



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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June President's Message

Hello folk's hope this finds you well and enjoying the beautiful pre summer weather. We were able to get out this last week end and had some fun with several of you all. Those who came on the Beacon Hill field trip had a great time finding treasures. We had around 34 cars so I think there were at least 68 to 70 people rooming the countryside. What fun we had. Thanks to Patrick for helping out with the field trip chairman. It's much appreciated.

Last meeting we were able to fill the Show Chairperson with one of our new members Linda. I'm sure Susan will be happy in knowing she now has a person to train and we look forward to hearing more about the various preparation items we will need for next year's show. Keep tumbling, sewing grab bags and collecting material for the silent auction table and the critter making.

We also welcome on board our new Treasurer Michelle Wiles. She has picked up and run with the info she has received from Janie. Though we will miss Janie we have found a real treasure in Michelle. Keep up the good work.

Dale and Patrick are busy getting this month's field trip to the Blue Egg claim. They will be meeting in Homedale at the park with the tank at 8am leaving by 8:30am. This area is a fun place and the eggs are very pretty. You can find some big ones here as well. Different varieties throughout that whole valley. The contest is on to see who can find the prettiest, the biggest and the most.

We weren't able to have a board meeting last month but should be back on track for one this month on the 25th at the Caldwell Library at 7pm. Speaking of library's if you are out in Nampa take the time to go to the third floor of the new library as Ed & Deana Moser have put in a display of their material trying to boost our membership numbers. A big thank you to them for promoting our club.

I believe that's all for now. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming meeting on June 20th at the Boone Science Bldg. at 7:30pm. Till then keep on rocking!!

Willa Renken OGMS President

2018 Owyhee Field Trip Schedule

Please be advised that the field trip schedule may be altered so check out the schedule month by month. Those receiving emails will get updates by email if there are any changes.

June 23rd Blue Egg Claim in Oregon for Blue Eggs (Meet at Homedale, ID Park where the Tank is just East of the Four Corners at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

July 21st Coal Mine Basin for Blood Stone, Black Opalized Wood (Meet at the GEM Stop at HY55 & HY95, 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

August 18th Wagon Town for Petrified Wood, Cat Tail Fossils (Meet at the GEM Stop at HY55 & HY95, 7:00 AM, Leave at 7:30 AM).

September 22nd Oreana, ID., for Obsidian, Apache Tears, Opalized Nodules (Meet at Walter Ferry just across the Snake River on the right Side at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

October 20th Haystack Butte for Red Jasper (Meet at Homedale, ID, Park where the Tank is just East of the Four Corners at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and a Small one), Sieve, Gloves, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Knee Pad's, Magnifier, Plenty of Drinking Water, Food, Appropriate Clothing, Protective Eyewear, Sun Protection, Day Pack or Back Pack, Umbrella, Pry Bar, Fire Extinguisher.

For Field Trip Information, contact Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990.

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

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

MURPHY'S LAWS FOR ROCKHOUNDS

1. All good rocks can be found surrounded by either poison oak or rattlesnakes.
2. When completing the final polish on an obsidian cab, the cab will fling off the buffer.
3. Fine grit will always carry over into the polish.
4. A large rock will only roll downhill if a vehicle is in its path
5. Large crystals will always self-destruct at the tip.
6. A rock will only fall on your foot if you are not wearing safety-toes shoes.

John Shoemaker, Frustrated Rockhound.

CGMS News via CFMS Newsletter 8/95



June Birthdays

6/1	Red Larson
6/2	Myrt Alston
6/3	Judith Hart
6/4	Christie Rettinger
6/4	Isaac Ward
6/6	Darrell Englehardt
6/11	Rick Fleischman
6/11	Ray Stevens
6/12	Jared Kienitz
6/13	Jeanette Mainord
6/15	Curt Smith
6/15	Gerri Smith
6/17	Helen Baldwin
6/17	Janie Ehlers
6/17	Mark Kochanek
6/18	David Butler
6/18	Michael Sredzinski
6/19	Dave Young
6/20	Sherry Albracht
6/21	Rick Brose
6/21	John Hartman
6/22	Kathi Larson
6/23	John Conklin
6/23	Verla Kirkeby
6/27	Sharon Clemens
6/30	Marie Beauchamp
6/30	Freda Babbitt

