

"Owyhee Gem"

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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November President's Message

Happy Fall everyone! With Winter soon to follow, we need to put our attention towards Spring in order to gear up for our Annual Gem Show. We have a head start with our Grab Bag contest. The club truly appreciates all your involvement in this contest. Red wanted me to let you all know to not lose hope as he has made mention of rewarding more than a couple of spheres. However if you sew the most you do get first choice so sew little fingers sew.

Rulon has shown me some of the critters he is making and they are very cute. If any of you need help understanding how to make the little critters please get with Rulon as I know he would love to teach anyone who wants to learn how to make them.

Kathi has updated the showcase application so now is the time to sort through your collections and create your showcase for the show in March. Our club has 64 cases to fill which does include 7 black light cases. The case favors this year are really neat and if for nothing else, they should inspire you to want to participate. This is one of the highlights of our show so don't be afraid to contribute in this way.

Our fieldtrip Chairman Robert and his Assistant Dale Rawson have come up with several ideas for next year's fieldtrips. Robert has the list available at each meeting for your approval and if you have, additional trips that you would like to have included in next year's schedule. Take the time to go over them and show him if you are interested in going.

November is our Annual Christmas Auction so if you have a special item that you would like to contribute it will be gratefully accepted. This is always a fun time and Ed does a great job auctioning off the items. This is geared towards the unique items for people to gift for Christmas so come prepared to have a fun evening.

Our Christmas party is in full swing so be sure to pay and sign up with Debbie Lawrence at the next meeting. I will need a head count in order to have enough food available for the night, which will need to be turned in early in December. I think that is everything for now. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting November 20th at 7:30pm at the Boone Science Bldg.

Willa Renken OGMS President

OGMS 2019 Field Trips

ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS. Some may also be added.

USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and Small one), Sieve, Gloves, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Knee Pad's, Magnifier, Plenty of Drinking Water, Food, Appropriate Clothing, Protective Eyewear, Sun Protection, Day Pack or Back Pack, Umbrella, Pry Bar, Tick Spray. (Shovel and fire extinguisher to put out any fires that may start.)

For Field Trip Information, contact Robert Murphey (208) 590-1848
or David Baldwin (208) 570-9781

Trips can last most of the day. Generally, a High-Clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD or an ATV is required. **Remember, when you are finished, fill in all holes that are dug at the Site.**

Hello All,



For our last trip of the year we had a great turnout. It was cold with an early meeting up at the Owyhee Junction. However, we did have a few guests and 14 members show up for the trip. The road to the top of Haystack Butte was in bad shape so we spent the better part of the morning working the mountain sides and creek area to find some nice Red and multi colored jaspers. The Sky was clear and the sun helped to take the chill off things. We



decided to make it a 2-part trip and headed over to grassy meadows around 1PM to look for some Petrified Wood. A few small pieces were found by some and the colors were amazing.

Dale and I are working on creating next year's field trip schedule and would love to hear from everyone on where you all would like to go. Overnight trips are not out of the question and it has been some time since we did this as a club. We will have the trip suggestion sheets on the front counter again this next meeting for you to pencil in your requests. For those who cannot make it to the meeting and would still like your ideas considered, please email me with your suggestions.

Thanks again for a great year and to all of those who helped me/others along the way in learning new places, mineral identification and the friendships we have all formed while participating in this club function. Until next year, may your days be blessed with good health, good friendships and beautiful things made with your specimens collected this year, and your night be filled with many dreams of wonders in life to come.

Congratulations

November Birthdays

Thelma Barnett
Kim Bashford
Lynette Biggar
John Braga
Nathan Carpenter
Alta Doersch
Mary Eberle
Kim Erb
Eddie Gamez
Marlena Iverson
Misty Joyner
Tamie Kennedy
Kandi Kinney
Cindy Kochanek
Tammy Markel
Deanna Moser
Shirley Neville
Diane Rahn
Gabby Rosario
Stephanie Shank
Scott Stuhr
Rich Taylor
Terry Yohn

Anniversaries

Daryl & Carolyn Hood
Marvel & Kathi Larson
Dan & Susie Nash
Brent & Gia Stewart
Robert & Marilyn Troyer

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



<u>Stone from Arizona</u>	<u>Stone from Australia</u>
Anderson Mine - Agate	Noreena
Brenda - Agate & Jasper	Mookite
Burro Creek - Pastelite & Agate	
<u>Stone from Idaho & Oregon</u>	
Owyhee Picture Jasper	Amethyst from Uruguay
Green Moss Agate	Slabs & Rough Rock
Tumbled Stones	Hammers/Tools/ /Gold Pans
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VICE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Leave a Rock Take a Rock

We'll not have 'Bring a Rock Take a Rock' again until Jan. due to our Nov. auction and Dec. party.

Show Chairman

Thoughts for Silent Auction

As you go out hunting rocks, please keep in mind our yearly show's Silent Auction!!

If you find a nice sample for our auction, place it in a bucket and label the bucket "OGMS".

By the end of the year, your bucket should be full of great rocks and ready to donate for our show.

It is amazing how just a few rocks can add up if every "rockhound" would contribute!

