

# "Owyhee Gem"

## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### March President's Message

Hello all! Well our big event is here! **"GEMS FOR YOU IN '22"** is about to take off and I hope you all will be able to come lend a helping hand. Paul has things very organized and is chomping at the bit to get it rolling. This Club can't thank him enough for all his hard work to see that our Annual Show is a huge success.

Beginning at 9am on Thursday we start our setup so if you can come help we will greatly appreciate any and all volunteers! The basic setup will happen on Thursday and we serve a light lunch for those volunteering and the day ends at around early afternoon. Friday starts out at 8:30am and we will put the finishing touches on the venue and around noon we can begin filling show cases along with vendor setup. Lunch will begin at noon so be sure to have your food items here between 11-11:30am so we can start the prep to be able to serve at noon. Thus begins our weekend of fun and meeting your next best friend.

This month's General Meeting should be a good one. Not only will our membership increase, but Roxanne has scheduled an awesome program, this month. Steve Brittenham will be presenting a program on Meteorites in Idaho. I for one can hardly wait as Steve is a fantastic speaker and his knowledge in this field is amazing. We are in for a real treat.

Robert has a super field trip planned for this month. The first one after a show is guaranteed to have an unbelievable attendance so he is taking you out to the Oreana area to some of the various sites there. It should be fun as there are a number of possible finds in that area. From fossils to agates, opals and jaspers. Just as a heads up we will be in need of both a Field Trip Chair and an Assistant Field Trip Chair as this will be Robert's and Dale's last year. If you could or would be interested in this position please let them know.

I look forward to seeing you all this weekend and again on the 16<sup>th</sup> at the Boone Science Bldg at 7pm. Till then keep on rockin'!

-Willa Renken, OGMS President



**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY    GENERAL MEETING MINUTES    16 FEBRUARY 2022**

**President, Willa Renken** called the OGMS General Meeting to order at 7:00pm at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Center, Room 103. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Deanna Ashton seconded; motion passed. Willa welcomed all visitors and new members to the OGMS family.

Roxanne Franklin gave a presentation on her '**least**' favorite rock... metamorphic rock. She showed examples and explained how it is found everywhere and often looks like other types of more desirable stone, so it just gets in the way!

**Secretary, Chris Deveau** gave a request for two showcases and three memberships to Kim Bashford, Membership for processing.

**Vice President, Roxanne Franklin** had her sign-up sheets for working at the front door at our upcoming rock show... please volunteer.

**Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence** gave a report of expenses and deposits.

**Show Chair, Paul Deveau** shared a timetable for the Rock Show production from Thursday, 3 March through Sunday, 6 March 2022. The trailers will be picked up at Idaho Tractor on the Blvd at 8:30 on Thursday...then head to O'Connor Field House to put the Show together. Paul asked for volunteers from the membership to sign up on the venue sheets...**it takes all the members to make the Show a success!**

**Federation Chair, Ed Moser** reminded everyone to bring in stamps, cancelled or not, for donation to the NW Federation. They are sold by the Federation to stamp collectors and the funds are donated for breast cancer research. The NW Federation meeting will be in Kennewick, Washington on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.

If any member needs a little sunshine sent their way, please notify **Sunshine Chair, Jewels Haines**.

**Membership, Kim Bashford** still has two showcases available for the Show... please contact her if you are interested. Also, if you need your nametag... contact Kim, they are made up and ready for you.

**Field Trip Chair, Robert Murphey** and **Asst. Field Trip Chair, Dale Rawson** have the updated list for 2022 field trips ready. It will be in the next newsletter. The first outing will be in March, depending on the weather...looks like we're in for another fun rock hunting season.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:** none

The slab drawing was held.

**Ruth Hopkins** won the door prize, a nice Mexican lace cab mounted in silver pendant... from last month's winner, **John Akin**. (Whoever wins the door prize, brings a rock related gift for the door prize next month.)

The next Board meeting will be held Monday, 28 February 2022 at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary





**Robert  
Murphey**

Robert Murphey (208) 590-1848  
or Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990



**Dale  
Rawson**

### **OGMS Field Trips**

#### **USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR 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, 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.

