



# "Owyhee Gem"



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### October President's Message

Hello to all, I hope you are all taking time to get out in the field as this weather is perfect for those last minute outings. We took some time and went up to Dismal Swamp for a weekend and it was so nice to just get away for a break. It is amazing how many stars there are up there with no lights. This month starts us out back at the College of Idaho for our General Meetings. Same time - 7:30 p.m. in room 103 located in the Boone Science Hall. The youth group will be meeting in room 106 led by Carolyn Whipple. As you know the youth group is made up of several different age groups and is growing, making it hard for just one person to oversee. We need another person to help out, the reason being if there is an emergency one person could go for help and the other could stay with your children. If you have youth in this group I urge you to please lend a hand. If we want this youth group to succeed it will take involvement from others as Carolyn is dedicated to planning and teaching not babysitting.

Jim Hopkins has lined out another great program for us this month. It will be on safety. He is really stepping up to his role as the programs have been very informative and loads of fun. Thanks Jim!! We really appreciate your efforts on behalf of the club. Keep up the great work.

Ithel expressed concern on our planned trip to the Big Egg claim as it is in the burn area and is inaccessible at this time. He thought we could find some real nice jasper at Haystack Butte so we will be having a short discussion on the change at the General Meeting. There is also some nice plume agate with in this area as a two for one collecting opportunity.

We have our Christmas venue reserved and our menu is the same as last year unless you would like beef instead of ham. We will poll the membership to see which is more received, at the next General Meeting. There will also be a discussion on a gift exchange and we need someone to be in charge of ticket sales and table favors.

October is our election month and your slate of Officers is included in this newsletter. Be aware that even if you are not on the slate if you would like to run for an office you can always be nominated from the floor. We welcome new members to get involved and serving as a chair or officer is a great way to become a part of the group. In order to vote you will need to have renewed your dues, so be sure to get Kathi your funds.

Another reminder November is our Annual Christmas Auction so we will not have a slab drawing but have no fear there are always lots of great items to bid on. It just needs to be something you would like to receive as a gift.

Remember that by changing our meeting to the College we will be unable to have refreshments. This is a little sad as October is one of my favorite refreshment months what with the doughnuts, apple cider, and of course "popcorn balls"! But with all things we must evolve in order to grow!!

Our next Board meeting will be at the Caldwell Library on Oct 26 at 7 p.m. if you are interested in attending all are welcome.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting!

- Willa Renken, OGMS President



**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES      September 16, 2015**

The meeting was held at the Best Western Hotel in Caldwell and was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30 p.m. Willa asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as printed in the previous newsletter. Hearing none, Brad Larson made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Pauline Prather; carried. Willa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Guests were introduced and given a warm welcome.

**Secretary:** Received two membership applications. There was an invite to a gem show on Oct. 9-11 in Kelso, WA from the Pacific Northwest Friends of Mineralogy. Also, had correspondence from the BLM.

**Vice President:** Jim lined up a speaker for the next meeting.

**Treasurer:** Janie gave an updated report on the financial standing of the club.

**Show Chairman:** Susan was not present but left word things are going smoothly. There was a discussion on budgeted monies for advertising for the Gem Show. At the present time there is \$1,200 budgeted and with the addition of television advertising the club would need more funds. Walt Barnett made a motion to add \$600 additional dollars to the advertising budget, seconded by Jeri McClarin; motion carried.

**Federation Chairman:** The Federation field trips will be starting September 17th and continuing through the 21<sup>st</sup>. Ithel will be helping the Federation lead field trips. Remember to save your postage stamps.

**Sunshine Chairman:** Some family members of Gene and Joan Alvey were in a bad car accident and are in the hospital.

**Bulletin Editor:** Give Denise your e-mail address and she will send you the newsletter via e-mail to help the club save money on postage.

**Membership Chairman:** Kathi Larson read the names of applications for new membership and made a motion to accept the new members, Red Larson seconded; motion carried.

**Field Trip Chairman:** Ithel gave an update on the Federation field trips and let members know not to drive or go on the burned areas. Meet in Homedale for the September field trip to the Blue Egg Claim. There will be a weekend field trip to McDermit on Sept 25-27. And, an assistant field trip chairman is needed for next year.

