



# "Owyhee Gem"



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### March President's Message

Hello folks,

Hopefully you had the time to get out and experience our event this last weekend. Kudos to all of you who took the time to help setup, man and teardown the show this year. Without all of us pulling together, we could never put on such a wonderful show. Each year it seems to grow so your input, sweat and hard work has paid off once again. Our attendance was just as good this year as last and I did not find a dealer who was not pleased with the turn out. We had several new vendors, which was nice to see some different material. I am pleased with the progression we have been experiencing with our show. Thanks to Susan and Darell for having the foresight to steer us in a direction in which we are continually building on sound principals in order to produce the results we are all looking for.

This month's program is being presented, by the BLM with an emphasis on our roads into the areas we are looking for rock. It should be a great subject for us to learn about, especially with the new rules that we are about to experience. If you know of a program you would like Jim to use for the monthly meetings please take the time to let him know as he is always looking for new programs to provide you with.

This month brings us the first of our field trips and Ithel is anxious to get us back out in the field. He will have more information on where we will be going at this month's meeting. Ithel asked if we could please have members bring in examples of material from the areas we are going to explore, as it may help the new members understand what they will be looking for. This month the field trip is scheduled for the Big Egg claim so if you have some nice eggs to show off please bring them for show and tell.

Carol Farnham our editor has been trying to secure email's in order to get you your newsletter sent electronically to you. This will save us a lot of money as it is much cheaper to send it electronically rather than having it printed, stamped and sent out not to mention the fact that you will receive it much faster with an electronic version.

I think that's all I can come up with. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Boone Science building. Until then keep on rocking!!

-Willa Renken OGMS President

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES****February 27, 2017**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30pm. Brad Larson made a motion to approve the minutes as written in the last newsletter; Bill Stringer seconded, motion carried. Guests were introduced and given a warm welcome. Representatives from Inter Agency Fire in Boise were present and gave information about how their organization operates.

**Secretary:** Received a receipt for payment of the NWMS Dues, 1 dealer contract and 2 membership renewals.

**Vice President:** The presentation at the March meeting will have information about BLM roads.

**Treasurer:** Janie gave a report about the status of the Club's accounts.

**Show Chairman:** Winners from the tumbled stone contest were chosen. David Baldwin chose the paleo pick and Red Larson received the slab of jade from Alaska. Signup sheets for club venues at the Gem Show were available. The trailers will be moved to O'Connor Field House on Thursday and should arrive at 8:30 to begin setup. Friday will finish venue setup and fill grab bags. Showcase setup will start at 3 and the building will close at 7. Idaho Tractor will receive free admission to the show for their generosity in allowing our club to store the trailers on their property. Red Larson made a motion to put \$1,925 into the budget to spend on advertising for the Gem Show; Ed Moser seconded, motion carried. There are 10 spaces left to fill for the showcases and space is available in the black light room.

**Federation Chairman:** There was information in the Federation Newsletter about the executive order that closed areas to public use in Malheur County, Oregon and Utah. You can go to the ALAA website for current information. The Federation Meeting will be in Hamilton, MT on May 19 this year. There was also a reminder to continue to save your postage stamps.

**Historian:** There was no historian report.

**Sunshine:** Mert Alston would love to hear from club members. Cards were sent to Brad and Willa.

**Membership:** There were 16 membership renewals.

**Field Trip:** There will be a list of the yearly field trips available in time for the Gem Show.

**Webmaster:** The website is currently up to date. If you have pictures or information you would like to include, email your information to Brad.

**Unfinished Business:** Darell brought gem show fliers to the meeting and has already started posting them in the community. If you would like to help the club save money on postage, you can have your newsletter emailed to you. Call or email Carol your information. Pauline Prather made a motion to give the NWMS Endowment Fund \$50 in memory of Lifetime Member Bill Foreman; Red Larson seconded, motion carried.

**New Business:** Ed Moser gave a demonstration on how to set up a showcase for the Gem Show.

Slab drawing. Susan Beattie won the door prize. Meeting adjourned 9:15.

