



# "Owyhee Gem"



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### June President's Message

Hello everyone, what a beautiful spring we are having. This weather is sure Idaho but it makes everything green and beautiful for now. Hope you are all getting out and enjoying this time of year.

For the meeting, Jim will be showing a DVD on Sedimentary Rocks. See page 6. I hope you all enjoy.

Ithel has setup this month's field trip to Rome, OR for Snakeskin Agates. We will be meeting at the rest stop, the old ION (new name GEM STOP) where Hiway 55 and Hiway 95 meet. We will be meeting at 7am and leaving at 7:30am. Since it is an 80-minute drive, we will be stopping at Jordan Valley and Rome for a rest stop. This is always a lot of fun and nice material so I hope you all join in.

In July is our Annual Picnic and is always a time for lots of good food, laughter and loads of fun. Please break out your favorite recipes and let's see how many wonderful dishes we can share with each other. This is also our Auction so if you have something to donate it would be greatly appreciated. The monies collected go towards off-setting our December Banquet costs, so anything you can do toward that helps.

See you all on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm for our next meeting. Our next board meeting will be Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, till then keep on rocking.

-Willa Renken OGMS President

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES****May 17, 2017**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, and called to order by President Willa Renkin at 7:30pm. Jim Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes as printed; seconded by Red Larson, motion carried. Willa introduced the guests and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Nate Carpenter gave an overview of the Orma J Smith Museum of Natural History that is located in the in the basement of the building. Everyone was invited to visit the museum, hours are from 1 to 5 Tuesday through Friday.

Secretary Report: Received two membership renewals and a receipt from the NWF Endowment Fund for the Neil Roberts donation.

Vice President: There will be a presentation about claims at the next meeting.

Treasurer: A report was given on the finances of the club.

Show Chairman: Susan thanked everyone who came to the Show Meeting. Red Larson was thanked for all of the previous years that he headed the Silent Auction during the Gem Show. Don Dixon will be the new Chairman for the auction. If you have any rock donations, give Don a call. The Club thanked Susan for all of the time and hard work she contributes to make all of the gem shows better every year.

Federation Chairman: There are already two boxes of stamps that will be donated at the Federation Meeting. There will be a meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> at the BLM Owyhee Field Office to discuss the Soda Springs Fire area. The 2018 NWF Meeting will be in Yakima, Washington.

Historian: There was no report.

Sunshine: Give Jules a call if you know of someone who may need a get well card or note of cheer.

Membership: There were two new renewals and two new membership applications.

Field Trip Chairman: The next field trip will be to Jameson, Oregon. Meet at the rest stop at the Idaho boarder at 8am. There will be a field trip to McDermitt on Memorial Day weekend.

Webmaster: The website is currently up to date.

Unfinished Business: Thank you to the members who donated rock samples for the school project. They were collected at the Business Meeting and shipped to the student.

New Business: There will be no Board Meeting in May due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Willa thanked all of the veterans for their service to this country. It was Pauline Prather's Birthday and Willa brought birthday cupcakes to celebrate.

Slab drawing. Deana Moser won the door prize. Meeting adjourned 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

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**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

May 29, 2017 No meeting held because of holiday.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



### June Birthdays

6/1 Red Larson  
 6/2 Myrt Alston  
 6/3 Judith Hart  
 6/4 June McConnell  
 6/4 Isaac Ward  
 6/4 Christie Rettinger  
 6/5 Parker McCall  
 6/7 Howard Emry  
 6/8 Rebecca Axtel  
 6/15 Curt Smith  
 6/15 Gerri Smith  
 6/15 Ethan McCall  
 6/17 Helen Baldwin  
 6/17 Janie Ehlers  
 6/17 Mark Kochanek  
 6/18 David Butler  
 6/19 Lloyd Summers  
 6/19 Dave Young  
 6/21 Rick Brose  
 6/21 John Hartman  
 6/22 Kathi Larson  
 6/30 Marie Beauchamp  
 6/30 Freda Babbitt

### June Anniversaries

6/1 Ron & Jean Dingley  
 6/5 Jim & Ruth Hopkins  
 6/5 Keith & Dawn McCall  
 6/6 Lynn & Susan Cameron  
 6/8 Dennis & Linda Waller  
 6/13 Bill & Joanne Gardunia  
 6/13 Gary & Laura Hill  
 6/17 Curt & Jan Smith  
 6/19 Miers & Sandi Johnson  
 6/21 Edwin & Dallas Budden  
 6/25 Mike & Debbie Lappin  
 6/29 Ed & Deanna Moser  
 6/29 Jack & Kay Wieden

### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Thank you to all those that have changed over to email for the newsletter. You are saving the club money as well as receiving the news quicker. I can also send to **both spouses** upon request. If you want your children to have it by email, **please forward** it to them to save me some time.

