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# "Ovryhee Gem" Ovryhee Gem & Mineral Society

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May President's Message

Hello fellow rock hounds, hope this month's message finds you all well and enjoying our spring weather. It sure was nice to see everyone who was able to make it out to the meeting in April. We sure enjoyed visiting and catching up on our years' worth of adventures. Thanks to the folks who donated slabs for the drawing. Since this and our Auctions will be one of the only money generators for this year your donations are truly appreciated.

This month's field trip will be to Rockville for leaf fossils and Maple ridge for petrified wood. Robert will have more information for you at this month's meeting.

Last month's presentation given by Roxanne was really nice and am hoping we will have a fun and informative show again this month. Her bring a rock take a rock is now bring a slab take a slab so if you have a slab that you would like to trade for something new please join in. These little table events can be a lot of fun it just takes participation. We would like to continue supporting the small talks on the rocks that you find interesting or are collecting. Each of you have knowledge of different rocks or minerals that you find an interest in which is fun to share with the group. The membership enjoys these little informative talks so if you can please take the time to share your knowledge with us.

Paul wants to encourage you to keep thinking of the 2022 Gem Show and continue tumbling, sewing grab bags, making critters and collecting for the silent auction table. We will have a wonderful show in 2022 as we will have had two years to prepare for our events. Remember that the club is willing to pay you for the five-gallon buckets of

tumbled stones. Let Paul know and he will setup the arrangements for pickup and payment.

This month's meeting will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Elks in Caldwell. The meeting starts at 7pm and I look forward to seeing all of you.

Willa Renken OGMS President

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#### OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 21 APRIL 2021

**President, Willa Renken** called the OGMS April General Meeting to order at 7:05pm at the Caldwell Elks Lodge, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, Idaho. Ed Moser made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Roxanne Franklin seconded; motion passed. Willa asked if we had any visitors/new members in attendance and they were heartily welcomed to the club.

**Roxanne Franklin** gave an interesting program on agates. She gave a slide presentation and shared a lot of information on these beautiful stones, (how they are formed, where they are found). Thank you, Roxanne.

**Secretary, Chris Deveau** gave six memberships to Kim Bashford and one returned check statement from our bank to Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence.

**Vice President, Roxanne Franklin** advised the group that our new Facebook page is a great way to contact other 'rock hunting buddies'! Roxanne is the coordinator for all presentations to the club. Please contact her if you would like to share a "Favorite".

**Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence** has paid for our reserved space in the Caldwell Memorial Park for our annual picnic in July. She has received dues from Kim to deposit for OGMS.

**Show Chair, Paul Deveau** is working on the Show budget with Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence.

**Federation Chair, Ed Moser** reminded everyone to please continue saving your postage stamps... cancelled or not. He collects them and delivers them to the Federation, where they are sold to stamp collectors and the money received is donated for Breast Cancer Research.

Everyone was glad to see Historian, Pauline Prather.

**Membership, Kim Bashford** is processing all the memberships she has received. Please contact her if you have not received your name tag, membership card, or patch.

**Field Trip Chair, Robert Murphey** said the first field trip of the year to the Bruneau Woodpile was quite the success... great turn out... lots of nice specimens. The April field trip is to the OGMS Big Egg claim on Saturday, 24 April 2021. A 4-wheel drive is recommended... meet at the Extra Mile/ Chevron gas station west of Marsing on the corner of Hwy 55/95 meet @ 8AM, leaving @ 8:30.

**Unfinished Business:** Newsletter Editor, Denise Stringer ran the copy of the updated language in the by-laws including the change that specifically makes the Membership Chair, presently Kim Bashford, a Director on the Board. Ed Moser made the motion to approve the by-law updates; Christina Weiner seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

**New Business:** Deana Ashton, President of the Idaho Gem Club invited OGMS to their field trip on Sunday, 25 April... meet at the Extra Mile/Chevron gas station west of Marsing on the corner of Hwy 55/95 @ 8:00, leaving @ 8:30. They are going to their claim at Graveyard Point for plume agate. As discussed in the previous newsletter, we had a silent auction of specimens from the Pat & Izzy McConnel donation to OGMS of thundereggs from Surrender Ridge and petrified wood. We raised \$75.00 for the club. Robert will continue the silent auctions at the General Meetings. Ruth Hopkins won the door prize... an Arrow Textile Cleaning Spray Gun that was donated by Brian Davis who won last month. Brian's wife, Karen said she uses it to clean rock crevices... works great!

