



Owyhee Gem



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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May President Message

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.

If you can help Melissa Jones out by volunteering to do a program please step forward and let her know. Randy's program last month was very informative and there were many compliments. He provided us with some very interesting ideas for safety while we are out in the field.

We would like to congratulate Susan Beattie on her new title. If you didn't know she is now a full blown "Geologist" what an achievement. We are very lucky to have her in our midst and appreciate all the hard work she has done in overseeing our show.

This month's field trip is to Succor Creek for Thunder eggs. We will meet at the ION junction at 8am leaving by 8:30am. High clearance vehicles are advised more information to follow at the meeting.

We would like to thank all those who donate slabs each month as it is your generous donations that give us all a chance to not only have fun but perhaps get a special new rock to cut. Thank you all!!

On that note I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Willa Renken
OGMS President



Happy Birthday

Juanita Townley	5/1
Walt Barnett	5/2
Larry Beattie	5/2
Adam Jones	5/10
Dan Doersch	5/21
Chuck Fawcett	5/26
Helen Krivy	5/27
Rocky Metts	5/27
Larry Fogelman	5/4
Deanna Holloway	5/24
Connie Greener	5/13
Pauline Prather	5/17
Mary Ridley	5/24
Bill Stringer	5/12
Mae Aman	5/1
Sheryl Howard	5/25
Caryle Howard	5/1
Celia Stein	5/14

Happy Anniversary

Dee & Janet Huntley	5/14
Jerry & Alica Sherer	5/20
Dan & Alta Doersch	5/22
Chris & Peggy Blickfeldt	5/25
Rocky & Shirley Metts	5/31
Bill & Sylvia Foreman	5/3
Debbie & Gregg Hill	5/2
Don & Destiny Osborn	5/14

I Truly hope I haven't missed anyone but if I did I do apologize

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY**APRIL 17, 2013**

GENERAL MEETING: held at College of Idaho in room 103 was called to order at 7:30pm by President Willa Renken. Willa asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in April newsletter. Hearing none Willa asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed, Brad Larson made motion to accept minutes as printed 2nd by Gene Alvey and approved by general membership.

EVENING ACTIVITY: Randy Whipple presented a real informative program on what we need to know and what kind of supplies we need on a field trip and general survival.

GUEST: There were 5 guests attending the meeting.

SECRETARY: Sylvia Foreman had information of 3 show flyers to share with general meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT: Melissa Jones thanked Randy Whipple for sharing his knowledge of what rock hounds need to know when they go on field trips with the general membership.

EDITOR: Joan Alvey would like any information for the newsletter by May 6.

TREASURER: Janie Ehlers gave the treasurer's report and presented the 2013 Proposed Budget. Willa asked the general membership for a motion for the Proposed Budget. Joan Alvey made motion to accept the Proposed Budget as presented 2nd by Brad Larson and the motion was carried.

SHOW CHAIRMAN: Susan Beattie reported that she will try again to set a date for all that wants to attend a meeting to make plans for 2013 show.

FEDERATION CHAIRMAN: Ed Moser reminded anyone that wishes to receive a Northwest Federation Directory to be sure and let Brad Larson know as he will be attending the Federation Mid Year Meeting and he will pick up the directory for you. Keep saving the Stamps for Cancer Research.

HISTORIAN: Pauline Prather had nothing to report.

SUNSHINE: Rose Mary Peterson had nothing to report.

MEMBERSHIP: Neava Haney reported that there were 4 prospective members that would like to be members. Joan Alvey made motion to accept the new members into our club 2nd by Pauline Prather and carried by general membership.

he has updated the newsletter on the Web.

REFRESHMENTS: Ruth and Jim Hopkins thanked the April cookie crew.

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FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN: Larry Beattie reported that the April field trip will be to the Pink Plume Claim. Meet at 8am at O'Conner Field House and leave at 8:30am. Four wheel drives advised for this trip. He asked all to pick up a pretty rock for the auction at the show and watch for ticks on this trip.

