



# "Owyhee Gem"



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### May President's Message

Hello to all of you hope this finds you all out enjoying the beauty of our spring in the desert. The flowers should be putting on a colorful show for you.

Due to an unfortunate accident, our field trip chairperson has been taken out of commission for the rest of the year. If we are to have organized trips we will need someone to step up and help Dale with this responsibility. Dale can do some of them but his job is in the summer time so it will be necessary for others within the club to step up and help out. If you can do this please let me know as David was seriously injured. In past years we spread the trips out between several people which took some of the pressure off the trip leader. I'm hoping we can do this same thing again this year.

This month's entertainment is going to be a video. Jim is doing a great job providing us with interesting and informative programs. This one will be just as good and I look forward to watching it. Thanks Jim!!

I was unable to attend Susan's workshop on the club show ideas and updates. Hopefully she will provide us with a breakdown on what was discussed. I do enjoy the ideas and interests that you all share. It is amazing at the things that more than one set of eyes provide.

Thank you all for everything you do on behalf of our club. It shows in the participation and attendance at each meeting. Until Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> keep on rocking.

Willa Renken OGMS President

## 2018 Owyhee Field Trip Schedule

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** Beacon Hill Nodules in Idaho (Meet at the Rest Stop on I-84 just over the Snake River in Oregon at 9:00 AM, Leave at 9:30 AM).

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** Blue Egg Claim in Oregon for Blue Eggs (Meet at Homedale, ID Park where the Tank is just East of the Four Corners at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** Coal Mine Basin for Blood Stone, Black Opalized Wood (Meet at the GEM Stop at HY55 & HY95, 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

**August 18<sup>th</sup>** Wagon Town for Petrified Wood, Cat Tail Fossils (Meet at the GEM Stop at HY55 & HY95, 7:00 AM, Leave at 7:30 AM).

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** Oreana, ID., for Obsidian, Apache Tears, Opalized Nodules (Meet at Walter Ferry just across the Snake River on the right Side at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** Haystack Butte for Red Jasper (Meet at Homedale, ID, Park where the Tank is just East of the Four Corners at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

### USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and a Small one), Sieve, Gloves, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Knee Pad's, Magnifier, Plenty of Drinking Water, Food, Appropriate Clothing, Protective Eyewear, Sun Protection, Day Pack or Back Pack, Umbrella, Pry Bar.

**For Field Trip Information**, contact David Schmidt (408) 489-3996, david\_schmidt2114@aol.com, or Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990.

Trips can last most of the day. Generally, a High-Clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD or an ATV is required. **Remember, 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.**

It is with very sad news that our Field Trip Chairman will not be leading our Field trips for awhile. While out on an ATV outing, David flipped over into a ditch with his ATV and it landed on top of him.

Dale, our backup is now getting busier with his work and will not be available for all the trips.

We are in need of another guide to work with Dale until David recovers. Please get in touch with Willa or the board asap to help fill in. You can call Dale if you have any questions.

***David, get well quick. We will miss you until you are back with us! Everyone, let David know how much we care for the work he has done.***





### May Birthdays

2	David Baldwin
2	Celeste Brose
2	Walter Barnett
4	Gary Chambers
6	Kurt Branham
7	John Farnham
8	Carol Farnham
8	Jim Collard
8	Scott Patton
8	Earl VanCampen
11	Bob Bashford
12	Bill Stringer
17	Darlene Kidd
17	Mary Beth Prince
17	Pauline Prather
19	Myra Skidgel
21	Dan Doersch
21	Connie Powers
23	Nick Hardman
24	Howard Roose
25	Chris McGuire
26	Chuck Fawcett
27	Helen Krivy

### May Anniversaries

6	David and Helen Baldwin
14	Dee and Janet Huntley
15	Bill and Andrea Sawyer
20	Jerry and Alicia Sherer
22	Dan and Alta Doersch
29	Jim and Vickie Wise



### 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](mailto:jewelsmalia@yahoo.com)



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Remember that Susan is recruiting for Show Chair for next year. She will work with you step by step. She has this precious binder that guides her all the way through the planning of the show. If you have any questions, please talk to Susan at the meeting or give her a call.

Ed Moser has informed the board that many of the libraries in the area are interested in someone to make a presentation to the children to tell them a little about the rocks we pick up. Little rocks for them to take home as souvenirs would be of great interest to the kids also.

The class could be for 1 hour or half a day. Since it all has yet to be put together there are no details.

We will be discussing this at the next meeting to see what interest is there.

### Qualifications for Being a Rockhound

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7. Determination—visualizing a beautiful gem cut out of a plain rock.

- Rockhound Rumbblings Sept 2001

## Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History

The Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History features specimens representing the Biology and Geology of SW Idaho, SE Oregon, and northern Nevada. The focal point of the museum is the Evans Gem and Mineral Collections. The museum hosts a workday and seminar the first Saturday of every month.

The Museum is open to all visitors: Monday-Friday from 1-5 pm, the first Saturday of every month from 8-5 and the third Saturday of every month from 10-4.

The Museum is located in the basement of Boone Hall on the College of Idaho campus. Visit the Museum website at [www.collegeofidaho.edu/cultural-institutions/orma-j-smith-museum-natural-history](http://www.collegeofidaho.edu/cultural-institutions/orma-j-smith-museum-natural-history) to learn more.

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### **A note to our advertisers...**

**Please note that if you have not paid for the 2018 year, this month will be the last month your ad will be printed in our newsletter. Payment needs to be received by the next General Meeting. No statements will be sent out. The ad runs from January to December when paid in full.**

A great big THANK YOU to Michele Wiles for stepping up to take over for Janie Ehlers at the end of the year. Michelle is in the process of being trained by Janie so you will be seeing Michelle from time to time as she is learning the ropes.

