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March President's Message

Hello,

This message reaches you after our big Show has happened. The Board is extremely proud of all the volunteers that showed up to help pull off another outstanding Gem Show. The showcases were beautiful thanks to Kim Bashford and Sue Cassidy for organizing them and Robert Murphey for the special tiles to commemorate our 70th Anniversary of the Show. Everything seemed to run like clockwork. A big thank you for all the many behind the scenes organization performed by our Show Chairman Paul Deveau and his lovely Assistant Chris Deveau. You two work so well together and our club owes you a big round of applause for all the hard work on behalf of the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society.

This month's program, organized by Sue Cassidy, will be presented by Howard Emery and will be on "A Brief History of Tempksya Fern". It should be very interesting.

John has our first field trip all planned out and will be meeting us at the Chevron at the corner of Hwy 55 & 95 on March 23rd at 8am leave at 8:30pm. He will be leading you to the leaf fossil area near Rockville. Let's see if any of you find an acorn out there.

Sue has started with the plans for our trip to the Delmar Mines. So if you are interested please see her for more details and signing up.

Thanks again to all the volunteers that helped us to pull off another fantastic Gem Show! See you all at the next meeting which will be on March 20th at 7pm at the College of Idaho.

-Willa Renken, OGMS President



General Meeting —February 21, 2024

The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society February General Meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 7:00pm at the College of Idaho Boone Science Hall, Room 103 on Wednesday, 21 February 2024. Kim Bashford made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Ed Moser seconded; motion carried.

Vice President Sue Cassidy presented our speaker for the evening, member **Linda Barlow**, who shared her knowledge of "Metaphysical Properties of Rocks and Crystals". She gave a very interesting talk regarding the healing power and energy of rocks and crystals. Thank you, Linda!

Secretary Chris Deveau received a showcase form for the Show and two memberships that were given to Kim Bashford, Membership Chair. An advertisement from the American Online Giving Foundation for OGMS was shredded.

Treasurer Ken Christensen was not in attendance.

Federation Chair Ed Moser thanked everyone for bringing stamps for donation to the Federation. Please continue to bring them to Ed. He collects the stamps, cancelled or not, (cut with a ½ inch border), and brings them to the Federation meetings. The stamps are sold to collectors and the funds raised are donated for Cancer research.

Membership Chair Kim Bashford needs one more blacklight showcase, Hopefully, she'll get that filled by showtime.

Field Trip Chair John Wright gave the group a rundown of this year's list of 2024 field trips. He will have them printed and ready to share with the public at the Show. It looks like we'll have another great year... out rockin'!

Willa asked if there were any new members or visitors at the meeting and we all got to hear from **Zoey Ingram**, who just joined this evening. Welcome to the family!

Show Chair Paul Deveau spoke to the group about signing up to volunteer and quite a few more slots were filled. We are 1 ½ weeks away from our 70th Annual Show... SEE YOU THERE!

OLD BUSINESS: The "Gems and More in '24", OGMS Rock Show is on the 2nd and 3rd of March 2024 at the O'Connor Field House.

NEW BUSINESS: Deanna Ashton asked the membership for various rock donations to finish up the 'Basket Raffle' gifts!

Member, Paul Verhage brought in a lovely wooden box with polished cabs to show his combination of woodworking and lapidary skills. Thank you for sharing.

A slab drawing was held... thanks to everyone that brought in the nice slabs and to everyone that bought tickets to win them.

The door prize was won by Jim Hopkins. Deana Ashton, the previous winner gave Jim a pair of 'Oscar Meyer' socks, a roadrunner pin and 2 'cab' necklaces. Thank you both for taking part in the door prize drawing. If YOU want to do the door prize drawing, just sign up on the Attendance/Door Prize sheet provided by the Secretary. If your number is drawn... you win! The new 'winner' then provides next month's 'rock related' prize to next month's winner. Thanks to everyone that takes part in this activity!

The OGMS Board Meeting will be held on Monday, 26 February 2024 at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho.

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 at (603) 548-8822, pypnhot@comcast.net

Monthly Meeting Topics

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact Sue.

March 20, 2024: Howard Emry: "A Brief History of Tempskya Fern"

April 17, 2024: James Ferdinand, EMT: First Aid Skills for Rockhounds

May 15, 2024: Paul Verhage: "Crater Counting to Compare the Age of Terrains"

June 19, 2024: Don Dixon: Visit and tour of Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History

June 29, 2024 (Saturday): DeLamar Mine Tour (limited to 42 attendees), must be club members and complete sign-up sheet, more information available at monthly meetings

July 17, 2024: Pot Luck/Auction at the Caldwell Park



Sue Cassidy

General Meetings at The College of Idaho— Third Wednesday of the month –March -June

Caldwell, Idaho—Boone Science Hall (#12 on map below), Room 103 at 7:00 p.m.



