



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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November President's Message

Hello fellow rockhounds. Can you believe it is already November? Where does the time go? Soon we will be celebrating Thanksgiving with friends and family then comes Christmas and New Year's. Which leaves us only three months till our Annual Gem Show. With that in mind hopefully you are all busily preparing to volunteer both time and material for our Show. As members you always show such great spirit in your generosity and physical support. Thank you all so much for helping to contribute towards this end!!

Ed Moser is in need of support in the case filling at the Caldwell Library. Each year we have the opportunity to put cases with rock material and items showcasing our hobby. This gives us the ability to offer exposure to our club and its activities by displaying the end products of our adventures. If you can fill a case and are willing to display, please call Ed Moser and offer your help. His number is 208-340-8060.

This month is our Annual Auction and as such provides a monetary support towards our Christmas Banquet. If you have something you can donate towards this event, it will be warmly received. The items should be geared towards Christmas as most of the membership will be looking to fill their Christmas lists from the donated items. This is always a fun-filled evening and our auctioneer is Ed Moser and he makes this one of the best events each year. Come prepared to have some fun and please participate as this is what being a part of a fun-loving club is all about.

Just a reminder that our December meeting will be your Christmas Banquet held at Orphan Annie's in Caldwell. The date is December 21st The No-Host bar begins at 6:30pm and dinner is at 7pm. You can purchase tickets this month from Sharlene McCaslin. For members they will be \$8 for nonmembers they will be \$16. You can pay with cash or check. If you are going to attend please let Sharlene know so we can get an accurate head count for the restaurant. We will be having a gift exchange and the membership decided on a \$10 limit for each gift. Please have them wrapped and designate if they are male, female, or general. I look forward to seeing you all there as this too is one of the best evenings we get to share with each other.

On that note may your roads be rocky till we meet again.

-Willa Renken OGMS President



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**October 19, 2016**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30 p.m. Willa asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none, a motion was made to accept the minutes as printed; seconded and motion carried. Guests were introduced and given a warm welcome.

Minutes were not submitted this month.

The election of the 2017 Board of Directors was held and approved by the membership.

Presenting the 2017 Board of Directors

President – Willa Renken

Vice President – Jim Hopkins

Secretary – Debbie Lawrence

Treasurer – Janie Ehlers

Federation Director – Ed Moser

Field Trip Chairman – Ithel Kildow

Assistant Field Trip Chairmen:

– David Schmidt, John Chaplik, Red Lovette

Show Chairman – Susan Beattie

Assistant Show Chairman—Darell Ehlers

Bulletin Editor—Carol Farnham

Congratulations!

The new Board of Directors will begin their positions in January 2017.

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society December Meeting

December 21, 2016

Location: Orphan Annie's, 801 Everett St, Caldwell

6:30 p.m.—No-Host Bar

7:00 p.m.—Dinner

\$8.00 for members, \$16.00 for non-members

Bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange (men's, women's, or general)

Purchase tickets at the November general meeting



- 1 Bill Wood**
- 2 Dianne Barker**
- 2 Carter Melander**
- 4 Debbie Mitchell**
- 7 Larry McConnell**
- 10 Ken Capener**
- 11 Christi Jarrett**
- 12 Sawyer Melander**
- 13 Cindy Kochanek**
- 13 Donna Dole**
- 14 Iv Wood**
- 16 Shirley Neville**
- 18 Laurie Marshall**
- 20 Tamie Kennedy**
- 24 Alta Doersch**
- 25 Chris O'Brien**
- 26 Melissa O'Neal**
- 27 Jody Atwood**
- 28 Kandi Kinney**
- 28 Kim McEwan**
- 30 Thelma Brown**
- 30 Mike Lappin**



November Anniversaries

- 3 Ted & Pat Hermans**
- 7 Robert & Marilyn Troyer**
- 10 Lloyd & Heidi Summers**
- 13 Dan & Susie Nash**
- 30 Red & Kathi Larson**

