



# Owyhee Gem



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### June President's Message

Well summer is here just not as I write this greeting. Soon though, all the days will be hot and dry. Hope you all had a super Memorial Day and at least found a rock or two. We did as we spent time with our friends in Spencer and then headed over to Carey for some agate hunting and caught a few fish. It is always good to come home as the grass always needs cut and the usual housework.

Next month will be our Annual Picnic so break out the favorite recipes as our club has some great cooks and the pot-lucks are the best. There will be an auction so be thinking of what you want to donate as it is always a very fun time.

This month we should have the third video on the thunder eggs as Judy was able to get it for us. We just need David Johnson to help with the player. It is very nice to have such a nice place to meet and the CD's are very informative. Larry B will be there with the month's field trip line up so be prepared to have another adventurous outing. For those of you that may not have known we unfortunately lost one of our special rock hounds this last month. We will all miss Joan Hopper as she was a special jewel amongst us. Our condolences are extended to Walt and his family and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

I hope you will all come out for this month's meeting as we always have a great time and it is a blessing to get to spend time with you all. Until then keep your eye on the ground as you never know what will appear before your very eyes.

*Willa Renken*

## Hey Guys and GALS

### Its PARTY time

Our annual Pot Luck Picnic is coming very soon. To be exact it will be here next month.

So bring your favorite covered dish, place settings and a hardy appetite. This is also the time for our first auction of the season. We use this money to help pay for our annual Christmas dinner this way the dinner is affordable for all to attend. So bring your wallets as well as your appetites.

Since this is a club auction we can bring anything we would like to donate for the auction IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE ROCK RELAIED!!!!!!!. We have had Aprons, Jellies, Jams, Gooseberries, Walnuts and much much more. So this means remember bring a covered dish, place settings, appetites, wallets, and might not hurt to bring a lawn chair or two just incase, there are tables and benches but hopefully we will have a BIG crowd and we might need more seating .

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> of July**

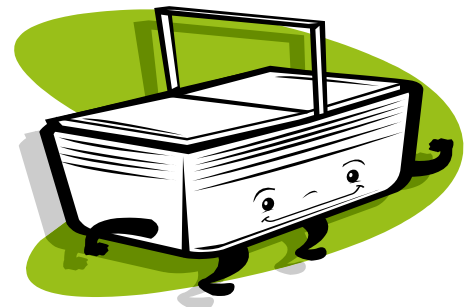
**Time: 6:30 pm**

**Address: Caldwell Park on the corner of Kimball and Grant Street**

Your club will furnish drinks, Water, Ice Tea, Lemon Aid so Come out join in the fun and meet and greet people you may not have met before this is a great way to meet your fellow Rockhounds and their families. Because families are most welcome.



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**MINUTES OF THE OWYHEE & GEM SOCIETY  
MAY 16, 2012**

**GENERAL MEETING:** held May 16, 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 May newsletter. There were no changes to the minutes. Ed Moser made motion to accept the minutes as printed 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathi Larson and approved by general meeting.

**EVENING ACTIVITY:** We were unable to have the planned 3r film on thunder eggs for a program.

**GUEST:** The evening was enjoyed by new members and members for the meeting.

**SECRETARY:** Sylvia Foreman gave reports on 2 flyers.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Judy Tucker reports that June program will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> film on thunder eggs.

**EDITOR:** Joan Alvey was not present because of Gene had hip surgery.

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

**SHOW CHAIR:** Susan Beattie was inquiring to learn what the best ways for advertising the show would be. She reports we need to be thinking and turning in Show Theme suggestions to her, also we need a volunteer to chair the Silent Auction and we will be having meetings to make critters for the Wheel of Gems for the show. She is still working on information for the Black Light Room.

**FEDERATION CHAIRMAN:** Ed Moser encourages us to keep saving stamps for Cancer Research. He will give a report on the Federation Show at the June meeting.

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

**SUNSHINE:** Sylvia Foreman sent a birthday card to Bill Stringer and mailed a get well card and delivered a get well gift to Gene Alvey. I was asked to say Thank You from them to the club.

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## **Continuation of May business meeting**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Neava Haney was not present.

**FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:** Larry Beattie reports that the May 18 field trip will be to Big Egg Claim. Meet at Marsing High School parking lot. Bring digging tools such as picks, shovels as this trip will require digging for your treasurers and will also need 4 wheel drive, water and bug spray, etc. for your day of fun.

**WEB REPORT:** Brad Larson reports that the newsletter is on the web site.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Mike Tucker thanked the May cookie crew and asked for a crew for June meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Freda Babbitt reported that they would be showing what our hobby is all about at the Nampa Public Library on July 12,- Thursday, from 2pm to 5pm and can use a lot of help .

She reported that there is a new book for sale now (PANS, PICKS, SHOVELS) with stories and information that might be of interesting to a rockhound, it is selling for \$13.95. Freda has a chapter that she wrote in it.

**SLABS:** Willa had her regular helpers pull tickets from the ticket can for slabs. The door prize was won by Ivan Rekow donated be Dan Stevens.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AND REFRESHMENTS ENJOYED BY ALL**

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## May Show Chair Report

These are the notes from the May 5th meeting held at the Caldwell Public Library.

We reached consensus on the following topics:

Type and quantity of electrical cord covers for future shows.

Type and quantity of step ladders for the show.

Number of dealers at the 2013 show.

Need for further investigation into audio/visual advertising for future shows and more effective allocation of advertising budget.

Type of event to encourage more participation from club members to make rock critters for the wheel of gems.