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

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86th Anniversary Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show & Convention 2024
Come experience "Natures Treasures Under Foot" at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center (EOTEC)
Hermiston, Oregon, May 10-12, 2024, Hosted by the Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society

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. Check with the Field Trip Chair before you go.
- 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.



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

2024 OGMS Field Trip Schedule

March 23—Rockville—Leaf Fossils

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

April 20—Big Egg Claim—Thundereggs

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

May 18?—Overnight—Tony Funk rock yard with multiple clubs, BBQ, next day-joint field trip with Magic Valley Club and other clubs, more info will be announced as soon as plans are completed

204 Washington St, Gooding, ID

June 22—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 20—Graveyard Point—Moss Agate

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

August 24—OGMS Picture Jasper Claim

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

September 21—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 19—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.

March Birthdays

- 5 Gene Alvey
- 5 Karissa Sudweeks
- 6 Jean Dingley
- 7 Ron Dingley
- 11 Bill Vermette
- 13 Dan Burnum
- 13 Cyndy Schmidt
- 15 Patricia Goates
- 15 Dana Killian
- 16 Theo Rawson
- 16 Clarence Wright
- 19 Reagan Thomas
- 21 Michele Freeze
- 23 Ellizs Call
- 23 Red Lovette
- 24 Judy Doar
- 24 Christina Wiener
- 26 Brian Greer
- 27 Kelly Gibbens
- 27 Allison Sponseller
- 28 Adam Payne
- 30 Jim Hopkins
- 30 Lewis Reyna

March Anniversaries

- 1 Ron & Susan Cassidy
- 12 Harald & Gail Villarreal
- 14 Sam & Denise Irwin
- 20 Brian & Melody Greer
- 28 Steve & Sue Oakes
- 31 David & Barbara Korn

Newsletter Editor

If you have articles or information for the newsletter, please submit to denisemstringer@gmail.com

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

March Birthstone

• Aquamarine •



A symbol of honesty, loyalty, and beauty. The aquamarine is supposed to offer protection from evil and is also said to bring love and affection back into a failing relationship.

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.



Stone from Arizona

Anderson Mine—Agate
Brenda—Agate & Jasper
Burro Creek—Pastelite & Agate

Stone from Australia

Noreena
Mookite

Stone from Idaho & Oregon

Owyhee Picture Jasper
Green Moss Agate
Tumbled Stones

Amethyst from Uruguay
Slabs & Rough
Hammers/Tools/Gold Pans
Brazilian Agate

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26736 Homedale Road, Wilder, Idaho
Phone (208) 861-8229 or Text: (208) 258-4250
rivervu1@msn.com
Open Saturdays 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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Shop Closing—Final Sale!
April 5 & 6, 2024
8 am—4 pm each day
1812 W. Orchard, Nampa**

Gemstone Necklaces, Bolas, and Buckles
Polished Cabs, Geode Bookends
Polished Agates, Jaspers, and Petrified Wood
Slabs & Rough—Bruneau Jasper, Owyhee
Picture Jasper, Plume Agate, Petrified Wood,
Apache Junction Jasper, Obsidian and more!
Lapidary Blades and Belts, Rock Hammers,
Gold Pans, and Workshop Shelves & Tables

W.A. (Bill) Stringer
Pre-Sale Appointments Available
No Walk-Ins (208) 283-1903

Rocks for Sale in Nampa



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Amazonite Sphere



CRYSTALS



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JEWELRY

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You can buy an ad like these for one month
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A 12-month ad is only \$50.00!

Your ad will be seen by over
200 club members, plus online visitors.

To place an ad, please email:
denisemstringer@gmail.com

(Ads are subject to Board approval)

Board Meeting Minutes—February 26, 2024

The February Board Meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn St., Caldwell, Idaho. Kim Bashford made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; it was seconded by John Wright; the motion passed.

Chris Deveau, Secretary gave one membership renewal to Kim Bashford, Membership Chair. OGMS received an advertisement for a Club credit card from American Express which was shredded. Also, flyers from the Cascade Mineralogical Society were received in the mail to share at the Show and the next few meetings. They have a new venue at the Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N., Kent, Washington, and new Show dates of the 29th and 30th of June 2024.

Sue Cassidy, Vice President said that member, Howard Emry will make the presentation at the March General Meeting... "Adventures of Two Rockhounds and Dinosaur Bones"! She advised that the DeLamar Mine tour has been confirmed for Saturday, 29 June 2024.

Ken Christensen, Treasurer gave a summary of all the accounts. He discussed the money requirements for the Show.

