

# "Owyhee Gem"

## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### November President's Message

Hello again. Can you believe our year is almost over with? As the weather starts to change and brings us inside more, we need to start the preparation for our Annual Gem Show. As our last newsletter relayed we have had some change within our officers so we are looking for an Assistant Show Chairperson. If you would like to help fill this office, please let either Kathi Larson or myself know. As usual we need you to be thinking of what you can put in your showcases for 2021, make some critters, sew some grab bags, tumble stones (which can bring you extra cash as we pay \$120/5-gallon bucket) and sort your rocks for donations to the silent auction. We appreciate all any of you can do in support of our great club which just makes us a stronger organization.

This month is our Annual Auction that helps to offset the cost of the Christmas Banquet each year. Since our year has had some setbacks this should prove to be another uplifting event. Ed is going to be our auctioneer again this year. We will have a couple of people to help him see the bidders. Please hold your hands high so we can tell when you are bidding. Donations of rock related objects and products geared toward Christmas gifts is generally what will be the order of the night. If you can help us make this another wonderful membership, involved evening that would be super.

Our Christmas Banquet will be at the Nampa Elks on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We need to get a head count of those wanting to attend so please let Kim Bashford (208-454-7287) or Debra Lawrence (208-869-7585) know by the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December. We will be taking money for tickets at the November meeting and the meal will cost \$8 per person if you are a member and nonmembers are \$16 per person. As always Lifetime Members are free but we need to know if you are coming for the head count. The meal will be Roast Beef & Ham with scalloped potatoes and green beans. The club will provide cheesecake with berry sauce and spice cake for dessert. If you would like to do a gift exchange again this year, the dollar limit will be \$20 just like last year.

Please take a minute to go through the newsletter as the Board is amending and updating the By-laws for the club. Nothing drastic, just making the Membership Chair a Director position along with clearing up some of the language in the sections so it makes things more understandable.

Our meeting for November will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Elks in Caldwell and will start at 7pm. I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

- Willa Renken, OGMS President



**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES      October 21, 2020**

The OGMS October General Meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 7:10pm at the Caldwell Elks Club, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, Idaho. A motion was made by Jarri McClarin to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter, David Schmidt seconded, motion passed.

Deana Ashton gave her "**Favorite**" presentation about the Beacon Hill nodules. She had several beautiful examples of the crystal and/or agate-filled stones. Roxanne Franklin spoke about gypsum/selenite roses that are found all over the world. Her biggest one was a huge example that she found and dug out here in Idaho. Amazing! If you would like to share your favorite rock or gem, a form is included in the newsletter, to assist you in making a presentation. Please contact Roxanne to schedule for our meeting.

**Secretary, Chris Deveau** picked up seven memberships which were given to Kim Bashford. A dealer contract was turned over to Kathi Larson... and two letters, one certified to acknowledge receipt of the claim bond rider increase as accepted by the Bureau of Land Management, the other a receipt for OGMS club claim assessment work payment were given to David Schmidt.

**Vice President, Roxanne Franklin** announced that our **annual auction will be held at the General Meeting on Wednesday, 18 November 2020**. Please bring items for our annual auction. They can be rock related or not. With Ed Moser as auctioneer, the money raised goes to defray the cost of the Christmas Banquet.

**Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence** had received several annual membership payments for deposit. She has paid the balance due for our new blacklights for the club.

**Show Chair, Kathi Larson** said all fifteen dealers are secured for the 2021 show. She also shared that the club will pay \$120 for a five-gallon bucket of nicely tumbled stones for the grab bags at the Rock Show. She has chairpersons for all the venues for the show. The new black lights are in and ready for the show. Deana Ashton volunteered to find a new black light room sign for the show. Deana also volunteered to organize a basket raffle for the show.

**Federation Chair, Ed Moser** has not heard from the NWF, but please keep saving your stamps, (cancelled or not), they are sold to stamp collectors and the proceeds are donated for breast cancer research. He also reminded us that accidental fire starts can jeopardize our access to state or federal lands... always carry extra water and a shovel when rock hunting.

