV Park: 541-922-3939

Pilot RV Park (Stanfield): 541-449-1189

**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 18)** - \$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 7:30 P.M. except for the July picnic and the December holiday 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 rock and we'll help you figure out what it is!



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