

# "Owyhee Gem"

## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### November President's Message

Hello everybody. Boy it sure is hard to believe the year is almost over. Seems they go faster than I am ready for them to be. November means it is time for our annual Auction. This Auction helps us to defray the costs of the Christmas Banquet and since we could not hold our Annual Show this year it helps keep finances flowing. If you can donate to this cause, we are always very grateful for your generosity! This event is always a lot of fun and Ed has consented to be our Auctioneer again this year. Ed makes this event fun and quite lively. Be sure to bring your checkbooks along with your donations, as this will be a night of fun.

Roxanne will be giving a program on botryoidal agates. We would like to thank Roxanne on all the great programs she has been able to put together for us this year. I for one really enjoy learning something new and her programs offer good information for us.

We will be selling Christmas Banquet tickets this month. Kim Bashford will be collecting your money and logging your names for this event. It will be December 21<sup>st</sup> at the Nampa Elks. The only night we could reserve it was on a Tuesday evening. There will be a gift exchange so if you want to participate in this please bring a wrapped gift and join in. The amount is limited to \$20 again this year.

Denise Stringer is making the table decorations and setup will begin at 5:30pm. The No-Host Bar starts at 6:30pm and we will eat at 7pm. It will be a buffet just like last year we will have carved beef and ham, green beans, and scalloped potatoes. There will be Spice cake, Dale's raspberry surprise, and cheesecake with berry sauce for dessert. The cost is \$15 for nonmembers and \$7.50 for members. As a reminder, lifetime members get their meals free but you need to let Kim know you are coming. We have been asked to verify a headcount by December 8<sup>th</sup> so make sure you get on Kim's list even if you can't pay 'till that night. One difference this year we will need to do some cleanup before we leave that evening so if you can help us take care of that it will be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the College for our November meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. 'Till then keep on rocking!

-Willa Renken OGMS President



**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY      GENERAL MEETING MINUTES      20 OCTOBER 2021**

**President Willa Renken** called the OGMS General Meeting to order at 7:00pm at Boone Hall on the College of Idaho campus, Caldwell, Idaho. Kim Bashford made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Cindy Woolsey seconded; motion carried.

**Member Bill Sawyer** gave an interesting presentation about the bacilosaurus, first thought to be a prehistoric reptile, then found to be an early ancestor of whales living near the end of the Eocene period. He shared his impressive collection of fossil teeth. He then shared his passion for the ancient horse, with fossil teeth and bones. The horses were also an Eocene fossil, only about 12 inches high, with four toes on the front feet and 3 on the back. Very cool, Bill, thank you for sharing your personal collections with the group.

**Secretary Chris Deveau** had nine memberships that were turned over to Kim Bashford, Membership Chair. She also received the "Quest", the Alumni magazine from the College of Idaho, and the Annual Report of the Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History (located in the basement of Boone Hall). Both are available to the membership, see Chris.

**Treasurer Debbie Lawrence** gave a summary of the deposits for the slab drawing and memberships, what bills she had paid and a statement of the club account balances.

**Show Chair Paul Deveau** spoke about the venues that we have at the Rock Show and that everyone needs to be actively thinking about volunteering at the show.

The group voted on the Show Theme... "**Gems for You in '22**" won by a landslide.

**Federation Director Ed Moser** said the Federation meeting in September was cancelled along with the Walla Walla Rock Show due to COVID. There was a Zoom meeting to cover important business.

**Sunshine Director Jewels Haines** was not at the meeting, but had Willa share with everyone... if you know of a member that needs a little sunshine, let Jewels know, she'll send a note their way!

**Membership Chair Kim Bashford** is processing memberships for the new year. Please send your dues to Kim! She notified us that a former member of OGMS, Scott Stuhr, passed away. Our condolences go out to his family, we are so sorry for your loss.

**Field Trip Chair Robert Murphey** reported that the trip to the Blue Egg Claim had a good turnout and everyone got some nice specimens. He reminded everyone to make sure and follow closely when out on a trip, make sure that the vehicle behind you makes all the turns, so everyone gets to the final destination. The last official trip of this year to Graveyard Point will be this Saturday, 23 October 2021. We will meet at the XtraMile/Chevron west of Marsing at the Hwy 55/95 junction at 8:00am, leave at 8:30am.