**Sunshine Chair, Jewels Haines** was not at the meeting, but advised Willa that she had sent several notes to members in the past month. If you know of any member that needs a little sunshine, please let Jewels know.

**Membership, Kim Bashford** has received multiple membership payments... this is renewal time!

**Field Trip Chair, Robert Murphey** reminded us that Saturday, 24 October 2020 is our last field trip of this year. It is supposed to be cold and rainy... so it may be cancelled, but he'll be at the Gem Stop/Extra Mile (Hwy 55/95) at 8:00am, leaving at 8:30... in case the weather changes. Robert and Dale Rawson will have a sheet at next month's meeting for any ideas that you may have for next year's field trips. Also, he is working with Gary Moore (Field Trip Chair from Salmon) to see if we can coordinate a joint trip with the Salmon club.

**Old Business** – Willa called to the club for any nominations for the 2021 officers. Kathi Larson volunteered to be the Asst. Show Chair... no other nominations were made. Rulon Allred made the motion to accept the nominations... Kim Bashford seconded... the motion carried. Our new Directors are:

**President-Willa Renken, Vice President-Roxanne Franklin, Secretary-Chris Deveau, Treasurer-Debbie Lawrence, Federation Director-Ed Moser, Field Trip Chair-Robert Murphey, Asst Field Trip Chair-Dale Rawson, Show Chair-Paul Deveau, Asst Show Chair-Kathi Larson, Newsletter Editor-Denise Stringer**

Congratulations!!! Thank you for your support of OGMS!

Other appointed positions in the club are:

**Historian-Pauline Prather, Membership-Kim Bashford, Roadside Clean-Up-Bill Anderson, Sunshine-Jewels Haines, Webmaster-Brad Larson**

We thank you all for your time and efforts to make OGMS great!

**New Business** - Willa advised the members that the Board will consider adding the Membership Chair to the Board of Directors at the next Board Meeting.

The slab drawing was held... there will be NO slab drawing in November or December.

Kim Erb won the door prize, which will be presented by Ed Moser next month.

The Board Meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Monday, 26 October 2020 at the Caldwell Elks Club, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, Idaho.

**Please wear your masks to the meetings... for the health and safety of everyone attending!!!**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted: Christine Deveau, Secretary



You can sign up to give a short 5-15 minute talk about your favorite rock/mineral/gem at the next meeting. Here is a list of questions to you to help you talk about your 'favorite'. The form is also available on our website ... [owyheerocks.com](http://owyheerocks.com). Contact Roxanne Franklin if you are interested in presenting your information—(208) 577-7095, [rocksfrank@cableone.net](mailto:rocksfrank@cableone.net)

### MY FAVORITE

My favorite (rock) (mineral) (gem) is \_\_\_\_\_

Why I like it \_\_\_\_\_

Did you find it or purchase it? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there other names for this material? \_\_\_\_\_

It is (igneous) (metamorphic) (sedimentary) in origin? \_\_\_\_\_

What form is it found in? (crystals) (nuggets) (rock) \_\_\_\_\_

What is its relative hardness? \_\_\_\_\_

It is made-up of (which element or mineral compounds) \_\_\_\_\_

Where is it found? \_\_\_\_\_

Is it common or rare? \_\_\_\_\_

What are its uses? (manufacturing) (jewelry) (medicine)  
Other uses? \_\_\_\_\_

Is it safe to handle or work with? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special characteristics? \_\_\_\_\_

Radioactive      Fluorescence      Toxic      Large Crystals

Used by ancient humans      Rare fossil      Newly Identified

**OGMS 2020 Field Trips**

For further information,  
Contact Robert Murphey (208) 590-1848  
or Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990

**ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS.**

**USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP**

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

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.



**Robert  
Murphey**



**Dale  
Rawson**

**October 24, 2020 Field Trip**

Hello All, as we wrap up another year of field trips our last outing was a shared trip with the Idaho Gem Club to their Graveyard Point club claim. We had a turnout of 35+ people and many went home with some nice material. It started to sprinkle as we left the meetup location but never came down hard enough to cancel the trip. Once we arrived at the claim we identified the boundaries for where we can rock hound and not encroach on the other claims in the area as well as the do's and do nots, where and where not to hunt.

