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June President's Message

Hello fellow rockhounds, hope this finds you all enjoying the beautiful beginning to summer. We are changing up our meeting place this month for the summer, as it will be in Memorial Park off Kimball and Grant. It will start at 7pm. Be sure to bring your lawn chair so you can follow the shade as it makes it nicer than the benches.



This month for you, we have another super program organized by Sue Cassidy! Bill Todd with the Flintknappers will be providing the program and showing us how to knap arrowheads. This should be an interesting demonstration.

This month John will be taking you to the Pink Plume Claim for the field trip on June 24th. He will be meeting you at the Owyhee Junction Hwy 201 and Owyhee Ave (2499 OR-201, Nyssa, OR) at 7am leave at 7:30am. Be sure to bring plenty of water and digging tools with you. With the heavy sunshine sunscreen and sun hats should be a consideration. This area offers many different kinds of material so don't be afraid to wander off on your own. There are many places with some nice petrified wood in that area as well.

The Board meeting will be on the 26th at the Caldwell library this month.

There will not be a slab drawing this month as Roxanne has some more material for a silent auction. Bring your checkbooks and cash so you can bid on some of the pretties that she has.

Next month in July, we will be back at the Park for our Annual Potluck and Auction. So dust off those recipes and spruce up your table service as it is always a lot of fun!

I look forward to seeing you all at Memorial Park 7pm on June 21st. Till then keep on rockin!

-Willa Renken OGMS President

General Meeting Minutes—May 17, 2023

President, Willa Renken called the May Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society general meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the College of Idaho Boone Science Center, Room 103. Roxanne Franklin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter, Kathi Larson seconded, the minutes passed.

Member, Paul Verhange gave a presentation to the group called, 'The Story of the Elements', a timetable of the earth's formation with the elements. Thank you, Paul, for sharing your knowledge with the group, it was very interesting!

Willa welcomed visitors traveling through Idaho from New Braunfels, Texas, **Susan and Les Postlethwait**. Thank you for coming to our meeting and we hope you enjoyed your visit in Idaho!

Secretary, Chris Deveau gave two memberships to Membership Chair, Kim Bashford. Three items regarding the club banking from First Interstate Bank were passed to Treasurer, Roxanne Franklin. An advertisement for employment at the Caldwell Post Office and one for Business Review magazine were shared with the group.

Vice President, Sue Cassidy confirmed that Bill Todd from the Flintknappers will be speaking and giving a demonstration at the June general meeting.

Show Chair, Paul Deveau advised the group of a donation of obsidian to our club from Jim Witt. Thank you, Jim, we really appreciate it! Paul will be picking up the club rock tumblers from Clarence Wright, who is having some health issues. He advised the group that we need a theme for the 2024 rock show.

Federation Chair, Ed Moser told everyone to continue saving their stamps, cancelled or not. He will be taking them to the NW Federation meeting in August in Billings, Montana. The stamps are sold to collectors and the funds raised are donated for breast cancer research. Also, if you want a copy of the Federation Club and Membership directory, let Ed know. The cost is \$20.00 and he'll be picking them up at the meeting in August. Willa reminded everyone that **Sunshine Chair, Jewels Haines** would like to hear from you if you know of any member that needs a little 'Sunshine' in their life. She sends cards and notes to members from the club, just a bright spot in their day!

Please see **Membership Chair, Kim Bashford** to get your membership cards and nametags. She reminded us that she has lots that need to be picked up.

Field Trip Chair, John Wright said the May trip is Saturday, 20 May 2023 to Rockville in the morning for leaf fossils and in the afternoon to Maple Ridge for petrified wood. Meet at the Chevron at the junction of Hwy 55/ Hwy 95, west of Marsing at 8:00am, leave at 8:30.

Unfinished Business: Ted Diehr, Roadside Cleanup Coordinator wanted to thank everyone that came out to clean up the OGMS stretch of Hwy 45. He said there were about 30 people that came out, great job! Thanks to all for supporting our community!

New Business: Thanks to members, **Barbara and David Korn** for donating extra rock specimens to the club. Donations can be used in silent auction fundraisers at the meetings or held for the show. We appreciate it, thank you!

Willa advised the group that the IGC (Boise club), Beacon Hill field trip will be held on Saturday and Sunday, the 3rd and 4th of June, 2023. The group will meet at the Ontario, Oregon rest stop, on the right, just over the Ore/Ida border off I-84 at 8:00am, leave at 8:30am... or you can meet them at the gate to the property at 9:00am west of Weiser. **DO NOT GO THROUGH THE GATE WITHOUT WILLA OR DOUG! This goes across private property, and we need to respect the coordinated efforts that make this trip possible.**

The slab drawing was held and \$79.00 was raised for the club. Thanks to everyone who donated slabs and all that participate in the drawing.