The slab drawing was held. Thank you for your donations. Please bring your slabs to the next General Meeting on Wednesday, 19 May 2021 at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Elks Lodge, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, Idaho.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary

#### Vice President's Corner—Roxanne Franklin

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society | Facebook

#### **Monthly Meeting Topic**

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact me: Roxanne Franklin - (208) 577-7095, rocksfrank@cableone.net



#### Trade a Slab

Bring a slab to the next meeting and trade it for someone else's slab.

#### "My Favorite" Presentations

If you have a favorite rock, gem, mineral, or fossil you would like to talk about and share with the members at the next meeting and in the newsletter, please contact Roxanne.

#### Life Hacks

What is a life hack? A life hack (or life hacking) is any **trick**, **shortcut**, **skill**, **or novelty method that increases productivity and efficiency**, in all walks of life.

Do you have life hacks you would like to share? Send to denisemstringer@gmail.com.









#### OGMS 2021 Field Trips



Robert Murphey Robert Murphey (208) 590-1848 or Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990

Dale Rawson



#### **USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP**

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and Small), Sieve,
Gloves, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Knee Pads, Magnifier, Plenty of
Drinking Water, Food, Appropriate Clothing, Protective Eyewear, Sun Protection, Day

Pack or Back Pack, Umbrella, Pry Bar, Tick Spray, First Aid Kit, Shovel and fire extinguisher to put out any fires that may start.

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.



Our **May outing on the 22**<sup>nd</sup> will be to a leaf fossil bed near Rockville Oregon and followed up in the afternoon to Maple Ridge for some petrified wood and more fossils. We will be meeting at the Extra Mile truck stop on the corner of Hwy 55/95 junction @ 8AM leaving @ 8:30, weather permitting. Helpful items on this trip is a rock hammer, chisel, and pry bars for separating plates as well as a brush for fine cleaning. Hope to see you all there.

#### OGMS 2021 Field Trips

<u>June 19th:</u> \*\* Pink Plume Club Claim for plume agate. Meet at Owyhee Junction (Hwy 201 and Owyhee Ave)

<u>July 24th:</u> \*\* Coal Mine Basin for Petrified wood and agate, Meet at Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

Aug 21st: \*\* Wagon Town for Bog Wood, Meet at Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

<u>Sept 4th - 6th:</u> \*\*\* Texas Springs, NV for Pink Limb Casts and opalized wood. (Contact Robert or Dale for more information)

<u>Sept 18th:</u> \* Blue Egg Club Claim for Blue Opal Thunder Eggs. Meet @ Homedale City Park with Tank (just east of four corners).

<u>Oct 23rd:</u> \* Graveyard Point for agate and Jasper. Meet at Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95).

\*(meet @ 8am – leave @ 8:30am) \*\*(meet @ 7am – leave @ 7:30am) \*\*\* (Overnight Trip)

#### Field Trip April 2021

Hello all and hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful spring. Our trip to the Big Egg Claim started out cloudy but the Doppler Radar showed the rain coming in around 1PM so we decided to take a chance. There were 30 vehicles and 60+ people who joined up to find some real treasures. The wind was strong when we arrived but everyone was excited and went to work. Several members found some volleyball sized eggs intact. Other members enjoyed finding interesting formations and some nice broken eggs with a lot of character. All in all, it was great outing that was cut short when the rain came in @ 1PM. Everyone made it off the mountain with no issues and I received several emails showing me their eggs cut and the nice specimens gathered. I wanted to thank several members for assisting with educating a lot of the new members.













