



# Owyhee Gem



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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#### **HISTORIAN:**

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#### **ROAD CLEAN-UP:**

Gene Alvey 468-3067

### May President Messag

How does the saying go April Showers bring May flowers? If so this month should be chalk full of some of the most beautiful floral experiences we have seen in some time. If you have never explored the desert when it is in bloom you have missed one of the seven wonders this world has to offer. Pack up the family and give it a try you won't be disappointed.

Larry B has been busy getting this month's field trip all lined out. I think we can all agree his outings have all been a lot of fun and this one will be just as much fun. We appreciate all the hard work and time he spends in this endeavor. Thanks!!!

Judy T is trying to get the 3<sup>rd</sup> video in the thunder egg series for our meeting this month. I can hardly wait as the first two have really been very informative.

Joan is back and taking the reins back on the newsletter so if you have any interesting articles or some news to share with the club please be sure to let her know. The more we all contribute the more interesting it makes for the new members and old ones as well.

For those who have been wondering about the parking passes. When I contacted the college for renewing the room rental the young lady in charge said as long as we were parking in the west lot and not next to the dorms we would not need them this year. Also as May is graduation month and there are a lot of events that happen at the college you may find parking to be at a premium. In the event there are no spaces available there is a parking lot behind the Boone building off of Oak and Indiana just something to keep in mind should you need to park with in walking distance.

I look forward to seeing you all at this months' meeting. Remember if you have a spare slab or rock to share the monthly drawing is a great way to do this. Thanks to all of you who have been so generous as young and old really do enjoy this event. See you soon!

*Willa Renken  
OGMS President*

## Minutes OF THE OWYHEE &amp; GEM SOCIETY

APRIL 18, 2012

**GENERAL MEETING:** held April 18, 2012 at College of Idaho in room 103 was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30pm. Willa asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in the April newsletter. There were no changes to be made. Brad Larson made motion to accept minutes as printed 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Moser and approved by general meeting.

**EVENING ACTIVITY:** Judy Tucker introduced David Johnson and they had #2 film on thunder eggs for the evening program.  
Janie Ehlers presented the Budget to the members. Ed Moser made motion to accept Budget as accepted 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan Alvey and approved by general meeting.

Willa reported that we need to be looking at a black light room for the 2013 gem show. Brad Larson made motion to move \$3,000.00 over into budget for black light room 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earnest Haney and approved by general meeting.

**GUEST:** There were 17 guest and new members to attend the evening meeting.

**SECRETARY:** Sylvia Foreman reported that there were several show flyers on front desk.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Judy Tucker reported that she would try for #3 film on thunder eggs for May program.

**EDITOR:** Joan Alvey says she is glad to be back and ready to received information for the newsletter.

**TREASURER:** Janie Ehlers gave treasurer's report.

**SHOW CHAIRMAN:** Susan Beattie had a sign-up sheet and would be in the refreshment room for all who wished to attend a meeting with her to make plans for the 2013 Gem Show.

**FEDERATION CHAIRMAN:** Ed Moser will be taking the stamps for cancer research to the Federation Show in May.

Ed had a show and tell set of book ends for all to look at.

**HISTORIAN:** Pauline Prather had nothing to report.

**SUNSHINE:**

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**SUNSHINE:** Sylvia read a Thank you card from Joan Alvey thanking everyone for all their prayers, gifts, calls and cards during her illness. She also announced that a long time member passed away, Irene Parker on April 13th. Joan Alvey made a motion to send \$25.00 to the AMFM scholarship fund in memory of Irene, Ed Moser 2nd the motion the motion was passed by the general members.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Neava Haney read some names that would like to become members. Kathi Larson made motion to accept the new members 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pauline Prather and approved by general meeting.

**FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:** Larry Beattie reported that the Saturday, April 21 field trip will be to the Pink Plum Claim. Meet at O'Conner parking lot at 8am or at Nyssa, Oregon High School parking lot at 9am. Bring necessary items such as water, bucket, shovel, bug spray, etc. for a rock hunting trip. It will be wise to have a high clearance vehicle for the trip.