WEB REPORT: Brad Larson reported that he has updated the newsletter on the Web.
REFRESHMENTS: Ruth and Jim Hopkins thanked the April cookie crew.

OLD BUSINESS: Larry Ridley has set a date with O'Conner Field House on Wednesday 8 at 9am, so the club can repair show cases, etc to be ready for 2014 Gem Show. They can use power screw drivers.

Susan Beattie will check with BLM to do some work at Big Egg Claim.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerry & Rosina Rose have planned a yard sale and will have information in the newsletter,

Lloyd Summers reports that he is moving to Arizona and he will give up the chairman position as Road Clean-up, the Club needs a volunteer to take that position.

Nancy Farrell invited any of the OGMS Members that would like a table space at a County Craft Show to contact her. The show will be at "The Willows" 2805 Blaine in Caldwell on May 11 and 12

SLAB: Willa enlisted the youngsters to help pull tickets for the slab drawing. Door prize won by Ithel Kildow donated by Ed Moser.

MEETING ADJOURNED and REFRESHMENTS enjoyed by all,
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Big NEWS FLASH***NO BOARD MEETING FOR MAY***

DUE TO THE FACT OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING WOULD BE FALLING ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEK END WE VOTED TO NOT HAVE A MAY BOARD MEETING.

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MINUTES**APRIL 29, 2013**

Present at OGMS Board Meeting April 29 were Willa Renken, Janie & Darell & Janie Ehlers, Ed & Deanna Moser, Joan & Gene Alvey, Neava Haney, RoseMary Peterson, Bill and Sylvia Foreman.

BOARD METTING: Board Meeting was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:05pm in room 106 at the College of Idaho. Willa asked if there were any changes to the board minutes as printed in the April newsletter. No changes to the minutes to be made. Ed Moser made motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter 2nd by Gene Alvey and carried by board.

SECRETARY: Sylvia Foreman had nothing to report.

VICE PRESIDENT: Melissa Jones was not present.

TREASURER: Janie Ehlers gave the treasurer's report.

EDITOR: Joan Alvey would like information for the May newsletter by May 7th.

SHOW CHAIRMAN: Susan Beattie was not at the meeting as she has pneumonia and is in the hospital.

Asst. Show Chairman Darell Ehlers reported that Susan would like to plan another date to meet to work on plans for 2014 show.

Joan Alvey : announced she will need any information for the May News letter by Monday May 6th

FEDERATION CHAIRMAN: Ed Moser reminded all about the Northwest Federation Show in Butte, Montana on August 9 to 11. Keep saving stamps for Cancer Research .

HISTORIAN: Pauline Prather not present as she has gone fishing.

SUNSHINE: RoseMary Peterson ask all that were there to sign a get well card so she could send it to Susan Beattie.

RoseMary said that she had been giving some big buckets for the silent auction if someone could pick them up. Gene Alvey will pick them up for the club.

MEMBERSHIP: Neava Haney was unable to attend the meeting but did turn in some membership money.

OLD BUSINESS: There are plans to meet Saturday, May 8 at 9am at O'Conner Field House to work on Owyhee Gem club show equipment.

NEW BUSINESS: There was a discussion on the club needing a trailer for the silent auction rocks for the Gem Shows. Darell Ehlers will look into finding one.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:30pm

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Show Chair Report, May 2013

I would like to thank the club members that met at the Caldwell Public Library on Saturday, May 4, to discuss ideas for the OGMS 60th Annual Rock and Gem Show in 2014. Everyone had great ideas to make our 2014 show a nice event for the club and the public.

The attendance for our show the past two years has been between 1,600 and 1,700 paid admissions. This indicates the community has a genuine interest in what the club and our vendors offer to the public. The show committee believes that with some changes in advertising we could introduce more community members to our hobby. In order for that to happen we need more club members to step up and volunteer to run venues. ***Club volunteers are the limiting factor*** to expanding our advertising to increase attendance.

In order to encourage club members to volunteer to work at the show, the committee will implement the following changes this year to the show.

