



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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June President's Message

What beautiful weather we have been blessed with! Just right to get out in the field and look for some treasures to add to our collections. As you are out there remember those who are living vicariously through your endeavors. Your stories of the hunt are always appreciated by the newsletter editor and those in the membership who can no longer gallivant around the hills. Take a few minutes and share an interesting story with your fellow rock hounds.

It was a beautiful day to have the road cleanup and I hope we had a great time along with a fun rock outing afterwards. Larry Beattie is a great organizer and I am sure it was fun for all. I also heard that Rome was a great hit and I look forward to the recap from Ithel. It is an area that everyone can find some real fun rocks for critters and tumbling as well.

I'd like to thank Jessica Rash in advance for stepping-up to the plate and taking on the refreshment chair position. We all like the social time after the meeting and with all of us taking a turn at donating some cookies each month it makes it so much more enjoyable. Please take a minute and sign-up for a month to donate as it is nice to have these things organized so that all the chairman has to do is call and remind you of your commitment. Thank you to all the club members who have and will contribute to this position each month.

Just a reminder that in July we have our picnic and auction. It is never too early to start planning what beautiful items we get the privilege of bidding on. It doesn't have to be rock related just something nice that will help us fund our banquet again this year. I always look forward to this as it is so nice to sample all the wonderful food and fun times we get to share.

We are also including a proposed copy of the Articles of Incorporation for our Club. This has needed to be taken care of for a while so we are printing it for all to review so we can vote on incorporating it and filing the document with the State of Idaho.

As always I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on June 17th at the Best Western in Caldwell. See you there the meeting starts at 7:30pm. - Willa Renken, OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**May 20, 2015**

General Meeting: The meeting was held at the Best Western Hotel in Caldwell and was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30pm. Willa asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none Brad Larson made the motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Dixie Lair. Willa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, guests and new members were introduced and given a warm welcome.

Secretary: Received two new applications for membership.

Vice President: Jim Hopkins will be our new Vice President. There was a discussion about topics for future club programs.

Treasurer: Janie gave an update on the club's finances. She also reported the bond has been secured to the BLM for the work to get started on the claim.

Show Chairman: The contract for the rental of the O'Conner Field House is in place for the 2016 Gem Show. There will be a meeting during the summer to help organize the show for next year. Give Susan a call if you have questions or ideas and cannot attend the meeting.

Federation Chairman: The Federation field trip to Grassy Mountain will be for a limited number of people. You can find the application to fill out and submit, to go on the field trip, on the Federation website. The Federation meeting in 2016 will be held in Albany, Oregon. Ed reminded us to keep saving postage stamps to help fund cancer research.

Sunshine Chairman: RoseMary sent several cards to members during the last month. She also let the club members know of the passing of Tim Riggins.

Membership Chairman: Kathy read the names of nine new members/families and made the motion to accept the new members into the club, Lauren Francis seconded; carried.

Field Trip Chairman: The May field trip will be to Rome, Oregon for Snake Skin Agate. Meet at the Gem Stop at 7 a.m., the dig is approx. 80 miles from the meeting place. The Federation asked the club for permission to use the location of the pink plume claim for one of their field trips. After an extended discussion a vote was taken, no club members in favor of letting the Federation use the area.

Webmaster: Our website is up to date. Brad encouraged members to take pictures on field trips and submit them so he can add them to the website.

Refreshments: Jessica Rash, a brand new member volunteered to be the new refreshment chair. It is optimal to have at least three people each month bring something, everyone is encouraged to volunteer at least once during the year. There will be a sign-up sheet at each meeting.

Unfinished Business: Please sign up for the road clean-up on June 6. The clean-up starts at the top of the hill at Walters Ferry on Hwy 45. There will be a field trip after the clean-up.

New Business: Pauline Prather made a motion to send a \$50 memorial to the Northwest Federation in memory of Tim Riggins, Dixie Lair seconded; carried. There was a discussion on finding a solution to portable 'facilities' for the field trips. If you have any ideas give Jim Hopkins a call.

Slab drawing – Door prize winner Lauren Francis – Meeting adjourned 9:00 – Refreshments

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

Meet the Junior Members

Welcome to our new members!

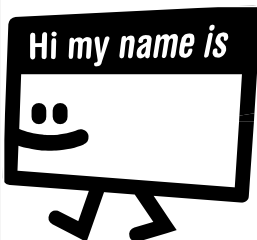
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Austin Dudy	Destiney Redburn	Tyler Woodward
Ash Hyten	Madeline Redburn	Weston Woodward

Membership Report

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 1st through the following October 1st. You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053.

