



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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Presidents November Message:

Happy Turkey day to all of you fellow rock hounds!! So begins the Holiday Season for 2018. Our Club, like so many others, start their countdown to their Annual Gem Show. Ours is in March so the push is on to get your grab bags made, critters created, rocks tumbled and jewelry items for the Wheel put together so those venues have enough product for each and every one interested in purchasing them. Susan is still in need of a Showcase Chairman. This job entails taking applications for the cases that need to be filled and assigning a case to each one. It isn't hard just needs a little attention to detail. If you can be of service in this need, please contact Susan Bettie so she can get you trained up. As always, we are on track to have another fantastic show.

December is our Christmas Banquet. Be sure to get your ticket purchased so we can get a head count for the restaurant. Michele Wiles is taking names and payments. You can either purchase them at the next meeting or give her a call at 208-870-5153 with your information. If you are a life member be sure to give her a call so we know you are going. This is always a fun evening full of fun, food and festivities so be sure to come join us.

We had our Annual Auction last month as our meeting this month falls on the evening before Thanksgiving. It will be at the Boone Science Bldg. at 7:30pm. Jim Hopkins has a splendid program for all of us on fire extinguishers. Which ones are for the different kinds of fires and how to operate them. Thanks again to all of you who participated in the Auction last month, as it was a huge success. We appreciate all the wonderful donations and your willingness to contribute makes our Club one of the very best to be a part of.

Thank you to all who to part in the fall Roadside cleanup. Larry reported it was a lot of fun and all that took part made it short work to clean up the sides of the road. The field trip that followed was up to the Big Egg claim and it lived up to its name as it took two people to lift the egg Larry and Steve Markus found into a vehicle to take home. This event is always a nice get together. A big THANK YOU goes out to Janie for the wonderful cookies. You are one of our most valued gems!

Ed Moser has setup the Caldwell Library for January, for us to put in items highlighting our hobby. He is in need of several volunteers to put your polished collections in so the public will be more aware of our upcoming show in March. If you can help in this project please give him a call at 208-340-8060.

Even though our field trips are over for the year, Dale Rawson is in need of ideas for the next years trips. If there is a place you would like to go, let him know. There are a number of areas out there and we want you to get to know them all. If there are places we haven't been in a while let him know so he can get it on the list. Until I see, you again be sure to have a safe and wonderful Holiday with all your loved ones.

Willa Renken OGMS President

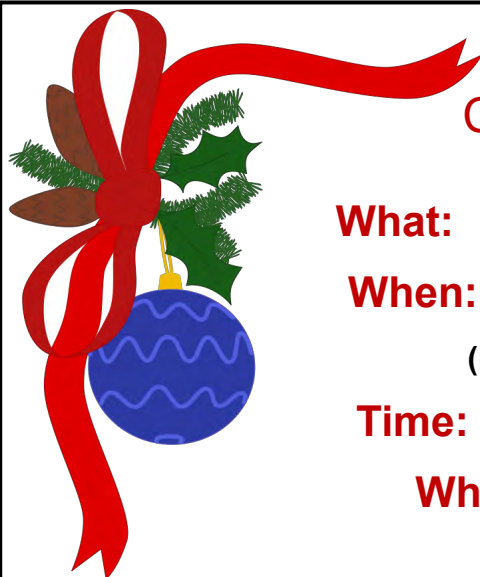
DUES ARE DUE

Please use the form in this newsletter to continue your membership. You can vote in October if your membership is paid up. Just give the completed form to Kim with your money or mail it to the address in the membership report that is above the form.

**!!!!!!!**

Just a note that if you have not paid for your yearly ad in this newsletter, you need to get it to us by January 1st for the ad to continue to run. There will not be a statement sent out.