The light drizzle provided us the ability to see more exposed agate and the colors within. All in all, it was a successful trip and we would like to thank the Boise IGC for letting us all get together and hound on their claim.

Now that we have finished up our field trip season, it is time to start thinking about where to go next year. We will be taking requests at the next few upcoming meetings. If you have a place you are interested in going, please come to a meeting and add it to our suggestion list. We are looking to have a few overnight trips and possibly out of state. Remember, this is your club and all suggestions are welcome.

Thank You and hope everyone finds time to enjoy what we have discovered this year and make some great things out of our finds.

**Field Trip Chair—Robert Murphey**

**About Graveyard Point**

The Graveyard Point area is one of the most prolific agate areas in the country. It is estimated that agate veins exist in the ground approximately every 10 yards over a 200 – 300 acre area. The agate location is about two miles southwest of the landmark called Graveyard Point, which marks an old civil war graveyard.



### My Favorite—by Deana Ashton

Deana Ashton gave her “**Favorite**” presentation about the Beacon Hill nodules. She had several beautiful examples of the crystal and/or agate-filled stones.



Rockhounding at the Beacon Hill Thunderegg Claim is by permission only. This claim is owned by the Idaho Gem Club out of Boise, Idaho and is located on private property. The club doesn't own the land these thundereggs come out of but has owned the mining claim for about 40 years.

#### **What is an agate nodule?**

Agate is the banded form of the mineral Chalcedony, which is a microcrystalline variety of Quartz. Agate usually forms in rounded nodules or knobs which need to be sliced open to bring out the internal pattern hidden in the stone.

#### **How do you tell it it's an agate?**

Look for Translucence. Whatever the color, most agates are translucent to some degree. Use a flashlight to back-light the stone and spot any translucent edges. Many stones look like agates but aren't. For example, jasper and flint are closely related to agate but are opaque, not translucent.

#### **Does agate break easily?**

Unaltered agate is a tough, dense material with dull to waxy luster and conchoidal fracture. It is by far less brittle than rock crystal. Agate is somewhat porous and usually contains small amounts of water (0.5% to 1.5%). Agate is a 7 on the Mohs Hardness Scale.

#### **Is agate a lucky stone?**

When talking about good luck charms, Agate always comes up in the discussion. It is one of the most powerful luck stones out there with its power coming from multiple quartz minerals that make it



#### **Federation Director—Ed Moser**

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. Please Respect the Rules when you are out collecting rocks, be careful of ticks and snakes, and have fun.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director  
(208) 340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com

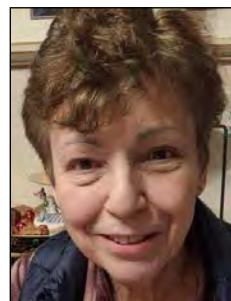
## Vice President's Corner—Roxanne Franklin

### Leave a Rock, Take a Rock

If you have lucked out and found some nice rocks bring one to our meeting. You can leave the rock on the table and anyone who brings one can take a rock. At the end of the meeting if your rock is still there take it home with you. If everyone brings something to trade each month, we can have the benefit of others' successful trips.

### Monthly Meeting Topic

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact me:  
Roxanne Franklin - (208) 577-7095, rocksfrank@cableone.net



### My Favorite—Selenite/Gypsum



- Desert rose is a colloquial name given to rose-like clusters of gypsum or barite.
- A desert rose crystal is actually a selenite gypsum that naturally occurs. Most often, it is the combination of Barite and selenite and forms over a process known as the moisture condensation. Gypsum is an evaporite, which means its crystals are formed during the process of evaporation of water. The selenite will cluster together and makes mass that's subjected to the elements existing around it these include sand and wind erosion. Sand becomes embedded in Selenite blades.
- The colors of the desert rose crystal may range from white, cream, tan, to brown. Further, it is sometimes also known as satin spar, Sand Rose, Gypsum Rosette, Rose Rock, Selenite Rose, and Gypsum Rose.
- The crystal can be found in a number of deserts including South Africa, Mexico, Morocco, Spain, Australia, USA, and Algeria.
- Some of the largest crystals ever found are of selenite, the largest specimen found in Mexico being 12 meters long and weighing 55 tons.
- All varieties of gypsum are very soft minerals, hardness: 2 on the Mohs scale. This is the most important identifying characteristic of gypsum, as any variety of gypsum can be easily scratched with a fingernail. Also, because gypsum has natural thermal insulating properties, all varieties feel warm to the touch.
- Though sometimes grouped together as "selenite", the four crystalline varieties have differences. General identifying descriptions of the related crystalline varieties are:

