



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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March President's Message

By the time you receive this, we will be getting close to our annual gem show. I am looking forward to another fun-filled show and thank everyone for their hard work. The first meeting after the show is always well attended so be prepared to meet some new friends. Take the time to get to know the new faces we will find amongst us.

As we have just started our youth program if you have young children that are wanting to be included please come prepared to help with integrating them into the program. Caroline is doing a great job but it needs to be supported by you the parents. Please step forward and help her to be able to present her program effectively. I get very excited to see this part of our meeting growing and it will take more than one person to keep all that energy focused.

I want to thank Ithel for getting the field trips lined out for the upcoming year. This is another job that needs support from our membership so if you can help out please let him know. Our trips are some of the best and usually have a lot of participation so get ready to find some more spectacular rock.

Thank you all for all the participation that each of you provide on behalf of the club. It does not go unnoticed and is much appreciated. It takes all of us pulling together to keep our club moving forward. I look forward to this month's meeting and getting to see you all once again.

-Willa Renken, OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES February 18, 2015

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

Secretary: Gave information about the Mecham Lapidary equipment and rock auction on April 12 located in Jerome, Idaho. Read an invitation for the Yakima Rock & Mineral Club Gem Show to be held on April 11 & 12 in Yakima, Washington.

Vice President: Nancy is working on putting together a two-year calendar as a club fundraiser.

Treasurer: Janie gave the club an update on all of the accounts.

Show Chairman: Signups are still needed on all of the venues. There are volunteers to move the trailers starting at 9 a.m. on Thursday then we should be able to start the setup of the Gem Show shortly after. There are still a few show cases available and some room left on the special display. If you have something that isn't rock related you would like to share with your fellow rockhounds bring it down and show it in the special display area. Gene Alvey is making a special sphere for Jeri McClarin for bringing over 2600 rock bags she made for the club. A big thank-you to both members.

Federation Chairman: Remember to save your postage stamps. The Northwest Federation sells the stamps to raise money for cancer research. The Northwest Federation Show will be April 10 – 12 in Ogden Utah this year.

Sunshine Chairman: It is with great sadness we hear of the passing of Evelyn Ensley. Myrt is in rehab.

Membership Chairman: We had applications for five new members. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the new members and was seconded by Red Larson. The new members were given a warm welcome.

Field Trip Chairman: Ithel gave a rough draft on the upcoming field trips for this year. If you have ideas for other field trips feel free to give him a call.

Webmaster: A junior section was added to the website. If you have pictures or stories you would like to contribute, e-mail them to Brad.

Refreshments: A big thank you to members who provided refreshments this month. A few more volunteers are needed for the next meeting.

Unfinished Business: The Board Meetings for February, March and April will be at the Caldwell Library on the last Monday of the month.

New Business: Brad Larson made a motion to provide a \$100 endowment in honor of Evelyn Ensley. Motion was seconded by Joan Alvey. Bill Stringer has three pieces of used rock equipment for sale. Call him if you are interested. The DMV offers a pamphlet with information on off road vehicles and where they can be driven. Please be aware that the laws on county roads are different than BLM and Forest Service roads.

Slab drawing – Door Prize winner Loren Frances – Refreshments – Meeting adjourned 9 p.m .
Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

Membership Report

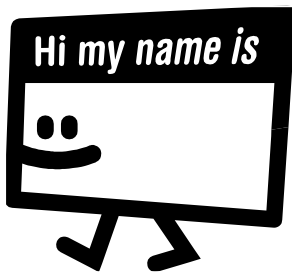
Membership forms are available at every meeting, so invite your "rockhound" friends to our next one!

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

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

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

FIRST NAME(s): _____

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PHONE: _____ ANNIV: _____-_____/_____-_____
Month Day Month Day Month Day

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RENEWAL _____ NEW _____ CASH _____ CHECK # _____ RECD BY _____

AQUAMARINE
MARCH BIRTHSTONE



March Birthdays

- 4 Jared Mikelson
- 4 Michael Mikelson
- 5 Gene Alvey
- 5 Karissa Sudweeks
- 6 Jean Dingley
- 6 Jarri McClarin
- 7 Ron Dingley
- 11 Suzanne Lopez
- 11 Eric Milstead
- 13 Cindy Schmidt
- 21 Heidi Summers
- 23 Neava Jo Haney
- 27 Kelly Gibbens
- 29 Irene Parker
- 30 Jim Hopkins

Aquamarine is March's Birthstone:
It is a promoter of luck, good memory
and pleasant dreams; hope, health
and youth.

