



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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November President's Message

Hope this month's message finds you all busy finishing those last minute rock trips and getting your rock sorted that you will be working on throughout the winter months. We want to thank all those who took the time to help with the road cleanup. Larry reported that there were about sixteen folks who showed up to gather trash. It was a perfect day and then all enjoyed Janie's cookies.

Susan reported that the preshow review was a success. She will be going over the finer points. We will need someone to organize the chile feed, and I believe we are looking for a showcase chairperson. If you would be willing to help in any of the show venues please let Susan or the chairpersons know.

Ed Moser has scheduled space at the Caldwell Library in January for club displays. If you have material you could put in a display please contact him.

We are looking for a volunteer to decorate for the Christmas party in December. If you want to get involved let me know. We will need about a dozen table favors and a festive atmosphere for our event. We will also need a person or two to be in charge of the gift exchange. Carol and John will be taking your money for the party at this next meeting. The dinner will be on December 20 at 6:30pm for the no host bar and eat at 7pm.

David and Dale are planning next years' field trips so if there are any areas you would like to explore next year be sure to let them know. Please consider giving these two all the help you can in the upcoming year. This is a big job and if you know how to get to some of the areas we will be exploring next year I'm sure your input would be greatly appreciated.

This month is our Annual Auction so if you have something to contribute it would be most appreciated. These funds help offset the costs of our Christmas party each year. There was a lot of participation last year and we had a great number of items to bid on. I hope we can have the same interest as we did last year. The Board wanted to remind you that we need you to wait until the auction is over before trying to pay for your items. It is too hard for the Secretary and Treasurer to keep track of the bids and sort out your payments at the same time.

I look forward to seeing you all there on the 15th at 7:30pm. Till then keep on rocking.

Willa Renken OGMS President

DUES ARE DUE!!!

On page 9 is a membership form to cut out and fill out for next years membership and dues. Just give Kim your money and membership form together when you turn in to help keep all moneys straight.

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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 Tuesday-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 to learn more.



November Birthdays

11/2 Dianne Barker
 11/4 Debbie Mitchell
 11/7 Larry McConnell
 11/11 Christi Jarrett
 11/13 Donna Dole
 11/13 Cindy Kochanek
 11/15 Lynette Lane
 11/15 Rich Taylor
 11/16 Shirley Neville
 11/19 Nate Carpenter
 11/20 Curt Kennedy
 11/24 Alta Doersch
 11/25 Chris O'Brien
 11/28 Kim Bashford
 11/28 Kandi Kenney
 11/30 Mike Lapin
 11/30 Thelma Barnett



November Anniversaries

11/3 Brent and Gia Stewart
 11/3 Ted and Pat Hermans
 11/7 Robert and Marilyn Troyer
 11/10 Lloyd and Heide Summers
 11/13 Dan and Susie Nash
 11/30 Red (Marvel) and Kathy Larson



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



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NOVEMBER IS AUCTION MONTH

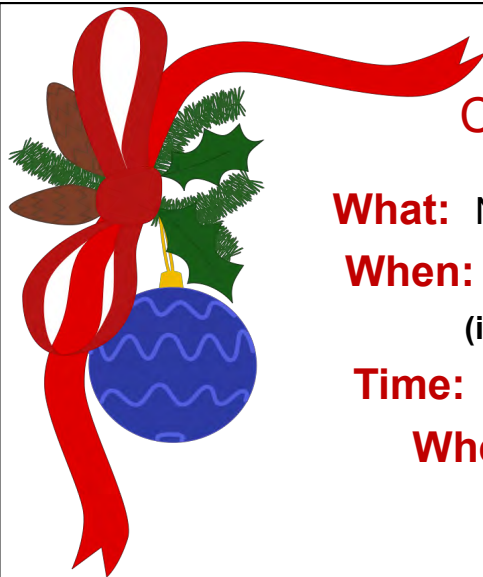
November, the month before our Christmas party, we have an auction to help pay for our Christmas meal. Yes, we will still have to pay some for the meal but the auction will help. What do you bring, you ask? Anything. Many members bring rock related items that many people covet, especially the spheres. Others bring jams and jellies or baked goods. Still others, ornaments. Think pretty, useful, fun and will it make money for the club.