#### Selenite

- most often transparent and colorless: it is named in Greek, the moon.
- if selenite crystals show translucency, opacity and/or color, it is caused by the presence of other minerals, sometimes in druse

#### Satin Spar

- most often silky, fibrous and translucent (pearly, milky); can exhibit some coloration
- the satin spar name can also be applied to fibrous calcite (a related calcium mineral) – calcite is a harder mineral – and feels greasier, waxier, or oilier to the touch.

#### Desert rose

- Rosette shaped gypsum with outer druse of sand or with sand throughout – most often sand colored (in all the colors that sand can exhibit)
- the desert rose name can also be applied to barite, desert roses (another related sulfate mineral) – barite is a harder mineral with higher density

#### Gypsum flower

- rosette shaped gypsum with spreading fibers – can include outer druse
- the difference between desert roses and gypsum flowers is that desert roses look like roses, whereas gypsum flowers form a myriad of shapes



## November Birthdays

- 4 Debbie Mitchell
- 8 Janis Benjamin
- 9 Patty Devila
- 13 Linda Coble
- 14 Eric Fontinelle
- 15 Diane Rahn
- 15 Rich Taylor
- 16 Shirley Neville
- 19 Nathan Carpenter
- 20 Tamie Kennedy
- 20 Scott Stuhr
- 21 Eddie Gamez
- 22 Kim Erb
- 22 Zoey Hoekstra
- 23 Misty Joyner
- 24 Alta Doersch
- 25 John Braga
- 25 Mary Eberle
- 27 Jody Atwood
- 28 Kim Bashford
- 29 Tim Hoekstra
- 30 Thelma Barnett

## November Anniversaries

- 3 Brent & Gia Stewart
- 7 Robert & Marilyn Troyer
- 24 Daryl & Carolyn Hood
- 25 Walt & Janice Holton
- 30 Red & Kathi Larson

Why did the cranberries turn red?  
Because they saw the turkey dressing!

Why did the turkey play drums in  
his band?  
Because he already had drumsticks!

### 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.

Email me at: [denisemstringer@gmail.com](mailto:denisemstringer@gmail.com)

### Community Corner

If you are presenting to the community or working with the community on behalf of OGMS, please submit a summary of what you are doing for our "Community Corner". This helps us maintain our non-profit status and gives you a recognition for a job well done.

### Sunshine Report



Hi, I am Jewels Haines and I am your Sunshine Chair. If you hear of anyone needing a get-well card or visit, please give me a call at (760) 331-3443.

- Jewels Haines, Sunshine Chair, [jewelsmalia@yahoo.com](mailto:jewelsmalia@yahoo.com)



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**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES****October 26, 2020**

**President, Willa Renken** called the October Board Meeting to order at 7:05pm, at the Caldwell Elks Club, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, Idaho. Roxanne Franklin made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter, Ed Moser seconded, the motion passed.

**Secretary, Chris Deveau** gave three memberships to Kim Bashford for processing. She also received a "My Favorite" presentation from Jim Hopkins, which was given to Roxanne to share at the next General Meeting.

**Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence** summarized her receipts and deposits for the banquet and memberships.

**Northwest Federation Chair, Ed Moser** has received no information from NWF, but he will let us know if he hears anything from them. He reminded everyone to keep saving their postage stamps. He also wanted to remind everyone to be cautious on their rock hunting trips... be safe!!!

**Show Chair, Kathi Larson** said all the show preparation is done. We are waiting on the City of Caldwell for the contract for the O'Connor Field House. She also shared that Steve Brittenham will be adding his meteorite display to the show cases this year... thank you Steve.