We will recruit venue chair people in November 2013 and provide written guidance and individual training to the venue chairs for each venue. We hope that providing support to volunteers will help club members become more comfortable with volunteering for these positions and make the venues at the show more consistent year to year for the public.

Each club member will receive a door prize ticket for a chance to win one of three spheres, donated by Red and Kathi Larson, for each two-hour session of help at any venue. For example, if you work three two-hour sessions at one or multiple venues over the weekend, you would receive three tickets good for three chances to win a sphere. Three spheres have been donated so there will be three winners, drawn the last hour of the show. You do not have to be present to win, we will hold your sphere for you if your ticket is drawn.

In February 2014, a pre-show meeting will be held to provide training and written guidance to each club member that volunteers to work a venue.

Our experienced club members are a very dedicated group of folks, but more help is needed from the general membership at show time in order to continue to offer this show to the public and raise operating money for the club each year.

Please consider committing some time to help your club at show time. It's a **fun** way to get to know the club members and the club **really needs your support!**

Hope to see your name drawn for the volunteering door prize!

April Field Trip to Pink Plume Claim

Our April 20th field trip to Pink Plume Claim was great fun. Although the weather was dicey right up to the night before the trip, it cleared off and was very pleasant the day of the trip. We had a nice number of folks on this trip, with the Idaho Gem Club field trip group joining us on the trip. Their field trip site had been rained out and they were able to catch up with us before we took off. We hope everyone had a good time as we enjoyed having them with us! There were some very nice pieces taken home, so please remember to save a nice piece for the silent auction!

Mark your calendar and join us for our upcoming trip to our Succor Creek Thunder 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 18th, 2013 Succor Creek Thunder Egg Claim
Meet on the west side of the Homedale City Park, in Homedale, ID at 7:30 A.M.,
leave at 8:00 A.M.

Have You ever visited our Club Website

Lets Check out our most awesome Web site . it always has great information on it ,there are some great pictures of our outings and our news letter is posted on it. If you have computer access take a look at it sometime it really is amazing and you can see the News letter in **FULL Color** it really makes it look more interesting I think. The fact that it is too expensive to publish it in Color we can't do it but it cost no more to show it in Full Color on the web site so come on and check it out . Brad Larson our Web Master does a great job of keeping it up to date with all kinds of information. Like up-coming shows, field trips updates , times and much much more. So lets go check it out at.

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M-F 1:30-5:30 pm

WE NEED A VOLINTEER!!!!!!

We need one of our members to step up and Volunteer for a position that has been vacated due to Lloyd Summers resigning.

This Lucky man will be moving to Arizona so there fore will not be able to continue to be chairman of the ROAD CLEANUP.. IT is not a job that requires a lot of time just two times a year one in SPRING and one in FALL you would have to get signs and bags from the Highway department and set up the date of the cleanup, get volunteers to help and then maybe join them on a field trip after if that has earlier been decided. Since this is our responsibility as a club it is all our jobs to help.

IF you are willing to take on this job please contact our President Willa Renken by Person, phone or email

362-3941 or wir_dkr@msn.com

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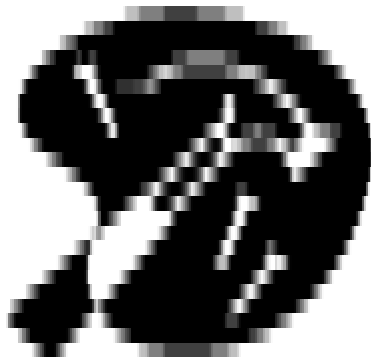


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Work Detail

This shout out goes to ALL MEMBERS we **need your assistance**. We will be refurbishing **YOUR CLUB CASES** on May 8, 2013 at the O’Conner Field House. Everyone one of us can help in some aspect if it is sanding, cutting ,nailing or just what ever needs to be done so please come out and help. Larry Ridley has so graciously volunteered to head this most necessary **CLUB** activity up and get it all ready for us. So the day again is May 8th 2013 at the O’Connor Field house at 9 am. See ya there. If you have any tools you fill might come in handy please bring them with you. Larry is supplying the saws.

