



# “Owyhee Gem”



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### May President's Message

How does the saying go—April showers bring May flowers. There sure are a lot of beautiful floral displays in the valley. It hardly seems possible for the year to be a quarter gone already. I hope you are all enjoying the field trips the club is providing you. Ithel and Gene have a nice one planned to Rome, Oregon for snakeskin agate. Remember to bring your rake and screens along with some sun screen and plenty of water. They plan to meet at the Gemstop at 7:30am and leaving at 8:00am since it is a ways out to the collecting site. When Ithel offered to help with the field trips it was decided that there would be helpers to offset the cost of fuel for exploring the areas and such. So if you can help him in this please step forward or help him out in any way you can.

The road cleanup was lots of fun and about eight people turned out. Please remember this is your club and it takes volunteers to make all the commitments the club is responsible for to be carried out. When we take the time to have chairmen set up these events we need to support them by showing up and participating if at all possible. A big thank you for those individuals who took the time to help out with the road cleanup, it is greatly appreciated.

Susan has set up the Idaho room at the Caldwell library for the follow- up meeting on the annual show. This will be your chance to help with what needs improvement and any new ideas you may have on how things should be or some new addition that would help give our show a new feel. Susan will be providing the date of this event shortly.

This month's entertainment will be a short DVD on the McDermitt trip. With David Johnson's help we should have a nice program for you to enjoy. Thanks to Dave Couch for providing it for you.

On that note I look forward to seeing you all on the 21st. Until then, keep on rocking.

Willa Renken, OGMS President

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES—April 16, 2014****GENERAL MEETING**

The meeting was held at the College of Idaho, Room 103. It was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30 p.m. Willa asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to accept them as printed. Brad Larson made a motion to accept the minutes as printed and was 2nd by Jim Hopkins and approved by the general meeting.

**PROGRAM**

The topic was field trip information, presented by Ithel Kilow, Gene Alvey and Ed Moser. Be sure and take first aid kits, the proper tools and shovels. Be a good rock hound and fill the holes you make, clean up after yourself and leave it looking better than you found it.

**SECRETARY**—No Report

**VICE PRESIDENT**—Presented the quilt made from the members' fabric blocks. To be used at each meeting to raise money for the club: \$1 a ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. Winner will be announced at the Christmas Dinner.

**TREASURER**—Janie Ehlers gave the report as well as the budget report for the upcoming year. Brad Larson made a motion to accept the report and Gene Alvey 2nd it. Approved by the general meeting. Also, the question for the claim finances were brought up and discussed. Pauline Prather made a motion to proceed with the claim monies and Brad Larson 2nd it, and approved by the general meeting.

**FEDERATION REPORT**—Keep saving the stamps for cancer research. The Federation Show will be in Hermiston, Oregon August 15—17.

**HISTORIAN**— No Report

**SUNSHINE**— Thank you notes were read to the club members.

**SHOW CHAIRMAN**— Susan asked for a show of hands to attend the planning meeting for next year's show. She will arrange the time and place.

**MEMBERSHIP**— Sylvia has the name tags for new members and will be available at the meetings.

**WEB REPORT**—Brad Larson reported that the web site is up to date.

**REFRESHMENTS**—Suzanne Lopex is the new refreshment chairman. Look at the sign up sheet at the meetings to see when you can help bring refreshments.

**OLD BUSINESS**—Road cleanup on April 26th. We need at least eight people, but all of you try to come out and help. It's more fun that way.

Susan brought in lost and found items—a white rain jacket and a white sheet.

**NEW BUSINESS**.....Bill Stringer's family is hosting a 90th birthday party for him on May 10th at the Nampa Senior Center from 1—4 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Nancy Farrell announced the opening of the "Ensley's PreHistoric Museum". Any of the rock club members who would like to display in the museum are welcome. Contact her at the meeting.

Slab Drawing - Willa had help from the younger gem club members to raffle off the slabs.

Door Prize—Won by Gene Alvey and donated by Bill Foreman.