If you requested to receive the newsletter by email and are still getting paper format, please holler at me again and I will take care of it.

Should you have any questions, please notify me at:  
[carolfarnham@ymail.com](mailto:carolfarnham@ymail.com)

Thank you,

Carol Farnham (208) 475-4868



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Anderson Mine—Agate  
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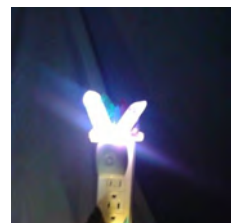
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### 2017 Field Trip Schedule

- June 24th**      **Rome** for Snakeskin Agates (Meet at the GEM STOP (used to be called ION) Meet at 7:00-leave at 7:30am) This is at the junction of Highways 55/95 (80 mile trip 1 way) We will stop in Jordan Valley and Rome for a rest stop.
- July 22nd**      **Wagontown** for Petrified Wood/Cat Tail Fossils (Meet at ION 7:00-7:30am)
- August 19th**      **Pink Plume Agate Claim** (Meet @ Homedale Park 7:30-8:00am)
- September 23rd**      **Grandview** for Petrified Pinecones (Meet @ Walters Ferry 7:30-8:00am)
- October 21st**      **Haystacks Butte** for Red Jasper (Meet @ Homedale Park 7:30-8:00am)

Glass Butte (Stink Water) is a two-day trip that we would like to add to the calendar, along with the Blue Opal Egg Claim (single-day trip). If interested please contact Ithel Kildow at 208-455-7960.

### USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Pick, Rock Hammer, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Magnifier, Gloves, Plenty of Drinking Water, Appropriate Clothing, Food, Protective Eyewear, sun protection.

**For field trip information**, contact Ithel Kildow at (208) 455-7960,  
Or David Schmidt (408) 489-3996

Trips can last most of the day. Generally, a high-clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD or ATV is required. **Remember, when you finished to fill in all holes that are dug at the site.**

**ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON  
WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS**

Ithel extends his apologies to those he disappointed on the last rock hunting trip. He was trying to find the location to dig for in-gots and could not find it. Maybe next time.







### **Sunshine Report**

Hi, I am Jewels Haines and I am your Sunshine Chairman. If you hear of anyone needing a get well card or visit, please give me a call at 760-331-3443

-Jewels Haines, Sunshine Chairman

jewelsmalia@yahoo.com



### **FYI**

Just a reminder for those thinking of having their newsletter sent to them by email but aren't quite ready to take the step, all emails go out BCC so no one else sees your email address. Next month I will try to have a dedicated email address just for the newsletter so I won't get private and OGMS stuff mixed up. Hasn't happened yet but I will take precautions.



You can catch me at the meetings or email me if you want to switch over. Remember there is a savings for the club of \$1.17 for each newsletter mailed to a family or \$14 a year.

Carol Farnham (carolfarnham@ymail.com)