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.**



## **Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society Field Trips 2022**

**March 19th:** \* Oreana for Fossils and Apache Tears—Meet @ Walter's Ferry Boat Landing.

**April 16th:** \* Big Egg Claim for Thunder Eggs—Meet @ Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

**May 21st:** \* Pink Plume Claim for Plume Agate—Meet @ Owyhee Junction (Hwy 201 and Owyhee Ave)

**June 18th:** \*\* Jamieson for Bog Wood—Meet @ Rest Stop Idaho/Oregon Border (Ontario Welcome Center)

**July 16th:** \*\* Rome for Snake Skin Agate—Meet @ Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

**Aug 20th:** \*\* Wagon Town for Bog Wood—Meet @ Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

**Sept 17th:** \* Blue Egg for Blue Opal Thunder Eggs—Meet @ Homedale City Park with Tank

**Oct 15th:** \* Graveyard Point for agate and Jasper—Meet @ Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95).

Legend: \*(meet @ 8am – leave @ 8:30) \*\*(meet @ 7am – leave @ 7:30)

For further information, Contact Robert (208)590-1848 or Dale (208)283-7990

**Vice President's Corner—Roxanne Franklin**

[Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society | Facebook](#)

**Monthly Meeting Topic**

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact me: Roxanne Franklin (208) 577-7095, rocksfrank22@gmail.com

**Trade a Slab**

Bring a slab to the next meeting and trade it for someone else's slab.

**"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 Roxanne.

**March 16th Meeting:**

Steve Brittenham will be at our meeting to give a presentation on meteorites.

**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  
(208) 340-8060,  
edmoser15@gmail.com

**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.

Keeping your necklaces and bracelets from knotting, especially when on the move, can be a really tricky business.

For a simple way to avoid any jewelry disasters all you need to do is thread your necklace through a straw and close the clasp.





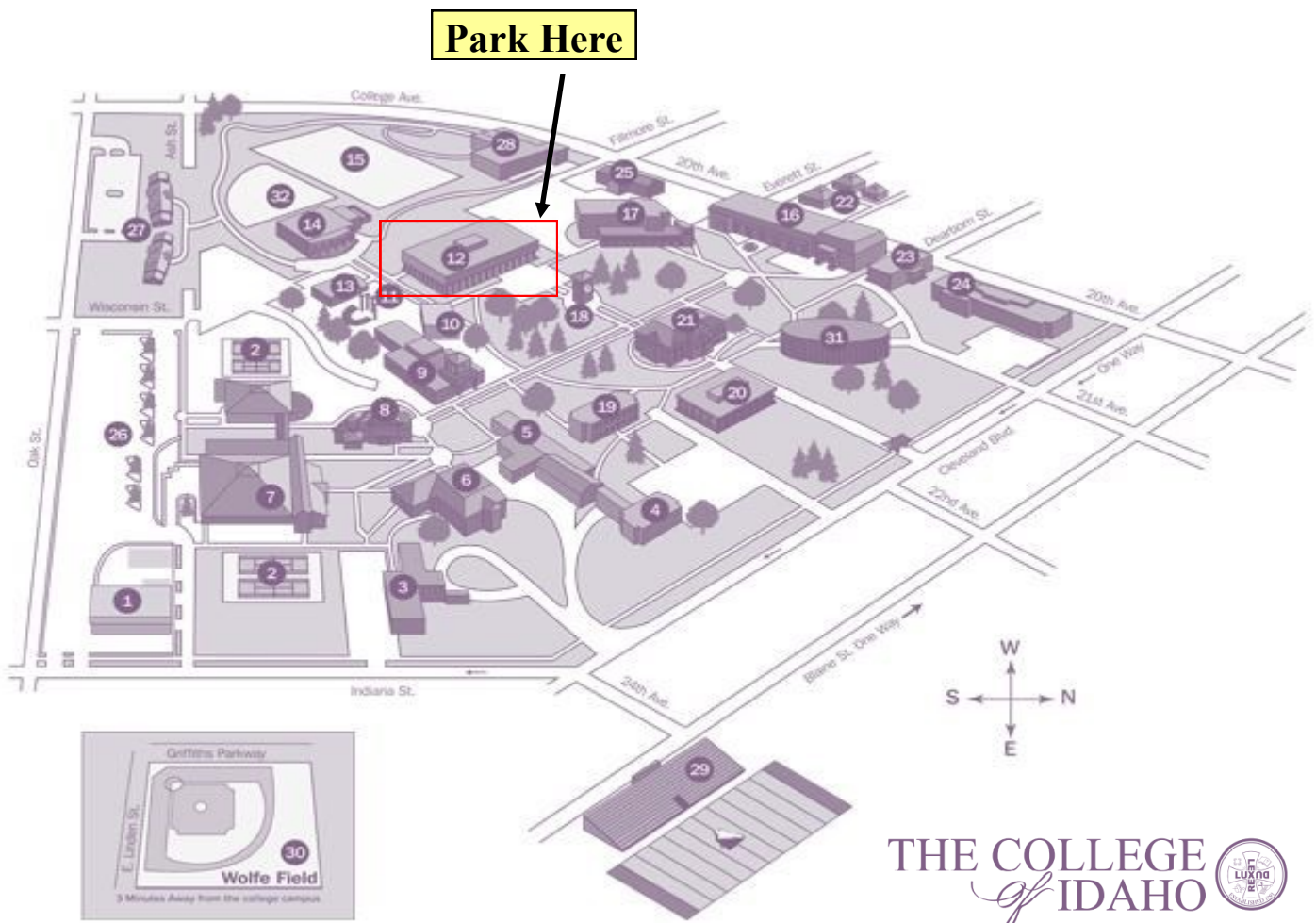
## The General Meeting for March is at the College of Idaho!

