



# "Owyhee Gem"



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### March Presidents 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, Kathy 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.

We will be having a program but at this time it is not clear what it will be.

This month brings us the first of our field trips and Dale 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. Dale 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 Bruneau woodpile so if you have some nice material to show off please bring them for show and tell. Bruneau Wood Pile for Petrified Wood & Petrified Pinecones (Meet at Walter Ferry just across the Snake River on the right Side at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

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 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Boone Science building. Until then keep on rocking!!

President, Willa Renken

## ***OGMS 2019 Field Trips***

\*(meet @ 8am - leave @ 8:30)

**March 23rd:** \**Bruneau Wood Pile* for Petrified Wood & Pinecones. Meet at Walter's Ferry (across Snake River @ boat landing). (Meet @ 8am - leave @ 8:30)

**April 20th:** \**Big Egg Claim* for Geodes. Meet at Gem Stop (HWY 55 & 95). (Meet @ 8am - leave @ 8:30)

**May 18th:** \**Graveyard Point* for Plume Agate & Moss Agate. Meet at Homedale, ID Park tank just E of the four corners. (Meet @ 8am - leave @ 8:30)

**June 8th:** *Beacon Hill* for Nodules. We will join with the Boise club! Meet @9am at the Ontario, Oregon I-84 Rest Stop (just across the Snake River). Leave @ 9:30.

**July 20th:** \**Coal Mine Basin* for Blood Stone & Black Opalized Wood. Meet at the GEM Stop (HWY 55 & 95). (Meet @ 8am - leave @ 8:30)

**August 24:** \**Rockville, Oregon* for Leaf Fossils, Agate, and Jasper. Meet at the GEM Stop (HWY 55 & 95). (Meet @ 8am - leave @ 8:30)

**September 21:** \**Blue Egg Claim* for Geodes. Meet at the Homedale, ID Park tank just E of the four corners. (Meet @ 8am - leave @ 8:30)

**October 19:** \**Haystack Butte* for Red Jasper. Meet at the Homedale, ID Park tank just E of the four corners. (Meet @ 8am - leave @ 8:30)

For further information, contact: Dale Rawson (208)283-7990 or David Baldwin(208)570-9781

### **USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP**

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and 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, Tick Spray. (Shovel and fire extinguisher to put out any fires that may start.)

**For Field Trip Information,** contact Dale Rawson, (208) 283-7990,  
or David Baldwin (208) 570-9781

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 CONDITIONS.**



### ***March Birthdays***

3/1	Mel Channer
3/1	Anna Ravengum-Taaffe
3/3	Rhonda Conrad
3/5	Gene Alvey
3/6	Jean Dingley
3/6	Jarri McClarin
3/7	Ron Dingley
3/7	Randy Doolittle
3/13	Cyndy Schmidt
3/15	Patricia Goates
3/15	Jim Rettinger
3/15	M'Lani Thurston
3/16	Janie Englehardt
6/16	Clarence Wright
3/18	Wanda Weiskircher
3/23	Rick Badillo
3/23	Red Lovette
3/28	Barbara Spiker
3/30	Jim Hopkins

### **March Birthstone:**

Your month has 2 birthstones – the **aquamarine** and the bloodstone. Aquamarines vary in color from deep blue to blue-green of different intensities, caused by traces of iron in the **beryl crystal**. Naturally occurring deep blue stones are the most prized because they are rare and expensive.

### ***March Anniversaries***

3/3	Arthur and Setsuko Church
3/10	Don Daman
3/12	Nick and Andrea Hardman
3/21	Dale and Betty Brown
3/27	Chuck and Chris McGuire

*Congratulations*

### **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**

Amethyst from Uruguay  
 Owyhee Picture Jasper Slabs & Rough Rock  
 Green Moss Agate Hammers/Tools/ /Gold Pans  
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 26736 Homedale Road, Wilder, Idaho  
 Phone (208) 861-8229 or Text: (208) 258-4250

[rivervu1@msn.com](mailto:rivervu1@msn.com)