Respectfully submitted.  
Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



### March Birthdays

- 1 Lori D'Angelo
- 1 Susie Justice
- 3 Ronda Conrad
- 5 Gene Alvey
- 6 Jean Dingley
- 6 Jarri McClarin
- 7 Ron Dingley
- 13 Cyndy Schmidt
- 15 Jim Rettinger
- 16 Clarence Wright
- 18 Mel Chandler
- 20 Jay Gillies
- 21 Heide Summers
- 23 Red Lovette
- 27 Kelly Gibbens
- 30 Jim Hopkins



### March Anniversaries

- 10 Don Daman
- 12 Nick & Andrea Hardman
- 23 John & Tammy Stewart

### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

This is a big **THANK YOU** to all those who decided to get the newsletters by email. If your spouse would like to receive their own email, please let me know and I will add them to the list.

**Did you know** that mailing the newsletter directly to you has been costing the club \$16.20 per person per year? There are some great benefits to receiving your newsletters by email. You save the club money, great color, and receive the newsletter 3-4 days sooner than snail mail. This last month we were able to get our newsletter bill down per person from \$1.35 each month to \$1.19 per person. The UPS store on 12<sup>th</sup> St. did a very good job for us so please thank them for us and use them whenever you can.

For those of you that are still thinking about changing I would like to ask that you try it out for the next couple of months to see how you like it. You can always go back.

Please email me at [carolfarnham@ymail.com](mailto:carolfarnham@ymail.com) to confirm your email address and to let me know if you would like to change over. If you are having problems getting your newsletter, or are receiving duplicates, please let me know.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

### 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

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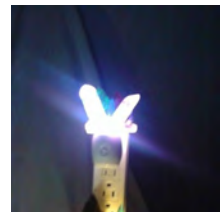
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# OWYHEE GEM

## OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**February 27, 2017**

The Board Meeting was held at Carl's Jr in Caldwell on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:15pm. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Susan seconded, motion carried.

**Secretary:** Received a dealer contract for the Gem Show, one membership renewal and one show case application.

**Vice President:** TJ Cooper will be the speaker at the next meeting. He will be giving information about public access to BLM roads.

**Treasurer:** The contract for the O'Connor Field house was finalized.

**Show Chairman:** Everything is on board and ready to go for the show. Setup will start at 8:30 on Thursday. There was an advertisement in the SR Newspaper about the Gem show.

**Federation Chairman:** Make sure you have the current information about the areas that were closed due to the Presidential Executive Order.

**Field Trip Chairman:** Ithel presented a schedule for the field trips this year. There was a discussion about putting together a calendar and having 2 two-day field trips, one to McDermitt and one to Glass Butte. It was suggested to have rough and finished material brought to the meetings to show what can be collected on current field trips.

**Historian:** Post cards for the Gem Show were sent out. It was suggested to choose a long-time member and give a little history about their time in the club.

**Membership:** Received one membership renewal.

**Sunshine:** Neal Roberts passed.

**Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

**New Business:** There will be a meteor case and several black light cases at the Gem Show.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

### Plan Ahead for the Spring Roadside Cleanup!

The OGMS Spring roadside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Walter's Ferry boat ramp, on Highway 45, at 9:00am for the cleanup. If the weather is good, we will go on a little field trip after we are finished.

We need a minimum of 12 volunteers, but the more we have, the more fun it is and the quicker we will get done, so we can go play! I will have a signup sheet at the meetings but feel free to give me a call to add your name to the list any time. Due to the nature of the cleanup work, and the proximity to the highway, we don't recommend children be brought on the cleanup.



## Show Report

You are all really great help!!!

"Thank You" to all who donated items for our show, helped set up, donated to the chili feed, managed venues, volunteered to staff venues, and helped put everything away and clean up on Sunday.

*Your generosity is very much appreciated!!*

We sold 2,395 adult admission tickets (1,553 on Saturday and 842 on Sunday) and awarded 28 admission ticket door prizes; and five beautiful Grand Prizes have new homes.