For Sale

Unused

Lortone Free Standing 18in Rock Saw

\$3500

Contact: Marvin Miller (208) 250-6318

These members listed are currently paid up through Oct. 2020 - Matt Davis, Michael Weiskircher, Pat McConnel, Tamie Kennedy, Dan Doersch, and Debbie Lawrence. Just a friendly reminder for those who have paid in advance.

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 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.

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.

Ed Moser

Federation Director

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edmoser15@gmail.com

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Board Meeting Minutes Oct 28, 2019

The monthly Board Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order by President, Willa Renken at 7pm. Roxanne Franklin made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Ed Moser seconded. The motion carried.

Secretary: Chris Deveau picked up 8 membership payments from the Post Office, which were given to Kim.

Vice President: Per Roxanne Franklin there will be no presentations at our general meetings until January. Instead, we will have the auction in November and Christmas Banquet in December. We shared our enthusiasm for Coyote Short's presentation at the October meeting. It was excellent. Roxanne said she'll definitely ask her to come back again.

Treasurer: Debbie Lawrence is working on the signature cards at the bank. Should be resolved soon. The club purchased a new computer, (set up by Robert Murphey), to handle our accounting. We also purchased new clip art for the newsletter.

Show Chairman: Kathi Larson initiated a discussion on confirming information submitted to the newsletter. Margaret Nelson has verified some e-mails and will be sure to respond. Kathi advised us that ALL vendors have made deposits for their booths. Kathi doesn't want us to get discouraged and not sew more grab bags (there is some HOT competition). There could be a 3rd prize. Also, anyone who wants to put in a showcase will be pleasantly surprised with a nice favor. Please sign up to assist with the venues. Everyone needs to take part and make our 2020 show the BEST EVER!

NW Federation: Ed Moser said the show was a good one (he won a door prize of an Ethiopian opal). The Federation received \$500 for the stamps that had been collected over the past year. Thanks to everyone that brought them in. The money goes for Breast Cancer research. Next year's show will be held in Ogden, Utah on 10-12 April 2020. Also, there are 22 open positions if you want to get more involved with the Federation.

There was no Historian or Sunshine report.

Newsletter Editor: Margaret Nelson asked for all articles to be submitted to the newsletter by 3 November 2019. Thanks for the new clip art.

Membership: Kim Bashford announced 4 new memberships; Kathi Larson motioned to accept: Alyssa Cumpton, Jeff and Paula Hales, Stan and Bonnie Lutz, Theo Rawson: Roxanne Franklin seconded, motion carried. A discussion followed concerning the qualifications for a Life Membership. Kim will furnish Willa additional member information.

Field Trip Chairman: Robert Murphey said 11 vehicles with 15 people went on the last field trip of 2019 to Haystack. Found some nice red jasper, then Dan Stevens shared another site at Grassy Mountain so the group moved on for petrified wood. Robert has a good list of suggestions for next year. He thanked everyone for his or her assistance this year. Great job Robert!

Road Clean-up: Bill Anderson was not present, but as he stated in the October general meeting, we are scheduled for road clean-up on Saturday, 2 November 2019. Dress Warm! Meet at Walter's Ferry Boat ramp on HWY45 at 8:30am. Leave at 9:00. A field trip will follow.

Unfinished Business: Debbie Lawrence started collecting money for the Christmas Party at the October meeting. So far eleven people have signed up. Willa needs a headcount by 6 December – please. Roxanne Franklin made a motion to send hams to LIFE MEMBERS for Christmas. Kathi Larson seconded. The motion passed.

New Business: Everyone, please come to the next General Meeting on Wednesday 20 November 2019. It is our annual Auction – Fundraiser for the club Christmas Banquet. Bring your auction items (things that can be used as Christmas gifts, rock related items, homemade items). Ed Moser will be our auctioneer with Roxanne and Robert serving as spotters. The next Board Meeting will be Monday, 25 November 2019 at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Library.

There is a display at the Caldwell Library for all to enjoy through December from the Evans Collection at the Museum.

NO SLAB DRAWINGS in November due to the Auction, nor December due to the Banquet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted. Christine Deveau, Secretary

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - General Meeting Minutes**Oct 16, 2019**

The general Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in the Boone Science Hall in Caldwell and called to order at 7:30pm by President, Willa Renken. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting; Rulon seconded, motion carried. One guest, Alyssa, introduced herself and was given a warm welcome. A presentation was given by Coyote Short of the Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology about Orbicular Granite. She explained how it forms and shared excellent examples that are found along the Payette River just north of Boise.

Secretary: Debbie picked up the mail for Chris, which included two signed vendor contracts with payment and four membership renewals.

Vice President: Roxanne was absent, but don't forget about the 'bring a rock-take a rock' exchange that will continue at the monthly meetings.

Treasurer: Debbie is working with the bank to add Chris Deveau as a signor on the account. Debbie reports that our account is very solvent.

Show Chairman: Kathi reported that she had confirmed with the Museum on an open house for Saturday and Sunday coordinating with our show. She has received two final vendor applications. Sign up sheets from each Venue Chairperson will be available at our meetings. Volunteers are needed for each venue and will be greatly appreciated... We all need to help to make our show a success!