**WEB REPORT:** Brad Larson reported that he has the newsletter on the web-site along with other news.

**REFRESHMENT:** Mike Tucker thanked April cookie crew and asked for volunteers for May cookie crew.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ed Moser reported that Gem State License Plate was the only Gem License Plate in Idaho and it cost \$35.00 plus regular fee and the profits from these sales goes toward earth science and lapidary studies in schools and colleges.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business to discuss.

**SLABS:** Willa had three young boys helping her with drawing slab tickets. Door prize won by Dan Stevens donated by John Priester.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AND REFRESHMENTS ENJOYED BY ALL.**

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## 2012 List of tentative Field Trip Sites.

May 19	The Big Egg Claim
June 23	Succor Creek Thundereggs
July 21	Wagontown Area
August 18	Rome, Oregon
September 22	McDermitt, Nevada
October 20	Texas Springs Nevada

Got any Ideas of places you might like to go, give Larry a call 466-6184. Always interested in your input!!!!

*April Field Trip tPink Plume Claim*

Bright and early on April 21<sup>st</sup> the OGMS rockhounds and friends set out for the Pink Plume Claim. We had a quite a nice number of folks on this trip and we hope everyone had a good time. There were 45 participants including 4 from the Idaho Falls area gem club. The weather was picture perfect and lots of beautiful rock was taken home. Remember to save a nice piece for the silent auction!

Mark your calendar and join us for our upcoming trip to the Big Egg Claim! The road in can be rocky, steep, and rough, so high clearance and/or 4WD is recommended or hook up with a friend who is equipped.

**May Field Trip:** May 19th, 2012  
Meet at Marsing High School, 7:30 A.M, leave at 8:00 A.M.

**Big News, Big News Alert!!!!!!**

**Show Chairman Report**

We received some news this month. Dan Stevens is retiring as the silent Auction chair this year. Dan's commitment to our club has helped make many, many successful shows. Please take a few minutes to thank Dan for all of his help.

If you are interested in helping the club continue with the Silent Auction this year, Dan can answer your questions about what is needed a lot better than I: so feel free to bring this up at the next meeting or give Dan a call and ask your questions.

In the meantime; collect rocks for the silent auction and the sand Dig, make rock critters, tumble rocks, and think of other things to put on the show chair meeting agenda.

Susan

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Hey Remember Very Important Reminder to All Rockhounds

Our yes I said our Special License Plats are still for sale at the DMV. We have to meet our quota to keep them available to all Idahoans' so go out and buy your special plate to honor our great GEM STATE., Yes we are the GEM STATE not the potato state. So let's show our comment to our most exciting entertainment and hobby and buy our Special plate.



# Rock -N- Gifts

942 South Lincoln • Jerome, Idaho 83338

(208) 324-8860

## Bruneau Jasper

Cabs - Slabs - Specimens - Rough

Gerald & Joy Scarrow

(208) 324-4024

Rocky & Kelley Scarrow

(208) 324-1034

rockingift@cableone.net

## STRINGER'S GEM SHOP

Idaho Opals

Picture Jaspers & Plume Agate

Black Hills Gold & Silver

(Landstrom's & Stamper)

Bolos & Buckles

Bookends & Specimens

Birthstone Jewelry

Tumblers & Equipment

## WHITES METAL DETECTORS

W.A. (Bill)

& Anna Stringer

1812 West Orchard

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1 Mile South of Karcher Mall

**(208) 466-5169**

M-F 10am-6pm

Other Hrs. By Appointment

### OGMS Website

Brad Larson is our new webmaster he has been working on our site adding new things each month. It is defiantly worth checking into. Some of the features include:

Access to all northwest gem clubs' websites- **Very Cool!**

Field trips for the upcoming months

News letters for the current year

Members Websites

There are also forms, photos, ethics, history, upcoming news as well as upcoming events

Thanks to Brad for all his hard work, if possible we should all take the time to check It out, **great site.**

## Owyhee Gem &amp; Mineral Society

## OWYHEE GEM &amp; MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 30, 2012

Present at the OGMS Board Meeting were Willa Renken, Joan & Gene Alvey, Janie & Darell Ehlers, Ed & Deanna Moser, Larry & Susan Beattie, Neava & Earnest Haney, Bill and Sylvia Foreman.