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

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2015

Family	Couple	Single	Child
\$20	\$18	\$12	\$3

LAST NAME: (Please Print) _____ Date Paid: _____ Amount: _____

FIRST NAME(s): _____

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Month Day Month Day Month Day

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June Birthdays

- 1 David Johnson
- 1 Red Larson
- 2 Myrt Alston
- 2 Michael McLaughlin
- 3 Judith Hart
- 3 Sean Hyten
- 4 Daniel Arnold
- 4 June McConnell
- 4 Isaac Ward
- 11 Eileen Mitchell
- 12 Lara Woodward
- 15 Curt Smith
- 17 Janie Ehlers
- 18 David Butler
- 19 Richard Coulson
- 19 Lloyd Summers
- 19 Dave Young
- 22 Kathi Larson
- 27 Nancy Farrell
- 27 Jessica Rash
- 27 Cindy Kildow
- 28 June Mitchell
- 30 Freda Babbitt
- 30 Marie Beauchamp



P e a r l

Historically, pearls have been used as an adornment for centuries. They were one of the favorite gem materials of the Roman Empire; later in Tudor England, the 1500s were known as *the pearl age*. Pearls are unique as they are the only gems from living sea creatures and require no faceting or polishing to reveal their natural beauty.



Alexandrite, was first discovered in Russia in 1831 during the reign of its namesake, Czar Alexander II, and is an extremely rare chrysoberyl with chameleon-like qualities. Its color is a lovely green in both daylight and fluorescent light; it changes color to a purplish red in incandescent light.



June Anniversaries

- 1 Ron & Jean Dingley
- 2 Earnest & Neava Jo Haney
- 2 Dibrell & Dana Stowell
- 5 Jim & Ruth Hopkins
- 10 Dennis & Linda Waller
- 16 Chance & Kristi Hayes
- 17 Curt & Jan Smith
- 18 Karissa & Robert Sudweeks
- 23 John & Sydney Priester
- 25 Mike & Debbie Lappin
- 29 Ed & Deanna Moser
- 29 Jack & Kay Wieden

June Flower—Rose

Those born during June are associated with the traits of the rose, which are love, passion and friendship. Different colors convey different meanings. The red rose, for example, symbolizes love. A white rose stands for innocence and purity, yellow signifies friendship and violet represents protection.



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Please let me know if I don't have your correct information, or if you are not on the lists above and should be.

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society June Field Trip



June 20th, 2015

Big Egg Claim



Attend the June meeting to learn more about this month's field trip.

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

Generally a high-clearance vehicle and sometimes a 4WD or ATV is required.

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:

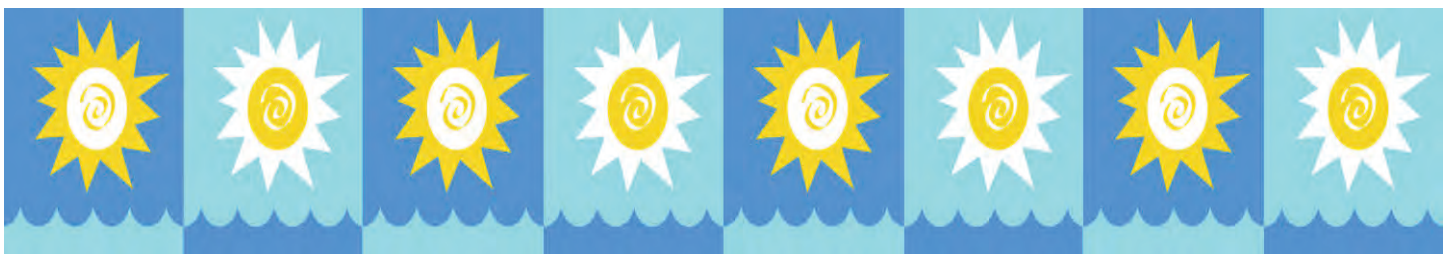
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*All field trips are subject to change depending on weather and road conditions.



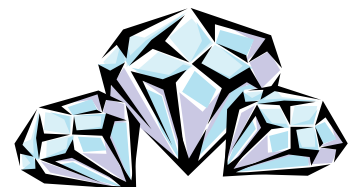
Tentative 2015 Field Trip Schedule

July 18: Wagontown

August 22: Pink Plume Agates

Sept. 19: Succor Creek (Blue Egg Claim)

Oct. 24: Big Egg Claim for Final Excavation Clean Up



Federation Director

Bring your postage stamps to this month's 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.