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### May Birthstone — Emerald

As the birthstone for May, the emerald, a symbol of rebirth, is believed to grant the owner foresight, good fortune, and youth. Emerald, derived from the word *smaragdus*, meaning *green* in Greek, was mined in Egypt as early as 330 B.C. Today, most of the world's emeralds are mined in Colombia, Brazil, Afghanistan, and Zambia.

<http://www.americangemsociety.org/may-birthstone>



The intense brilliant green of the Emerald is as refreshing to the eyes as a spring garden after a rain. Within its depths are often tiny fractures or inclusions, which the French call "jardin," or garden, because of their resemblance to foliage. The Egyptians were known to engrave Emeralds with the symbol for foliage to represent eternal youth, and to bury these jewels with their dead. The ancient Romans associated this gemstone with fertility and rebirth, and dedicated it to Venus, the goddess of love and beauty.

The Ancient Egyptians mined Emeralds in the eastern desert region 2,000 years before Cleopatra's birth, braving extreme heat, scorpions and snakes to search for the beautiful crystals. During Cleopatra's reign, she claimed the Emerald mines as her own, as this was her favorite gem. She often wore lavish Emerald jewelry, and it is said that she bestowed visiting dignitaries with large Emeralds carved with her likeness when they departed Egypt.

In the sixteenth century, the Spanish Conquistadors were amazed to find the native people wearing Emeralds larger and more magnificent than any they had ever seen. Although the natives attempted to hide their Emerald mines, the Spaniards soon discovered and conquered most of them. But it took twenty years before they found the abundant mining operation held by the Muzo Indians, and another thirty years to overtake this aggressive tribe. The Muzo mine was in the area known today as Colombia, and it remains the source of the most prized Emerald specimens. Other sources of Emeralds are Brazil, Zimbabwe, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Madagascar, Nigeria, and Russia.

The Emerald is a member of the beryl family of minerals. The green crystals grow slowly within metamorphic rocks and are restricted in size by the rock, making large Emeralds rare and costly. Although this gemstone is relatively hard and durable, it must be protected from blows because the inclusions found within make it susceptible to breaking. Some people believe that wearing an Emerald brings wisdom, growth, and patience.

<http://about-birthstones.com/maybirthstone.html>

### **ATTENTION ROCKHOUNDS: ROCK AND SLAB SALE**

- Approximately 1000 slabs—new material
- Rough Rock—lots of good stuff, hundreds of pounds, top varieties will be available
- Stones—garnets, sapphires, blue opal

**Dates:** May 23, 24, 25

**Times:** 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

**Place:** 8345 Stetson Dr, Boise, ID 83709

**Contact:** Joe Nielson, 869-6325



**May Birthdays**

- 1 Mae Aman
- 1 Juanita Townley
- 2 Walt Barnett
- 4 Larry Fogleman
- 9 Jim Jencks
- 9 Ithel Kildow
- 10 Adan Jones
- 10 Debbie Loosli
- 12 Bill Stringer
- 17 Pauline Prather
- 17 Mary Beth Prince
- 18 Teri Grijalva
- 21 Dan Doersch
- 26 Chuck Fawcett
- 27 Helen Krivy
- 27 Rocky Metts
- 30 Bob Bailey



**May Anniversaries**

- 1 David & Lorene Alley
- 3 Bill & Sylvia Foreman
- 14 Dee & Janet Huntley
- 20 Jerry & Alica Sherer
- 22 Dan & Alta Doerschef
- 25 Chris & Peggy Blickfeldt
- 29 Dixie Booker-Lair & Sam Lair
- 31 Rocky & Shirley Metts
- 31 Celina & Ken Wyss

Please let me know if I don't have your correct information, or if you are not on the lists above and should be.  
 Email me at: [denisemstringer@gmail.com](mailto:denisemstringer@gmail.com)

# Rock -N- Gifts

942 South Lincoln • Jerome, Idaho 83338

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**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

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Rough Rock and Slabs

Bolos & Buckles

Bookends & Specimens

Tumblers & Equipment

## WHITE'S METAL DETECTORS

**W.A. (Bill) Stringer**

1812 West Orchard

Nampa, Idaho 83651

1 Mile South of Karcher Mall

**(208) 466-5169**

M-F 1:30-5:30 pm

Other Hours By Appointment

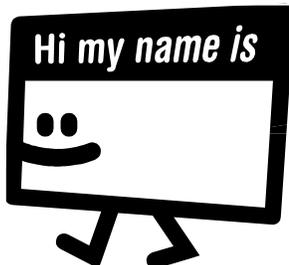


### Membership Report

It is that time of the year, MEMBERSHIP Renewal for the New Year. There will be membership forms available at the next meeting.