Robert and Dale Rawson spend a lot of time, energy and money taking everyone out on our field trips, we can't thank you enough for your dedication to OGMS and the membership.

**Newspaper Editor Denise Stringer** shared everything is okay... please submit your articles by the 4<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Unfinished Business:**

We held the annual elections for the Board of Directors. All existing Directors were reconfirmed for 2022.

<b>President-Willa Renken</b>	<b>Vice President-Roxanne Franklin</b>	<b>Secretary-Chris Deveau</b>
<b>Treasurer-Debbie Lawrence</b>	<b>Federation Director-Ed Moser</b>	<b>Membership-Kim Bashford</b>
<b>Show Chair-Paul Deveau</b>	<b>Asst Show Chairs-Brian &amp; Karen Davis</b>	

**Newsletter Editor-Denise Stringer    Field Trip Chair-Robert Murphy    Asst Field Trip Chair-Dale Rawson**

Other volunteer positions with the club are:

<b>Historian-Pauline Prather</b>	<b>Roadside Clean-Up-Bill Anderson</b>	<b>Sunshine-Jewels Haines</b>
<b>Webmaster-Brad Larson</b>		

We want to thank you all for your time and dedication to OGMS!

**New Business:**

We will have our annual fundraiser auction at the November General meeting on 17 November. With Ed Moser as the auctioneer, you are guaranteed to have a fun evening, so please bring your items, rock related or not, to be sold at the auction. This is a fundraiser to help defray the costs of our annual Christmas Banquet and other events throughout the year. Bring your auction items and lots of money!

Kim Bashford confirmed the Elks in Nampa will host our annual Christmas Banquet on TUESDAY, 21 December. A no-host bar will be available at 6:30pm and dinner at 7:00. The Elks will provide a roast beef and ham dinner with dessert. The price is \$7.50 per member... OGMS pays the other half of the cost. Kim will be collecting the money for the Banquet. We will have a gift exchange... if you want to join in, bring a wrapped gift, \$20.00 limit, designated as male, female or either. Denise will provide the centerpieces. We need volunteers to help with the set up and tear down... be at the Elks at 5:30pm to help... thank you very much. This is a fun event... please come and share some holiday cheer with everyone!

Deanna Ashton told everyone about the 'Gem Faire' at the fairgrounds in Boise on 29-31 October 2021. Log in to 'gemfaire.com/pass' for a discount pass.

The slab drawing was held. Nice specimens for everyone! There will NOT be a slab drawing at the November nor the December meetings, due to the auction and the Banquet.

Dave Clausen won the door prize, provided by Bill Stringer, last month's winner. It was a beautiful, polished picture jasper with a stand for display. Very nice! Dave will provide the door prize for next month's winner.

The October Board meeting is at the Caldwell Elks Lodge on Monday, 25 October 2021 at 7:00pm. Meeting adjourned 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



**Vice President's Corner—Roxanne Franklin**[Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society | Facebook](#)**Monthly Meeting Topic**

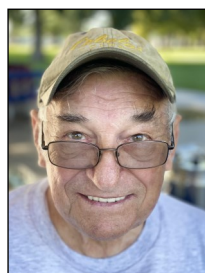
If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact me: Roxanne Franklin (208) 577-7095, [rocksfrank@cableone.net](mailto:rocksfrank@cableone.net)

**Trade a Slab**

Bring a slab to the next meeting and trade it for someone else's slab.

**"My Favorite" Presentations**

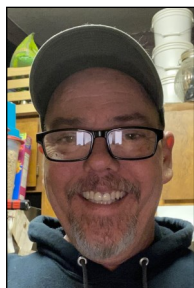
If you have a favorite rock, gem, mineral, or fossil you would like to talk about and share with the members at the next meeting and in the newsletter, please contact Roxanne.

