



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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November President's Message

Hello all, hope this month's message finds you all well and happy. It seems that winter will soon be here, wow has the year flown by. We are busy making plans for the Christmas party on Dec. 18th and look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it this year. It will be at the same place "Orphan Annie's" in Caldwell. The tickets will be \$7.50 and the main meal will be baked ham and all the fixings. The club will be providing dessert and lots of fun will be the main ingredient on the menu. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a wrapped gift and mark it male or female. This activity was a big hit last year and should be just as much fun this year. Nancy Farrell will have the tickets available at the next meeting. Please let her know if you would like to attend as we need a head count for the restaurant by Dec 6th.

November is our Annual Auction so this month's entertainment will be another fun time for all of us. Ed Moser is our auctioneer and makes it a fun-filled time. He will need some of the youngsters to help him show off the items up for bid and we love the help of our youth. For those who are new, the club asks for donations of items to be auctioned off in support of the banquet. The proceeds help defer the cost of your dinner and other various projects we come up with. It is always great fun to see the different items from necklaces, earrings, aprons, canned goods, just anything you think someone might enjoy gifting to another is what we are after. The laughter is just the bonus we all enjoy.

Susan Beattie has asked us to be thinking of a show theme for this year's Rock Show in March. She would like you to let her know what you have come up with as we need to get the flyers ready for Larry Ridley to take down to Tucson for us this year. Be sure to put your thinking caps on and help her with this task. I so look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting. If we don't see you I hope you all have a beautiful and Happy Thanksgiving.

Willa Renken
OGMS President



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society General Meeting Minutes—October 16, 2013

General Meeting: Held at the College of Idaho, Room 103. Called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30 p.m. Willa asked if there any changes to the minutes as printed in the October newsletter. There were no changes, so Brad Larson made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter, 2nd by Pauline Prather and approved by the general meeting.

Program: There was no program for the evening.

Guest: We had the pleasure of one guest for the evening.

Secretary: Sylvia Foreman asked Willa to help her with duties. Willa announced that there was information on the front desk about the Gem State License Plates.

Vice-President: Melissa Jones was not present.

Newsletter Editor: Denise Stringer had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Janie Ehlers gave the treasurer's report.

Show Chairman: Susan Beattie read a letter from a dealer who wants to have space at 2014 Show. Susan gave a big thank you to Darell Ehlers for locating another trailer to store rocks for the show and to Ed Moser for locating covers for the trailer wheels. Susan suggests that we find two heavy duty handcarts to help us at the show set-up and take-down, also we need a logo for our 2014 show, which will be our 60th annual Gem Show. The 60th anniversary theme is "diamonds".

Federation Chairman: Ed Moser requested all to keep saving stamps for cancer research and he gave a report on stamps he has collected .

Historian: Pauline Prather had nothing to report.

Sunshine: RoseMary Peterson reported that she had sent Get-Well cards to Joan Alvey, Jim Hopkins, Sylvia Foreman and Kathi Larson. She also read some Thank You cards.

Membership: Neava Haney had nothing to report.

Field Trip Chairman: Larry Beattie reported that the October field trip will be to Texas Springs. Meet at 8 a.m. and leave at 8:30 a.m. Larry thanked all for helping him on the field trips this year.

Web Report: Brad Larson reported that the web site was up to date.

Refreshments: Ruth and Jim Hopkins thanked the October refreshment crew and reported that there was a sign-up sheet on the front desk for 2014.

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society General Meeting Minutes—October 16, 2013 (continued)

Old Business: Willa announced that she has signed up the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society at Orphan Annie's Restaurant in Caldwell for our annual Christmas Party on December 18th, meet at 6:00 p.m. eat at 6:30 p.m. There will be a No-Host Bar. A ham dinner was decided and for dessert you can chose from carrot cake, red velvet cake, cheese cake or pumpkin pie. Nancy Farrell will be helping Willa with the dinner tickets.

New Business: The program for November meeting will be our annual auction.

Road Clean-Up: Ithel Kildow reported that there were 10 helpers for the road clean-up. He thanked all that helped him with the job and a big thank you to Gene Alvey.