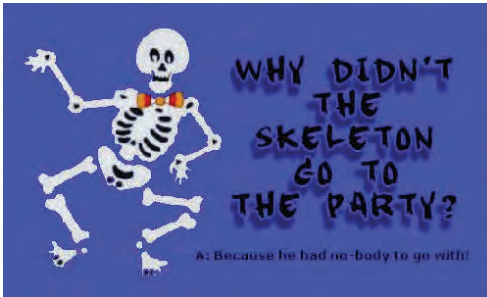
**Webmaster:** Brad will have all of the updates put on the website by Saturday.

**Refreshments:** Jessica thanked everyone that brought goodies and brought a sign-up sheet for the next few months.

**Unfinished Business:** The work on our claim has to be postponed because of the recent burn and a plan is in the process for future work. When we are able to get equipment out there the posts will be reset and work will begin. A discussion was held on the By-Laws adjustments and changes that have been implemented and printed in the newsletter. When the bylaws are passed they will go into effect in January. Dave Young made a motion to approve the bylaws as printed in the newsletter, Brad Larson seconded the motion; motion carried.

**New Business:** Held a discussion on where to have the Christmas Party. Brad Larson made a motion to have the Christmas Party at Orphan Annie's, Ithel Kildow seconded; motion carried. A list of the slate of officers for 2016 was read. All offices are open for nomination from the floor. David Schmidt brought in a map that showed all of the areas that were recently burned. Randy Whipple presented information on the cost to hold monthly meetings at the College of Idaho. It was stated refreshments are not allowed to be brought into the facility. There was a discussion on where to hold the monthly meetings. Red Larson made a motion to hold the club's monthly meetings at the College of Idaho, Ithel Kildow seconded the motion; motion carried.

Slab drawing – Door Prize winner Jeri McClarin – Meeting adjourned 9:20 – Refreshments  
Respectfully submitted Debbie Lawrence, Secretary.



**Welcome to our new members!**

John & Carol Farnham  
 Kris Mancinelli  
 Osa McDonald  
 Craig & Melissa O'Neal  
 John Poe  
 James L. Roberts  
 James & Crystal Ward

**Why wasn't there any food left after the monster party?'**

**'Cuz everyone was a goblin.**

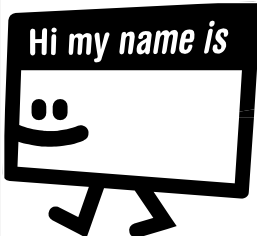
### Membership Report

**Now accepting payment of 2016 dues**

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

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

If you need a "replacement" of any of these, there will be a nominal charge of \$2 for the Name badge and \$3 for the Small patch. In addition, large patches are available to members for \$10.



Please remember to wear your name badge to the meetings, as it makes it so much easier to identify you.

Your yearly dues cover membership privileges from October 31st through the following October 31st . You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053.

-Kathi Larson, Membership Chairperson  
 465-8083, redkatnthat@gmail.com

### OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2016

Family	Couple	Single	Child
\$20	\$18	\$12	\$3

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

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

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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**October Birthdays**

- 1 Celia Quignon
- 4 Mayo Hand
- 5 Mary Fitzpatrick
- 9 Dean Smith
- 10 Sharlene McCaslin
- 12 Dibrell Stowell
- 13 Dennis Fulk
- 14 Lynn Cameron
- 16 Harry Erichson
- 16 Dee Huntley
- 17 Crystal Ward
- 19 Terry Goodell
- 19 Chris Skidgel
- 21 Pat McConnel
- 21 Lafe Sackett
- 23 Jill Crookhaam
- 23 David Sturm
- 26 Dennis Waller
- 27 Pat Hermans
- 29 Brad Larson
- 30 Aubrey Kopp
- 30 Charles Murphy



**October Anniversaries**

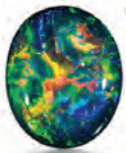
- 7 Gene & Joan Alvey

**November Anniversaries**

- 3 Ted & Pat Hermans
- 8 Stephen & Anita York
- 10 Lloyd & Heidi Summers
- 13 Dan & Susie Nash
- 30 Red & Kathi Larson

**October's birth flower** is the marigold. Marigolds are often given as a sign of warm or fierce, undying love, or as a way of saying that you're content with being with the recipient.