**Federation Director—Ed Moser**

Bring your postage stamps to the next 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  
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**OGMS Field Trips**

**Robert  
Murphey**

Robert Murphey (208) 590-1848  
or Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990

**Dale  
Rawson**

**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.

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





## 2022 Show Dates: "GEMS FOR YOU IN '22", March 5 and 6 O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho

The "SHOW THEME" was voted upon at the October General Meeting.  
"GEMS FOR YOU IN '22" will be the theme for our 2022 Rock & Gem Show in March...

New "Black Lights", have arrived and been tested, Dale Rawson and I have met to discuss the mounting brackets, Brian & Karen Davis are working on a few ideas for the new flyers  
THE ADMISSION FOR THE 2022 SHOW WILL RISE TO \$5.00 FOR ADULTS.

Postings for our event has been placed with the Federation and magazines like the Rock & Gem, many more will follow. All event Gem Show Vendors have secured their places for March 2022. Covington Engineering, manufacturer of lapidary equipment, now located in Meridian, Idaho, will again be present at our 2022 Show.

I will continue to post the **2022 CONTACT SHEET** until the event in March.

### SHOW VENUE CHAIRS: (2-hour sign-up to take part and have fun)

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

We will have **Jari McClarin** and **Bill Anderson** as our Roving Membership Ambassadors again in 2022.

**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. **THESE GO FAST !!**

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

**VOLUNTEERS**, please contact any of the SHOW VENUE CHAIRS and sign-up "IT'S THAT EASY"

### Donations always needed—Wheel of Gems Prizes

Grab Bag Prizes  
Polished and Faceted Stones for Sand Dig  
Critters and Critter Making Supplies

### Tumble Rock

Please continue tumbling rocks for grab bags, OGMS pays \$120.00 for a five-gallon bucket of nicely, tumbled rocks. **Save a few of your rock hunting treasures to donate for the 2022 Silent Auction.**

**KAREN & BRIAN DAVIS:** CO-ASSISTANT SHOW CHAIRS  
(208) 409-8936 bkdavis76gmail.com

### LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SHOW

SHOW CHAIR: Paul Deveau  
(208) 994-8025, devidaho@q.com



### November Birthdays

- 1 Hildy Langewis
- 4 Debbie Mitchell
- 6 Shirley Neville
- 8 Janis Benjamin
- 9 Patty Davila
- 12 Joan Hamilton
- 13 Linda Coble
- 13 Bonnie Coiner
- 14 Eric Fontinelle
- 15 Diane Rahn
- 15 Valerie Tucker
- 16 Shirley Neville
- 19 Nathan Carpenter
- 20 Tamie Kennedy
- 22 Kim Erb
- 24 Alta Doersch
- 24 Melissa Thomas
- 25 John Braga
- 25 Mary Eberle
- 27 Jody Atwood
- 28 Kim Bashford
- 30 Thelma Barnett

### November Anniversaries

- 7 Robert & Marilyn Troyer
- 20 Douglass Peterson & Martha Lane
- 24 Daryl & Carolyn Hood
- 30 Red & Kathi Larson

### November Birthstone—Topaz

The traditional birthstone for November is warm **yellow-orange Topaz** and thus the November birthstone color is **yellow**. The alternative November gemstone is sunny yellow **Citrine** and both Topaz and Citrine are listed as official birthstones for November.



The main Zodiac birthstone for Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 22) is Topaz. Other birthday symbols include the birth flower for November which is the Chrysanthemum.

Besides being a meaningful November birthday gift, Topaz jewelry is also given to celebrate a 23rd wedding anniversary and Citrine jewelry a 13th anniversary.

Some references say the name *Topaz* originates from Sanskrit *tapas* meaning 'fire' or 'heat'. Others references say the name came from an Egyptian island in the Red Sea originally called *Topazos* - where a yellow stone was mined. The word *Citrine* means 'lemon colored' or 'yellow' from French *citrin* and Latin *citrus*.

The gemstone Topaz symbolizes constancy, loyalty, faithfulness and friendship and Citrine is associated with happiness and success.

