



# Owyhee Gem



# Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

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### **HISTORIAN:**

Pauline Prather 459-4139

### **REFRESHMENTS:**

Mike Tucker 880-7100

### **ROAD CLEAN-UP:**

Gene Alvey 468-3067

## November President Message

Hello everyone hope this finds you all well and hardy. It sure seems this year is coming to a close to fast as usual. Soon it will be our March Gem Show before you know it. That being said there are a number of items that we can all be working on such as critters for the wheel of gems, pulling out those extra rocks to put on the silent auction table, and put the finishing touch to those tumbled stones for the kids to enjoy. We have a great bunch of members that put a lot of your time and effort in making our show one of the best in the western United States. Anything and everything you do is very much appreciated!!! Keep up the good work. This month is our Annual Auction month. Please remember to come prepared to bid on some very special items this year. Hopefully we can all find something special to share that will catch the eye of one lucky bidder. Since we have the auction there will not be a slab drawing just a door prize.

Don't forget to get with Melissa or Susan to get your Christmas tickets. This is another end of the year event that brings us all together so we can socialize and catch up on what everyone is doing for the Holidays. We have fun with the gift exchange which will be a little different this year. If you would like to participate be sure to bring a wrapped gift and indicate if it is for a male or female that way you won't get earrings unless you want some.

I hope to see you all there on Wed the 21<sup>st</sup> if not I wish you all to have a family filled Thanksgiving and may your feast be plenty!!!

Willa Renken

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY**

**OCTOBER 17, 2012**

**GENERAL MEETING:** held at the College of Idaho in room 102 was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30pm. Willa asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in the October newsletter, there were no changes to the minutes as printed. Brad Larson made motion to accept the minutes as printed 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Tucker and approved by general membership.

**EVENING ACTIVITY:** The program for the evening was being able to visit the Lapidary Rooms at the College of Idaho before the evening meeting.

**GUEST:** We had 2 guests that attended the meeting with us.

**SECRETARY:** Sylvia Foreman had a newsletter from Montana for the front desk.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Judy Tucker had nothing to report except that the program for November will be the Annual AUCTION.

**TREASURER:** Janie Ehlers gave the treasurer's report.

**SHOW CHAIRMAN:** Susan Beale thanked all who had volunteered to help with the 2013 Show.

**FEDERATION CHAIRMAN:** Ed Moser gave his report on SHOWS listed in the Northwest Newsletter and encouraged all to keep saving Stamps for Cancer Research.

**HISTORIAN:** Pauline Prather had nothing to report.

**SUNSHINE:** Sylvia Foreman reported that she had sent Get Well Cards to Joan Baker and Carolyn Whipple.

**EDITOR:** Joan Alvey reported that she had been to visit Bill and Anna Stringer and Anna was not doing well.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Neava Haney announced new names that wished to become members. Ed Moser made motion to accept the new members 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lillie Rogers and approved by general meeting.

**FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:** Larry Beale reported that the October field trip will be to Texas Springs and the Boise club will be joining them, they will be digging for Pink Plume Agate.

**WEB REPORT:** Brad Larson reports that the web site is updated.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Mike Tucker thanked the Singles for this month's refreshments and asked for volunteers for November cookie crew.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Larry Beale announced that he had a real nice map – IDAHO GEOLOGICAL SURVEY – (GEOLOGICAL MAP of IDAHO 2012) for sale. Individually it will cost \$20.00 but if he can get a group to buy they will cost less.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Willa reported that she now has a bid on a Black Light Room for the Shows for \$4,100. Willa asked for a motion on the bid. Walt Barnett made motion to accept the bid of \$4,100 for the Black Light Room 2<sup>nd</sup> by Myrt Alston and accepted by general membership. Willa announced that the motion has passed.

Susan Beale and helper Melissa Jones has the tickets for the Christmas Dinner at Orphan Annie's Restaurant and the tickets are \$7.25 per member.

The members that wish to participate in the GIFT EXCHANGE must bring a gift to exchange.

PARTY TIME: 6:30pm for NO HOST BAR and 7pm DINNER TIME.