Thank you,

**Christmas Party Time!!!**

What: No host bar, buffet and gift exchange

When: Wednesday, December 19th, 2018
(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

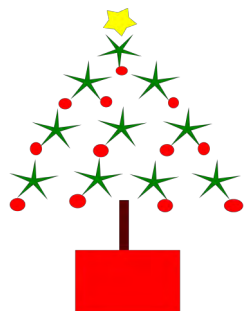
(Corner of Everett and Kimball)

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

(You can pay Carol and John Farnham, in advance, at the November meeting. Please bring correct change. If you need to pay at the dinner, please let us know so we can get a count of who will be coming. Michelle will take your money at the Party)

Gift: Please bring a \$20 or less value gift for the exchange

You will need to select a category of gift:
Man, Woman or general (gift can go to either one) What you bring is what category you get to pick from.





November Birthdays

11/4 Debbie Mitchell
 11/11 Michael Becker
 11/12 Stephanie Shank
 11/13 Barbara Glen
 11/13 Cindy Kochanek
 11/15 Lynette Lane
 11/15 Rich Taylor
 11/19 Nathan Carpenter
 11/20 Tamie Kennedy
 11/23 Misty Joyner
 11/24 Alta Doersch
 11/25 Chris O'Brien
 11/28 Kim Bashford
 11/28 Kandi Kinney
 11/28 Vanessa Yohn
 11/30 Thelma Barnett
 11/30 Red Larson

TOPAZ: SYMBOL OF LOVE IN FAVORITE HUES

Topaz is a hard silicate mineral which gets its color from impurities or defects in its crystal structures, which turn it gorgeous shades of yellow, blue, red, green, brown, violet and pink. Topaz can also be colorless, and colorless topaz is often heated to create blue gems (most blue topaz isn't natural—the color is created through treatment). The most valuable and expensive shades of topaz are deep orange with pink undertones called Imperial topaz, named after the Russian czars of the 19th century, and yellowish brown hue called sherry topaz.

November Anniversaries

11/1 Wayne and Darlene Kidd
 11/3 Brent and Gia Stewart
 11/7 Robert and Marilyn Troyer
 11/13 Dan and Susie Nash
 11/14 Brian and Debbie Gale
 11/16 Kenneth and Barbara Glen
 11/24 Daryl and Carolyn Hood
 11/27 Pat and Linda Kirkpatrick



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



**Stone from Arizona**

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

Stone from Australia

Noreena
Mookite

Stone from Idaho & Oregon

Owyhee Picture Jasper
Green Moss Agate
Tumbled Stones

Handmade Jewelry
Slabs & Rough
Hammers/Tools
Brazilian Agate
- Slabs and Rough

Located at the corner of US 95 & Homedale Road
26736 Homedale Road, Wilder, Idaho

By appointment only:

Phone (208) 861-8229 or Text: (208) 258-4250
rivervu1@msn.com

**STRINGER'S
GEM SHOP**

**Idaho Opals
Picture Jaspers & Plume Agate
Rough Rock and Slabs
Bolos & Buckles
Bookends & Specimens
Tumblers & Equipment**

WHITE'S METAL DETECTORS

W.A. (Bill) Stringer
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

**NEW 2019 OGMS Board**

President: Willa Renken

Vice President: Roxanne Franklin

Secretary: Debbie Lawrence

Treasurer: Michele Wiles

Show Chairperson: Kathy Larson

Asst. Show Chairperson: Darell Ehlers

Editor: Carol Farnham

Fieldtrip Chairperson: Dale Rawson

Asst. Fieldtrip Chairperson: David Baldwin

Federation Chairman: Ed Moser

**Would you like to see
your ad here?**

You can buy a 1/4 page ad, rock & hobby related, like this for one month for only \$5.00.

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:
carolfarnham@ymail.com

We will be having a November meeting. Please come if you can. There will not be a slab drawing.

Pease note the new email address for Michelle on the first page.

Just a reminder that you get your newsletter up to a week earlier if you get it by email. You also get it in color.



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: Monday-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.

Fall Roadside Cleanup:

We had a great turnout for the Fall Roadside Cleanup. Thank you to everyone involved in this effort for your participation! Janie Ehlers baked us some fantastic cookies and we enjoyed a beautiful fall day. We collected eighteen full bags of trash plus some miscellaneous items. Afterwards, we went to the Big Egg claim area to do some rock collecting. Thanks again and I hope to see everyone again in the spring.