[November Birthstone Color, Flower & more November Birthday Symbols \(monthlybirthstones.com\)](http://monthlybirthstones.com)

## CHRISTMAS BANQUET

### Mark Your Calendar!

Christmas Banquet—**TUESDAY, December 21st**  
 6:30 p.m.—Social Hour, 7:00 p.m. Dinner  
 Nampa Elks—1116 1st St. S, Nampa, ID 83651

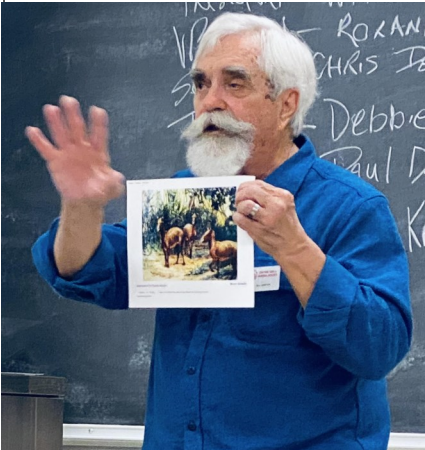


### Sunshine Report

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, [jewelmalia@yahoo.com](mailto:jewelmalia@yahoo.com)

**Presented at the October General Meeting by William Sawyer**



When I was about 12 years of age I really wanted a horse. Now don't misunderstand me. I was not enamored of horses because of the pony that bucked me off when I was four. Instead, I had read about fossils of the Eocene (about 56 to 34 million years ago), and the other mammals that eventually became those we recognize from the ice age to come later. So, yes, the horse I really wanted was an eohippus. They were small, only about three hands tall (12 inches) and had three toes ending in tiny pads, no hooves yet. They were not the great running animals grazing on the plains of the midwest. Instead, they were tiny forest dwellers browsing on leaves and twigs. As the tooth specimens show, they were quite small but still somewhat Equid like. The famous dinosaur artist, Charles Knight, illustrated eohippus with muted stripes for camouflage as we would see in modern animals living in similar ecological conditions. Their scientific name is *Hyracotherium angustidens*, eohippus is simply an early, general term meaning "dawn horse".

So what came after the dawn horse? The next major step in horse evolution is the fossil known as *Mesohippus*, meaning "middle horse". The tooth specimen is *M. bairdi*, also from South Dakota. There were about 13 species spread throughout the Western and Eastern hemispheres. *Mesohippus* was larger than *Eohippus*, a whopping 5 to 6 hands tall (about 24 inches) and it was still running on three toes. Its dentition was more like a modern horse with a gap (diastema) developing between the front incisors and the molars—where the bit fits.

The last fossil tooth is from a much more recent horse ancestor and is more similar to the modern horse (*Equus caballus*). This *Equus complicatus* fossil tooth (from South Carolina) is essentially the same as the modern horse, just a little bit smaller. These fossil horses also possessed a single toe with a hoof on each foot as with modern horses. They became extinct at the same time as many of the larger mammals, probably due to major environmental changes at the end of the last ice age and to humans moving into the "New World", probably hunting many species to extermination. Therefore, all of the modern horses evolved from ancestors found on the grasslands of Asia about 1.0 to 1.5 million years ago. Domestication of the horse began around 3,500 B.P. and then they were reintroduced to the Americas by early European explorers. P.S. I still want my eohippus!

Size comparison:

Eohippus 3 hands  
(one hand = 4 inches),

Mesohippus = 5-6 hands,

Equus complicatus = 12-15 hands,

Modern average riding horse  
= 15 to 16 hands.

Modern large riding horse  
= 17 hands.

Largest horse in history  
= Shire horse named  
"Mammoth" born in 1848,  
> 21 hands. >3300 lbs.





### Presented at the October General Meeting by William Sawyer

The Basilosaurus (*Basilosaurus cetoides*) was first discovered in 1832 in Louisiana. The first paleontologists felt it was a reptile, thus the Latin name "king lizard". Later investigations made with more complete skeletons indicated it was, instead, a mammal.

These 30 to 50 foot long whale-like ocean going mammals became extinct 34 million years ago when a sudden global climate change cause the oceans to cool abruptly. They died off at the same time that some of the archaic whale species disappeared.

