



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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May President's Message

Hello everyone what a beautiful spring we are having. This weather is sure Idaho but it makes everything green and beautiful for now. We were able to take a quick trip down to Texas Springs and there is a lot of water damage in that area. We made it in to the digging area and found some nice pink wood so it made for a fun day. Hope you are all getting out and enjoying this time of year.

I hear that the road cleanup was a success and I want to thank all of you who took the time to help with this. It is a fun little adventure and you never know what you are going to find.

Remember that the Show Chairman has set up a meeting for May 13 at 10am in the Caldwell library's Idaho Room. Come with your constructive ideas as we are always looking for new and better ways of making our Gem Show one of the better ones in the Western United States.

Ithel has setup this month's field trip to Jamison for petrified wood. He will be meeting at the rest stop just on the other side of the Snake River in Oregon at 8 leave at 8:30. They will have a meet up in Vale around 9:00 leave by 9:30. This is always a lot of fun and nice material so I hope you all join in. There will also be a McDermitt trip in May 27, 28, 29 so be sure to call and let Ithel know if you will be attending. This is a rockhounds paradise and well worth the trip.

I'd like to thank all of you who donated rocks for the young man from Pennsylvania they are very nice and I think he will be very happy with the specimens. Way to go guys!!

Jim has Randy Whipple lined up to give our program this month so it should be very informative. Randy is a great speaker and always has very interesting topics for our members to enjoy.

Remember no Board Meeting in May as it is Memorial Day. Please take the time to thank service members for their sacrifice for our great country. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday. See you all on the 17th at 7:30pm for our next meeting till then keep on rocking.

-Willa Renken OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**April 19, 2017**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:40pm. Jim Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes as printed; seconded by Darell Ehlers, motion carried. Willa welcomed all of the guests and new members and had them introduce themselves.

Secretary Report: Received a check from the College of Idaho. Nature & Science Company sent information about their upcoming auction to be held April 30. There was one membership renewal. A thank you note from Weldon and Neva Henry for the NWFMS endowment donation in Bill Foreman's name and a thank you from Jane and Curt from Idaho Tractor for the flowers that were sent to Jane.

Vice President: There will be a future presentation from Lieutenant Hurst from the Sheriff's Office about being prepared.

Treasurer: Larry Beattie audited the books and said everything looked good. Willa filed the necessary 990 tax form to the IRS.

Show Chairman: There will be a planning meeting for the next Gem Show on May 13 at 10am at the Caldwell Library. If you are unable to attend the meeting and have something to discuss, call Susan and leave a message with her. Susan gave a report on the last show. There was a 10% increase in revenue compared to the show last year. She asked members to start thinking about volunteering at the next show.

Federation Chairman: The NWF Show will have a couple of field trip options. Check the NWF Newsletter for information about where the trips will be going. Remember to keep saving your postage stamps. Ed will be presenting them when he goes to Hamilton, MT.

Sunshine Report: Jewels sent out cards of cheers to several members.

Membership: There was no report.

Field Trip: The April field trip will be to Graveyard Point to collect Plume Agate, Moss Agate and Petrified Wood. Call Ithel if you are interested in going on the field trip to McDermitt on Memorial Day Weekend.

Web Master: The website is up to date. The field trip dates and places have been updated.

Unfinished Business: Life Flight renewal forms will be coming out in May. The roadside cleanup will be April 29. Walter Barnett has some material he will donate to the silent auction.

New Business: Shirley Murphy will be having a rock sale in May. Contact Cathy Larson if you would like information about the sale. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the budget presented for 2017; Ruth Hopkins seconded, motion carried. There was a letter received from an 8th grade student requesting rock and mineral samples to put on display, for a school project. It was decided to bring samples to the next Board Meeting to be collected and shipped to the student.

Slab drawing.

Chuck McGuire won the door prize. Meeting adjourned 9:08.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



May Birthdays

1	Mae Aman
2	Walter Burnett
2	David Baldwin
2	Celeste Brose
5	Bob Ure
6	Kurt Branham
6	Dave Myers
7	John Farnham
8	Carol Farnham
8	Earl VanCampen
8	Jim Collard
9	Ithel Kildow
11	Bob Bashford
12	Brenda Ireland
12	Bill Stringer
13	Tim Justice
17	Tim Geyer
17	Pauline Prather
17	Dawn McCall
19	Myra Skidgel
21	Dan Doersch
21	Connie Powers
23	Nick Hardman
24	Howard Roose
25	Chuck McGuire
26	Chuck Fawcett
26	John Lonkey
27	Helen Krivy

May Anniversaries

1	Tim and Susie Justice
3	Walter Burnett
6	David and Helen Baldwin
11	Rick and Jennifer Bendorf
14	Dee and Janet Huntley
15	Bill and Andrea Sawyer
20	Jerry and Alica Sherer
22	Dan and Alta Doersch

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Thank you to all those that have changed over to email for the newsletter. You are saving the club money as well as receiving the news quicker. I can also send to **both spouses** upon request. If you want your children to have it by email, **please forward** it to them to save me some time.