# **May Birthdays**

- 2 David Baldwin
- 2 Walt Barnett
- 2 Celeste Brose
- 4 Gary Chambers
- 6 Kurt Branham
- 7 John Farnham
- 7 Caid Kendall
- 8 Jim Collord
- 8 Carol Farnham
- 8 Earl Van Campen
- 9 Ithel Kildow
- 11 Bob Bashford
- 11 Kaitlin Maguire
- 12 Ed Seid
- 12 Bill Stringer
- 17 Pauline Prather
- 17 Mary Beth Prince
- 19 Jeff Hales
- 21 Dan Doersch
- 22 William Trowbridge
- 25 Chris McGuire
- 25 Robert Scott
- 26 Chuck Fawcett
- 27 Helen Krivy
- 29 Paul Deveau
- 30 Robert (Bob) Bailey
- 30 Helen Henderson
- 31 Trevor Hoekstra

### **May Anniversaries**

- 6 David & Helen Baldwin
- 14 Dee & Janet Huntley
- 14 Katilin Maguire & Martin Saraqueta

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- 15 Bill & Andrea Sawyer
- 20 Kelly Husted & Eric Fontinelle
- 22 Dan & Alta Doersch
- 25 Chris & Peggy Blickfeldt

#### **Newsletter Editor**

Please let me know if I don't have your correct information, or if you are not on the lists here and should be.

If you would like just the email edition and not the mailed edition, let me know.

Email me at: denisemstringer@gmail.com

#### <u>In Memoriam</u>

John "J.W." Wayne Howell March 16, 1934—April 19, 2021

Former Club Member

Our condolences go out to his family.



#### Sunshine Report

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

- Jewels Haines, Sunshine Chair, jewelsmalia@yahoo.com



#### **Stone from Arizona**

Anderson Mine—Agate
Brenda—Agate & Jasper
Burro Creek—Pastelite & Agate

#### Stone from Idaho & Oregon Amethyst from Uruguay

Owyhee Picture Jasper Green Moss Agate Tumbled Stones

#### **Stone from Australia**

Noreena Mookite

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Located at the corner of US 95 & Homedale Road 26736 Homedale Road, Wilder, Idaho Phone (208) 861-8229 or Text: (208) 258-4250 rivervu1@msn.com

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A 12-month ad is only \$50.00!

Your ad will be seen by over 200 club members, plus online visitors.

To place an ad, please email: denisemstringer@gmail.com

(Ads are subject to Board approval)

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#### May Birthstone—Emerald

Both the modern and the official May birthstone is the **Emerald** thus the May birthstone color is **green**. The alternative birthstone for May is traditionally **Agate**, however in recent times the green gemstone **Chrysoprase** has been added as an alternative.

Emerald is one of the Zodiac birthstones for Taurus (Apr 21 - May 21), and both Agate and Chrysoprase are Zodiac birthstones for the Gemini (May 22 - Jun 21) star sign.

Other birthday symbols include the birth flowers for May which are Lily of the Valley and Hawthorn.

'Emerald' comes from the Greek word "smaragdos" which means "green stone", and Emeralds are associated with friendship, faithfulness and loyalty.

Besides being a meaningful May birthday gift, Emerald jewelry is also given to celebrate 20th and 35th wedding anniversaries.

Emeralds are a variety of the mineral beryl and the vivid green color comes from trace elements of chromium or vanadium. Emerald crystals form over millions of years and although they can form under different geological conditions, the combination of the necessary elements occurring in the same place is very rare, hence Emeralds are only found in a few locations.

Emeralds typically contain characteristic inclusions which can be traced back to the country and even the mine of origin. Colombia is world renown for Emeralds and is the largest single source worldwide. Other primary locations are Zambia, Brazil and Zimbabwe and more recently Ethiopia.

May Birthstone Color and Flower & more May Birthday Symbols (monthlybirthstones.com)

#### **McConnell Estate Club Meeting Silent Auction**

Hello All, as mentioned in our last club meeting, we had a generous donation to our club from the McConnell Estate. To help distribute and allow others to benefit from the donation of the McConnell estate material, we will be doing a silent auction for some Surrender Ridge thunder eggs and petrified wood pieces. We feel this is a good opportunity for some great material to go to our club members and help us to generate funding



for our club. At the Monthly Board meeting Robert put together a list with proposals of what to do with the material and it was voted that we first tart with a silent auction at our monthly club meetings. We are also open for suggestions as mentioned in the last club meeting but nothing has been brought forward to date. If you have ideas, please submit those for review to any Board member and we can vote again at the monthly Board meeting.



#### OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

#### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

26 APRIL 2021

**President, Willa Renken** was unable to be in attendance. **Vice President, Roxanne Franklin** called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Idaho Elks Lodge, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, Idaho. Kim Bashford made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Dale Rawson seconded; motion passed.