June birthdays claim two birthstones; pearl and **Alexandrite**. Pearls have been wildly popular in jewelry for centuries because of their natural beauty. **Alexandrite gemstones** are extremely rare and desirable since they change color based on the lighting

June Anniversaries

6/1	Ron and Jean Dingley
6/5	Jim and Ruth Hopkins
6/8	Bill and Roxanne Franklin
6/8	Dennis and Linda Waller
6/9	Brad and Theresa Larson
6/9	Chas McConnell and Lindsey Soong
6/17	Curt and Jan Smith
6/19	Miers and Sandy Johnson
6/21	Edwin and Dallas Budden
6/26	Rick and Carlene Badillo
6/26	Todd and Misty Joyner
6/29	Gary and Sue Chambers
6/29	Jack and Kay Wieden

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



**Stone from Arizona**

Anderson Mine—Agate
 Brenda—Agate & Jasper
 Burro Creek—Pastelite & Agate

Stone from Australia

Noreena
 Mookite

Stone from Idaho & Oregon

Owyhee Picture Jasper	Handmade Jewelry
Green Moss Agate	Slabs & Rough
Tumbled Stones	Hammers/Tools
	Brazilian Agate
	- Slabs and Rough

Located at the corner of US 95 & Homedale Road
 26736 Homedale Road, Wilder, Idaho

By appointment only:

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 rivervu1@msn.com

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**Idaho Opals
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 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

Ant Hill Garnets

Tiny ants mine some of the best garnets. Some gemstones derive a large portion of their appeal because they are found in an unexpected locality or have an unusual origin. "Ant hill garnets" are one of the more interesting of these "novelty gems." They are called "ant hill garnets" because they are found on & around the margins of ant hills. The ants encounter the garnets while excavating their underground passages. The ants haul the stones to the surface and discard them. The rain washes the garnets clean & moves them down the flank of the ant hill, where they can accumulate in large numbers and makes them easy for people to collect. Their brilliant luster & red color contrasts strongly with the surrounding soil.

Arizona Ant Hills: A few areas in Arizona are well known for ant hill garnets. These are beautiful bright red chromium pyrope garnets with high color saturation. The Native Americans discovered them long ago and marveled at their color and beauty. They regarded them as special and sometimes sewed them into ceremonial rattles or gave them as tokens of appreciation. Today, Native Americans and rockhounds collect the garnets and sell them in parcels to lapidaries who cut them into cabochons and faceted stones. The finished stones and attractive pieces of rough are sold to gem collectors and mounted into jewelry. The novelty origin of the stones adds to their appeal and can elevate their price to a higher level than what is paid for similar-quality stones from other localities. The typical ant hill garnet is a tiny stone, less than a caret.

Via: Geology.com & photo credit by Bradley J. Payne of thegemtrader.com// August 2016 Ozark Earth Science Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Club News, via Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society 4/2018, The Glacial Drifter Vol. 61, No. 4, April 2018, pg.6.

STRINGER'S GEM SHOP

Beautiful cabbing specimens for sale

of the following:

Bruneau

Biggs

Owyhee picture jasper

(all cabbing size slabs)

Call for appointment to see

W.A (Bill) Stringer
1812 West Orchard
Nampa, Idaho 83651
(208) 466-5169

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

There was no meeting due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Ed Moser:

The Caldwell library would like a Rock day for the youth in July more info at the meeting. It will be for several hours at the Library. Call Ed if you can help in July. I want to WISH Deanna a HAPPY ANNIVERSARY # 60.

Happy Anniversary

Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History

The Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History features specimens representing the Biology and Geology of SW Idaho, SE Oregon, and northern Nevada. The focal point of the museum is the Evans Gem and Mineral Collections. The museum hosts a workday and seminar the first Saturday of every month.