The other October flower is cosmos, a symbol of order, peace, and serenity.



**OCTOBER**

Opal

hope

**October's birthstone,**

the opal, symbolizes faithfulness and confidence. Necklaces with opals set in them

were worn to repel evil and to protect eyesight. The name *opal* derives from the Greek *Opallos*, meaning "to see a change (of color)." Opals range in color from milky white to black with flashes of yellow, orange, green, red, and blue.

An opal's beauty is the product of contrast between its color play and its background. Opal is a formation of non-crystalline silica gel that seeped into crevices in the sedimentary strata. Through time and nature's heating and molding processes, the gel hardened into the form of opals. The opal is composed of particles closely packed in spherical arrangements. When packed together in a regular pattern, a three-dimensional array of spaces are created that give opal its radiance.

**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)

**Idaho Indoor Farmers Community Market**  
*Across from the Idaho Fairgrounds  
 4977 Glenwood, Garden City, Idaho  
 Corner of Glenwood and Chinden Blvd  
 Call Will at 208-850-0451*



*Lots of Veggies, Raw Milk, Fresh Eggs, Special Local spices, sauce  
 ....Unique Independent Vendor Shops....All under one Roof....*

*Check it out!!! A Constant Array of New Items!!!*

**STRINGER'S  
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**W.A. (Bill) Stringer**

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Nampa, Idaho 83651

1 Mile South of Karcher Mall

**(208) 466-5169**

M-F 1:30-5:30 pm

Other Hours By Appointment



**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society August Field Trip**

**October 24, 2015—Haystack Butte - Jasper and Plume Agate**

**Meet in Homedale Park at 7:00 a.m. leave at 7:30 a.m.**

Attend the October meeting to learn more about this field trip.



We need a a volunteer to be responsible for the porta-potty equipment.

Useful items to bring: bucket/canvas bag, shovel, pick, rock hammer, small rakes, gloves, appropriate clothing, first aid kit, drinking water, lunch and snacks.

Generally a high-clearance vehicle and sometimes a 4WD or ATV is required.

**FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:**

Ithel Kildow, 455-7960, ithelk@gmail.com

**ASSISTANTS:**

Randy Whipple, 585-5910, rlwhipple@gmail.com/Gene Alvey, 440-3067, fosselmoss@msn.com

\*All field trips are subject to change depending on weather and road conditions.

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES      September 28, 2015**

The Business meeting was called to order by President Willa Renken at the Caldwell Library at 7 p.m. A motion was made by Darell Ehlers to approve the minutes as printed in the last newsletter, seconded by Ithel Kildow; motion carried.

**Secretary:** Received six membership renewals and information from the insurance company.

**Vice President:** Jim set up a speaker for the next meeting. There will be a presentation on safety.

**Treasurer:** Janie will deliver a check to the College of Idaho to secure the meeting place for the club starting in October this year and continuing through June 2016 excluding the month of December.

**Show Chairman:** Susan went to the trailer and pulled out the historian books and binders that need to have some work done to them. They are ready for Pauline and Randy to go through and determine which ones need to be taken in and restored. Darell is working on the television advertising for the gem show and needs a bicycle wheel to make another 'Wheel of Gems'. Willa went over to Sylvia Foreman's house and picked up the supplies she had to make critters. The supplies will be stored in the trailers.

**Federation Chairman:** The next Federation Show will be in Albany, Oregon on July 29 – 31, 2016. The next Federation meeting is October 9, 2015.

**Membership Chairman:** Kathi will be printing some new flyers that will include our new meeting place and a map. She let the Board know the Alveys' still have a family member in the hospital.

**Field Trip Chairman:** All of the Federation field trips were successful and they were happy with the results. There was a discussion about where to go on the October field trip and was decided to go to Haystack and/or pink plume.

**Unfinished Business:** Bylaws have been updated. Discussion was held on the importance of the historian books and having access to the information in them. It was decided to ask the club to approve more money in the budget to restore the historian books. The club needs at least one other adult each month to help Carolyn with the kids club.