**Open Saturday 9:00am—2:00pm**

**April—October**

## **STRINGER'S GEM SHOP**

**Idaho Opals  
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 Tumblers & Equipment**

## **WHITE'S METAL DETECTORS**

**W.A. (Bill) Stringer**  
 1812 West Orchard  
 Nampa, Idaho 83651

1 Mile South of Karcher Mall  
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**M-F 1:30-5:30 pm**

Other Hours By Appointment

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 and a whole lot of fun"**

Rough, Slabs, Cabs, Specimens,  
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Large Mineral Collection

Located in Nampa  
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**OPENING MARCH 2019**

## **4 SALE in Nampa**

**Used - Diamond Pacific Genie with  
 trim saw attachment.  
 Less than half price.**

**Used - Facetron Faceting Machine  
 Fresh factory tune up.**

**A dozen laps, many dops and several  
 pieces of faceting material. Less than  
 half price.**

**Dale Brown  
 Phone 208-466-9608**

**Also one year old brown leather  
 recliner, rocker, swivel chair.**

## JOB OPENING

**Do you want to help out in our club but don't know what to do? We are looking for someone to take over the OGMS Newsletter. Due to health reasons, Carol can not continue . She can get you started and it is easy to do. Reports come from the various board members as well as members. All you have to do is put it together and send to the printer. Should you have any questions, please contact Carol or Willa.**

**Thank you,**

## For sale:

White's MXT PRO Metal Detector

Bought March of 2013

Comes with Digger Knife, Pistol Probe, metal probe and Manual

Paid about \$1200. Asking \$700 or best offer. Please no low ball offers.

Only used 3-4 times. Nothing wrong with it, just didn't use it. Carol Farnham 208.475.4868



## 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](http://www.collegeofidaho.edu/cultural-institutions/orma-j-smith-museum-natural-history) to learn more.

## 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,  
(208) 340-8060,  
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A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped make our 65th Rock & Gem Show a GREAT SUCCESS!

Everyone had great fun and is looking forward to next years show.

Kathi Larson,  
Show Chairman



Thank you all for helping, selling and buying the Rock Turtles for the club fundraiser at our show. If my count is correct, 17 people donated \$25 or more to get one.

For this next year, If I had 5 people donate 2 polished Agate slabs measuring 3x5 inches, I could make up more turtles for next years show. The Agates are more popular and also easier to make up. Let me know if you can help.

Carol 208.475.4868



### WORD SEARCH—OBSIDIAN

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Igneous Rock

Iron

Mafic

Magnesium

Medicine lake

Mineral

Mirrors

Obsidian

Pink

Pumice

Rainbow

Red

Snowflake

Stone Age

Sword

Volcano

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES****February 20, 2019**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in the Boone Science Hall and called to order at 7:30pm by President, Willa Renken. Roxanne Franklin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the last newsletter; seconded by Red Larson, motion carried. Guests stood and introduced themselves and were given a warm welcome. Roxanne introduced Bill Sawyer as the guest speaker. Bill shared information about radioactivity in rocks and some reasoning as to why they are radioactive. He also had samples of different types of rocks and household items that are radioactive.

**Secretary:** There were 3 membership renewals and a receipt from the NWF for the yearly dues. The insurance company sent a form to update information on the trailers and there was a newsletter from the Wasatch Gem Society in Salt Lake City.

**Vice President:** Roxanne is working on a presentation for next month.

**Treasurer:** All of the Club's bank accounts were reviewed.

**Show Chairman:** Susan shared information about how to set up a showcase and gave the dimensions of the cases. Red, Larry and Dan will be taking the trailers to the O'Conner Field House on Thursday morning to start set-up. The chili feed will be at 1pm Friday and showcase set-up will be from 2-6pm.

**Federation Chairman:** If you are not receiving the NWF Newsletter, you can go their website to read the monthly newsletter. You can find information about land closures, upcoming rock shows and rock wisdom is always shared. When you have a few minutes, you should take a look and see what the newsletter has to offer. Ed reminded us to save our postage stamps. The stamps are collected and sold with the proceeds donated for cancer research.