The March 16th General Meeting will be in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103.

On the map below, the location is Building 12.  
If you are heading SW on 20th Ave,  
you will take a left at Filmore St and go through the  
parking lot to the side entrance of the building.

See you there at 7:00 p.m.

General meetings are the third Wednesday of each month.



## March Birthdays

2	Judy Holladay
5	Gene Alvey
6	Jean Dingley
6	Jarri McClarin
7	Ron Dingley
11	Sarah Scott
13	Dan Burnum
13	Cyndy Schmidt
14	Linda Park
16	Alyssa Cumpston
16	Theo Rawson
16	Clarence Wright
18	Mel Channer
19	Gabe Yeaman
23	Red Lovette
24	Christina Wiener
26	Brian Greer
26	Martha Lane
27	Kara Beckner
27	Kelly Gibbens
28	Sharon Seid
29	Harold Park
30	Jim Hopkins
30	Lewis Reyna

## March Anniversaries

1	Ron & Susan Cassidy
3	David & Barbara Korn
9	Mike & Cindy Hendrix
14	Sam & Denise Irwin
18	George & Patricia Davila
20	Brian & Melody Greer
21	Dale & Betty Brown
27	Chuck & Chris McGuire

## 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

## Upcoming Shows

[Jan-June Shows \(northwestfederation.org\)](http://northwestfederation.org)

March 5th-6th Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society	68th Annual Rock and Gem Show - Gems For You in "22" O'Conner Field House 2207 Blaine, Caldwell, Idaho	Paul Deveau, <a href="mailto:devidaho@q.com">devidaho@q.com</a> (208) 994-8025
March 11-12 Fri - 8:30 - 6 Sat - 9 - 5	Panorama Gem and Mineral Club	Stevens County Fairground Ag Trade Center 317 West Astor, Colville WA	Johnie Pitman, <a href="mailto:jgpitman@outlook.com">jgpitman@outlook.com</a> , (509) 684-8887
March 11-13 Fri - 10 - 5 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Tualatin Valley Gem Club	Forest Grove National Guard Armory 2950 Taylor Way Forest Grove OR	Tiffany Jackson <a href="mailto:Viperlapidary@gmail.com">Viperlapidary@gmail.com</a>
March 12-13 Sat - 9 - 4 Sun - 10 - 4	Magic Valley Gem Club	Twin Falls County Fairgrounds 215 Fair Avenue, Filer, ID	Chris Funk (208) 539 5369
March 12-13 Sat - 9 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Northwest Montana Rock Chucks	Flathead County Fairgrounds, Expo Building (next to grandstands) 265 North Meridian Road, Kalispell MT	Lloyd Fager <a href="mailto:oldgrayelf@sbcglobal.net">oldgrayelf@sbcglobal.net</a> (608) 436 0780

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES 28 FEBRUARY 2022****PLEASE COME, ENJOY, AND SUPPORT OUR 2022 ROCK SHOW... "GEMS FOR YOU IN '22"**

**President, Willa Renken** called the Board Meeting to order at the Caldwell Public Library, Caldwell, Idaho at 7:05pm. Roxanne Franklin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Ed Moser seconded; motion carried.

**Secretary, Chris Deveau** passed one request for a showcase and twenty-four memberships to Kim Bashford, Membership Chair for processing. Two insurance policy statements, and invoices for newsletter printing were given to Debbie Lawrence, Treasurer. Paul Deveau, Show Chair received a receipt for TV advertising and information from the State Tax Commission for the Show. An advertisement for Heritage Auctions was shared with the Board and four advertisements for club credit cards were reported as received and then shredded.

**Vice President, Roxanne Franklin** confirmed that Steve Brittenham will be giving a presentation on meteorites at the March General Meeting.

**Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence** summarized the membership and slab drawing deposits. She reported on preparations for the Show.

**Show Chair, Paul Deveau** has received tax information for vendors at the Show. He thanked the Newsletter Editor, Denise Stringer, for her assistance in sending out a quick reminder to the membership for volunteers... we ALL need to work together... to make this the BEST SHOW EVER.

**Asst. Field Trip Chair, Dale Rawson** noted that the 2022 Field Trip list will be printed in the March newsletter.

**Asst. Show Chair Karen and Brian Davis** were unavailable for the meeting but have posted event calendars and social media sites with information for our Show.

**Federation Chair, Ed Moser** said the NW Federation show is on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Kennewick, Washington. Bring your saved stamps to the March General Meeting, so he can take them to the Federation meeting.