**VOTING FOR 2013 OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT:** Willa Renken

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Melissa Jones

**SECRETARY:** Sylvia Foreman

**TREASURER:** Janie Ehlers

**FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:** Larry Beale

**ASST. FT:** Gene Alvey

**SHOW CHAIRMAN:** Susan Beale

**ASST. SC:** Darell Ehlers

**FEDERATION CHAIRMAN:** Ed Moser

**EDITORS:** Joan & Gene Alvey

Willa asked for a vote of Acclamation to accept the Officers for 2013.

Walt Barnett made motion to accept the Office for 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Miller and passed by general membership.

Willa had Sylvia for helper at pulling tickets for slab drawing.

Mike Tucker won door prize donated by Susan Beale.

**MEETING ADJOURNED and REFRESHMENTS enjoyed by all.**

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**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL BOARD MINUTES****OCTOBER 29, 2012**

Present at the OGMS Board Meeting October 29, 2012 were Willa & Doug Renken, Janie & Darell Ehlers, Larry & Susan Beattie, Ed & Deanna Moser, Judy & Mike Tucker, Neava & Earnest Haney, Pauline Prather, Rose Mary Peterson, Bill and Sylvia Foreman.

**BOARD MEETING:** was called to order by President Willa Renken at the College of Idaho in room 106 at 7:10pm. Willa asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in the October newsletter. There were no changes to the minutes. Pauline Prather made motion to approve minutes as printed in newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Tucker and approved by board.

**SECRETARY:** Sylvia Foreman had nothing to report.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Judy Tucker reports that the AUCTION will be the Program for November.

**TREASURER:** Janie Ehlers had nothing to report.

**EDITORS:** Joan & Gene Alvey were not present.

**SHOW CHAIRMAN:** Susan Beattie gave report on show dealers and reported that Darell Ehlers is taking care of the 2013 Show advertisements.

**FEDERATION CHAIRMAN:** Ed Moser encourages you to be sure to read your Northwest Newsletter and keep saving stamps for Cancer Research.

**HISTORIAN:** Pauline Prather had nothing to report.

**SUNSHINE:** Sylvia Foreman reported that she had attended Anna Stringer's funeral that day.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Neava Haney reported that she had names for membership to take to November meeting.

**FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:** Larry Beattie reported that the field trip for Pink Plume Agate was a great trip.

**NO FIELD TRIP FOR NOVEMBER.**

He has the maps (GEOLOGICAL MAP OF IDAHO 2013) for sale and he will have them at the November meeting.

**WEB REPORT:** Brad Larson was not present.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Susan Beattie reported that she had invited Rose Mary Peterson to attend the meeting as she had some suggestions for Show Case Favors, which was tabled but will be addressed again.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The 2013 OGMS Budget for Officers was discussed and will be addressed later.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

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**STAMPS**

Bring your Postage 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.**

Hey there folks did you happen to find any of those special stamps. Remember they are on your news letters so please keep your eyes opened and remember to save them and bring the to the next club meeting . Keep looking they may show up again so remember to keep your eyes peeled. Leave a t least a 1/2 inch space all the way around the stamp.

thank you all for this it dose help others and it might just Help some one you might know..

Ed Moser Federation Director

way around . Thanks for all your help it is for a great cause.

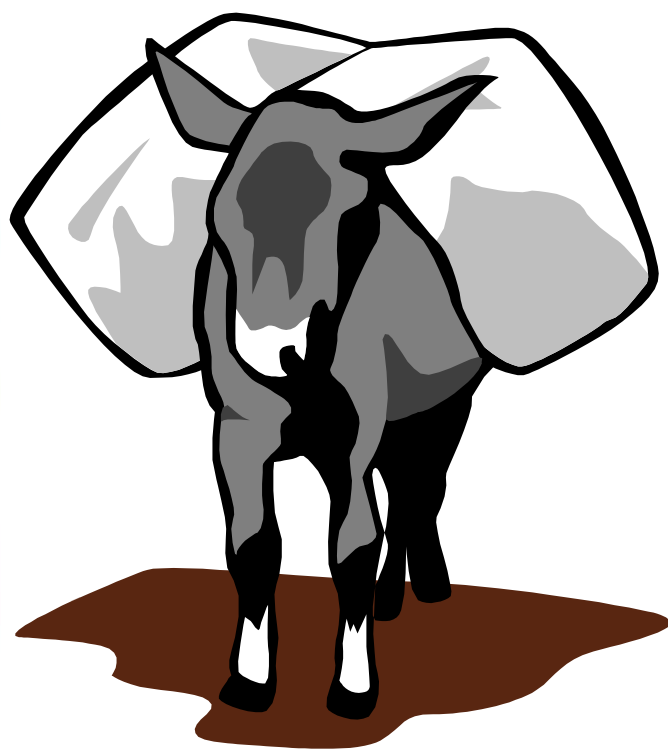
Do not forget that when it is time to renew your license plates this year to purchase our own Plate. Here is a picture if you forgot what it looks like..