Federation Chairman: Ed and Deanna Moser are heading to Lewiston as our representatives to the yearly Federation meeting. He is taking the stamps we have collected all year - please continue to save them and bring them to the meetings. They are sold to fund Breast Cancer research. He will also pick up Federation Directories requested by 5 of our members at a cost of \$10 each.

Sunshine: Jewels was absent, but please contact her if you know someone in the club is ill or needs a little 'SUNSHINE' sent their way.

Membership: Kim is collecting our membership dues. Due in October. She received 2 new memberships today!

Field Trip Chairman: Robert said he has some Blue Eggs available to anyone that did not find any on our September field trip. Our final field trip of 2019 will be on 26 October to Haystack Butte. Robert has a list of field trip sites for next year, if you have any ideas or a place you want to go, please add it to the list or contact him directly.

Historian: Pauline had nothing to report.

Road Cleanup: Bill Anderson will meet volunteers at the Walters Ferry Boat Dock on HWY45 at 8:30a.m., to leave at 9:00 on Saturday, 2 November 2019. Orange vests and trash bags will be provided. Weather permitting; a field trip toward Succor Creek will follow.

Newsletter Editor: Some problem getting the mailed copy of newsletter out. Should be available soon. The e-mail copies have arrived.

Unfinished Business: The 2020 Slate of Officers for next year was presented, and voted on.

President-Willa Renken	Vice President-Roxanne Franklin	Secretary-Chris Deveau
Treasurer-Debbie Lawrence	Show Chairman-Kathi Larson	Federation Chairman-Ed Moser
Asst Show Chairman- Darell Ehlers	Field Trip Chairman-Robert Murphey	
Asst Field Trip Chairman-Dale Rawson	Newsletter Editor-Margaret Nelson	

Willa called to the Club for other nominations for any of the positions. With no additional recommendations, Red Larson seconded Ed Moser's motion to accept the nominations by acclamation. The motion carried.

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - General Meeting Minutes**Oct 16, 2019**

New Business: The Christmas party at Orphan Annie's in Caldwell will be in lieu of our December meeting on 18 December 2019 at 6:00p.m. The club pays half for us, so our cost is \$8.00 apiece. Soft drinks are included with dinner, and there will be a no-host bar starting at 6:00pm. Kathi Larson will host the gift exchange...if you want to join in, bring a wrapped gift, \$20.00 limit, designated as male, female, or either. Debbie Lawrence is collecting money for the party. Willa needs a head count by 6 December 2019.

Next month, at the November meeting, bring your items, rock related or not, for our annual auction, with Ed Moser as auctioneer. The money raised goes to support the Christmas Banquet and other events throughout the year.

Mike Weiskircher brought in a rock tumbler barrel that the welds had failed...any ideas? Thoughts of possibly running too long without releasing gas that builds up. Don't use baking soda. Use diatomaceous earth. Any other ideas, please share with Mike and the rest of us.

The slab drawing was held.

Diane Stevens won the door prize...a pretty stone pendant, provided by last month's winner Ruth Hopkins.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Deveau, Secretary

66th Annual Show

Here is the slate of Venue Chairs for the show:

Please call to secure your name on their list!

Chili Feed (on Friday)	Andrea Sawyer	208-323-1345
Front Door	Roxanne Franklin	208-577-7095
Sand Dig	Jody Atwood	801-791-7228
Wheel of Gems	Chris Rawson	208-371-7639
Grab Bags	Janie Ehlers	208-674-1213
Silent Auction	Don Dixon	208-908-3374
Membership/Grand Prize ...	Kim Bashford	208-249-4567

These chairmen will let you know what two-hour shifts are available on both Saturday and Sunday. All sign-up sheets will be at the meetings before the show so you can also sign-up there.

The lists fill up pretty fast so secure your spots early!

Kim Bashford will be taking applications for showcases (application is in this newsletter).

Willa Renken will be in charge of the Demonstrators for the show.

Jarri McClarin will be our "Traveling Ambassador" again in 2020.

REMEMBER TO SAVE A FEW ROCKS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION EACH TIME YOU GO HUNTING!

OWHYEE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

66th Annual Gem and Mineral Show
 March 7th and 8th, 2020
 Caldwell Event Center--2200 Blaine St., Caldwell, Idaho

SHOW CASE RESERVATION FORM

Name (Please Print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Number of Cases Requested: _____ Dealer: _____ Amateur: _____ Junior: _____
 (Junior cases must be prepared by Juniors)

Name(s) for Exhibitor Badges: _____

Set-up day: Friday March 6th, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Show Dates: Saturday, March 7th, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday, March 8th, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Take-down time: After 5:00 p.m. on Sunday

There are a limited number of cases, so get your reservations in early!

Bring your completed form to a club meeting between October and February, or send your completed application by **February 1, 2020** to:

Showcase Chairperson

P. O. Box 1053

Caldwell, ID 83606-1053

or by email to Kim Bashford : kmcewan1957@msn.com

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/>