**New Business:** Need to notify Best Western we will no longer be holding meetings there. Darell will make up a flyer with the new meeting place and leave it at the Best Western. Larry Beattie was asked to audit the books. Pauline Prather reminded the Board the club is responsible for the upkeep of the graves at Grave Yard Point. She will be looking up past information and present it to the club.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

**Presenting the Slate of Officers for Election—2016 Board of Directors**

President – Willa Renken  
 Vice President – Jim Hopkins  
 Secretary – Debbie Lawrence  
 Treasurer – Janie Ehlers  
 Federation Director – Ed Moser  
 Field Trip Chairman – Ithel Kildow  
 Assistant Field Trip Chairmen – David Schmidt  
 Show Chairman – Susan Beattie  
 Assistant Show Chairman—Darell Ehlers  
 Bulletin Editor—Denise Stringer

This is the official ballot for the 2016 elections. Members will vote at the October 21st general meeting. If you would like to add anyone to the ballot, please let Willa Renken know before the meeting.

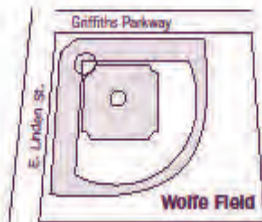
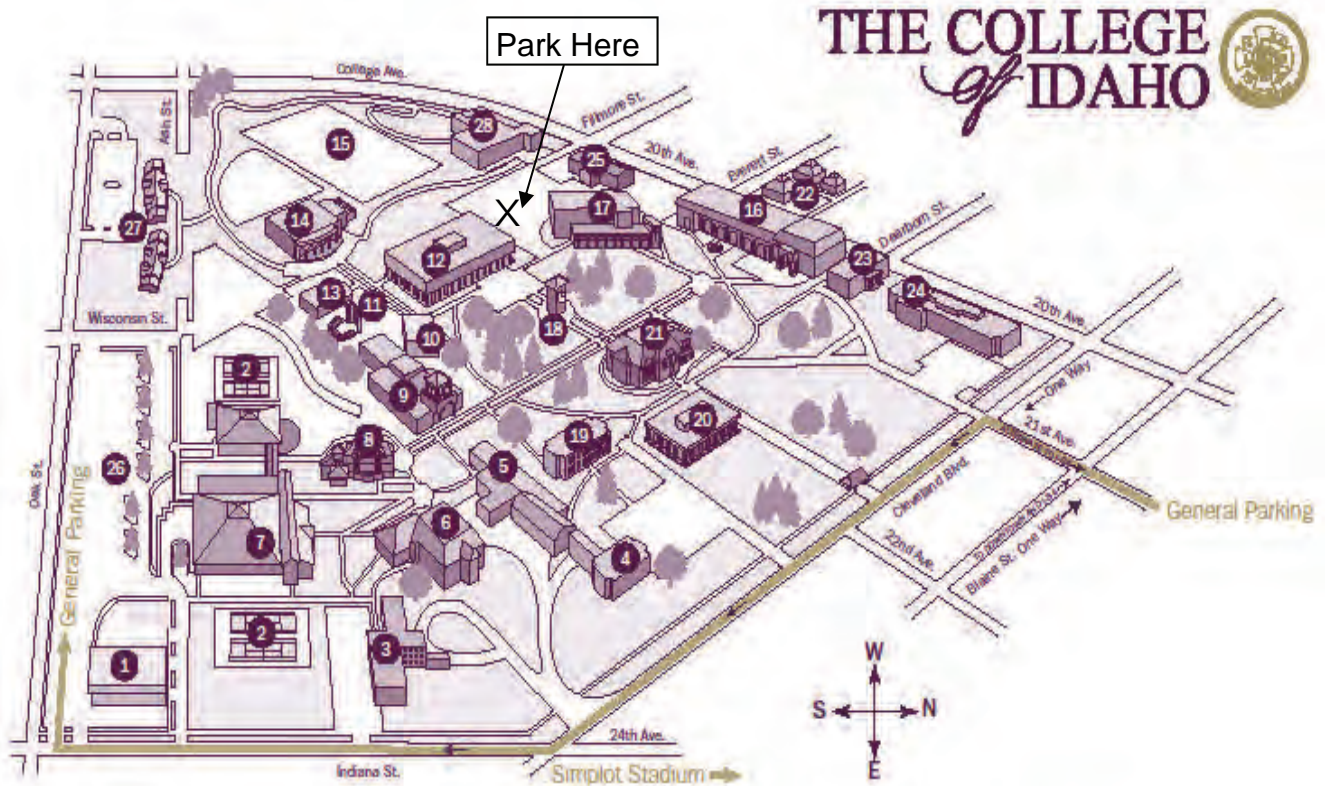
## The General Meetings are back at the College of Idaho

Starting with the October 21, 2015 general meeting, we will be back in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103!