The Basilosaurus does not represent a fossil lineage leading up the modern whales. Detailed analysis of the fossil skeleton remains indicated their closest relatives are the artiodactyla, the even toed animals similar to the modern day hippos, deer and giraffes.

The Basilosaurus fossil remains are found in many south eastern U.S. states and it is actually the state fossil of Alabama. Other geological layers which contain Basilosaurus remains are found in North Africa.

They were undoubtedly a major predator feeding on large fish, other smaller ocean mammals, and perhaps large invertebrates.

One exceptional feature of the Basilosaurus is its teeth. Unlike reptiles and the modern whales, which usually have undifferentiated dentition (e.g. all teeth basically the same shape) the Basilosaurus had distinctly different incisors, canines and molars as do most mammals. Their canines are large but the exceptional "molar" teeth are very sharp with multiple craggy peaks built on a large, sturdy double root base. These teeth leave little doubt about its carnivorous diet.



### November—Annual Auction

Our annual auction will take place at the general meeting on November 17, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103.

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!

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY****Board Meeting Minutes****25 October 2021**

The OGMS Board Meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 6:55pm, at the Caldwell Elks Lodge, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, Idaho. Roxanne Franklin made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Ed Moser seconded; motion passed.

**Secretary, Chris Deveau** received one membership at the post office. It was given to Kim Bashford.

**Vice President, Roxanne Franklin** will give a presentation at the November General Meeting on Bubble Agate. To make a presentation to OGMS, contact Roxanne to set it up.

**Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence** advised the Board of payments, deposits, and status of our accounts.

**Show Chair, Paul Deveau** discussed various components of our pending show, "**Gems for You in '22**". After further Board discussion, a recommendation was made to raise the price of admission to the Show to \$5.00 for adults. Ed Moser made a motion to raise the price of admission; Roxanne Franklin seconded; motion passed.

**Federation Chair, Ed Moser** informed the Board that the Federation needs volunteers to fill several of their staff positions. If you would like to get more involved in the organization processes, contact Ed or the Federation directly. All the positions were listed in the latest NWMS newsletter.

**Editor, Denise Stringer** asked for all articles and reports for the newsletter to be submitted by the 4<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Membership Chair, Kim Bashford** submitted three new memberships to the Board for approval: **John & Camille Akin; Gabe Yeaman;** and **Paul Verhage**. Roxanne Franklin made the motion to accept the new members; Dale Rawson seconded; the motion passed. **Please let us welcome you all to the OGMS family!**

**Asst. Field Trip Chair, Dale Rawson** advised that the final club field trip of 2021 to Graveyard Point was quite successful for everyone. There were 15 vehicles that came out, despite the rainy weather threat. There were a few sprinkles, but the roads were good. Time was spent explaining the importance of knowing where you are in relationship to various claims in an area (it's called trespassing)! Robert and Dale will have a list of field trip sites before the 2022 show... If you have any ideas or recommendations for field trips for the 2022 season, please contact them. We would again like to thank both Robert and Dale for all their efforts in making our rock hounding experiences successful and fun!

**Unfinished Business:**

- Our annual fundraising auction will be held at the November General Meeting on Wednesday, 17 November 2021 at the College of Idaho campus, Boone Science Building Room 103. Please bring items, rock related or not, (homemade, Christmas?) for the auction. Our auctioneer, Ed Moser adds to the fun. There is always a good variety and the money raised helps defray the cost of the Banquet and other events for the club.
- The Christmas Banquet will be held on Tuesday, 21 December 2021 at the Nampa Idaho Elks Lodge at 1116 1<sup>st</sup> Street South in downtown Nampa starting with a no-host happy hour at 6:30pm and dinner at 7:00. The Elks will be serving a roast beef and ham buffet dinner with dessert for a cost of \$7.50 per member (the club pays the other half). If you want to take part in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped present (\$20 limit) marked as male, female, or either. We need some volunteers for the set up and take down for the Banquet...be at the Elks at 5:30pm... let Kim know you'll be there to help. Kim Bashford is collecting the money for this event. We need a head count by 8 December, so please let Kim or Willa know you are coming ASAP.