Chris Deveau won the Attendance/Door Prize drawing... a pretty brass belt buckle with maroon and gold jasper stone, made by last month's winner, Robert Murphey. To take part in the door prize drawing, just sign up, the winner brings a rock related gift for next month's winner.

The May Board meeting will be held at the Caldwell Public Library at 1010 Dearborn St., Caldwell Idaho on Monday, 22 May 2023 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Vice-President's Corner—Sue Cassidy

"My Favorite" Presentations

If you have a favorite rock, gem, mineral, or fossil you would like to talk about and share with the members at the next meeting and in the newsletter, please contact Sue.

Monthly Meeting Topic

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact Sue at (603) 548-8822, pypnhot@comcast.net



Sue Cassidy

June 21	Bill Todd from the Flintknappers Topic: Flintknapping Memorial Park off Kimball and Irving in Caldwell—7 p.m.
July/August	No speakers -club activities in the park Memorial Park off Kimball and Irving in Caldwell
September 20	Bill Sawyer Topic: My favorite biggest rock and It's not a Meteorite
October 18	Bill Nance Topic: Select Minerals of Central America/Mexico
November 15	Auction & Voting
December	Christmas Party

Federation Director—Ed Moser



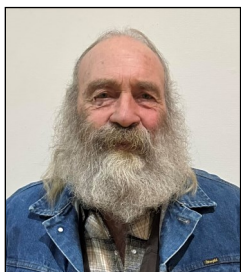
Bring your postage stamps to the next meeting. Remember to **cut ½ inch all the way around the stamp**. The money raised will go to help support cancer research. Thank you all for this. It helps others and it might just help someone you know.

Please Respect the Rules when you are out collecting rocks, be careful of ticks and snakes, and have fun.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director
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Mineralogical
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Field Trip Report —John Wright



USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR FIELD TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and Small), Sieve, Gloves, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Knee Pads, Magnifier, Plenty of Drinking Water, Food, Appropriate Clothing, Protective Eyewear, Sun Protection, Day Pack or Back Pack, Umbrella, Pry Bar, Tick Spray, First Aid Kit, Protective clothing and sunscreen to avoid burns.

Shovel and fire extinguisher to put out any fires that may start.

- Trips can last most of the day.
- Generally, a High-Clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD or an ATV is required.
- Please remember to not park on tall grass or sagebrush as the fire season is in full swing and watch out for snakes.
- 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 CONDITIONS.



OGMS 2023 Field Trips

June 24th—Pink Plume Claim—Pink Plume Agate

Meet at Owyhee Junction Hwy 201 and Owyhee Ave at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (2499 OR-201, Nyssa, OR)

July 22nd—Wagon Town—Bog Wood

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

August 19th—Graveyard Point— Agate and Jasper

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

September 23rd—Blue Egg Claim—Blue Opal Thundereggs

Meet at Homedale Park (by the tank) at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (E Idaho Ave and S 2nd St E)

October 21st—Bruneau Wood Pile—Petrified Wood and Pine Cones

Meet at Walter's Ferry Boat Ramp, Melba, at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m.

For further information contact John Wright at 208-571-6873 or Red Lovette at 208-965-7624

Field Trip—May 20, 2023

Field Trip Chair John Wright said there was a good turn out on Saturday at Rockville and Maple Ridge. Everyone found lots of specimens and enjoyed the day!



June Birthdays

- 1 Trina Bristow
- 1 Red Larson
- 2 June Eng
- 3 Brady Callahan
- 3 Judith Hart
- 4 Isaac Ward
- 8 Akexabder Kerns
- 9 David Korn
- 11 Rick Fleischman
- 13 Ted Diehr
- 15 Gerri Smith
- 16 Tracy Menger
- 17 Jay Erb
- 17 Helen Baldwin
- 17 Janie Ehlers
- 17 Irina Rutledge
- 18 David Butler
- 20 Linda Morgan
- 21 Rick Brose
- 22 Walter Anderson
- 22 Tia Call
- 22 Kathi Larson
- 23 Christine Deveau
- 25 David Thomas
- 28 Rowena Burnum
- 29 Mary Harris
- 29 Nick Larson
- 30 Freda Babbitt

June Anniversaries

- 1 Ron & Jean Dingley
- 5 Dustin & Mary Baker
- 5 Jim & Ruth Hopkins
- 8 Bill & Roxanne Franklin
- 8 Dennis & Linda Waller
- 9 Brad & Theresa Larson
- 11 Andrew & Christina Wiener
- 16 Lynn & Susan Cameron
- 18 Scott & Christina Orren
- 26 Todd & Misty Joyner

Sunshine Report



Hi, I am Jewels Haines and I am your Sunshine Chair.