The Museum is open to all visitors: Monday-Friday from 1-5 pm, the first Saturday of every month from 8-5 and the third Saturday of every month from 10-4.

The Museum is located in the basement of Boone Hall on the College of Idaho campus. Visit the Museum website at www.collegeofidaho.edu/cultural-institutions/orma-j-smith-museum-natural-history to learn more.

Homeowner: "I've hired a carpenter who hammers like lightning."

Friend: "He's that fast?"

Homeowner: "No, he never hits the same spot twice."

FYI

There are times you may need to get a hold of someone on the board but you don't have their phone number. Please save the first page of the newsletter. You have names and addresses on the front side and a list of field trips on the backside. Put the sheet on the fridge so its always available. That way you can always call the right person.

Thank you,

Summer



Picnic!

Jim would appreciate some help for setting up at 6 pm. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

Everyone get ready for the Club Picnic,
(in place of our monthly meeting),

on July 18th at 6:30pm. It will be held at
the Caldwell Memorial Park on the corner of Kimball and Irving. We have
the covered area reserved for our party.

Water and ice cream will be provided by the club.

Everyone that comes is asked to **bring one or two of your favorite dishes to share** with others. In other words, **IT'S A POT LUCK!** Yeah!! You will also need to **bring your own plate, napkins, utensils, money** and whatever else you think you may need. (Lawn Chairs?)

An auction will be held as a club fundraiser so donations of items are wanted for that as well. Some cabs donated to the club years ago will be put up for auction. Rock items are loved but other items to auction off will be appreciated as well. The monies collected go toward off-setting our December Banquet costs.

Hey guys, where did you say the food was?



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**May 16, 2018**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and called to order at 7:30pm by President, Willa Renken. Roxanne Franklin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; seconded by Red Larson, motion carried. There was a DVD presented that gave information about the gem stones of Idaho. Guests were invited to stand and introduce themselves and all were given a warm welcome.

Secretary: Received one membership renewal and information about a teleconference meeting from the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries regarding the Calico Resources proposed gold mine in Malheur County.

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

Treasurer: Michelle presented the status of the checking accounts.

Show Chairman: Looking for someone to take over the responsibilities of being the Show Chairman. A notebook has been compiled with step by step instructions to put the show together. When you are out on field trips, try to pick up something extra for the silent auction and to tumble for grab bags.

Federation Report: Ed traveled to Yakama, WA to attend the yearly meeting and presented the stamps the Club has been collecting. While there he voted on the proposals that were discussed at the last meeting. The results were a) 'no' on reimbursement of judges and entrance fees from volunteers and b) 'yes' vote to give \$1 per member back to the clubs. Ed will be putting a display in the Nampa Library on May 21 and it will be there until the end of June. The Caldwell Library would like our Club to put together two presentations that will be given to youth and families in July. Homedale Library asked if the Club would put together a presentation for this summer with the theme 'Libraries Rock'. If you would like to pick up star garnets, the Emerald Creek area will be open from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend.

Historian: There was no report

Sunshine Chairman: Two cards were sent to members.

Membership Chairman: Two new applications for membership were received.

Field Trip Chairman: David will need someone to lead the field trips through the summer. The May field trip will be to the Big Egg Claim on May 19, meet at the park by the river in Marsing. Our club was invited to attend the Beacon Hill field trip on June 2 & 3. Meet at the rest area on the Idaho border.

Unfinished Business: The July meeting will be our annual picnic and will be held on the 18th at the park that is on the corners of Kimball & Grant in Caldwell. Bring your table service and a dish or two to share, we will get started around 6:30. Bring an item we can add to our live auction. Proceeds from the auction help to fund the December banquet. Larry thanked everyone who helped at the road cleanup. After the cleanup they ventured to the pink plume claim to hunt for treasures.

New Business: There will be no Board meeting this month due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Slab drawing. Melody Langton won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

How to saw Montana Agate

People not familiar with working with Montana agate have, perhaps, wondered how to set up to saw the first nodule they acquire. Most Montana nodules are found in 2 shapes, flat and slightly curving or round and elongated. As this material has rolled hundreds of miles down turbulent streams nearly all of it is cracked, so take this into consideration when sawing to get the largest slab free from fractures.