Newsletter Editor

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

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

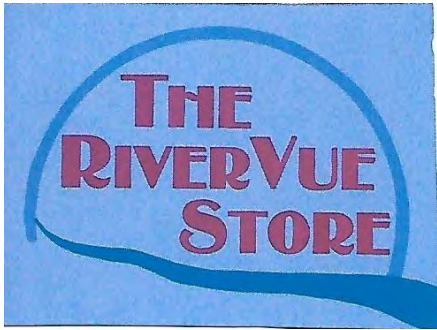
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Sunshine Report



Hi, I am Jewels Haines and I am your new 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
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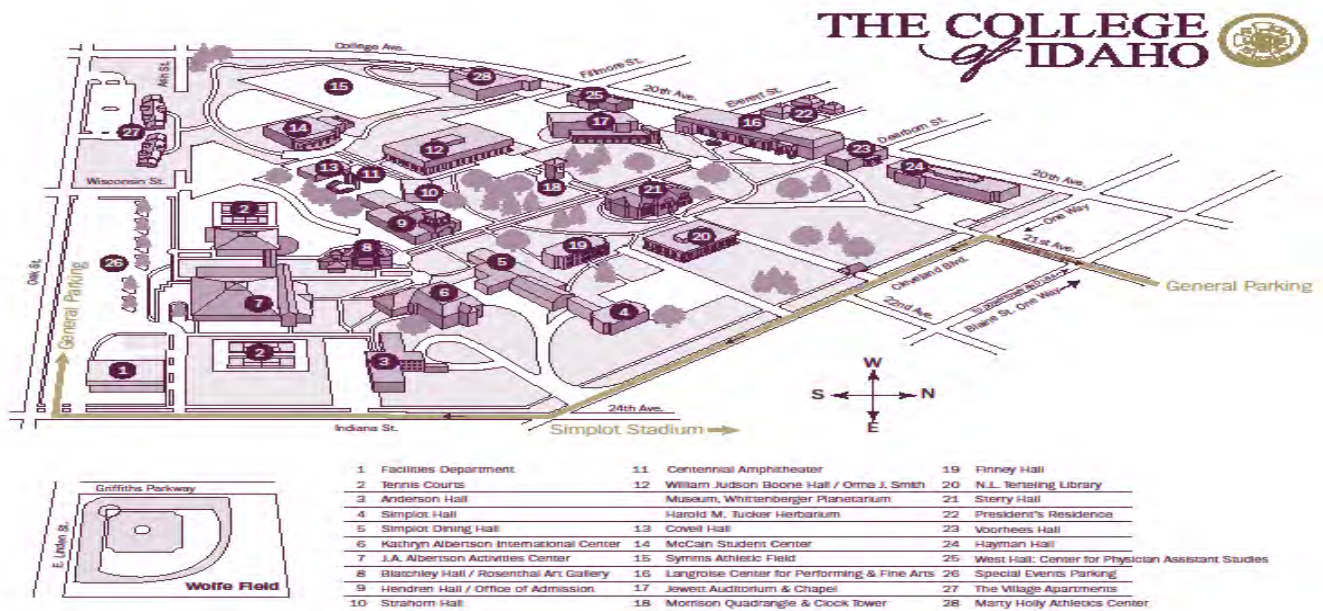
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The General Meetings are at the College of Idaho

The November 16, 2016 general meeting will be in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103.

If you are heading SW on 20th Ave, you will take a left at Filmore St and go through the parking lot to the side entrance of the building.

See you there at 7:30 p.m.



November—Annual Auction

Our annual auction will take place at the general meeting on November 16, 2016.

Bring an item to auction off. It does not need to be rock related, but rocks are always nice! Art, household items, rock tools, jewelry, treats, etc.

The money raised from this auction will help pay for the holiday dinner in December.

Remember to bring your checkbooks/cash, because you will want to buy something!