If you hear of anyone needing a get-well card or visit, please give me a call at (760) 331-3443.

jewelsmalia@yahoo.com

In Memoriam

Sylvia Foreman

Passed away Monday, May 22, 2023

Community Corner

If you are presenting to the community or working with the community on behalf of OGMS, please submit a summary of what you are doing for our "Community Corner". This helps us maintain our non-profit status and gives you a recognition for a job well done.

happy BIRTHDAY!
JUNE babies



June Birthstone Trio!
Those born in the month of June have three very unique and exquisite gems as their birthstone; Pearl, Alexandrite and Moonstone

Board Meeting Minutes—May 22 , 2023

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Secretary Chris Deveau gave copies of the OGMS First Interstate Bank CD information to Willa and Roxanne. An advertisement for insurance was shredded.

Vice President Sue Cassidy was unavailable for the meeting but had advised the group that **Bill Todd of the Flintknappers**, will provide the presentation at the June General meeting.

Treasurer Roxanne Franklin gave a summary of OGMS bank accounts. There was a discussion by the Board about a 'CD' renewal and the yearly budget. Roxanne will follow on that.

Show Chair Paul Deveau is working on the Club rock tumbling process, the vendors, and various other show related projects. The theme for the 2024 show was voted on by the Board... **"GEMS AND MORE IN '24"** received a unanimous vote.

Federation Chair Ed Moser asked for everyone to continue saving stamps. He'll be collecting them at the general meetings so he can take them to the NW Federation meeting in Billings, Montana in August. Also, if you want a copy of the Federation Club and Membership directory, get on his list. They are selling for \$20.00. He shared that member, Howard Emry will fill the display cases at the Caldwell Public Library during the month of June and he (Ed) will fill them in December. Stop by and enjoy the incredible collections that these gentlemen provide for the public enjoyment and promotion of OGMS and the rock-collecting hobby.

Willa advised the Board that member Sylvia Foreman passed away this morning. We would like to send our condolences to her family.

Membership Chair Kim Bashford presented one new member to the board for approval. **Carolyn Fritschle** was approved unanimously! Welcome to the OGMS family!!! We hope you enjoy the fun and camaraderie.

Field Trip Chair John Wright said there was a good turn out on Saturday at Rockville and Maple Ridge. Everyone found lots of specimens and enjoyed the day! The June field trip will be to the OGMS Pink Plume claim on Saturday, 24 June 2023, meeting at Owyhee Junction (corner of Hwy 201 and Owyhee Avenue) at 7:00am, leaving at 7:30am.

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business:

- Chris Deveau was appointed as the Assistant Show Chair by the Board, she will continue her duties as Secretary, and has volunteered to assist Paul with the Show.
- Member Don Dixon advised the Board that Cindy Woolsey and he will be conducting an estate sale at their home in Homedale. There is some equipment and lots of rock from Chuck McCreath's estate (Cindy's dad). It will be held on Thursday through Saturday, the 8th – 10th of June at their home at 5728 Wagon Wheel Lane in Homedale. Please come and see the extensive collection of rock that will be available.
- Everyone needs to gear up for the July General Meeting/Picnic. We enjoy a potluck dinner and fundraising auction of mostly rock related items donated by our members. The money raised helps to defray the cost of our December Christmas Party. Please plan on attending this fun summer event.

THERE WILL BE NO SLAB DRAWING AT THE JUNE GENERAL MEETING! We **WILL** have a silent auction!

The June General Meeting will be held at the covered pavilion at Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving Street, Caldwell on Wednesday, 21 June 2023 at 7:00pm. The June Board meeting will be held at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn St., Caldwell on Monday, 26 June 2023 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Show Report



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2024 Show Dates: “GEMS AND MORE IN ‘24”, March 2nd & 3rd O’Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho

Well, I sure hope everyone has been taking advantage of this awesome rock collecting weather.

I want to thank Brian and Karen Davis for their involvement in our annual “Rock & Gem Shows.” They have decided to focus their attention on their social youth programs. They have for some time shared their knowledge of gems and minerals by offering classes at their home, hands-on fieldtrips and much donated time at school with geology teachers. They have much to offer and I will miss working with them.