**New Business: NONE**

A visitor at the Board Meeting was **Don Dixon** who shared that the Museum schedule is still unknown due to COVID restrictions.

The next General Meeting will be held on 17 November 2021 at 7:00pm at the Boone Science Building, Room 103 on the College of Idaho campus in Caldwell, Idaho.

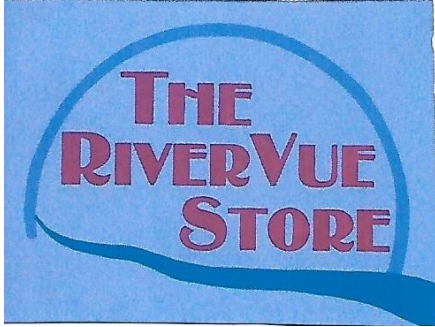
There will be no slab drawings at the November nor December meetings due to the auction and banquet.

Meeting adjourned at 08:10pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau Secretary







**Stone from Arizona**

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

**Stone from Australia**

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Mookite

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**In Memoriam—Gene Arlow Babbitt**

December 6, 1933 - October 24, 2021

Gene Arlow Babbitt, 87, peacefully passed away of natural causes at home surrounded by loved ones. Gene was born on December 6, 1933, to Clarence and Anna Babbitt. His family moved to Idaho when he was a year old. He graduated from Nampa High School in 1952 where he met the love of his life, Freda Higgins. They were married August 10, 1952, and soon welcomed a daughter, Kathy, and a son, Carl. Inseparable throughout the years, they shared life's adventures and in August celebrated their 69th Anniversary.



Gene had a mechanical aptitude that was a driving force for his career in the Air Force for 10 years, then as an aircraft mechanic for the Idaho Air National Guard. He had a lifelong love of airplanes, owning 2 prop planes. He was recognized by family and friends as an expert in fixing mechanical issues and building construction projects. He freely shared his knowledge with his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and others. He had an uncompromising work ethic which he passed on to both of his children. He owned multiple cars over the years, motorcycles, boats, ATVs, and Jeeps and was still riding his ATVs and driving his Jeeps.

During his years serving the Idaho Air National Guard, they had a farm in Meridian, Idaho. After his retirement in 1979, he got his real estate license. After Freda's retirement, they became snowbirds and purchased property in Quartzsite, Arizona in 1983 and spent winters there. They were rockhounds and shared their love of rocks and silver smithing to school children and in news coverage. Gene would cut the rocks and Freda would polish and silver smith them into beautiful jewelry. In 2004, they purchased a cabin above Banks, Idaho.

They spent their time with family and the friends they made wherever they went. They traveled throughout the United States and visited other countries. Gene is known and dearly loved for his dry sense of humor and fondness for teasing his grandchildren. His grandchildren relied on him for advice.

Gene is survived by his wife, Freda E. L. Babbitt; children Kathy Drury-Bogle (Dick Bogle) and Carl Babbitt (Deborah); 9 grandchildren Patricia Pace (James), Carla Laird, Michelle Tripp (Ruben), Rick Wroblewski (Kelly), Greg Bogle (Kristina), Michael Drury (Jenny), Jennifer Bergstrom (Jason), Nikki Allen, Summer Johnson (Nate); 23 great grandchildren; brother, Cliff Babbitt and sisters, Gloria Myers and JoJene Landon.

A celebration of his life is being planned for spring 2022, as soon as the snow melts at the Banks cabin. We will be sharing our memories of a long life well lived. Please share your memories of Gene at [www. cremationsociety-idaho.com](http://www.cremationsociety-idaho.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.

## Membership

### We are accepting payment of 2022 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 New Members!

John & Camille Akin

Paul Verhage

Gabe Yeamans

### OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES

Year: 2022

Family  
\$20

Couple  
\$18

Single  
\$12

Child  
\$3

LAST NAME: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society  
Primary Business Address  
Address Line 2

**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.

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

**FIELD TRIPS:**

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.

**<http://www.owyheerocks.com/>**