### **For our new members,**

The Editor tries to send out by e-mail each month, the Federation newsletter as well as a blurb on jewelry making. They will be sent out at different times of the month than our newsletter. If you have any questions, please call me and I will try to answer.

### **FYI**

There are times you may need to get a hold of someone on the board but you don't have their phone number. Please save the first page of the newsletter. You have names and addresses on the front side and a list of field trips on the back-side. Put the sheet on the fridge so its always available. That way you can always call the right person.

Thank you,



**Be looking for the full information on our July Picnic and Auction in the next newsletter. If you haven't already, you better get started working on the item you are planning to donate. The proceeds will help fund our Christmas party in December.**

### **Save the date July 18th**

**This is held in place of our normal general meeting. We will have some very nice cabs that were donated to the club some years ago that will be up for auction. For you new members, you won't want to miss it. Its great food and a great auction.**



# OWYHEE GEM

## OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**April 18, 2018**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and called to order at 7:30pm by President Willa Renkin. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting as printed; seconded by Jim Hopkins, motion carried. Guests were introduced and given a warm welcome. Nate gave a presentation and the history of the fish fossils that can be found in the Northwest.

**Secretary:** Received a newsletter from Wasatch Gem Society in Sandy, Utah. There were also four membership renewals, the bank statement and an invoice for advertising at the gem show.

**Vice President:** Jim has a DVD lined up for the next meeting.

**Treasurer:** Our new Treasurer, Michelle Wiles made the 2018 budget presentation. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the 2018 Budget as proposed; Rulon Allred seconded, motion carried.

**Show Chairman:** There will be a planning meeting at the Caldwell Library for the 2019 Gem Show on May 5, 2018. If you are not able to attend the meeting, call Susan with thoughts and ideas. All of the volunteers who helped with the last Gem Show were thanked. The Club is looking for someone to step up and take the Show Chairman position for next year.

**Federation Chairman:** Ed will be attending the NWF Meeting next week and will be taking all of the stamps that have been collected. Let Ed know if you would like him to pick you up a directory for \$10. The proposals that require a vote at the meeting were reviewed and discussed. Willa suggested to accept the proposals as they outwardly stand, unless Ed finds fault with something when he attends the meeting.

**Historian:** There was no report.

**Sunshine:** A card was sent to one of our club members. Let Jules know if you know someone who needs a note of cheer.

**Membership Chairman:** There were no new members. First time members were welcomed to the meeting.

**Field Trip Chairman:** The field trip will be to Rockville, Oregon to look for leaf fossils. Meet at the Gem Stop on the corners of Hwy 55 & Hwy 95 at 8am. The May field trip will be to Beacon Hill.

**Unfinished Business:** Meet at the boat ramp at Walters Ferry at 9am for the road clean-up on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Vests, bags and signs will be provided, bring gloves. Weather permitting, there will be a field trip following the clean-up.

There was no New Business.

Slab drawing. Chuck McGuire won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES****April 30, 2018**

The Business Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order at 7pm by Vice President, Jim Hopkins. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting: seconded by Dale Rawson, motion carried.

**Secretary:** There was no mail received since the last meeting.

**Vice President:** There will be a DVD presentation at the next meeting.

**Treasurer:** There was nothing to report since the last meeting.

**Show Chairman:** There will be a meeting at the Caldwell Library on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 to noon, to discuss and organize the 2019 show.

**Federation Chairman:** The 2019 Federation Show will be held in October by the Hells Canyon Gem Club of Lewiston. The vote to amend the Operating Procedure for the memorials and special trophies passed. The vote to amend the Operating Procedure to reimburse judges and clerks for entrance fees did not pass. Ed stated the Yakama Show was very nice. The Nampa and Homedale Libraries have both expressed interest in having a speaker from the club to make a presentation to the youth. It was decided to bring it up at the General Meeting to get ideas and volunteers for activities.

**Field Trip Chairman:** There was a nice turnout on the last field trip with 20+ cars. The trip started with looking for leaf fossils and then went to another location to find jasper. David was in an ATV accident and will need someone to lead the field trips for the next couple of months.

**Membership Chairman:** There were 7 new applications for membership: John Conklin & Willa Page, Kenneth & Trudy Glenn, Rick Fleischman, Chris Hayward, Frank & Barbara Kerbs, Gary Monroe & Marge Hine, Robert & Barbara Spiker. Ed made a motion to accept these applicants as new members; seconded by Carol Farnham, motion carried.

**Newsletter:** It was decided to make it part of the November template to ask for ads and payment for the newsletter.

**Unfinished Business:** Susan is looking for someone for the Show Chairman position for next year. Sixteen people showed up for the roadside clean-up and everyone enjoyed cookies that Janie brought and shared. After the clean-up, the crew ventured to the pink plume claim.

**New Business:** The July picnic and potluck will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup> and will include the semi-annual auction. There will be no Business Meeting in May due to the holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



**Federation Director**

Please save the postage STAMPS for cancer research and bring to this months meeting. Remember to **cut ½ inch all the way around the stamp**. Thanks to all for your help. 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 2018 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 .

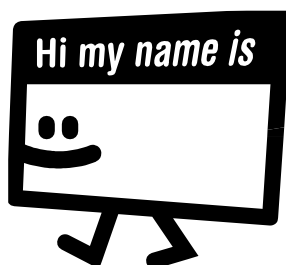
You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to:

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

**Kim Bashford, Membership Chairperson**

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**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES****Year: 2018**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.

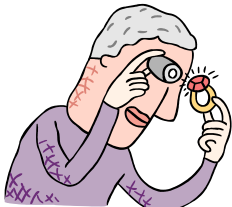
#### MEMBERSHIP DUES:

**Family** - \$20.00 per year  
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**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 what it is!



#### **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/>