Bring something to auction off that you might like to get.

You also need to be thinking about what to bring to the dinner for the gift exchange as it has been a great success. You bring a gift for one of three categories: Man, Woman, or general (which could go to man or woman). If you bring for general than you pick from that category. If you bring for a woman than you pick from the woman's section, the same for a man.

The Board wanted to remind you that we need you to wait until the auction is over before trying to pay for your items. It is too hard for the Secretary and Treasurer to keep track of the bids and sort out your payments at the same time.

(You are to pay Carol and John Farnham for the dinner in advance at the November meeting. Please bring correct change)



Christmas Party Time!!!

What: No host bar, buffet and gift exchange

When: Wednesday, December 20th, 2017
(in place of our regular meeting)

Time: 6:30pm no host bar. Dinner at 7pm

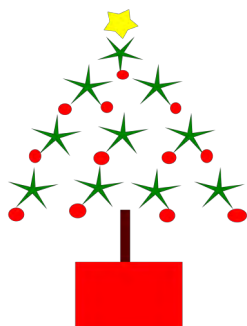
Where: Orphan Annie's Bar & Grill
(downstairs)

801 Everett St. Caldwell
(Corner of Everett and Kimball)

Cost: Dinner will cost \$8 for members and \$16 for guests.

(You pay Carol and John Farnham, in advance, at the November meeting. Please bring correct change)

Gift: Please bring a \$10 value gift for the exchange



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2017

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 approve the minutes as printed; seconded by Kim Bashford, motion carried. Willa introduced the attending guests and welcomed them to the meeting.

Secretary Report: Received seven membership renewals and one vendor contract.

Vice President: Jim was not present but was able to set up a tour of the Orma J Smith Museum of Natural History, after the meeting. The museum is located in the basement here at the College.

Treasurer: Janie gave a report of the current standings of the bank accounts. The slab drawing brought in \$97 at the September meeting.

Show Chairman: There will be a meeting at the Caldwell Library on Saturday October 21st at 10am. The purpose of the meeting is to give general information about how each of the venues work during the Gem Show and to answer any questions you may have. The next Gem Show will be March 3 & 4, 2018. If you cannot make it to the meeting and have questions or would like to volunteer, give Susan a call.

Federation Chairman: The Northwest Federation has a few open positions they are looking to fill. You can get all of the information needed to volunteer, in their newsletter or online. Voting on the Monument closings has been delayed, so there is still time to collect material from these areas. Ed gave us a reminder to continue to save our postage stamps.

Historian: There is no report at this time.

Sunshine: Jules is currently out of town. Give her a call anytime if you know of someone who may need a note of cheer. She will be happy to put a card in the mail.

Membership: Kim thanked the members who have renewed their memberships.

Field Trip Chairman: The October field trip will be to Haystack Butte on Saturday. A high clearance vehicle is recommended for the trip. If it is raining, there is an alternate trip planned to Windy Ridge.

Unfinished Business: The Roadside Cleanup will be October 28th and should last a couple of hours. The area to be cleaned up starts at the top of the hill at Walters Ferry and extends about two miles. Meet at the boat ramp at 9am weather and time permitting. Look forward to a field trip to a location near to the area.

New Business: The December meeting will be December 20th and will be the Club's annual Christmas Party. It will be held at Orphan Anne's in Caldwell. Dinner and festivities will begin at 6:30. The meal will be a buffet style ham dinner and dessert will be provided by the Club. Willa volunteered to call and make the reservation. Club Officer nominations were opened and a Slate of Officers was presented:

President-	Willa Renkin	Vice President-	Jim Hopkins
Secretary-	Debbie Lawrence	Treasurer-	Janie Ehlers
Show Chairman-	Susan Beattie	Asst Show Chairman-	Darell Ehlers
Field Trip Chairman-	David Schmidt	Asst Field Trip Chairman-	Dale Rawson
Editor-	Carol Farnham		

Ed Moser made a motion to close the nominations; seconded by Red Larson, motion carried. Jarri McClarin made a motion to accept the Slate of Officers; seconded by Kim Bashford, motion carried. Deanna and Ed Moser won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm and members were able to take a tour of the Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**October 30, 2017**

The Board Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order at 7pm by President Willa Renkin. Kim Bashner made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; seconded by Dale Rawson, motion carried.