On the map below, the location is Building 12.  
If you are heading SW on 20th Ave, you will take a left at Filmore St and go through the parking lot to the side entrance of the building.

See you there at 7:30 p.m.

There will be critter making supplies available at the meeting for the game booths for the annual show. If you would like to make critters, you can pick up supplies and start your project.



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| 1 Facilities Department                  | 11 Centennial Amphitheater                     | 19 Finney Hall                                       |
| 2 Tennis Courts                          | 12 William Judson Boone Hall / Orms J. Smith   | 20 N.L. Teneiling Library                            |
| 3 Anderson Hall                          | Museum, Whitzenberger Planetarium              | 21 Sterry Hall                                       |
| 4 Simplot Hall                           | Harold M. Tucker Herbarium                     | 22 President's Residence                             |
| 5 Simplot Dining Hall                    | 13 Coveil Hall                                 | 23 Voorhees Hall                                     |
| 6 Kathryn Alberson International Center  | 14 McCain Student Center                       | 24 Hayman Hall                                       |
| 7 J.A. Albertson Activities Center       | 15 Symms Athletic Field                        | 25 West Hall; Center for Physician Assistant Studies |
| 8 Blatchley Hall / Rosenthal Art Gallery | 16 Langroise Center for Performing & Fine Arts | 26 Special Events Parking                            |
| 9 Hendren Hall / Office of Admission     | 17 Jewett Auditorium & Chapel                  | 27 The Village Apartments                            |
| 10 Strahorn Hall                         | 18 Morrison Quadrangle & Clock Tower           | 28 Mary Holly Athletics Center                       |

### Upcoming Events

#### **Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society October Meeting**

**October 21, 2015—7:30 p.m.**

**Location:** College of Idaho, Boone Science Hall, Room 103

#### **Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society October Field Trip**

October 24, 2015—Haystack Butte

### **Road Clean-Up: October 31, 2015**

Meet at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Walters Ferry Boat Ramp parking lot, Marsing



#### **Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society November Meeting**

**November 18, 2015—7:30 p.m.**

**Location:** College of Idaho, Boone Science Hall, Room 103

Annual Auction—bring your checkbook and something to auction off!

#### **October 17-18**

Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society—"Natures Treasures Under Foot"

\$3.00 admission

Hermiston Conference Center, 415 South Highway 395, Hermiston,

Mike Filarski, stonemorlin1@netscape.net, 541 571 2593

#### **October 17-18**

Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5

Hells Canyon Gem Club—49th Annual Gem and Mineral Show

\$3.00 General Admission, Children 12 and under free

Nez Perce County Fairgrounds, 1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston, ID 83501

Dan Cease, 509 254 1720, rockmangem.com.com, Website: www.hellscanyongemclub.com



#### **October 24-25**

Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5

Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club—50th Annual Show

Free Admission

Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4th Avenue,

Beth Heesacker, 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116, heesacker@coho.net

#### **October 24-25**

Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5

Bellevue Rock Club Annual Show

Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE, Bellevue, WA

Bruce Himko, PO Box 1851, Bellevue, WA 98009, 425-957-1284

What's a skeleton's favorite musical instrument?

A trom-bone!

For more show info,  
go to:  
[http://amfed.org/nfms/  
ShowsJulDec.asp](http://amfed.org/nfms/ShowsJulDec.asp)



### November—Annual Auction

Our annual auction will take place at the November general meeting on November 18, 2015.

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, 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!



### Federation Director

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.



The dates of the Northwest Federation Field trip have been rescheduled to Sept. 16—21, due to fire hazards. More information will be provided as those dates get closer.

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

### 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/>



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!