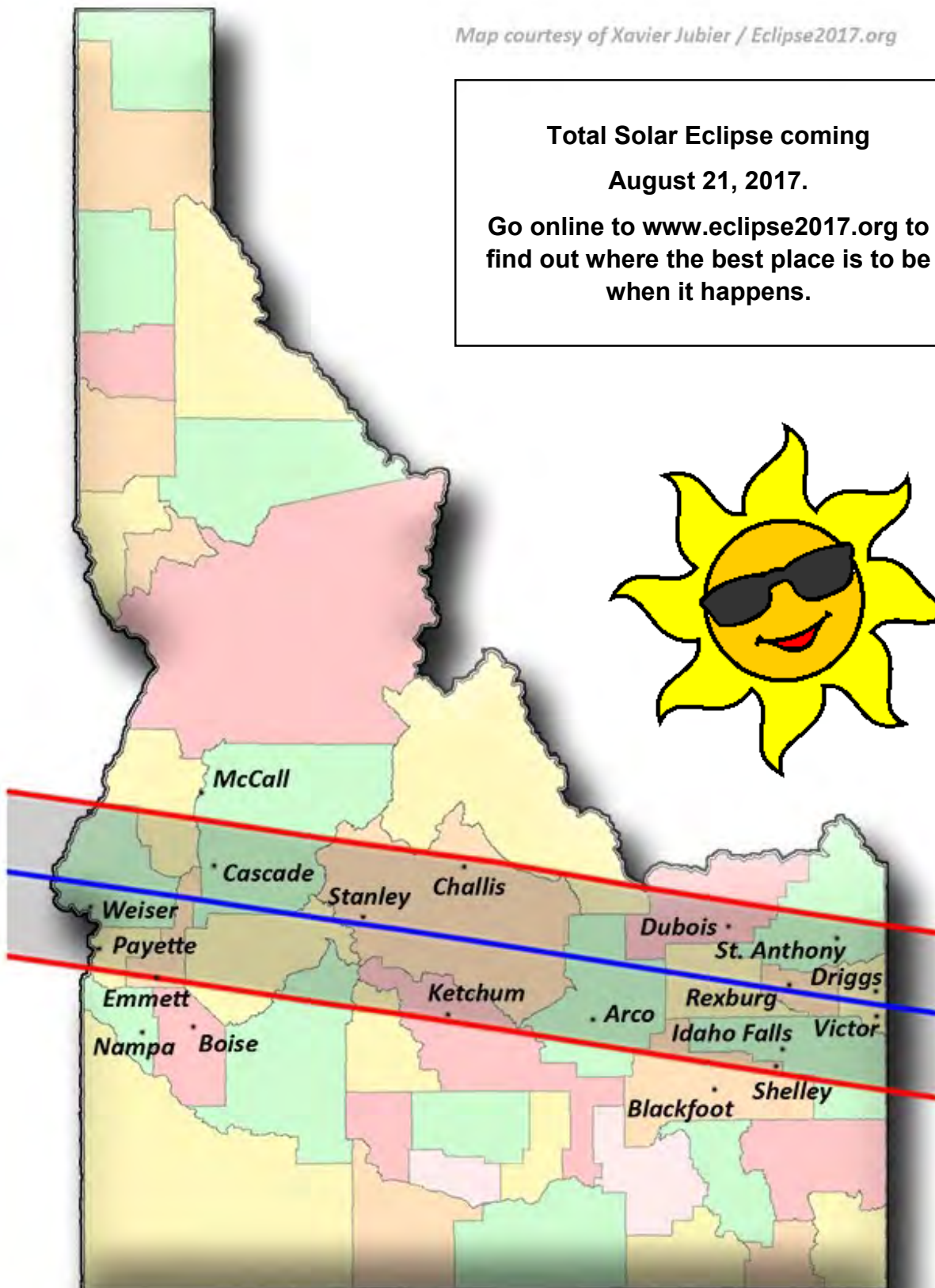
<b>Sedimentary Rocks</b>		
<b>Small Particles</b>   <b>Large Particles</b>	<b>Shale</b>	<b>from clay and mud</b>
	<b>Sandstone</b>	<b>from sand</b>
	<b>Conglomerate</b>	<b>from sand &amp; pebbles</b>
	<b>Breccia</b>	<b>from sand and broken rock</b>

*Map courtesy of Xavier Jubier / Eclipse2017.org*

**Total Solar Eclipse coming**

**August 21, 2017.**

**Go online to [www.eclipse2017.org](http://www.eclipse2017.org) to  
find out where the best place is to be  
when it happens.**





## SAVE THE DATE!

Everyone get ready for the Club Picnic on July 19th at 6:30pm.

It will be held at a Caldwell Park to be announced.

Drinks and ice cream will be provided by the club.

Everyone that comes is asked to bring something to share with others. In other words,

**IT'S A POT LUCK!** Yeah!!

An auction will be held as a club fundraiser so donations of items are wanted for that as well.



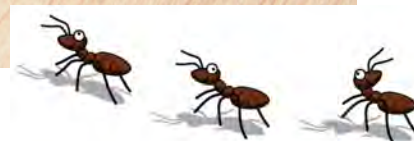
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**Federation Director**

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.

**Federation Director**-Ed Moser, Federation Director  
(208) 340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com

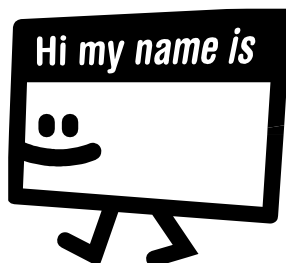
**Membership Report****Now accepting payment of 2017 dues**

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 **P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053**.

**Kim Bashford, Membership Chairperson**

**Phone: (208) 454-7287**

**Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com**

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES****Year: 2017**Family  
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\$18Single  
\$12Child  
\$3

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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 7:30 P.M. in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103, 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



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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.

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