The club members provided a lot of support for this event, and I think your efforts were well rewarded.

You all deserve many pats on the back and a nice rest after such a busy weekend.

Several vendors asked me to convey their gratitude for the friendly nature of our club members. Your kindness to our vendors and the public that visit our show are the reason we have a successful event.

We will have a show meeting soon to gear up for next year, so please bring all your great ideas suggestions for improvement.

The volunteers for the show really made us look good this year!



### 2017 Field Trip Schedule

<b>March 18th</b>	<b>Big Egg Claim</b> (Meet at the Marsing Park by the river between 7:30-8:00am). We will leave at 8:30am
<b>April 22nd</b>	<b>Graveyard Point</b> for Petrified Wood and Plume Agate (Meet at ION 8:00-8:30am)
<b>May 2th</b>	<b>Jamison, OR</b> for Blue Jasper (Meet @ rest stop just inside ID/OR line In Ontario)
<b>June 24th</b>	<b>Rome</b> for Snakeskin Agates (Meet at ION 7:00-7:30am) (80 mile trip 1 way)
<b>July 22nd</b>	<b>Wagontown</b> for Petrified Wood/Cat Tail Fossils (Meet at ION 7:30-8:00am)
<b>August 19th</b>	<b>Pink Plume Agate Claim</b> (Meet @ Homedale Park 7:30-8:00am)
<b>September 23rd</b>	<b>Grandview</b> for Petrified Pinecones (Meet @ Walters Ferry 7:30-8:00am)
<b>October 21st</b>	<b>Haystacks Butte</b> for Red Jasper (Meet @ Homedale Park 7:30-8:00am)

McDermitt and Glass Butte (Stink Water) are two-day trips 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

**For field trip Information**, contact Ithel Kildow at (208) 455-7960,

Or David Schmidt (408) 585-5910

Trips can last most of the day. Generally, a high-clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD or ATV is required.

**ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON**

**WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS**

## OWYHEE GEM

March 11-12 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-5	Magic Valley Gem Club - 66 <sup>th</sup> Annual Gem Show	<a href="#">Twin Falls County Fair Grounds</a> <a href="#">215 Fair Avenue</a> <a href="#">Filer ID (just east of Filer on Highway 30)</a>	Shirley or Rocky Metts <a href="#">208 423-4827</a> <a href="mailto:rmetts@magicvalleygemclub.org">rmetts@magicvalleygemclub.org</a>
March 11-12 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4	Rock and Arrowhead Club Annual Show Admission \$2 donation	<a href="#">Klamath Co. Fairgrounds</a> <a href="#">3531 South 6th Street</a> <a href="#">Klamath Falls, OR 97603</a>	Marv Stump POB 1803 Klamath Falls, OR 97601 <a href="#">541 882 8341</a>
March 11-12 Sat 9-6 Sun 9-5	9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Rock and Mineral Show Northwest Montana Rock Chucks	<a href="#">Flathead County Fairgrounds</a> <a href="#">Grandstand Bldg.</a> <a href="#">265 North Meridian Road</a> <a href="#">Kalispell MT 59901</a>	Lloyd Fager <a href="#">608 436 0780</a> <a href="mailto:oldgrayelf@sbcglobal.net">oldgrayelf@sbcglobal.net</a>
March 17-18 Fri 8:30-6 Sat 9-5	Annual Gem and Mineral Show Panorama Gem & Mineral Club	<a href="#">Ag Trade Center</a> <a href="#">NE Washington Fairgrounds</a> <a href="#">317 West Astor Avenue (Astor Avenue &amp; Washington Street)</a> <a href="#">Colville WA 99114</a>	Bill Allen <a href="#">509 936 2446</a> <a href="mailto:sagostore2@charter.net">sagostore2@charter.net</a>
March 17-19 Fri 10-7 Sat 10-7 Sun 10-5	56 <sup>th</sup> Annual Rock, Gem, & Mineral Show Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society	<a href="#">Spanish Fork Fair Grounds</a> <a href="#">Indoor Tennis Court</a> <a href="#">475 South Main</a> <a href="#">Spanish Fork UT 84660</a>	Karl Powell <a href="#">801 766 8705</a> <a href="mailto:timpanogosrock@gmail.com">timpanogosrock@gmail.com</a>
March 18-19 Sat 9-6 Sun 10-5	Hellgate Mineral Society Gem Stones of Montana - 23 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Gem and Mineral Show., Missoula MT	<a href="#">Hilton Garden Inn</a> <a href="#">3720 North Reserve Street</a> <a href="#">Missoula, MT 59806</a> 406-532-5300	Bob Riggs <a href="mailto:robert.riggs3@gmail.com">robert.riggs3@gmail.com</a> <a href="#">406 543 3667</a>
March 25-26 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	55 <sup>th</sup> Rock and Gem Show Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club – Bellingham WA	<a href="#">Bloedel Donovan Community Center</a> <a href="#">2214 Electric Avenue</a> <a href="#">Bellingham, WA 98229</a>	Lori Nettles <a href="#">360 961 7873</a> <a href="mailto:lorinhardy@yahoo.com">lorinhardy@yahoo.com</a>