Paul Deveau, Show Chair, discussed changes and costs associated with the Show. We have less than a week before the 2024 Show.

Ed Moser, Federation Chair reminded everyone to continue to save their stamps and bring them to him at the General Meetings. He will be taking the stamps to the Federation Show in Hermiston, Oregon on the 10th thru the 12th of May 2024. The Federation sells the stamps to collectors and the funds raised are donated for Cancer research.

Kim Bashford, Membership Chair submitted four new memberships to the Board for consideration: **MICHAEL LENNARTZ & DANA KILLIAN; TOBY & MELISSA BOWER; ZOEY INGRAM; and DANIEL TAYLOR.** Chris Deveau made the motion to accept the new members, Paul Deveau seconded... the motion passed unanimously. **We would like to welcome you all to the OGMS family!!!**

John Wright, Field Trip Chair said that the first trip of 2024 will be to Rockville for Leaf Fossils on Saturday, 23 March 2024. The group will meet at the Chevron, Hwy 55/95 Junction at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

Member, **Robert Murphey** discussed the showcase favors that he is making for the 2024 Rock Show.

Unfinished Business: The OGMS 70TH Annual Rock and Gem Show is the 2nd and 3rd of March 2024!!! See you there!

New Business: None

The March General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20 March 2024 at 7:00pm at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Hall, Room 103.

We will have a slab drawing, please bring your slabs.

The March Board Meeting will be held on Monday, 25 March 2024 at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn St., Caldwell, Idaho.

The meeting was adjourned at 08:20pm

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Show Report



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**2024 Show Dates: "GEMS AND MORE IN '24",
March 2 and 3, 2024
O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho**



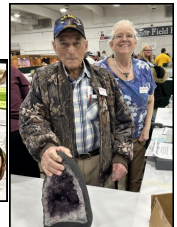
ASST SHOW CHAIR:
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dragonflylight70@outlook.com

The 70th annual gem show will have come and gone before you receive this March newsletter.

Chris and I would like to say how grateful we are to be so closely involved with the show.

Congratulations to the winners of the Grand Prize drawings at the Show!

- Amethyst Cathedral—Ed Moser
 - Alaskan Jade Slab—Vickie Wise (Donated by member Rosie Peterson)
 - Pearl and Jade Necklace—Kim Bashford (Donated by Canyon Creations)
 - Agate Slab—Mark Freeland
 - Copper Wire Tree—Missy Alvey (Made and donated by member Rulon Allred)
- Thank you to the businesses and individuals for donating these items!

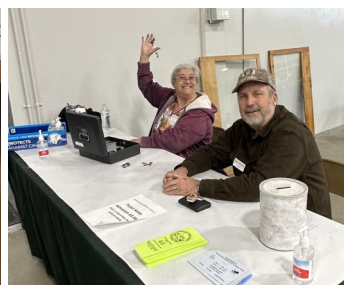
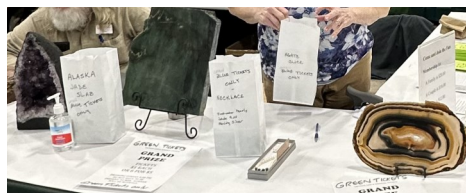
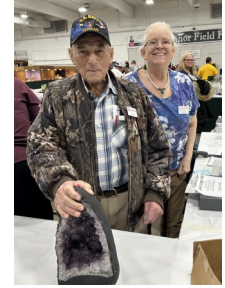


Congratulations to the Basket Raffle winners at the Show!

A big thank you to all the individuals and businesses for donating these items!
And to Deana Ashton and Cindy Woolsey for putting this raffle together!

Special thanks to John Wright and Harold Villareal for donating cabs, pendants and necklaces which were added to many baskets.