First, look into the rocks with a strong light to determine which way the moss or banding aers lie. Light cuts can be taken off an end or a side, at right angles to the layers that will then reveal whether you should slab from end to end or side to side. Many people who are used to sawing thundereggs get used to sawing each nodule through the center to expose the pattern. While this method works well with nodules it cannot be used to best advantage with Montana material. It will probably ruin the best sprays as the largest and best ones usually lie toward the center. Sawing across them will render them valueless.

Only a very few specimens carry fine large sprays so do not be disappointed if the first few do not have them. About the time you are ready to give up one of the poorest looking pieces may have the fine spray you are looking for.

-Grindings, et,al; West Seattle Petroglyphs 9/05;Ft Lewis Rock Club News, 5/06,ROC TOC 11/0

Crystal Healing / Gem Therapy Is it a Magical Cure? OR Is it Just a Rock? (Arguments for / And Against)

If you have ever herd of Crystal Healing or Gem Therapy, you might be wondering what it is and if wearing a certain gemstone could possibly have magical healing powers. There are many people all over the world who feel that this form of therapy works to help one heal the body. Gem therapy is most aptly described as the wearing of precious and semi precious stones for healing the body and creating emotional well being.

The idea of gem therapy is not new. People have been using a form of gem therapy for years. The practice of healing with stones has been around for centuries. It can be traced to the Ancient Greeks and Egyptians. The Vedas in India used gemstones for healing on a regular basis. They believed that certain imbalances could be corrected by wearing gems against the skin. Gems were also ground up and were used in oral medicines. The use of gem therapy does not stop there. Even the highest royalty in history wore certain gems on their crowns and in jewelry in hopes of having better health.

Gems were also thought to influence not only the body, but also nature. Many people believe today that It is possible to increase wealth, power and popularity if gemstones are worn properly. Today, those who believe and practice gem therapy believe that certain stones transmit certain wavelengths to the body. The wavelengths convert aura rays into a chemical that the body can use to improve health. Those who believe in this therapy feel that when the wear gemstones correctly, they have an overall sense of well-being and that they have an improved sense of health. Those who believe in gem therapy feel that anyone can learn to use gems to their advantage.

Those who practice in crystal therapy will point out that many people wearing certain gemstones report feeling better or have an improved sense of well-being when the gem is worn in the correct way. It is a known fact that some gems do in fact produce an electrical charge when compressed and this is scientifically known as the Peizoelectric Effect.

Believers say that crystals and gemstone do carry vibrations and channel good energy. These vibrations ward off bad energy. In addition, those who maintain that gem therapy works believe that gems can help with self-expression, creativity, and meditation. Gems can improve the immune system, too. Many believe that it is a much healthier and a more natural alternative to healing that taking prescription medication.

Reported Gem specific Powers:

1. Ruby: Opens the heart and helps the wearer to overcome fear.
2. Coral: Strengthens the wearer's emotions.
3. Black Onyx: Helps change bad habits.
4. Emerald: Used to improve both physical and emotional well being.

By Marjorie Bush, via The Clackamette Gem, via Gems from the Redwoods, May 2017

Federation Director

Please save the postage STAMPS for cancer research and bring to this months meeting. Remember to **cut ½ inch all the way around the stamp**. Thanks to all for your help. 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 2018 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 .

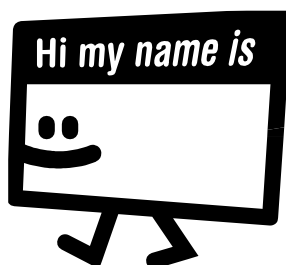
You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to:

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: 2018**Family
\$20Couple
\$18Single
\$12Child
\$3

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

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
PO Box 1053,
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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.

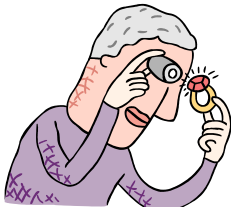
MEMBERSHIP DUES:

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 what it is!



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/>