**Secretary, Chris Deveau** gave one membership from the post office to Kim Bashford, Membership. Chris shared an advertising flyer from the College of Idaho for a virtual fundraiser on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May with the Board.

**Vice President, Roxanne Franklin** announced that Allan Beck will do a presentation for the club, in the near future.

**Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence** said the club did well with the slab drawing and the silent auction... thank you to everyone who took part. She is waiting on the bill for the newsletter and there are no other bills pending for the club.

**Show Chair, Paul Deveau** confirmed he will be working with Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence to put together the expenses/income from previous Rock Shows.

Membership Chair, Kim Bashford presented five memberships to the Board: Bob Jackson & Michelle Blair, Jacob Kuykendall & Melissa Thomas, Don Ferreira & Hildy Langewis, Carol Perrine, and Pam Williford. Dale Rawson made a motion to accept the new members; Paul Deveau seconded; motion passed unanimously! WELCOME TO THE OGMS FAMILY!!! Kim also shared with the Board, the loss of former member, John Wayne Howell. Our condolences go out to his family.

Field Trip Chair, Robert Murphey advised of another successful field trip to the Big Egg Claim. There were about 30 vehicles, and 60 people, including some guests from the Willamette Club from Oregon. There were lots of Eggs gathered...including several basketball sized. (Hence the name... Big Egg Claim!) The next field trip will be on Saturday, 22 May 2021, to Rockville, Oregon for leaf fossils (morning) and Maple Ridge for petrified wood (afternoon). We will meet at the Extra Mile/Chevron at the corner of Hwy 55/Hwy 95 west of Marsing at 8:00am, leaving at 8:30am. There will be a signup sheet with the field trip coordinator. The station is under construction... so look for the rock group and please sign in with Robert so he knows who is going with the group. Safety is our first priority!

**Unfinished Business:** Robert will be bringing in another bucket of petrified wood and Surrender Ridge eggs for the General Meeting silent auction from Pat and Izzy McConnel's donation to OGMS.

**New Business:** Robert Murphey was contacted by OGMS member, Steve Narkaus about an event being held by Tony Funk, owner of Idaho Rock Shop in Gooding, Idaho on Saturday, 15 May 2021. He is inviting all Rock Club members for a special sale of tons of rock. His contact number is 208-539-5368. Check with Tony, Steve (503-931-9763), or Robert (208-590-1848) for more information.

Please bring your slabs to the next General Meeting on Wednesday, 19 May 2021 at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Elks Lodge, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, Idaho.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

Meeting adjourned 07:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Christine Deveau

## 2022 Show Dates: March 5th & 6<sup>th</sup> O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho

I have been updating our media contact list for the upcoming year.

The Field House is reserved and ready for our 2022 "Rock & Gem" show.

Debbie Lawrence (OGMS Treasurer) and I will be compiling and comparing figures (cost of and net profit) of the last few years of our "Rock & Gem" shows. These figures will be helpful for future planning of our shows.

Please continue tumbling rocks for grab bags, OGMS will pay \$120.00 for a five-gallon bucket of nicely, tumbled rocks.

Save a few of your rock hunting treasures to donate for the 2022 Silent Auction.

Looking forward to another great year.

SHOW CHAIR: Paul Deveau (208) 994-8025 devidaho@g.com





#### Federation Director—Ed Moser

Bring your postage stamps to the next 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.

Please Respect the Rules when you are out collecting rocks, be careful of ticks and snakes, and have fun.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director

(208) 340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com

#### **Community Corner**

If you are presenting to the community or working with the community on behalf of OGMS, please submit a summary of what you are doing for our "Community Corner". This helps us maintain our non-profit status and gives you a recognition for a job well done.

#### Membership

#### We are accepting payment of 2021 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:

Kim Bashford, Membership Director P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053

Phone: (208) 454-7287 Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com



#### Welcome to our new members!

Bob Jackson & Michelle Blair, Jacob Kuykendall & Melissa Thomas, Don Ferreira & Hildy Langewis, Carol Perrine, and Pam Williford.

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society Primary Business Address Address Line 2

#### 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.

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag— Bring an unidentified rock and we'll help you figure out what it is!

#### FIELD TRIPS:

Field trips are scheduled once a month. Visitors are welcome at all these events!





#### 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/