Daffodil is the March Birth Flower:
The daffodil symbolizes new
beginning, reverence, affection,
optimism, and sympathy.



March Anniversaries

- 20 Daniel & JoDee Arnold

April Anniversaries

- 6 Tony & Kathy Griffin
- 11 Mike & Judy Tucker
- 30 Mark & Terry Goodell

Refreshments

We wish to thank all those who brought refreshments to the February meeting.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the March 18th meeting.

Please sign up for to bring refreshments to at least one of the meetings this year.

Thank You,
Ruth & Jim Hopkins
466-8817
16654JRHopkins@q.com



Please let me know if I don't have your correct information, or if you are not on the lists above and should be.
Email me at: denisemstringer@gmail.com

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942 South Lincoln • Jerome, Idaho 83338

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rockingift@cableone.net

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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

Idaho Indoor Farmers Community Market

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4977 Glenwood, Garden City, Idaho
Corner of Glenwood and Chinden Blvd

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society March Field Trip

March 21, 2015

Graveyard Point Plume Agate

Or

Beacon Hill Nodules, Weiser



Join us at the March 18th general meeting to find out more about this month's field trip.

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

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

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:

Ithel Kildow, 455-7960, ithelk@gmail.com

ASSISTANTS:

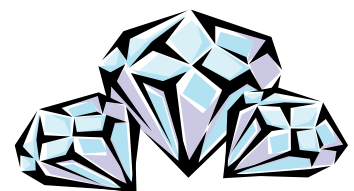
Randy Whipple, 585-5910, rlwhipple@gmail.com

Gene Alvey, 440-3067, fosselmoss@msn.com

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

Tentative 2015 Field Trip Schedule

April 18: Jamison and Wall of Agates
 May 23: Rome, Oregon—Snakeskin Agate
 June 20: Big Egg Claim
 July 18: Wagontown
 August 22: Pink Plume Agates
 Sept. 19: Succor Creek (Blue Egg Claim)
 Oct. 24: TBD (Member's Choice)



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2015

Board Meeting: The meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7 pm. Willa asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Ed Moser made the motion to accept the minutes as printed and was seconded by Darell Ehlers.

Secretary: Picked up three membership renewals and a showcase application from the mail box.

Vice President: There was a discussion about lining up a speaker for the March meeting. Nancy is going to check with Randy to see if he will be available. The club would like him to go over some of the rules members need to be aware of when going out on field trips.

Treasurer: The club made \$100 on our slab drawing last meeting.

Show Chairman: Susan let us know all of the vendors are lined up and ready to go. The demonstrators are all set, and she is very happy with all of the donations she has received for the game prizes.

Federation Chairman: It is important to bring all of your postage stamps you have been collecting to the next meeting so Ed can get them to the Federation Show. The show will be April 10-12 in Ogden, Utah. You can check out all of the information on the show in the NWF Newsletter online.

Field Trip Chairman: Ithel has the field trip itinerary for the year all ready to go. He will have copies to hand out at the Gem Show. He also let us know the DMV has pamphlets with information and maps in them to let you know where you can legally operate off road vehicles.

Sunshine: Kathy Larson is having a hard time getting over a bug she caught. Mert Alsten is in rehab and doing well. Everett Ensley would love to hear from you. Give him a quick call to say "HI".

Bulletin Editor: Information for the next newsletter needs to be in by March 2.

Unfinished Business: The Board appointed Randy Whipple as the Mining Claim Chairman. There was a discussion on filing of the Pink Plume Claim.

New Business: There was a discussion about raising some of the pricing at the Gem Show. Taking into consideration the value of the prizes, the 'Wheel of Gems' will be raised to \$1 and the Sand Dig will be \$.75. We will also be raising the cost of admission next year to \$4 for people 12 and over. There will also be an increase in vendor tables. We have had a good response to our kids club during the general meeting. There was a discussion about getting some extra help for Carolyn when needed. The Board Meeting will be held at the Caldwell Library in March.

Meeting adjourned. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

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/>





**Thank
You!**

All of your donations, time, effort, and presence for the annual show are very much appreciated!