If you have not received your name badge and/or membership card, my contact information is listed below. Please contact me either by phone or email so I can have it ready for you at the next meeting.

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 to wear your name badge at the monthly meetings so everyone knows who you are.

**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society April Field Trip**

May 24, 2014— Rome, Oregon—Snakeskin Agate

We will meet at the Gem Stop at the ION Junction west of Marsing at 7:30 a.m. and leave from there at 8:00 a.m.

Rome, Oregon is located on US-95 S, about 90 minutes (78 miles) from the ION Junction.



Useful items to bring: bucket/canvas bag, shovel, pick, rock hammer, gloves, rakes, screens, appropriate clothing, first-aid kit, sunscreen, drinking water, lunch and snacks.

Generally a high-clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD or ATV is required.

For field trip information, call:

Ithel Kildow (208) 455-7960 or Gene Alvey (208) 440-3067

\*All field trips are subject to change depending on weather and road conditions.

Judith Hart would like to car pool with someone on the field trips. She lives close to Karcher Road and Lake Avenue. If you are able to swing by and pick her up, call 602-7848.



**April 19, 2014 Field Trip  
Jamieson, Oregon—Petrified Wood**

**We had about 50 people participate in the April field trip and enjoy a beautiful spring day!**



**Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society Board Minutes—April 28th, 2014**

**PRESIDENT** Willia Renken called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and asked if there were any changes to the newsletter. Ed Moser made the motion to accept the newsletter as printed and Joan Alvey 2nd it.

**SECRETARY**—No Report

**VICE PRESIDENT**—Nancy will show the DVD on the McDermitt field trip for the May program at the OGMS general meeting.

**TREASURER**—Janie had small patches to turn in to the membership chairman.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**—Denise was not present, but would like information for the newsletter by the 5th of each month.

**SHOW CHAIRMAN**—Susan reported that there was 11 members interested in attending the 2015 show planning meeting. She will arrange the time and place.

**FEDERATION CHAIR**—Ed would like to remind everyone to save stamps for cancer research. The next Federation show will be August 15-17 in Hermiston, Oregon. Read your Northwest Federation newsletter for date, time and places.

**HISTORIAN**—Not present

**SUNSHINE**—Not present. Joan Alvey reported that Brad Larson was in the hospital.

**FIELD TRIP**—The May field trip will be at Rome, Oregon. Come prepared.

**WEB REPORT**—Not present

**OLD BUSINESS**—Eight people showed up for road cleanup. Could use more.

**NEW BUSINESS**—None

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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**"Ensleys"**

**Pre Historic Museum**

**Dinosaur Exhibit**

& **Owyhee Gem Club Displays**

Presented by **Boot Hill**

**914 Elgin Street..Caldwell, Idaho**

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**Museum Hours**

**OPEN 9am to 5pm**

**Mon thru Sat**

**208-914-3236**

*kids under 6...free {w/ Parent }*

**7 yrs to 16 yrs.....\$3.00**

**17 to New Childhood.....\$5.00**

Ask about Season Passes...





## For Sale:

Rough rock, Slabs,  
Sphere Machines, Rock  
Saw, Beads, Grinding  
Unit, etc...

Call Red or Kathi  
@ 465-8083

### *Federation Director*

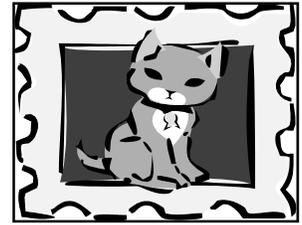
Bring your postage stamps to this month's meeting.