**BOARD MEETING:** was called to order by President Willa Renken at the College of Idaho in room 106 at 7pm. Willa asked if there were any changes to the board minutes as printed in the April newsletter. There were no changes to be made. Joan Alvey made motion to approve minutes as printed in newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Beattie and approved by the board.

**SECRETARY:** Sylvia Foreman had nothing to report.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Judy Tucker was not present.

**TREASURER:** Janie Ehlers gave the treasurer's report.

**EDITOR:** Joan Alvey asked for all information for the newsletter by end of the week.

**SHOW CHAIRMAN:** Susan Beattie reported that there will be a meeting at Caldwell Public Library on Saturday, May 5 from 10am until noon to discuss the 2013 Gem Show.

Susan said she would research for information for a black light display for the show.

**FEDERATION CHAIRMAN:** Ed Moser encouraged us to keep saving stamps for Cancer Research. He thanked all that helped with the road clean-up. He reported that the Northwest Federation Directory would cost \$10.00 this year.

**HISTORIAN:** Pauline Prather was not present.

**SUNSHINE:** Sylvia Foreman needs to send Pete Oakander a get well card.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Neava Haney gave the membership report.

**FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:** Larry Beattie reported that the field trip to Pink Plum Claim was a great trip and there were visitors from Idaho Falls gem club. The May field trip will be to the Big Egg Claim, May 19.

There was discussion on what it would cost to have a bond so we could have machinery to open up the Big Egg Claim, more information on subject later.

**WEB REPORT:** Brad Larson was not present.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Parking permit at College parking lot is not needed.

May board meeting is CANCELED because it is Memorial weekend.

**ADJOUNED** 7:40pm

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## Owyhee Gem &amp; Mineral Society

Sunshine report

I sent a Sympathy Card to Dick Parker as His wife Irene passed away April 13. And sent a Get Well card to Susan Beattie. Also sent a get well card to Pete Oakander. Get well wishes go out to you all.

**In Memory of  
Irene Parker**

Irene and Dick Parker were members of the Owyhee Gem Club for many years. Dick was the Treasure for the club. They always took their turns at hosting the Board meeting as at their home during this time. They both enjoyed attending our Critter making sessions for the Gem Clubs shows.

Hey all you May babies its your birthday you know who you are and all we want to do is wish you all the very happiest of birthdays.



And congratulation to all who have the honor of having anniversaries this month hope they bring you nothing but the happiest of days.



## INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

**Federation Report**

The 2012 NFMS Annual Meeting will be held, May 17-20. It will be hosted by Lakeside Gem & Mineral. You can attend it at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Kennewick, Washington. The Tail gate rock sale will be on Saturday the 19 of May.

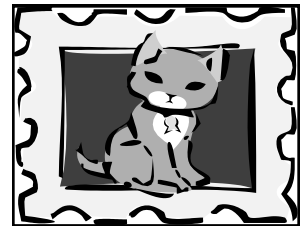
Bring your Postage Stamps to this month meeting. I will be delivering them to the NWF meeting on the 17th of May. There will be NO fieldtrip with Doug True this year it has been cancelled.

Federation Director, Ed Moser.

**Save your Postage Stamps!!**

Cut 1/2 inch around the stamp.

Give them to me at a OGMS meeting.

**Help support Cancer Research.**

I would like to thank all who came out and helped with our annual Road Cleanup IT was a great success. And thank you Sylvia Forman for your great Cookies they were enjoyed by one and all.. After the clean up Gene and Larry offered to take us on a quick rock hunt we found some pretty good stuff and finished our Saturday with some great fun at Grave Yard Point. Thanks again all who came out and helped.

***NEED TO KNOW***

**Remember if parking in your regular spot is not available for the meeting this month there is parking available over by the tennis courts and swimming pool. This is located behind the Booth building off Oak and Indiana Street**

**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 with it.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

**Family— \$20.00 per year**

Couples - \$18.00 per year

Singles - \$12.00 per year

(18 and under)

Children - \$3.00 per year

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



**GENERAL MEETING:** The club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Boone Science Building at the College of Idaho, except for the July picnic and the December party. Field trips are scheduled once a month. Visitors are welcome at all these events!

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag  
Bring an identified slab



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