**Newsletter Editor, Denise Stringer** needs all articles to be submitted to the newsletter by 1 March 2022. She will get the newsletter out in time for the Show. Thanks, Denise!

**Membership Chair, Kim Bashford** submitted the names of three new members to the Board: **Sam & Denise Irwin** and **June Eng**. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the new members; Dale Rawson seconded; motion carried. **WELCOME TO THE OGMS FAMILY!!!**

**Unfinished Business - NONE.**

**New Business – NONE**

The March General Meeting will be held at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Bldg., Room 103 on Wednesday, 16 March 2022 at 7:00pm. There will be a slab drawing... please bring your slabs.

The March Board Meeting will be held at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn Street, Caldwell, Idaho on Monday, 28 March 2022 at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 08:35pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



## 2022 Show Dates: "GEMS FOR YOU IN '22", March 5 and 6 O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho

TV and Newspaper ads will start appearing February 28<sup>th</sup>, "Flyers" are popping up everywhere, can't thank all of you enough... Brian and Karen continue to post websites, event calendars and social media.

I have been receiving many more calls and e-mail request to be added to our "Volunteer Signup Sheets". Every spot on the floor offers you a firsthand opportunity to participate in the show. The time slots are usually two hours long... however, if you only have one hour... let us know.

We have a real need for small, polished gems, for the sand dig... pea size and smaller, ANY amount will help.

Please, remember we can always use several hands to reload the trailers after the show on Sunday evening.

It is so cool watching "GEMS FOR YOU IN '22" start coming together and knowing that we're doing it together.

### SHOW VENUE CHAIRS: (2-hour sign-up)

Front Door	<b>Roxanne Franklin</b>	208-577-7095
Sand Dig	<b>Jody and Natasha Atwood</b>	801-791-7228
Wheel of Gems	<b>Chris Rawson</b>	208-371-7639
Grab Bags	<b>Janie Ehlers</b>	208-674-1213
Silent Auction	<b>Don Dixon</b>	208-908-3374
Membership	<b>Kim Bashford</b>	208-454-7287
Grand Prize/Basket Raffles	<b>Deana Ashton</b>	208-794-5628
Demonstrators	<b>Willa Renken</b>	208-362-3941

**Kim Bashford** (208-454-7287) will be taking reservations for the "SHOWCASES", so get your name on her list to reserve one or more for the show. **THESE GO FAST !!**

**Diane Stevens** (208-454-5406) and **Andrea Sawyer** (208-323-1345) will Co-Chair the "Chili Feed" for the Friday set-up, if you wish to bring something, please check with them so we don't duplicate food items...

**VOLUNTEERS**, please contact any of the Show Venue Chairs and sign-up "IT'S THAT EASY"

**Donations always needed...** Wheel of Gems Prizes  
Grab Bag Prizes  
Polished and Faceted Stones for Sand Dig  
Critters and Critter Making Supplies...

**RULON ALLRED** (as usual), is doing a great job creating small rock critters for the wheel of gems...

**KAREN & BRIAN DAVIS:** CO-ASSISTANT SHOW CHAIRS  
(208) 409-8936 bkdavis76gmail.com

**LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SHOW...**

SHOW CHAIR: Paul Deveau  
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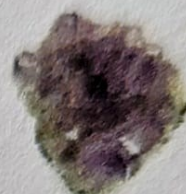




**GEM'S FOR YOU IN '22**

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society's 68th

**ROCK & GEM SHOW**



**O'Connor Field House**

**2207 Blaine St., Caldwell Id**

**Saturday, March 5th 10am-6 pm**

**Sunday, March 6th 10am-5pm**

**Admission \$5.00**

**(kids 11 & under free with adult)**

**Dealers-Demonstrators-Displays-**

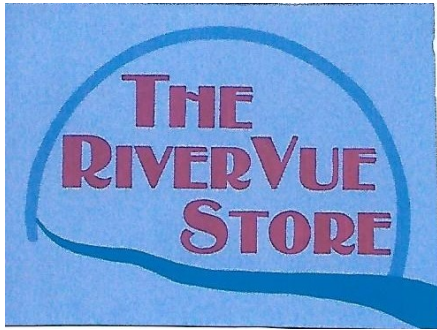
**Silent Auction - Door prizes every 1/2 hr.**

**Don't miss the fun!**

***Kids love: The Wheel of Gems, Grab Bags***

***Sand dig, & Rock Crafts***

**OwyheeRocks.com**



**Stone from Arizona**

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## Membership

### We are accepting payment of 2022 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:

Kim Bashford, Membership Director

P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053

Phone: (208) 454-7287 Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com



### Welcome New Members!

June Eng

Sam and Denise Irwin

### OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES

Year: 2022

Family  
\$20

Couple  
\$18

Single  
\$12

Child  
\$3

LAST NAME: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ANNIV: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ BDAY(s): \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 7:00 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/>***