Larry Beattie



Federation Director

Please save the postage STAMPS for cancer research and bring to this months meeting. Remember to ***cut 1/2 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,
(208) 340-8060,
edmoser15@gmail.com



Show Report



Are you ready to sign up?

The VENUE VOLUNTEER sign-up sheets will make an early appearance at the Christmas Party... If you would know what times will work best for you on Show Weekend, you can sign up to help!! **Kathi Larson will be learning the ropes—so please lend a hand.**

We have received a lot of wonderful donations for grab bags, Sand Dig polished rocks, and silent auction material.....Keep it coming.



Venue Volunteers Needed:

Chili Feed

Showcases



Front Door—Carol Farnham—208-475-4868

Wheel of Gems—Chris Rawson—208-371-7639

Sand Dig—Jody Atwood—801-791-7228 or 208-697-8166

Silent Auction—Don Dixon—208-908-3374

Membership Ambassador—Jeri McClarin

Grab Bags—Janie Ehlers--208-674-1213

Demonstrators—Willa Renken—208-362-3941

Show Cases—**VACANT**

Resource/Door prize Table—Kim Bashford—208-459-4567

Chili Feed—**VACANT**

Theme Raffle Baskets—David Baldwin—208-570-9781

Please let David know if you can help to solicit donations from local businesses for our new Theme Raffle Baskets venue. I know he would really appreciate it and a little help from a few people goes a long way!

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES October 17, 2018

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and called to order at 7:30pm, by President, Willa Renken. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; Susan Beattie seconded, motion carried. Guests were introduced and given a warm welcome.

Secretary: Mail was picked up that included 34 membership renewals and 1 showcase application. There was also a reminder from the State of Idaho requesting their yearly report that is due before November 30th, along with a newsletter from the Wasatch Gem Society in Sandy, Utah.

Vice President: Jim gave a reminder to have the Metal Working DVD and VCR returned so others can use it.

Treasurer: Michele gave the standings of all of the banking accounts.

Show Chairman: The annual Gem Show is the first weekend in March. Donations are needed for the silent auction along with tumbled stones for the grab bags. Dave Baldwin will head the new Raffle Basket venue. Coordinate with Dave if you would like to help get donations, or you may have something to contribute. Janie Ehlers will be in charge of the grab bag venue. A volunteer is needed to organize the show cases.

The Web Page is up to date. If you know someone who could use a note of cheer, contact our Sunshine Chairman, Jules. There was no Historian Report.

Federation Chairman: Ed gave a reminder to continue to collect postage stamps. Money raised from the sale of the stamps goes to cancer research.

Membership: It is with much sadness to announce that Club Member Dennis Faulk passed.

Field Trip: The October Field Trip will be to Haystack Butte. Dale brought samples of material that can be collected from the site. A high clearance vehicle is recommended for the trip.

Unfinished Business: Larry Beattie brought a sign up sheet for the road cleanup that is to be held on October 27th. Meet at the boat ramp on Hwy 45 at 9am, near Walters Ferry. Orange vests and trash bags will be provided. Weather permitting, there will be a field trip after the cleanup.

New Business: Michele will collect money for the annual banquet in December. Kathi Larson volunteered to host the gift exchange. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped, \$20 gift and please note if it is for man, woman, or either. Dale offered to bring one of his special homemade cheese cakes for dessert. Thank you goes to Chris Rosin for providing table derations for the event. The Caldwell Library will provide a show case that the Club can fill with rock related information. If you have something you would like to exhibit, give Ed Moser a call. Ed Moser made a motion to donate \$50 in the name of Dennis Faulk, to the Northwest Federation Fund; seconded by Susan Beattie, motion carried. There was a vote taken on whether or not to hold the next General Meeting, since it will be the day before Thanksgiving. By show of hands it was decided to go ahead with the next meeting date.