Basket	Donated By:	Winner
Covington 4" Trim Saw	Covington Manufacturing	Trish Salisbury
Lorton Rock Tumber, Grit Kit, and Pendant	Teresa Nebeker	Rhonda Haven
Wire Wrap Kit w/Cordless Drill	Teresa Nebeker	Seth
Fossil Basket w/Reiker Mounts, 4" Mammal Bone	Guy DiTorrice	Owen M.
Dinosaur Basket	Guy DiTorrice	Cindy Woolsey
Geode Basket	Guy DiTorrice	Barker
Sheep Rock Posters , Cast Iron Dino magnets & tote	Guy DiTorrice	Sydnee Erlendson
Willow Creek Silver Custom Ring	Royce Davis	Dr. Graham
Picture Jasper-Stuffed w/cabs, ready to set	Cindy Woolsey	Barker
Variety of rough slabs	Cindy Woolsey	Mark Barnett
Choice cut Rhodonite, Jade, Turquoise, Montana Agate	Steve Narkaus	Bill
Chunky Premium Specimens, some cut	Steve Narkaus	Sage Hastriter
Mega Bucket, full of quality scarce cuts	Steve Narkaus	Cindy Woolsey
Crate of rough regional specimens	Rulon Allred	Gene Johnson
Car Batter Jumper, Rough & Polished Rocks, Pendants	Harold Villareal	Mike Dome
Tool Bucket, Kneepads, Shovel, Gloves, Hammer	Paul & Chris Deveau	Mandi Ayers
Cat Basket w/Grooming Certificate	Classic Cuts Pet Grooming/Cindy Woolsey	Denise Stringer
Dog Basket	Ron & Sue Cassidy	Karen Gross
Premium Slab Basket	Willa Renken	Travis Allen
Variety Rough Slabs and Mookite Sphere	Cindy Woolsey	Morgan Linton
Thunder Egg Basket w/mystery Eggs	Stringer's Gem Shop	Terry H.
Arizona Wood Variety	Cindy Woolsey	Gary Moore
Spiderweb Slab & Variety Slabs	Cindy Woolsey	Mary Kersey
Monster Size Choice Slabs	Cindy Woolsey	Terri Frostrom
20 Cabochons Collection	Red Larson	Evan VanKamper
Silver Slabs & Rough, Mahogany Obsidian Sphere	Cindy Woolsey	Liz Warner



**Thank you to Linda Barlow for presenting at our February meeting on
“Metaphysical Properties of Rocks and Crystals”**

Linda presented information on Chakras, Crystals, Gemstones, and Colors in healing, similar to the information in these charts.



	Crown	Purple	Amethyst Platinum Quartz (Clear) Selenite
	Third Eye	Indigo	Amethyst Black Obsidian Purple Fluorite
	Throat	Blue	Aquamarine Lapis Lazuli Turquoise
	Heart	Green	Green Calcite Green Tourmaline Jade Rose Quartz
	Solar Plexus	Yellow	Calcite (Orange) Citrine Malachite Topaz
	Sacral	Orange	Carnelian Citrine Coral Moonstone
	Root	Red	Agate (Fire Agate) Black Tourmaline Bloodstone Hematite Tiger's Eye



Membership—Kim Bashford

We are accepting payment of 2024 dues

Membership forms are available at every meeting and on the next page of this newsletter. Invite your "rockhound" friends to our next meeting!

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 meetings, 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 on the next page to:
Kim Bashford, Membership Director
P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053
Phone: (208) 454-7287 Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com



**Welcome
New
Members!**

**Michael Lennartz &
Dana Killian;
Toby & Melissa
Bower;
Zoey Ingram; and
Daniel Taylor**

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY—2024 Membership Application

Rockhounds' Code of Ethics

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material – matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

I have read and understand the Rockhounds' Code of Ethics: Signed _____

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

(Please Print)

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ANNIV: Month _____ Day _____ (Name of Spouse/Other if not a member) _____

BDAY(s): First Name _____ Month _____ Day _____ / First Name _____ Month _____ Day _____

BDAY(s): First Name _____ Month _____ Day _____ / First Name _____ Month _____ Day _____

Renewal ___ New ___ Amount Paid: _____ Date Paid: _____ Cash ___ Check # _____ Recd By _____

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

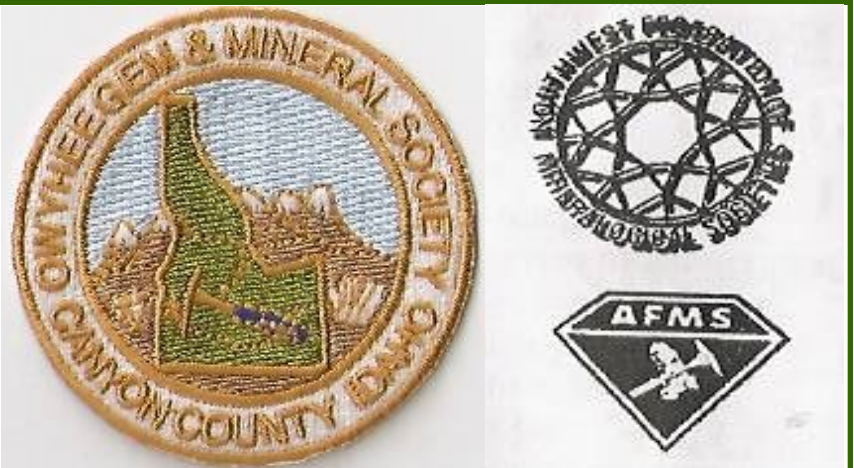
The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1938 at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho.

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 summer months 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/>