**NATIONAL PARKS PASS FEE INCREASE**

If you are over 62 years, and don't already have your National Park Lifetime Senior Pass, you might think about getting one soon because on December 16th, 2016, Congress passed into law the National Park Centennial Act. The lifetime pass provides access to more than 2,000 recreation sites managed by five Federal agencies, including National parks, campgrounds, and historical sites, for a bargain rate, to this point, of only \$10.

With the passing of the Centennial Act though There will be a price increase to help raise funds for direly needed repairs to parks. The new lifetime fee will be \$80. For further information, go to [www.store.usgs.gov/pass/senior.html](http://www.store.usgs.gov/pass/senior.html).

**Attention:**

We have received an email from Gerald Gibeault, the Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society President on the following:

**Subject:** BLM to Ban Rockhounding with Hand Tools in Areas Targeted by the Draft Environmental Statement (EIS) for the proposed Sagebrush Focal Area Withdrawal.

If you would like me to email the information to you, please let me know.

Carol Farnham, Newsletter editor



Federation Show 2017 - Hamilton, MT

Dates: May 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Hours: Fri - 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4

Location: First Interstate Center, Ravalli County Fairgrounds

NFMS' 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Show

**Hosted by the:** Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society.



For Federation needs and events please call Faith Farley, 1 406 961 3347.

Display cases non-competitive and competitive, contact Bob Gibson, 1 406 361 0870.

For the show and any other questions or concerns Steve Vieth, 1 406 381 7597.

## **Speakers at the Federation Show**

Dave Trexler, Paleontologist,

Two Medicine Center

George Stanley Jr., Professor of Geosciences and the Director of the Paleontology

Center at U of M

Ted Antonioli, Consulting Geologist, Member of Montana Mining Association

Bruce Baty, Talk on Glacial Lake Missoula

Lee Filliman, Fossils and Petrified Trees of Yellowstone

Fossils of Yellowstone, and Mining of Montana.

For more information, go online to: [www.amfed.org/nfms](http://www.amfed.org/nfms)

**The Ensley family is willing to sell items  
from Everett Ensley's rock collection to club  
members. Club members interested in  
acquiring items should contact  
Bob Ensley, at (208) 337-3050.**



**Chuck Strom, in American Falls, is selling his  
collection of: Bruneau jasper, plume agate,  
tortilla, crystals, and coopralite  
If interested, his contact information is,  
208-226-5610 (home), or 208-479-4464 (cell)**



**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.

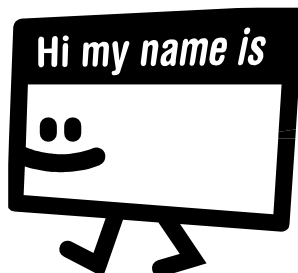
Your yearly dues cover membership privileges from October 31st through the following October 31st.

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

**Kim McEwan, Membership Chairperson**

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

**Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com**

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES****Year: 2017**

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

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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



#### **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.

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