Remember to *cut 1/2 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.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director  
340-8060  
edmoser15@gmail.com



### *Refreshment Report*

Please welcome Suzanne Lopez as our new Refreshment Chairman!

Her contact number is 936-0328.

Thank you to Jack Robinson, Mike & Judy Tucker, and Jim & Hopkins for bringing refreshments to the April meeting.

A reminder to Nancy Farrell that you are signed-up for May refreshments.

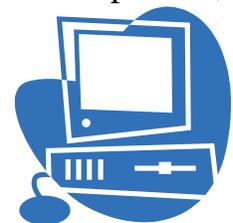
Thanks again to all you members for volunteering to bring refreshments. It sure makes a nice ending to our meetings and adds to enhance our fellowship after the meeting.



### *Have You Visited our Club Website?*

Our awesome web site 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/>



### Upcoming Events

#### **Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society April Meeting**

May 21, 2014—7:30 p.m.

Boone Science Building at the College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho

**Program:** DVD on the McDermitt field trip

#### **Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society May Field Trip**

May 24, 2014—Rome, Oregon—Snakeskin Agate

#### **Nyssa Thunderegg Days Festival—“Rocks and More!”**

July 10-12, 2014—10 a.m.—9 p.m. —Nyssa, Oregon

“Rocks, Gems, Quilts, Art, Cars, Food and More”

Three days of fun for all ages!

Guided rock tours depart at 7 a.m. daily, per car charge.

For more information, please call 541-372-3091, [www.nyssachamber.com](http://www.nyssachamber.com),

[nyssachamber@nyssachamber.com](mailto:nyssachamber@nyssachamber.com), Facebook: ThundereggDays&Festival

Still looking for dealers and displays.

#### **Inter-Regional Field Trip in Terry, Montana - July 31, August 1,2,3, 2014**

Four great days in Eastern Montana, numerous trips every day to collect Montana Agate, petrified wood, coral, stromatolites, ammonites, dinosaur fossils and more.

The town of Terry has given us their two-city block park with a big swimming pool, showers and rest rooms.

We can camp around the park with our doors opening into the park. They will have a BBQ benefit with live music one evening. We will have several potlucks, with several speakers and more music. There are two small RV parks for those that need electricity, one hotel and a motel for those that don't camp. There will also be a guided tour on the Calypso Trail in exotic badlands. Bring the kids for a special trip.

For more information or to jump in and help, email [dtruefossils12@yahoo.com](mailto:dtruefossils12@yahoo.com) or phone (406) 670-0506,

Doug True—NFMS and AFMS Field Trip Chair

#### **Federation Show 2014 - Hermiston, OR - August 15-17, 2014**

NFMS 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show—Hatrockhound Happenin'

**Presented by:** Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society of Hermiston, Oregon

**Location:** Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S Hwy 395, Hermiston, OR 97838

**Hours:** Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Cost:** \$3.50 per day or \$9.00 for all three days, Children Under 12 free with a paid adult

For more information, visit: <http://amfed.org/nfms/FederationShow.asp>

Mike Filarski (541) 571-2593 and Judi Allison (541) 720-4950 (Co-Chairpersons)

#### Hotels:

Best Western Hermiston Inn: 541-567-4188

Oak Tree Inn: 541-567-2330

Comfort Inn: 541-564-5911

Oxford Suites: 541-564-8000

Economy Inn: 541-567-5516

Rodeway Inn: 541-567-5561

Motel 6: 541-567-7777

Stokes Landing B & B: 541-922-3857

Wildhorse Resort and Casino: 800-654-9453

#### Camping:

Hatrock Campground Good Sam Park: 541-567-4188

Oasis RV Park (Irrigon): 541-922-2699

Boardman Marina & RV Park: 541-481-7217

Umatilla Marina RV Park: 541-922-3939

Pioneer Trailer Park: 541-564-9286

Pilot RV Park (Stanfield): 541-449-1189

**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 18)** - \$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 Building at the College of Idaho, 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 identified slab



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