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/>



UPCOMING EVENTS



<p>November 12-13 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-5</p>	<p>Skagit Rock and Gem Club “Treasures of the Earth” Annual Rock and Gem Show</p> <p>Admission – Free</p> <p>Beautiful displays, kid's activities, silent auction, rock slab sales, lapidary demonstrations, raffle and door prizes along with our wonderful dealers</p>	<p>Sedro Woolley Community Center 703 Pacific Street Sedro Woolley, WA 98284</p>	<p>Debbie Frank skagi-trockandgem@gmail.com</p> <p>PO Box 244 Mount Vernon, WA 98273</p>
<p>November 12-13 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-5</p>	<p>Annual Fall Show Maplewood Rock & Gem Club</p>	<p>Maplewood Rock Club Clubhouse 8802 196th Street SW Edmonds, WA 98026</p>	<p>Don Wilcox 206 226 1868 tundrafox@earthlink.net</p>
<p>December 10-11 Sat 9-6 Sun 10-6</p>	<p>5th Annual MRGC Winter Bazaar Maplewood Rock and Gem Club</p>	<p>Maplewood Clubhouse 8802 196th St. SW Edmonds, WA</p>	<p>MaryAnne Collins collma1@comcast.net 206 714 3922</p>

I am a newer member of the club and since I live up in La Grande it is hard for me to get to the meetings. I did go on one of the field trips to Rome in May.

I have been a life long rock collector and grew up in NE Oregon (Elgin) and have been living back in the area since 1988.

For a few years I and my wife Verla ran a rock business and bought and sold all over the US. We closed our business in 1984 and moved out of the area. We needed to find a place for our rocks and so a friend of ours offered some of his ranch land to use and so we moved the rock to his land. About 2 years ago he informed me that they were going to be selling the ranch and that I might lose access to the rocks. So over the past couple of years I have been going up to my rock pile with others and letting people take what they wanted.

I recently had David from the club come up to get some rocks for the club. He was able to get 15 5-gallon buckets. I hope that they will find their way to support the club in some way either at show auction or as a give away to your juniors.

I have attached some pictures that I took this week when I took a private school up to the pile. Their were about 50 kids and 10 adults. Everyone got a nice bag of rocks.

My hope is that people will catch the rock bug like me and start collecting.

Please share these photo's with the club, and one of these days I hope to get down to one of the meetings or meet you all at one of the field trips.

Steve Kirkeby



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.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director
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Fall Roadside Cleanup



Our Fall roadside cleanup took place on Saturday October 29, 2016. I would like to thank everyone who turned out for the Fall Roadside Cleanup. We had a great group turnout for this effort and we collected 17 full bags plus some other items along the way. After the work was done, we enjoyed some cookies (thank you Janie) and drove out to the Big Egg claim and to another spot Don Dixon shared with us for some rock hounding. It was a beautiful fall day and I look forward doing it again in the spring. Again, thank you to everyone for your participation in this worthwhile project. -Larry Beattie—466-6184, lbeattiejr@aol.com



Show Report—by Susan Beattie



Thank you for all your donations!!!

**We have received many nice donations of critters, grab bags, polished rocks, critter making supplies, and silent auction material.....
Keep it coming.**

We will start **signing up for the 2017 show time slots** at the next meeting. **PLEASE** help the venue chairs by signing up to work for two hours at each venue. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Donations Always Accepted

Silent Auction

Wheel of Gems Prizes

Grab Bag Prizes

Critter making supplies

Sand Dig

Wheel of Gems



Contest Update.....

Every person who donates tumbled rocks for grab bags will receive a ticket good for a **prize drawing** at our **January** meeting.

Prizes: Paleo Pick and Alaskan Jade (Kobuk)



Here's the DEAL:

You do not have to be present at the January meeting to win, so put **your name** and **phone number** on your ticket.

You will be given a **ticket every time** you donate tumbled rocks between now and January. If you have a donation but can't make the meetings, **call me** and I will arrange to pick up your donation and give you your ticket.

Any quantity earns a ticket; small jar or bag to 5 gallon bucket—any and all **earn a ticket.**

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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 what it is!