Follow-up to determine space necessary for special display.

Items needed to replace/repair worn display framework.

The results and recommendations of the meeting will be presented to the Board of Directors at the July Board Meeting.

**Please keep tumbling, making critters, and think of a theme for next year's show!**

I really appreciate your help,  
Susan

### 2012 List of tentative Field Trip Sites.

June 23	Succor Creek Thunder eggs
July 21	Wagon town Area
August 18	Rome, Oregon
September 22	McDermitt, Nevada

In Loving Memory of  
Joan Shirley Hooper

On May 20, 2012 our dear friend and fellow Rock Hound Joan Hooper passed away and went to her home in the Heavens. She will be truly missed by so many people all over the country. She was a avid rockhound, bowler, Gardner, stone cutter and seamstress she had so many different hobbies' and interest but most of all she was just a very friendly special person. She never let any thing go to waste if she didn't can it herself she donated to others so that they might use it. She was always willing to open her home and heart to us all. She shared so much of herself wither it be knowledge of gardening, camping, rock hunting or just setting down and visiting. She was always willing to help folks.

We wont grieve for her though as she is now home where she can do all those special things she loves to do and without pain or worry.

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***NEED TO KNOW***

**Remember if parking in your regular spot is not available for the meeting this month there is parking available over by the tennis courts and swimming pool. This is located behind the Booth building off Oak and Indiana Street**

# 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

### *Hello Ladies and Gentlemen*

This is just a quick heads-up. Joe Nielson will be having another great ROCK SALE.

Now he is letting us know a couple months in advance we can plan our weekend to attend. He says there will be a lot of new and different material that he had last time. So you just might want to check it out. It will be easier than going out and digging your own.

If you have any questions give him a call at 208-869-6325.

Sale date is targeted for the last weekend in August date might change so he will have more information in next month's news letter.

## Owyhee Gem &amp; Mineral Society

## News Flash !!!!!!!

Hello fellow rock hounds Gene and I have been asked to participate at the Nampa library again this year. The date isn't until July but I wanted to give you all time to set this date aside.

Nampa Library Summer Program  
Gems & Minerals  
By the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

Place: Nampa Library 12<sup>th</sup> Ave & 1<sup>st</sup> Street

Date: July 12, 2012

Time: 2-5 pm

We need volunteers to introduce youth to the joys of being a rockhound. Do you have a favorite rock, skill or just some knowledge that you would be willing to share with the kids. We will be handing out bags of rocks doing a black light display, cutting rocks and answering questions. Please contact us if you want to be a part of this day. If you just want to come and enjoy the kids that will be good also, they always have so many questions.

Contact us at 208-888-2429

Thank you all, Gene and Freda Babbitt





## 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

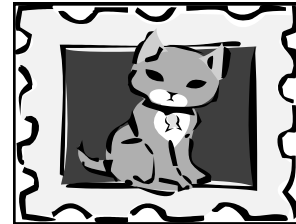


Bring your Postage Stamps to this months meeting.  
Remember to *cut 1/2 inch all the way around the stamp.*

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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Hope you all have a SAFE and HAPPY Fourth of JULY.  
Ticks are out in abundance so be careful. It is also time  
for those creepy crawly snakes to be out and about.  
Be very watchful Have fun be safe and good luck .  
Rock hunting is also at its peek, but remember to  
drink lots of water and put on your sunscreen.  
Go out and enjoy.



Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all you June People.

You know who you are  
and we just want to wish  
For you the best day ever.  
Hip Hip Hurray to one and all!!!



Here are some real good hits for a lot of different things  
Its always good to get information from old news letters

### Shop Hints & Tips

Cleaning Grinding wheels\*\*\* Using a nylon mesh scouring pad, go lightly over grinding wheels. This will remove contamination, The pad can be rinsed well and used time and time again.---- Chips ‘Splinters via Carmel Valley Prospectors 2/88

Doublet or Triplet? \*\*\* To detect a doublet or a triplet—hold the stone with tongs in a white porcelain container of water. When viewed from the direction of the girdle, the various layers are obvious. ---- June clip Zeitner, Lapidary Journal via Mineralog  
Via Carmel Valley Prospector 2/88

Sanding Turquoise \*\*\*\* Dipping a turquoise cab into water while sanding helps to keep it from glazing.----- Magic Valley Gem News 2/81

Sliver Tip \*\*\*\* Wash your sliver articles carefully with hot sudsy water after polishing with Tripoli or rouge. Tarnish reappears rapidly unless all traces of the polish are removed.---- Golden Spike News 4/79

To loosen a rusted bolt: Apply a cloth wet with Coca Cola to the rusted bolt for several minutes.

To remove rust spots from Chrome car bumpers, rub the bumper with a crumpled-up piece of aluminum foil dipped in Coca Cola.

Clean your Pyrite by soaking your specimen overnight in a solution of oxalic acid, using two ounces of the acid to a quart of water. You can also soak them for an hour in Hydrochloric acid. Be sure to read the safety notes regarding the acids.\*\*\* via Tumble Rumble 3/96

Cleaning Druzy Specimens\*\*\*\* Use easy-off oven cleaner (fume free is ok and better for you). Spray the specimen and leave it overnight in a closed container or bag before rinsing. This also works on iron-stained quartz crystals. Steven Solovieff of Freedom Creations.

### JUST A LITTLE TID BIT OF KNOWLEDGE

Two can live as cheaply as one—that’s proverb.

Two must live as cheaply as one —that’s Social Security

**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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