Secretary Report: Received 12 membership renewals and some un-cancelled postage stamps from Celia Quignon. The Department of Geology & Mineral Industries sent information about how to call and listen to their November 6th meeting.

Vice President: There will be an auction at the next meeting. Everyone is invited to donate an item or two to be auctioned off. The first part of next year Jim has a speaker lined up to talk about meteorites. Carol will be providing contact information for a possible speaker from Damsel in Defense.

Treasurer: Janie was unable to attend the meeting.

Show Chairman: The October meeting had a great turnout and Susan shared information with attendees about each of the venues. There are only three more meetings until it is time for the next Gem Show. She will have venue sign-up sheets at the next meeting.

Federation Chairman: Three boxes of stamps and stamp collecting albums were donated by Dick McClarin. Ed and Deanna will be setting up a display case at the Caldwell Library in December. There will be an opportunity in January for a Club Member to set up another display case at the library. Let Ed know if you are interested in setting up a case.

There was no Historian Report or Sunshine Report.

Membership Chairman: There were 28 membership renewals and one application for new membership. Ed Moser made a motion to accept Darrell & Lori Englehart as new members; seconded by Jim Hopkins, motion carried.

Field Trip Chairman: Everyone had a good time at the Haystack Butte field trip. The next field trip will be in the spring next year. There was a discussion about getting a schedule of field trips together before the Gem Show.

Unfinished Business: Carol volunteered to take money and keep track of Members who will be going to the Christmas Party in December. Jim will bring Life Flight applications and renewal information to the next meeting. There were 16 people that showed up for the Road Cleanup. Janie treated everyone with some of her delicious homemade cookies and there was a field trip to Reynolds Creek after the cleanup.

New Business: The next Board Meeting will be November 27th at the Caldwell Library and there will be no meeting in December due to the Christmas Holiday.

Meeting adjourned 7:55. Respectfully submitted – Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

FYI

Just a reminder for those thinking of having their newsletter sent to them by email but aren't quite ready to take the step, all emails go out BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) so no one else sees your email address. You can catch me at the meetings or email me if you want to switch over. The emailed copy will be in color and much more fun to read. You will also receive it in a more timely manner. Remember there is a savings for the club of \$1.17 for each newsletter mailed to a family or \$14 a year.

Carol Farnham (carolfarnham@ymail.com) Newsletter Editor

Show Report



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 2018 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!!**

Venue Volunteers Needed

Chili Feed

Showcases

Raffle baskets or critter making



Road Cleanup Report



Saturday, October 28th was a perfect day for getting outside, and 16 members of the Club joined together to clean up our stretch of Highway 45. I want to thank everyone involved in the effort. As always, many hands, good conversation, and Janie's wonderful cookies made the work go by quickly. Afterward, a group of us traveled out to Reynolds Creek and enjoyed the rest of the afternoon gathering petrified wood. Thanks again to all the participants for volunteering their time to this effort!

Larry Beattie

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 .

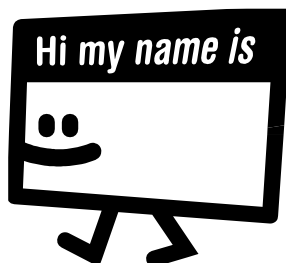
You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to:

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Kim Bashford, Membership Chairperson

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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.

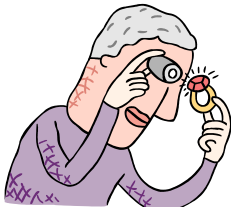
MEMBERSHIP DUES:

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/>