## A big thank you goes out to all who helped

Thank you one and all that came out to help with the Road cleanup this past month. We had a good group show up for our highway clean-up party on 13 October. Twelve people participated and made short work of picking up 13 bags of trash. After the work was completed we enjoyed the cookies provided by Sylvia and then Gene led us out to the Reynolds Creek area where we searched for petrified wood. Many thanks to all who participated, you made our section of Highway 45 look much better. Special thanks to Sylvia and Joan for the wonderful cookies. It is probably a little early, but it never hurts to get the word out - Mark your calendars for April 2013 for our next scheduled Highway clean-up.

Lloyd Summers and Gene Alvey



### October Field Trip to Texas Springs

A fun group of rockhounds from the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society and the Idaho Gem Club met on a beautiful Saturday morning in Jackpot, Nevada to venture out in search of Texas Springs limb casts. While it does take some effort to find good pieces, you can be rewarded with some very nice pink agate castings of what used to be limbs. I would like to thank Phil Worley and the members of the Idaho Gem Club for joining with us on this trip. We hope they had as much fun as we did. It was a great way to wrap up the 2012 field trip season and I hope we can do more joint ventures in the future.

I will be taking suggestions for next year's field trips so if you have any ideas please let me know. One other note, the Idaho Geologic maps are in and I will be bringing them to the next meeting. Larry  
and branches.





Happy Birthday  
 Jody Atwood 11/27  
 Peggy Blickfeldt 11/7  
 George Carlson 11/24  
 Peggy Dean 11/1  
 Donna Dole 11/13  
 Sydney Priester 11/6  
 Alta M Seitz 11/24  
 Gina Walters 11/12



Red & Kathy Larson 11/30  
 Dan & Susie Nash 11/13  
 Charles Murphy 11/23  
 Lloyd & Heide Summers 11/10  
 Stephen & Anita York 1 1/8  
 Ted & Pat Herman 11/3

# Rock -N- Gifts

942 South Lincoln • Jerome, Idaho 83338  
 (208) 324-8860

**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**

Idaho Opals

Picture Jaspers & Plume Agate

Black Hills Gold & Silver  
 (Landstrom's & Stamper)

Bolos & Buckles

Bookends & Specimens

Birthstone Jewelry

Tumblers & Equipment

## **WHITES METAL DETECTORS**

**W.A. (Bill)**

**& Anna Stringer**

1812 West Orchard

Nampa, Idaho 83651

1 Mile South of Karcher Mall

**(208) 466-5169**

M-F 1:30-5:30 pm

Other Hrs. By Appointment

Hello All you fellow Club members, This last month I have sent out a get Well Card to Joan Baker and unfortunately we lost a very special member this month and I had to send a Sympathy card to Bill Stinger as he lost his beloved wife of over 60 years Anna Stringer. We know now that she is up in the great Rock hunting home in the Heavens with our most loved father in Heaven. You will be greatly miss Anna and our thoughts and prayers go out to Bill.

Sylvia Sun Shine chairman





**Our deepest Sympathy goes out to Bill & his family.**

**Anna Mae Lewis Stringer**  
**November 6, 1929 – October 23, 2012**

Anna Mae Lewis Stringer was born on November 6, 1929 in Erie Kansas and peacefully passed away at home in Nampa, Idaho with her loving family around her on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 of natural causes from Parkinson's Disease.