Voting in the Officers: Officers for 2014 are:

President: Willa Renken

Vice President: Nancy Farrell

Secretary: Sylvia Foreman

Treasurer: Janie Ehlers

Federation Director: Ed Moser

Field Trip Chairman: ? (Still vacant)

Assistant Field Trip Chairman: Gene Alvey

Show Chairman: Susan Beattie

Assistant Show Chairman: Darell Ehlers

Bulletin Editor: Denise Stringer

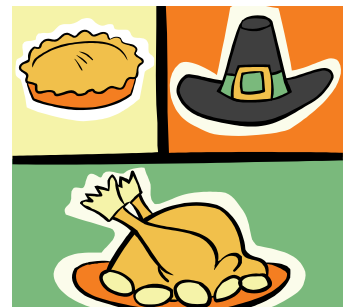
Slab Drawing: Willa had two little helpers with drawing the slab tickets.

Door Prize: The door prize was won by RoseMary Peterson, donated by Ruth Hopkins. There were extra tickets drawn as Bill Stringer donated some special rocks and a set of gift boxes.

Diane Stevens—Utah salt flat specimen, Darell Ehlers—set of gift boxes, Willa Renken—Texas Spring limb cast, Lillie Rogers—Texas Spring limb cast

Meeting was adjourned and refreshments enjoyed by all.

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November Birthdays

- 1: Peggy Dean**
- 2: Dianne Barker**
- 2: Kathy Mandrell**
- 2: Lafe Sackett**
- 6: Sydney Priester**
- 7: Peggy Blickfeldt**

- 13: Donna Dole**
- 24: Alta Doersch**
- 24: Karen Clark**
- 27: Jody Atwood**
- 30: Thelma Brown**



November Anniversaries

- 5: James & Debbie Gundros**
- 7: Robert & Marilyn Troyer**
- 8: Stephen & Anita York**
- 10: Lloyd & Heide Summers**
- 11: Larry & Jenny Ritchie**
- 30: Red & Kathi Larson**



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

Owyhee & Mineral Society Board Minutes—October 28, 2013

Present for the OGMS Board Meeting October 28, 2013 were President Willa Renken, Editor Denise Stringer, Treasurer Janie Ehlers, Asst. Show Chairman Darell Ehlers, Show Chairman Susan Beattie, Field Trip Chairman Larry Beattie, Membership Chairman Neava Haney, Historian Pauline Prather, Secretary Sylvia Foreman, Guests Weldon Haney, Nancy Farrell, Bill Foreman.

Meeting: was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:00 p.m. in room 106 of the College of Idaho. Willa asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes as printed in the October newsletter, hearing none she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Janie made the motion to accept the minutes as printed Pauline second the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary: Sylvia had nothing to report.

Historian: Nothing to report.

Vice President: Was not present.

Treasurer: Janie will check on information in purchasing license plates for the trailers.

Editor: Denise would like all information for the newsletter to her by November 4. She would like some information about the annual auction to put in the November newsletter and she will include a membership application in the newsletter.

Show Chairman: Susan will check with Mr. & Mrs. Everett Ensley to see if they are interested in having their dinosaur display on the Special Display for the 2014 show. The advertising and dealer spaces are coming along fine for our next show. She would like a show theme by the November meeting so we can vote for one in order that we can make up the show flyers.

Federation Chairman: Was not present.

Sunshine: Was not present.

Membership: Neava reports that she has some memberships to turn in.

Field Trip Chairman: Larry reported that there were three members from our club and six members from the Boise club on the Texas Springs field trip. There will be no more field trips for this year.

Web Report: Was not present.

Old Business: The Christmas dinner will be at Orphan Annie's Restaurant and it will be \$15.00 a dinner. The club will pay half of the price per member and they will pay \$7.50, the non-members will pay full price. There will be a gift exchange. If you take part in this exchange please identify if the gift is for a male or female. We will have special gifts for the children. And we will have table favors.

We need to locate the original club patch so we can have some patches made. The board decided on two hand carts with hard wheels to move rocks from the trailers.

New Business: No new business to discuss.

Board Meeting Adjourned

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Annual Membership is Due!

If you have not paid your dues for 2014, please complete this form and bring to the November meeting, or mail to:

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 1053, CALDWELL, ID 83606-1053

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ANNUAL DUES: Family \$20 – Couples \$18 – Singles \$12 – Juniors (18 and under) \$3

MEETINGS: 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. @ Boone Science Bldg. – College of Idaho, Caldwell

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____

Email: _____

PHONE: _____ ANNIV: _____ - _____ B'DAY: _____ - _____

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How did you become interested in rock-hounding?