The contributions made for your club's fundraiser are what makes our show so nice. It couldn't have happened without your help.

Hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest.

**See you at the meeting,
Susan Beattie—Show Chairman**

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.

The stamps that we will be taking to Ogden will need to be brought to the March 18th meeting. Don't forget the Federation Show on April 10, 11, & 12th in Ogden, Utah. THANKS to ALL of you for the stamps the you have turned in.

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



Northwest Federation Annual Show and the Golden Spike 64th Gemstone Junction

April 10th: 9-6, 11th: 10-6, 12th: 10-4

Admission: \$3 Adults | \$1.50 Students | Children under 12 and Scouts are free with paid Adult.

For competitive cases contact Tom Burchard, 801 791 2828, roxhund@aol.com

For NFMS information contact Evan Day, 801 391 2912, eday@sisna.com

Golden Spike Event Center, Weber County Fairgrounds, 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden UT 88440

Deborah Blake, PO Box 12835, Ogden, UT 84412, 385 205 9187

gemshow@goldenspikegem.org

Upcoming Events**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society 61st Rock & Gem Show—"We Will Rock You!"**

March 7th, 10 a.m.—6 p.m. March 8th, 10 a.m.—5 p.m.

Location: O'Conner Field House, 2200 Blaine, Caldwell, ID

Admission: \$3.00 — Kids 11 and under free with paid adult

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society March Meeting

March 18, 2015—7:30 p.m.

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

Tualatin Valley Gem Club Rock and Mineral Show

March 13: 9-5, 14th: 9-5, 15th: 10-5 Admission: \$1.00 12 & under free

Washington Co. Fairplex, 873 NE 34th Avenue, Hillsboro OR 97124

Walt Butler, PO Box 641, Forest Grove, OR 97116, Waltercbutler@comcast.net, www.TVRGC.org

Rock and Arrowhead Club Annual Show

March 14th: 9-5, 15th: 9-4

Klamath Co. Fairgrounds, 3531 South 6th Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97603

Marv Stump, POB 1803, Klamath Falls, OR 97603. 541 882 8341 or

Garwin Carlson, 541 882 8276

8th Annual Rock and Mineral Show Northwest Montana Rock Chucks

March 14th: 10-6, 15th: 10-4 Admission - \$1.00, kids are free

Flathead County Fairground, Grandstand Bldg, 265 North Meridian Road, Kalispell MT

Kathy Fager, NW NT Rock Chucks, PO Box 5541, Kalispell, MT 59903

babcockk@montanasky.net

Magic Valley Gem Club - 64th Annual Gem Show

March 14th: 9-5, 15th: 10-5

Adults \$2.00 admission Children under 12 years old free accompanied by an adult

Twin Falls County Fair Grounds, 215 Fair Avenue, Filer ID (just east of Filer on Highway 30)

Shirley Metts, 208 423-4827, imetts@centurylink.net, 550 Main Street South Kimberly, ID 83341

Hellgate Mineral Society - Gems of Montana - 21st Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show

March 21st: 9-6, 22nd: 10-5

Admission \$2.00, Children under 14, free with paid adult.

Hilton Garden Inn, 3720 North Reserve Street, Missoula, MT 59806, 406-532-5300

Bob Riggs, 14 Holiday Lane, Missoula, MT 59801, 406 543 3667

Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA, 56th Annual Gem Jewelry, Rock & Mineral Show featuring the incredible lapidary artistry of Olive Cohour

March 27th: 10-6, 28th: 10-6, 29th: 10-4 Adults \$6, Seniors \$5, Children 12 & under free

Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, N.604 Havana at Broadway, Spokane WA 99212

David Rapp, 509 891 6533, showchair@rockrollers.org

67th Annual Rock & Gem Show - "Banded Agate" - Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society

March 28th: 10-6, 29th: 10-5

Admission 50¢

High School Gym, 1641 Long St., Sweet Home, OR 97386

Joe Cota, POB 2279, Lebanon, OR 97355, 541 451 2740

54th Rock and Gem Show—Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club – Bellingham WA

March 28th: 10-6, 29th: 10-5

Free admission

Bloedel Donovan Community Center, 2214 Electric Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98229

Tracy Jackson, 360 330 0576, tracyljackson@comcast.net



For more show information: <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/ShowsJanJun.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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