Anna attended St. Paul Elementary School in Hertha, Kansas and graduated from Erie, Kansas High School in 1947. After graduating she worked at Mercy Hospital as a nurse's aide and at the Kansas Ordinance Plant. She also waited tables at her mother's restaurant, where she met the love of her life, Bill Stringer. She served him an extra big piece of pie to catch his eye and that was all it took. They were married on December 17, 1948.

Anna and Bill moved to Nampa, Idaho in 1957 and raised five children. Anna worked at Armour's Meat Packing Plant in Nampa, and she then furthered her education with business classes at Northwest Nazarene College. She also worked at Provident Federal Savings and Loan and All American Realty. Bill and Anna have operated Stringer's Gem Shop in Nampa since 1978. Anna loved to facet gemstones and shared her knowledge and talent with many people.

Anna and Bill were active in several organizations. They helped organize the National Association of Retired and Veterans Railway Unit #82 of which Bill was President and Anna was Treasurer. They were members of Gem Sprouts Good Sam Club, the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society, the Nampa Elks, and are life members of the VFW of Parsons, Kansas. They attend St. Paul's Catholic Church in Nampa.

Anna loved to take care of her many rose bushes and flowers, and she could always be heard humming a tune around the house. She learned how to play the organ and oil paint at the age of 70, and she created many beautiful pieces of art. Anna and Bill loved to fish, rock hunt, dance at the Elks, travel, and they spent several winters in Arizona.

Anna is survived by her husband of 63 years, Bill Stringer; a son and daughter-in-law Larry and Eva Stringer of Meridian; a son and daughter-in-law Doug and Gail Stringer of Union City, California; a daughter and son-in-law Sandy and Tim Merrick of Boise; a son Steve Stringer of Carlsbad, California; a daughter Denise Stringer of Boise; 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Anna was the fifth of nine children, three brothers and five sisters, and is survived by three sisters: Barb Lero, Betty Lewis, and Peggy Bass.

A viewing and vigil service will be held at Nampa Funeral Home-Yraguen Chapel, 415 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Nampa, at from on. A funeral mass will take place at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 1515 8<sup>th</sup> St S, Nampa, at on. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, 15862 Indiana Ave, Caldwell, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Anna's name to the St. Paul's Catholic Church building fund or a favorite charity.

## Owyhee Gem &amp; Mineral Society

**Hey there members I have some very important News to share with you so please read this part of your news letter for sure.**

*First* of all we will be having our annual **AUCTION** at this meeting so come prepared. Bring anything you want to auction off. Bring you wallets. This is a perfect time to start your Christmas shopping. So items should be things that can be used as a gift.

*Secondly* we still have our famous **COOK BOOKS** available for only \$7.00 this is a great price . We cut the price so we can move on to our next project and besides Sylvia is trying to clean up their garage so the books need to be sold. I am here to tell you they are great and would make great Gifts..

*Third and final*>

Do not forget our **Christmas dinner tickets** are on sale and we have to turn our numbers in by the 6<sup>th</sup> and our dinner is just next month. It is a great time to meet and greet all the members you may not have hooked up with yet. Besides it is a lot of fun.

So contact Melissa Jones or Susan Beattie. No Host bar starts at 6:30 and dinner starts at 7p.m.

Thanks everyone  
Happy Holidays !!!!!





Well members if you have not paid you Dues as of yet remember they are due NOW!!!!  
 And they nee to be paid for you to attend the  
 Christmas Party.  
 Contact our Membership Chairman  
 Neava Haney  
 If you have not picked up you name tag she has  
 them ready for you..

### Did you Know

**If you have any Chrysocolla** and you would like to bring out the blue and the green, also any copper material put it in some full strength Pyrex for as long as it takes. This really works and you will get a good color. Remember the hazards of mixing bleach with any acid as it releases a poisonous gas. *Do tis outside with the wind blowing away from you.*

Source remarks Gems of the Rogue.

### Remember!!!!!!

When you go out to our great country side hope you always get a little to take back. But remember we never leave anything there that we brought in. So remember take a little leave NOTHING YOU BROUGHT IN.

### Who Will Help?

Won't somebody please contribute some news?  
 Any old item will do!  
 Who went on a trip, who took a mean flip—  
 (and who are they going to sue ha ha)  
 Did you find some new rocks, or catch smallpox?  
 Or have a lift on your face?  
 I need it to fill up this space!

**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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