The 2019 Slate of Officers was presented for next year:

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| President, Willa Renkin | Vice President – Roxanne Franklin | Secretary – Debbie Lawrence |
| Treasurer – Michele Wiles | Show Chairman – Kathi Larson | Assistant Show Chairman - Darell Ehlers |
| Filed Trip Chairman – Dale Rawson | Assistant Field Trip Chairman - David Baldwin | |
| Editor – Carol Farnham | Federation Chairman – Ed Moser | |

A call was given to the Club for any other nomination for any of the offices. Hearing none, Susan Beattie made a motion to accept the 2019 Slate of Officers; seconded by Jim Hopkins, motion carried.

Ed Moser did a fantastic job as auctioneer for our annual fall auction. Money raised from the auction will go toward expenses for the annual banquet in December.

Jim Hopkins won the door prize.

Meeting adjourned after the auction.

Respectfully submitted.

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**October 29, 2018**

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

Secretary: Information on fee increases for the transfer of ownership on claims was received from the Department of the Interior. Two membership renewals were also received.

Vice President: Jim will give a safety presentation at the next meeting. He will also check on the slabs from Isaac Ward for the next slab auction.

Treasurer: The live auction at the last meeting brought in \$787. Michele has 24 paid reservations for the banquet in December. Carol Farnham will collect money for the banquet at the next meeting.

Show Chairman: A Show Case chairman is needed for the Gem Show. New postcards that are sent out for advertising, will be ordered with open dates. Darell will get started on newspaper and television advertising and has the flier just about complete for the show.

Federation Report: Ed did not hear of any changes that needed a vote, that were to be made to the Federation By-Laws, so he did not attend the fall meeting.

There was no Sunshine Report or no Historian Report.

Membership: There were five applications for new membership. Kim Bashford made a motion to accept; Michael & Wanda Weiskircher, Paul & Chris Deveau, Clarence & Marcie Dishner/Jake and Andrew, Terry & Vanessa Yohn and Missy Dickson/Kelsey Rule/Raymond as new members of the OGMS Club; seconded by Susan Beattie, motion carried. There was a discussion about continuing the kids club. The discussion will be revisited at a later date.

Field Trip Chairman: Thirty-two people went on the field trip to Haystack Butte and everyone found some nice material. The next field trip will be in the spring. Dale is working on a list of field trips for next year and hopes to have it ready for the Gem Show in March.

Unfinished Business: It was a beautiful fall day for the roadside cleanup and there was a great turnout, with 18 people participating. Janie Ehlers brought her award-winning cookies for all to enjoy. After the cleanup, there was a side trip to pick up jasper near the Big Egg Claim with some members also going to the claim. Talk to Ed Moser if you have something you would like to display in the Caldwell Library in January. There are 100 buckets of clean rocks ready for the Gem Show silent auction.

There was no New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted; Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

Membership Report**We are accepting payment of 2019 dues**

Membership forms are available at every meeting. Invite your "rockhound" friends to our next one!

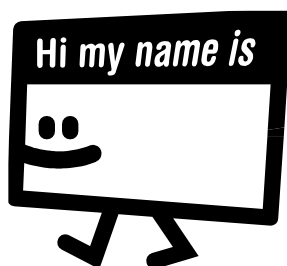
Any member needing a name badge, membership card, or patch, please call me so I can have them ready for you to pick up at the next meeting.

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:



P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053

Kim Bashford, Membership Chairperson

Phone: (208) 454-7287

Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com

PAY YOUR DUES NOW Please!**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES****Year: 2018**Family
\$20Couple
\$18Single
\$12Child
\$3

LAST NAME: (Please Print) _____ Date Paid: _____ Amount: _____

FIRST NAME(s): _____

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
PO Box 1053,
Caldwell, ID 83605-1053

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.

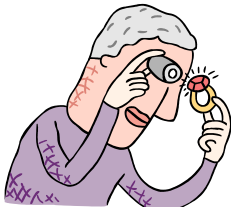
MEMBERSHIP DUES:

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!



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/>