**Sunshine Chairman:** Cards were sent to Walt Barnett and the Alvey Family. Let Jules know if there is someone needing a note of cheer.

**Membership:** One application was submitted for membership and will be reviewed at the next Business Meeting.

**Field Trip Chairman:** A tentative list of the field trips for this year was published in the last newsletter. There will be a list of field trips available to hand out during the show. The March field trip will be to Bru-neau Wood Pile. Meet at the boat ramp at Walters Ferry at 8am.

**Webmaster:** The website is up to date. There is access to past newsletters and field trip information on the website.

**Unfinished Business:** The UV flashlights have arrived and you can pick them up after the meeting from Dale Brown. He also has a Diamond Pacific Genie and a Facetron faceting machine for sale. Ed Moser made a motion to contribute \$50 to the NWF Memorial fund in honor of Joanne Alvey; seconded by Susan Beattie, motion carried.

**New Business:** It was decided to purchase lifetime plates for the Club's trailers when they are ready for renewal.

Slab Drawing. Ruth Hopkins won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully Submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

**OWHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY – BOARD MEETING MINUTES****February 25, 2019**

The monthly Board Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order at 7pm by President, Willa Renken. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting; seconded by Darell Ehlers, motion carried.

**Secretary Report:** The ST-124 forms and two membership renewals were received. There was a letter from PicRights.com requesting funds for unlicensed use of cartoon stock. Willa reviewed the newsletters and did due diligence to find the images in question and none were found. Per Willa the Club will disregard the request for funds from PicRights.com.

**Vice President:** Roxanne is lining up speakers for upcoming meetings. Allen Young will give a presentation about collecting thumbnail minerals, at the next meeting.

**Show Chairman:** Idaho Tractor was notified that the trailers would be picked up on Thursday morning. The advertising post cards were mailed out. The list of field trips is ready for the show. Some Webalo Boy Scouts will be coming into the show a little early Saturday morning and will be given a lecture and information so they will be able to earn their Idaho Geology Badge. Two more names were added to the vendor waiting list. The demonstrators are all lined up. We will need a new person to help tumble rocks for the grab bags this year. The Club provides all of the equipment and material needed for tumbling. The showcases should all be full and are looking for people to fill showcases in the black light room. The shuttle to the Orma J Smith Museum located at the College of Idaho, is all set up. There was a discussion about the basket raffle, what to charge and how to set it up.

**Federation Chairman:** Check the NWF Newsletter for new land closures.

**Membership:** Susan made a motion to accept Kaitlin Maguire & Martin Saraqueta, Robert Murphey, and William & Mary Clark as new members; seconded by Roxanne, motion carried.

**Field Trip Chairman:** The March field trip will be to Bruneau Wood Pile. Meet at the Walters Ferry boat ramp March 23 at 8am.

There was no Unfinished Business and no Historian Report.

**New Business:** There was a discussion about making an adjustment to the pink plume claim and possibly doing some dirt work on the claim.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



**Membership Report****We are accepting payment of 2019 dues**

Membership forms are available at every meeting. Invite your "rockhound" friends to our next one!

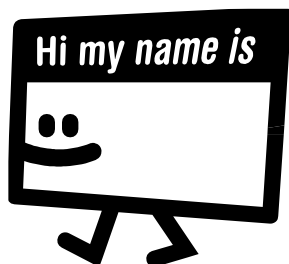
Any member needing a name badge, membership card, or patch, please call me so I can have them ready for you to pick up at the next meeting.

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**

***PAY YOUR DUES NOW Please!*****OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES****Year: 2018**Family  
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\$18Single  
\$12Child  
\$3

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society  
PO Box 1053,  
Caldwell, ID 83605-1053

### **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.

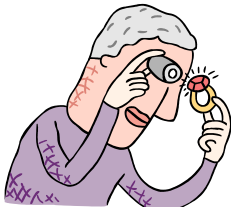
### **MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

**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/>