**Membership, Kim Bashford** is processing lots of renewals to our group. She presented two new memberships to the Board for approval; **Janis Benjamin; and Alan & Melissa Sommercorn & family.** Roxanne Franklin made the motion to accept the new members, Ed Moser seconded, the motion passed. Please accept our warm welcome to the OGMS family!!!

**Field Trip Chair, Robert Murphey** was unavailable for the meeting, but let Roxanne know that we had a great turn out for our last trip of the year to Graveyard Point.

**Unfinished Business:**

- The November General Meeting will include our annual fundraising auction. The items can be rock related, homemade items, something for Christmas... there is always a fun variety to bid on and the money is used to help defray the cost of the banquet. Please bring your auction items to the meeting on Wednesday, 18 November 2020 at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Elks Club, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, Idaho.
- The OGMS Christmas party will be held at the Nampa Elks Club, 1116 1<sup>st</sup> Street South, Nampa, Idaho. It will be a beef and ham buffet dinner with dessert and a no-host bar will be available. The cost is \$8.00 per member, the other half is paid by OGMS. It will be held in lieu of our December meeting on Wednesday, 16 December 2020, happy hour starts at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00pm. If you plan on attending, Debbie Lawrence is taking the payment... we need a head count by 2 December 2020.
- A motion was made by Roxanne Franklin to hold the December Board Meeting prior to the Christmas Party at 6:00pm on Wednesday, 16 December 2020 at the Nampa Elks. It was seconded by Debbie Lawrence, motion passed.

**New Business:**

- With discussion, the Board recommends adding the Membership Chair to the OGMS Directors. The changes to the by-laws will be presented to the membership in this month's newsletter.
- There will be NO slab drawing in November or December due to the Auction and Christmas party!

**Please wear your masks to the meetings... for the health and safety of everyone attending.**

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary

**Upcoming Events**

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society November Meeting—Annual Auction  
November 18, 2020—7:00 p.m.  
Caldwell Elks, 1015 N Kimball Ave, Caldwell, ID  
Please wear a mask for the health and safety of everyone attending.

**Show Chair — Kathi Larson**

***STILL ROCKIN' FUN IN 21!***  
**2021 Show Dates: March 6 and 7**  
**O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho**

**Tumble Those Rocks!**

Every person who donates a 5-gallon bucket of tumbled rocks for grab bags for the rock show will receive \$120.00!

**Donations Always Accepted**

Silent Auction  
 Critters and Critter Making Supplies  
 Wheel of Gems Prizes  
 Grab Bag Prizes  
 Polished and Faceted Stones for Sand Dig

Show plans are moving right along - All of last year's vendors have secured their places for the 2021 show.

**SHOW VENUE CHAIRS:** - (2-hour sign-up to have fun)

Front Door	Roxanne Franklin	208-577-7095
Sand Dig	Jody & Natasha Atwood	208-409-7377
Wheel of Gems	Chris Rawson	208-371-7639
Grab Bags	Janie Ehlers	208-674-1213
Silent Auction	Don Dixon	208-908-3374
Membership	Kim Bashford	208-454-7287
Grand Prize/Basket Raffles	Deana Ashton	208-794-5628
Demonstrators	Willa Renken	208-362-3941

We will have Jari McClarin and Bill Anderson as our Roving Membership Ambassadors again in 2021.

Kim Bashford (208-454-7287) will be taking reservations for the Showcases, so get your name on her list to reserve one or more for the show.

Diane Stevens (208-454-5406) and Andrea Sawyer (208-323-1345) will Co-Chair the Chili Feed for the Friday show set-up.

Looking forward to another great show!

**November—Annual Auction**

Our annual auction will take place at the general meeting on November 18, 2020.

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, holiday presents, 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!

**Membership****We are accepting payment of 2021 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:

Kim Bashford, Membership Director

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

Phone: (208) 454-7287 Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com

**Welcome to our new members!**

**Janis Benjamin**

**Alan & Melissa Sommercorn and family**

**Remember: Dues are due for 2021!**

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES****Year: 2021**

Family  
\$20

Couple  
\$18

Single  
\$12

Child  
\$3

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**By-Laws of the  
OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.**

Amended January 2021

**Article I — Name**

The Corporation name, as specified in the Articles of Incorporation, and under which the business of the corporation shall be conducted is OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

**Article II — Registered Office**

The principal or registered office of the corporation shall be Canyon County, Idaho.