Joan Alvey



Road Clean-UP

Even though it was a very windy, Idaho Spring day, 14 hardy souls showed up for the April road clean-up project. With that many willing workers we collected 13 bags of trash (the wind may have helped by moving some of the stuff on across the country side). In addition to the trash we picked up we located some ones private dump site. This was not just a bag of trash thrown out of a car, it looked more like a pick-up load. It contained a LARGE TV set, several animal carcasses and too many tires to count. I will report this to the Highway Department folks and see if they can get the Canyon County Jail highway clean-up inmates out there to clean it up. After the clean-up we went to the Graveyard Point area where we found some nice moss agate. All in all, it was a successful day. Many thanks to all who were able to help out and, especially, to Sylvia for the wonderful (as usual) cookies.

Lloyd Summers

Refreshment Committee Report

Hello Fellow Members Jim and I would like to give Joan Alvey, Thelma Brown, Myrt Alston and Bill Baker a big thank you for our refreshments tonight we would also like to remind Janie Ehlers and Mary Beth Price that they are on the committee to bring refreshments for our next meeting on May 15, 2013 Thanks again to all you members for volunteering to bring refreshments it sure makes a nice ending to our meetings and adds to enhance our fellowship after the meeting.

Ruth & Jim Hopkins Refreshments Chairman



Sunshine Report

I would like to let everyone know that I have sent a get well card signed by all officers at the board meeting to Susan Beattie she is in the hospital but expected to get out in a few days if any of you become aware of the need of any get well wishes or other communications please give me a call Rosemary Peterson 546-1897. Thank you all for your help and hope this finds you all healthy and happy . Your Sunshine chairman RoseMary Peterson.



Membership Report

My contact information is listed below, so you can give me a call or contact by email if you have any changes throughout the year. We want you to receive the newsletter to the correct address. Besides this is the only way we can insure our contact information is current.

Reminder: You get with “New Membership” – A membership card, a small patch and your name badge at no charge. With your “Renewal” you will get your membership card for the New Year. (Usually you can pick up your name badge at the next club meeting while enjoying refreshments and meeting new friends after the meeting)

We have had some inquires for replacement of Name Badges or small patches that have gone astray. You can purchase the Name Badge for \$2.00 and/or the small patch for \$3.00 each. We also have the big patches for \$10.00.

Remember: wear your name badge so everyone knows who you are.

Neava Haney 899-1519
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Stamps to this months meeting.
Remember to *cut 1/2 inch all the way around the stamp.*

Give them to me at the OGMS meeting.
The money raised will go to help support
CANCER RESEARCH.

Thank you all for this it dose
help others and it might just
Help some one you might know..
Ed Moser Federation Director



NFMS 75th Anniversary Show

This show is going to be held at the
Butte Civic Center, 1340 Harrison Avenue, Butte MT.

Dates are August 9-11

Times Fri 9-5 Sat 10-5 and Sunday 10-5

IF you have never attended a Federation show this is something you should really try to attend they have some of the MOST amazing displays there from all over the world. And this is one time you can see some great competition between fellow rockhounds and collectors. The folks who inter this computation are just amazing with the different items they display. This too is a good way for us to learn how the greats put together a fantastic display case. IF you are so inclined to participate in this competition the rules and the entry form is in the March Northwest News Letter the deadline to send in your application is July 10th. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact Dee Holland, Judges Chairman at beauholland@centurytel.net

The juniors are also encouraged to participate in their own group of competitors There will be more than 100 top exhibits of minerals, fossils, gems and jewelry, field trips EVERY DAY, silent auctions, kids area and much much more.

Thirty of the finest purveyors of jewelry, minerals, fossils, lapidary materials and hobby supplies.

They will have speakers speaking on Montana geology, Hot places to do your collecting Montana's gemstones and much more.

So come on and lets pack up and attend.

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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