ASST SHOW CHAIR:
Chris Deveau
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I have, at the last Board Meeting, asked permission for Chris Deveau to be the new “Assistant Show Chair.” The Board agreed and gave approval.

OGMS (as in past years) has received a great donation of “OBSIDIAN” from Jim Witt, for the silent auction. “Thanks Jim”

Many of you know that “Clarence Wright” has been tumbling rock for the OGMS for several years. Health issues now make it a little difficult for Clarence to continue to do so. I now have in my possession the club’s two forty-pound tumblers, plus, a smaller vibrating unit, assorted grit, and miscellaneous rock.

Harald Villarreal (at the last general meeting) has shown interest in continuing the tumbling for the club. Clarence has offered to meet with us to explain his process, and to share his knowledge of tumbling. I can’t thank Clarence enough for his years of donated service for the OGMS.

During your rock collecting travels the summer, please remember to set back a few of your findings for “GEMS AND MORE IN ‘24”.

OGMS stills pays \$120 per five-gallon bucket of nicely tumbled rock that we can use for the grab bags at the show.

STAY SAFE AND HAVE FUN.

Road Side Cleanup—May 13, 2023

Ted Diehr, Roadside Cleanup Coordinator wanted to thank everyone that came out to clean up the OGMS stretch of Hwy 45. He said there were about 30 people that came out, great job! Thanks to all for supporting our community!



Northwest Federation Mineralogical Society (NFMS)—Upcoming Shows

June 15 –18, 2023

Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow

Where: Crook County Fairgrounds, 120 S Main St, Prineville, OR 97754

Thurs: 9-5, Fri: 9-5, Sat: 9-5, Sun: 9-4

Admission: Free

Contact Jim McCoy Jimmcoy57@yahoo.com

June 16-18, 2023

Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society

Where: Reedsport Community Center, 451 Winchester Ave, Reedsport, OR 97467

Fri: 10-5, Sat: 10-5, Sun: 10-4

Admission: Free

Contact: Bambi Darling reedsportrockshow@gmail.com 541 420 8014 (please leave a message)

Website: ReedsportRockandGemShow.com

June 17-18, 2023

Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society

Where: Ravalli County Fair Ground, 100 Old Corvallis Rd, Hamilton, MT 59840

Sat: 10-6, Sun: 10-5

Admission: Free

Contact: Ed Kubu, ekubu@yahoo.com, (406)273-8265

<https://www.bitterrootgemandmineral.org/contact-us>

June, July, and August General Meetings—In the Park

**The summer general meetings will be at the Caldwell Memorial Park
618 Irving Street, on the corner of Irving and Kimball**

See you there at 7:00 p.m. on June 21st for the June meeting.

- **Bring a comfy lawn chair to sit in.**
- **We will have a Silent Auction, so bring your checkbook/cash!**
- **The money collected will offset our December Banquet costs.**

July 19—Pot Luck and Auction

August 16—Ice Cream Social



Stone from Arizona

Anderson Mine—Agate
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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

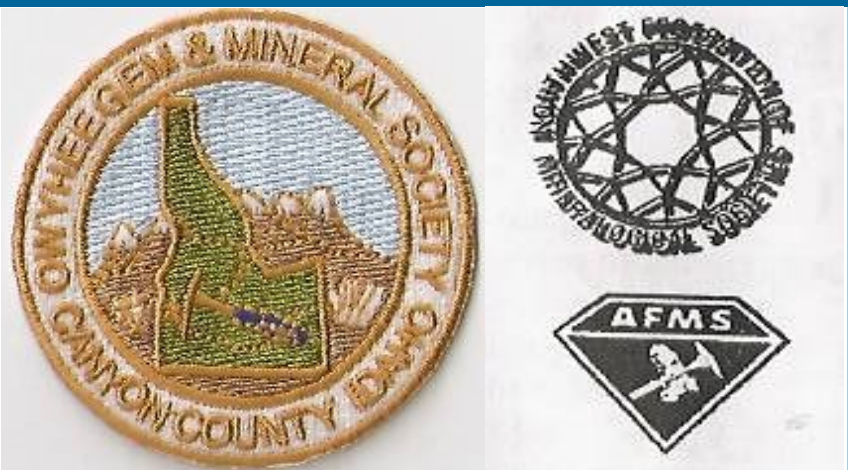
The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1938 at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho.

GENERAL MEETING: The club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103, except for the July picnic and the December holiday party.

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag— Bring an unidentified rock and we'll help you figure out what it is!

FIELD TRIPS:

Field trips are scheduled once a month.
Visitors are welcome at all these events!



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/>