**Article III — Management & Corporate Powers**

The Management and Corporate Powers shall be vested in and exercised by the Board of Directors elected by the voting members at the October meeting each year.

**Article IV — Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall commence at 8:00 P.M. on the third Wednesday of January of each year and end at 8:00 P.M. on the third Wednesday of the next succeeding year.

**Article V — Property Rights and Property**

All contracts, leases, options or bills of sale, licenses, franchises, notes, mortgages and other instruments, evidencing the title to or interest in property, both real and personal, belonging to the Corporation, or evidencing any claim or lien thereon in favor of the Corporation, shall be taken in the name of the Corporation, or in such other name or names in trust for the use and benefit of the Corporation as the Board of Directors may determine and designate.

**Article VI — Legal Assistance**

The Board of Directors may employ such legal assistance as may be deemed necessary in carrying on the business of the Corporation.

**Article VII — Auditing**

The books and all transactions of the Corporation shall be audited annually, no later than the third Wednesday in January, and at such other times as the Board of Directors shall determine.

**Article VIII — Annual Dues**

The annual dues to the Corporation are due and payable by October 31st of each year. Payment of these dues will cover each calendar year following the due date.

**Article IX — No Member May Benefit from Earnings**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustee, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposed set forth in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be used to influence legislation. The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, or the Articles of Incorporation, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

**Article X — Dissolution**

In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, the remaining net assets shall be distributed to qualified organization(s) under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future tax code, at the discretion of the Board of Directors by majority vote thereof. A Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located shall dispose of any such assets not so disposed of.

**Article XI — Board of Directors**

**Section 1.** A person, to be eligible for election to the Board of Directors of the Corporation, must be a member in good standing.

**Section 2.** The business and property of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, who shall be elected at the regular member meeting each October for a term of one year. They shall take over their duties at the first regular meeting in January. Vacancies in the Board shall be filled by or appointed by the remaining Directors and any member so appointed to fill any vacancy shall hold office until the next regular election. The number of such Directors shall be twelve (12).



**Section 3.** The Board shall set the time and place of the Board meetings and shall have the power to call special meetings of its members when deemed necessary. The Board shall have power to conduct, manage, and control the business and affairs of the corporation, to appoint such agents and employees as the Board may deem advantageous or necessary, and to remove the same at any time. The Board can prescribe their authority, duties, and fix their compensation.

**Section 4.** The Board shall have power to incur indebtedness, the terms and amounts and particulars of which shall be entered in the Minutes of the Board and of the Corporation. Evidence of any such business duly presented by the President and attested by the Secretary shall bind the corporation. Monthly reports shall be printed in the newsletter as evidence to the membership and will be passed on by the Directors at their next Board meeting. The Board shall provide the membership a detailed budget for the recurring expenses of the club each year. Said budget shall be presented in April for member review and approval.

## **Article XII — Officers**

**Section 1.** The Officers and Directors of this Corporation shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Trip Chair, Asst. Field Trip Chair, Federation Director, Newsletter Editor, Show Chair, Asst. Show Chair, Membership Director, and Past President. To be eligible for election as President, a member must have served for at least one year as a member of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** The President, and in their absence or inability to act, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the general membership, and perform and render such services as the Board of Directors may require. The President shall sign all certificates, contracts, and other instruments approved by the Board. The President shall be titular head of the corporation and shall have such powers and duties as regularly devolve on a President.

**Section 3.** The Vice-President, in addition to filling in when the President is absent, shall also serve as the program chairman of the corporation.

**Section 4.** The Secretary shall be the secretary of the corporation and shall keep, or cause to be kept, the minutes and records of the Corporation and such other books, records, and accounts as may be required, and shall render notices of all meetings to the members and such other services as may be required by the Board of Directors.

**Section 5.** The Treasurer shall collect, or cause to be collected, and receive all monies due or which may become due to the Corporation, and shall deposit the same in such financial institutions as may be designated for that purpose by the Board, and shall pay out the same only upon the order of and in the manner directed by the Board. The Treasurer shall provide a budget as designated by the Board of Directors for member approval and monthly reports showing the condition of the finances and affairs of the Corporation.