What are your interests – Circle all that apply:

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|--------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Beading | Cabochons | Carving | Castings |
| Channel work | Crystals | Faceting | Fluorescents |
| Fossils | Identifying rock | Jewelry | Lapidary |
| Minerals | Rock hunting | Silversmithing | Spheres |
| Tumbling | Other: _____ | | |

DUES ENCLOSED: \$ _____ MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR **2014**

DATE PAID: _____ CHECK # _____

NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____ CASH _____ by _____

October Field Trip to Texas Springs, Nevada

Saturday, October 19, 2013

Our last official field trip for this year was to Texas Springs, Nevada. Even though the trip was sparsely attended this year, those who attended enjoyed sunshine and near perfect fall weather for collecting agate and limb casts. Once again, I would like to thank Phil Worley and the members of the Idaho Gem Club for joining with us on this trip.

Just a reminder, we are still looking for a Field Trip Chairperson for next year, so, think about it. If you are at all interested, contact me. I'll be glad to talk to you about it. -Larry Beattie



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DMV will give full credit for your active car registration for
upgrade to the Earth Science & Lapidary Plate.**

November Birthstone - Topaz

Properties of the Topaz

For those who were born in the month of November the Topaz is the traditional birthstone. The Traditional Metaphysical Properties for the November Birthstone Topaz are strength, releasing tension and balancing emotions. The healing properties of the November birthstone are reputed to be effective for health problems relating to sanity, asthma, gout, blood disorders, tuberculosis and insomnia. The Topaz is also used to enhance spiritual rejuvenation and feelings of happiness.

Where are Topaz found?

The popular November Birthstone of the Topaz is found in the following countries: Brazil, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and China.

The Color of the Topaz

The Topaz is commonly colorless, also light to medium blue, violet yellow, pink, peach, gold, green, red and brown. Topaz with Orange-red and pink colors are rare and most valuable.

Definition of the Topaz

The word Topaz is derived from Topazos, a small island in the Red Sea, where the Romans obtained a stone which they called by this name. A mineral occurring in rhombic prisms, generally yellowish and pellucid, also colorless, and of greenish, bluish, or brownish shades. It sometimes occurs massive and opaque. The crystal structure of the Topaz (aluminum fluor-silicate), the November birthstone, is orthorhombic.



AUCTION TIME!

This month is our Annual Auction month.

Please remember to come prepared to bid on some very special items this year.

Bring anything you want to auction off, and 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.

Bring your wallets! This is a perfect time to start your Christmas shopping.



Rock -N- Gifts

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(208) 324-8860

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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

Refreshment Report

The refreshment committee for OGMS would like to thank the singles who brought doughnuts, cider and popcorn balls covered by a huge spider in October. The spider did not slow down the disappearance of the popcorn balls!

The refreshment volunteers for the November 20th meeting are:

Joan Alvey and Nancy Farrell.

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.



-Ruth & Jim Hopkins, Refreshment Chairmen

466-8817

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Membership Report

It is time to get your membership up-to-date! The drive is on to seek new members as well as to keep the faithful returning as you are the CLUB Body. This is a good time to ensure your address and phone numbers are all current and we would like to get good email addresses for everyone as technology is changing all the time.

Dues are \$20.00 for a family, \$18.00 a couple or \$12.00 for singles. Children (18 and under) \$3.00 each. The membership form can be found on our website, in this newsletter, at the next General Meeting or you can email me for it. Send to Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society, PO Box 1053, Caldwell ID 83605-1053 or bring it to the next general 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 to the meetings so everyone knows who you are.

- Neava Haney
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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/>



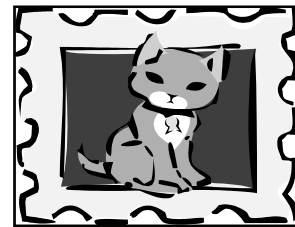
Federation Director

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

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Upcoming Events**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society November Meeting**

November 20, 2013—7:30 p.m.

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

Annual Auction!

Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society— Holiday Dinner

December 18, 2013

Social: no-host bar starts at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner —6:30 p.m.

Orphan Annie's Bar & Grill

801 Everett St, Caldwell, ID 83605

Bring a present for the gift exchange (\$10 value) and tag it to let us know if it is for a male or female.

Tickets are \$7.50 each and can be purchased at the November meeting or from Nancy Farrell.

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

NFMS' 76th Anniversary Show

Presented by: Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society

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

Hours: To be determined

Cost: \$3.50, Children Under 12 free if accompanied by a paid adult

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

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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