If any members are going on the Northwest Federation Field trip on July 2nd thru the July 4th weekend be aware there may be some changes on the AREAS that will be going to. More information will be noted at the meeting, Doug True is not able to lead the field trips.

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

Roadside Cleanup



We had a great response from club members this month for the road clean-up-THANK YOU :)

Eighteen members started work on the 2-mile stretch of Highway 45 at about 8:00 am on Saturday, June 6.

We made pretty quick work of things and filled 15 clean-up bags for the Idaho Transportation Department to collect.

After a quick cookie and water break, we headed for Reynolds Creek to see if the recent rains had revealed a little more petrified wood---and we got lucky and found a few nice pieces!

Seems like everyone had a pretty nice time and I sure appreciate the support from the members!

Thanks Everyone, let's do this again in the fall!

- Larry Beattie

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/>



Articles of Incorporation
Of the
Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society, Inc
Caldwell, Idaho

We the undersigned: Residents of the State of Idaho and citizens of the United States, being desirous of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Idaho. Organized under and pursuant to the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act, Chapter 3, Title 30, Idaho Code (“Act”), hereby adopt and approve the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article I

The name of this corporation is “Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.”

Article II

The principal place of business of this corporation and its Post Office address shall be 823 Arthur, Caldwell Idaho 83605 in Canyon County. It may establish offices elsewhere as may be directed by its Board of Directors.

Article III

This corporation is formed for the purposes and shall have power:

1. To promote the interests of its members and the general public in mineralogy, geology, gemology, the art of lapidary and kindred arts and sciences; to aid in dissemination of knowledge to its members and the general public of such earth and kindred sciences.
2. To encourage through lectures, books, manuscripts, literature, demonstrations, and other means, greater interests of its members and the general public in the various branches of gathering, cutting, polishing, displaying, and uses of precious and semi-precious stones, fossils, petrified woods, and minerals; to promote the study thereof by its members and the general public.
3. To encourage searching and prospecting for deposits of minerals, precious and semi-precious stones, geological specimens and minerals.
4. To encourage formation of clubs, associations, and corporations for the purposes herein mentioned; to secure the affiliation of clubs, associations, and corporations with this corporation for mutual benefits.
5. To issue by publication or otherwise, items of interest, manuscripts, circulars, and other writings, or otherwise for benefit of its members, affiliated organizations and the general public.
6. To own by purchase, lease, exchange, or otherwise acquire and dispose of personal and real property necessary, incidental, auxiliary or convenient to the business of this corporation and its purposes and objectives.
7. To place in educational institutions and public buildings, exhibits of products gathered, mined, cut, polished, and prepared for the purpose of creating interest in the objects and purposes of this corporation.
8. To identify, classify, and label specimens; to keep a record of locations where specimens may be procured for the benefit of its members, affiliated organizations, and the general public and for scientific purposes.

Article IV

The duration of this corporation shall be unlimited and perpetual.

Article V

The number of directors of this corporation shall not be less than five or more than fifteen, as may be fixed by the By-Laws. Qualification of Directors, their remuneration, terms of office, manner of election, time, place, and manner of calling meetings, and their powers and duties, may be prescribed by the By-Laws.

Article VI

This corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit, and shall not issue capital stock. The corporation shall issue a membership certificate to each of its members, which can, by such transfer, become a member of the corporation, except by resolution by the Board of Directors and under such regulations as the By-Laws may prescribe. The members shall have voting rights.

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Article VII

The Directors shall have power, by a majority vote, to repeal and amend the By-Laws and adopt new By-Laws of the corporation.

Article VIII

No member may benefit from earnings. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be used to influence legislation. The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

Article IX

In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, the remaining net assets shall be distributed to qualified organization(s) under the provisions of Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future tax code, at the discretion of the Board of Directors by majority vote thereof. A Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located shall dispose of any such assets not so disposed of.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2015

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

By: _____
It's President

By: _____
It's Secretary

Upcoming Events

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society May Meeting

June 17th, 2015—7:30 p.m.

Location: Best Western Hotel , Exit #29, 908 Specht Ave, Caldwell

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society May Field Trip

June 20th, 2015—Big Egg Claim

Butte Mineral and Gem Club—Annual Gem and Mineral Show

June 13: 10 a.m.—5 p.m.

June 14: 10 a.m.—5 p.m.

Admission: \$3.00 Children 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult

Butte Civic Center Annex, 1340 Harrison Avenue, Butte MT

Joe Slouber, 406 494 3034, PO Box 4492, Butte, MT 59702

For more show information: <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/ShowsJulDec.asp>



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 7:30 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 unidentified rock and we'll help you figure out what it is!



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