**Section 6.** The Federation Director shall act as the Corporation's official representative to the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, shall attend meetings of the NFMS and shall report to the Board and the general membership on any and all matters concerning the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

**Section 7.** The Field Trip Chair shall direct, supervise and guide all field trips as directed by the Board, shall make appointments of such assistants as may be necessary and shall be responsible for all coordination of all field outings and all equipment provided by the Corporation to be able to perform all duties as required by the Board.

**Section 8.** The Assistant Field Trip Chair shall perform all duties assigned at the discretion of the Field Trip Chair.

**Section 9.** The Newsletter Editor shall publish the Corporation's official monthly newsletter, "Owyhee Gem", taking care of securing the necessary news and other information shall cause this to be printed in proper form for mailing to all members in good standing and for exchange with other rock clubs.

**Section 10.** The Show Chair will be responsible for the contract for the building where the show is to be held. The Show Chair will be responsible for all contracts involving dealers for the annual show, organize all committee chairs for the various event venues as needed, and shall be responsible for all advertising and promotion of the Annual Show.

**Section 11.** The Assistant Show Chair shall perform all duties as assigned at the discretion of the Show Chair.

**Section 12.** The Membership Director shall collect all membership dues and deliver to the Treasurer, present new member applications to the Board at monthly Board meetings, and issue name badges to new members. A roster of the names and address of each member in good standing of the Corporation shall be maintained by the Membership Director and shared with the Newsletter Editor.

The Membership Director shall contact all members of the Corporation that are two (2) months delinquent in payment of dues and advise such members that their names are being dropped from the roster at the end of the third month of delinquency.

**Section 13.** The Custodian will be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The duties of this position will be to obtain an itemized listing of the Corporation's property in the form of an inventory including condition, repairs necessary and location. One copy of this inventory will be maintained in the Secretary's possession with a copy for the President and one for the Treasurer for use in acquiring insurance and any reports needed for the IRS to maintain our current tax status. The Custodian will attend Board meetings and perform any other duties regarding property as requested by the President.

### **Article XIII — Method of Election**

**Section 1.** At the August Board meeting the President shall appoint a nominating committee which shall consist of three members one of which shall be a member of the Board who will serve as Chair. Their duties are to secure a slate of Officers to present to the Board of Directors at the September Board meeting. At the time of election, additional nominations shall be received from the floor.

**Section 2.** The election of Directors shall be by written ballot, and shall be held at the general member meeting in October. If the slate of Officers is uncontested then a vote of acclamation may be rendered by the membership in lieu of a written ballot.

**Section 3.** The newly elected Directors shall officially take office at the annual member meeting in December and shall have no voting powers until after their installation.

### **Article XIV — Membership**

**Section 1.** The number of members of the Corporation shall be unlimited. Membership shall be granted only to persons in sympathy with the purposes of the Corporation. Persons under nineteen (19) years of age shall be classified as Junior Members. The rights and privileges of each member shall be equal and identical.

**Section 2.** Any individual of good character is eligible for membership. Each application for membership shall be considered at all Board meetings. No person shall be admitted to membership without

the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors. Upon said approval and payment of dues as hereinafter more fully set out, the individual shall be declared to be a member in good standing.

**Section 3.** All members whose dues were paid on or before July 15, 1938, shall constitute the charter members.

**Section 4.** The membership fee shall be adjusted as needed for increases of any Federation dues which are paid by December 31st of each year. Dues are to be paid by the October general meeting in order to be eligible to vote. The age for adults is any member nineteen (19) and over, and under nineteen (19) to be considered junior members.

**Section 5.** No person shall be eligible for nomination for or election to an office in the corporation unless the individual is a member in good standing.