FYI, should we receive your newsletter back, I will start sending it by email. Please be sure to update your physical address with us to continue getting snail mail or notify me if you would like to receive it electronically. The more that receive it electronically, the more money we save the club.

Should you have any questions, please notify me at:
carolfarnham@ymail.com

Thank you,

Carol Farnham (208) 475-4868



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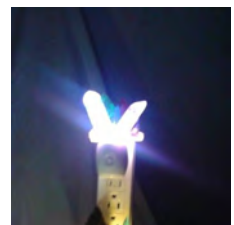
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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**April 24, 2017**

The Board Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library, and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7pm. Kim McEwan made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; seconded by Ed Moser, motion carried.

Secretary Report: Received one membership renewal and information from the Oregon Department of Geology about notice of intent for a proposed mine.

Vice President: Randy Whipple is in charge of the presentation at the next General Meeting.

Treasurer: Janie is researching the reason for the refund check from the College of Idaho. There was a discussion about purchasing a projector to be used at the general meetings for movies and slides. Darell found one for around \$350 that will fit into a small case and be easily transported. Susan Beattie made a motion for the Club to purchase a projector to use at meetings; seconded by Ed Moser, motion carried.

Show Chairman: There will be a Gem Show Meeting May 13 at 10am in the Idaho Room at the Caldwell Library. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the gem show next year. A volunteer is needed to run the silent auction venue at the gem show. Susan will be checking on the contract for the building and sending a deposit to secure the building.

Federation Chairman: Times have changed for some of the speakers that will be at the NWF Show. If you would like a directory from the NWF, let Ed know by May 17. The charge for the directory is \$10.

Bulletin Editor: Let Carol know if you would like your newsletter emailed to you. Newsletters will be mailed to heads of households only and emailed to member and spouse only.

Historian and Sunshine had no report.

Membership: There was one membership renewal and one new member application. Kim McEwan made a motion for Ernie and Kathy Shell be accepted as new members; Susan Beattie seconded, motion carried.

Field Trip Chairman: The May field trip will be to Jamison. Meet at the rest stop on Hwy 84 at the Idaho-Oregon border at 8am. The group will caravan through Vale Oregon, to pick up people around 8:45 and head to the collecting site. Ithel will also head to a place to possibly find some blue jasper. The McDermitt field trip will be May 27, 28 and 29. The group will meet at the ION Station at 7am. Call Ithel and let him know if you will be going so he will have a head count for the trip.

Unfinished Business: A good variety of rocks was brought in to send to the student from Pennsylvania who requested local specimens. David Schmidt brought the tent that was purchased to house the porta pot on field trips. He also gave a demonstration on how easy it is to put up and take down.

Meeting adjourned 7:45.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



Sunshine Report

Hi, I am Jewels Haines and I am your Sunshine Chairman. If you hear of anyone needing a get well card or visit, please give me a call at 760-331-3443

-Jewels Haines, Sunshine Chairman

jewelsmalia@yahoo.com

ATTENTION: Additional trip added. May 27th—29th Glass Butte (two or three day trip)

Where Homedale/Marsing (55/95) intersect, meet at the Gem truck stop (old ION station) 7:00am, leave 7:30am. Call Ithel if you are going. (208) 455-7960. Hope you can read the map on the next page.



2017 Field Trip Schedule

May 20th	Jamison, OR for Blue Jasper (Meet @ rest stop just inside ID/OR line In Ontario, 8-8:30am)
June 24th	Rome for Snakeskin Agates (Meet at ION 7:00-7:30am) (80 mile trip 1 way)
July 22nd	Wagontown for Petrified Wood/Cat Tail Fossils (Meet at ION 7:00-7:30am)
August 19th	Pink Plume Agate Claim (Meet @ Homedale Park 7:30-8:00am)
September 23rd	Grandview for Petrified Pinecones (Meet @ Walters Ferry 7:30-8:00am)
October 21st	Haystacks Butte for Red Jasper (Meet @ Homedale Park 7:30-8:00am)

McDermitt and Glass Butte (Stink Water) are two-day trips that we would like to add to the calendar, along with the Blue Opal Egg Claim (single-day trip). If interested please contact Ithel Kildow at 208-455-7960.

USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

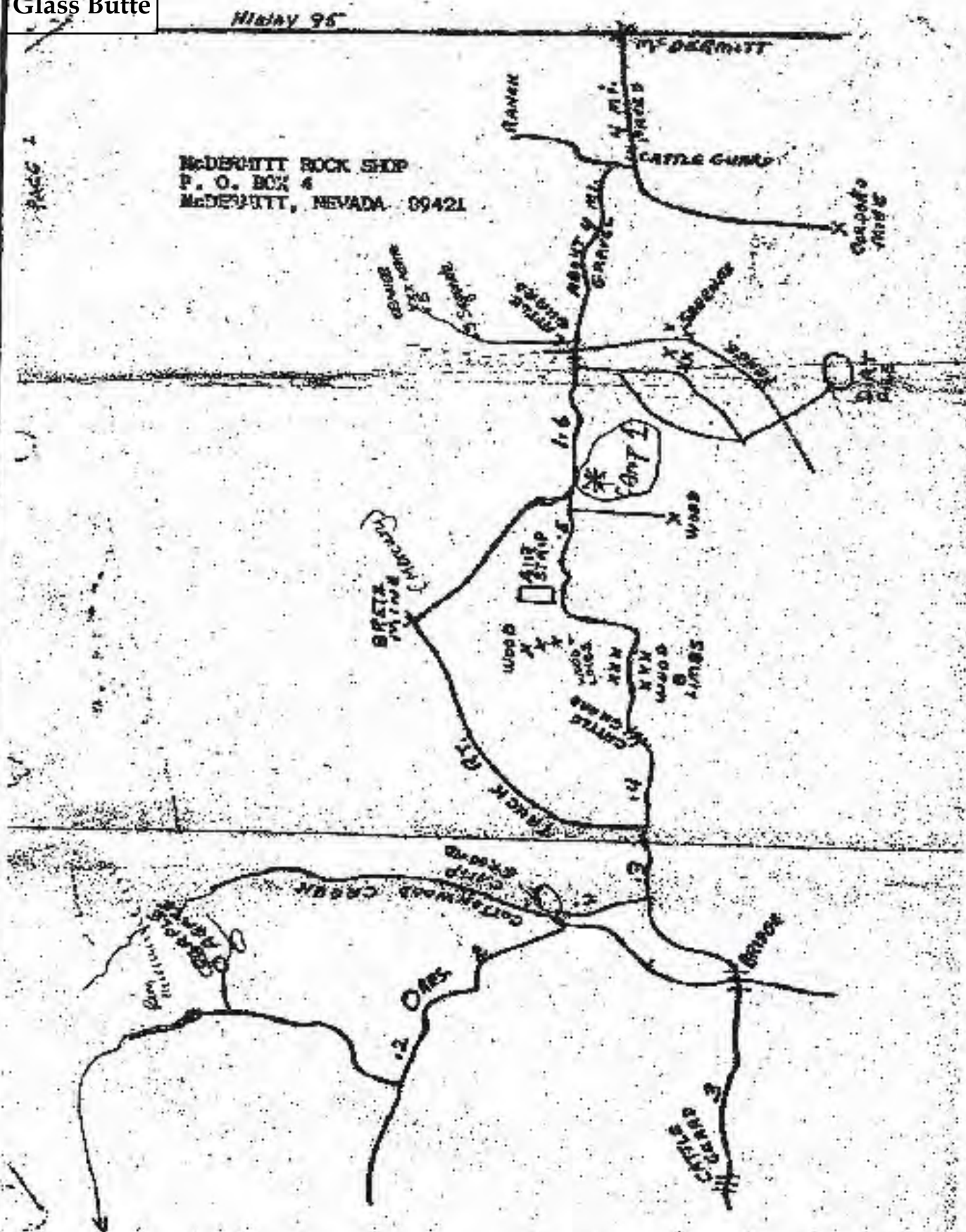
Buckets, Shovels, Pick, Rock Hammer, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Magnifier, Gloves, Plenty of Drinking Water, Appropriate Clothing, Food, Protective Eyewear, sun protection.

For field trip Information, contact Ithel Kildow at (208) 455-7960,
Or David Schmidt (408) 489-3996

Trips can last most of the day. Generally, a high-clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD or ATV is required. **Remember, when you finished to fill in all holes that are dug at the site.**

**ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON
WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS**

Map to Glass Butte



Mineral	Mohs relative Hardness	Scratch Test	Rosiwal absolute Hardness	Vickers kp / mm ²
Talc	1	scrapeable with fingernail	0.03	2.4
Gypsum	2	scratcheable with fingern.	1.25	36
Calcite	3	scr. with copper coin	4.5	109
Fluorite	4	easily scr. with knife	5	189
Apatite	5	still scr. with knife	6.5	536
Orthoclase	6	scr. with steel file	37	795
Quartz	7	scratches window glass	120	1,120
Topaz	8	scratches quartz	175	1,427
Corundum	9	scratches topaz	1,000	2,060
Diamond	10	scratches corundum	140,000	10,060

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Federation Director

Bring your postage stamps to this month's 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.

Federation Director-Ed Moser, Federation Director
(208) 340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com

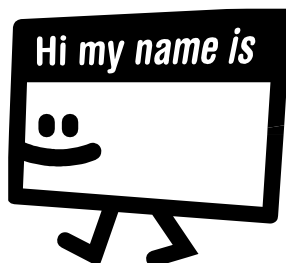
**Membership Report****Now accepting payment of 2017 dues**

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

Kim Bashford, Membership Chairperson

Phone: (208) 454-7287

Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES**Year: 2017**Family
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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 7:30 P.M. in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103, 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 unidentified rock and we'll help you figure out



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.

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