**Section 6.** Any club member in good standing may nominate a person or a couple for Lifetime Membership consideration. Recommendations shall be made in writing to the President, or presented in person, at a Board of Directors meeting. To be eligible for a Lifetime Membership the person must be a member in good standing having contributed exemplary service with a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of membership or reached the age of eighty (80). If a club member is recommended and approved for Lifetime Membership, then the twenty-five (25)-year membership requirement shall be waived for their spouse, if they are determined to be otherwise eligible. For approval of a Lifetime Membership the recommendation must receive a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**Section 7.** Honorary membership may be considered for any member in good standing having contributed their services on behalf of the club above and beyond that which is required for membership. To be considered for an honorary membership the member must be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval by majority vote.

### **Article XV — Expulsion or Withdrawal from and Restoration to Membership**

**Section 1.** Members whose dues are two (2) months in arrears shall be notified in writing by the Membership Director and if payment is not received within thirty (30) days shall be suspended from membership and their names removed from the roster. Members dropped for non-payment of dues may be reinstated to membership at any time by bringing their dues current.

**Section 2.** A member may be expelled from the Corporation for:

- a. Any flagrant or continued violation of any of the provisions of the By-Laws or Operating Procedures.
- b. Any improper or unlawful conduct that violates the rights and privileges of other members.

Such expulsion must be by no less than a 4/5 vote of the Board of Directors present at a meeting duly called to consider the matter. The time and place of the meeting called to consider the expulsion shall be given in writing to the accused five (5) days prior thereto.

## **Article XVI — Members Meetings**

**Section 1.** The annual meeting of the members of the Corporation shall be held in Canyon County, Idaho in December of each year at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors, for the transaction of such business that may lawfully come before it.

**Section 2.** The regular monthly meetings shall be held in Canyon County, Idaho on the third Wednesday of each month at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of transacting such business as may lawfully come before it.

**Section 3.** Special meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directors, or by the President, for the transaction of such business as may arise.

**Section 4.** Notice of the time and place of any meeting of the members shall be mailed/mailed to each member at least five (5) days before the time specified for the holding thereof.

**Section 5.** The members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of such business as may arise. All meetings shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order, except as otherwise provided in the By-Laws.

## **Article XVII — Banking**

All bills of the corporation shall be paid by check and all bank accounts of the Corporation shall require the signature of the Treasurer and President for the withdrawal of funds of the same. In case one of these officers cannot act, the Vice-President or Secretary shall have the power and duty of signing in their stead.

## **Article XVIII — Expenses**

Expenses of members relative to the operation of the Corporation shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval and payment according to IRS

reimbursement when warranted.

## **Article XIX — Standing Committees**

All committees shall be established or eliminated by the Board of Directors and shall be maintained in the Operating Procedures. The duties of all standing committees shall be detailed and maintained as a part of the Standing Committees Operating Procedures Manual.

## **Article XX — Operating Procedures**

Operating Procedures are intended to help define the areas of operational details that are not covered in the Articles of Incorporation, or the By-Laws.

**Section 1.** Proposed operating procedures and amendments thereto shall be submitted in writing by any member in good standing to the President or at any Board of Directors meeting.

**Section 2.** Proposed Operating Procedures and amendments thereto shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors, at their regular meeting, to ensure compliance with the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws.

**Section 3.** Following the review by the Board, and publication in the official club publication, the membership shall ratify the proposed amendments at the next regular member meeting following such publication. Once ratified, the amendments shall become a part of the Corporation, and are mandatory on the membership and administration, until amended, suspended or rescinded.

## **Article XXI — Amendment of By-Laws**

The Board of Directors may, by a majority vote, repeal, alter, or amend the By-Laws of the Corporation, provided that thirty (30) days prior notice of any and all such proposed changes be made available to the entire club membership by publishing any and all such proposed changes of these By-Laws in the Corporation's official publication.

## **Article XXII — Annual Confirmation of By-Laws Update**

I hereby certify that, to the best of the By-Law Review Committees' ability, all amendments affecting the By-Laws and the Operating Procedures, duly adopted by the membership and the Board of Directors during the current year, have been included and officially entered herein at the regular Board meeting of:

Day\_\_\_\_\_Month\_\_\_\_\_Year\_\_\_\_\_.

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.

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag— Bring an unidentified rock and we'll help you figure out what it is!

Field trips are scheduled once a month. Visitors are welcome at all these events!



**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.

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