



# “Owyhee Gem”



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### October President's Message

Happy fall to you all!! The weather is turning hopefully into a bit more time to get out in the field before winter arrives. The seasons seem to move faster these days.

We will be having elections so please renew your dues so if there are nominations from the floor you can vote. Our slate is pretty much like last years with a change to editor as Carol Farnham has volunteered to take over for Denise. We thank Carol for stepping forward but we will miss Denise's monthly messages. On behalf of our great club and its members "Thanks so much" Denise for a job well done!

This month is also our Highway cleanup month which will be on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Larry Beattie is organizing this event and would like all who are willing to meet at 9am at the Walter's Ferry Boat ramp parking lot. He will split you up in groups as this makes the cleanup time go fast. This isn't a hard event but does need participation from our members. There will be drinks, cookies and a mystery field trip after weather permitting. So come have some fun with us.

In case you had not heard we did the work on our Big Egg Claim and last month's field trip was a huge success. Hopefully you found some nice eggs as always rewards come to those who dig the most. We as a Board would like to thank Randy Whipple, Larry Ridley, and Susan Beattie for all the preparation and planning they put into providing you with this opportunity. We would also like to thank all those who came and helped watch for fires. This month's field trip will be a return visit so we can do some cleanup on the claim. Apparently some non-members had been in there and left some trash that needs to be picked up. Ithel will meet you at the Marsing Park at 7:30am leaving at 8am. He will be leading the field trip in there so you can dig for more eggs and clean up the area as well. Many hands make for lite work. Hope you will come out and join in.

As a reminder for next month, November is our Annual Auction month so please be thinking about what you can donate to the cause. These auctions help offset the cost of our Christmas Banquet so the funds go to a good cause. The items can be anything you would like and don't necessarily have to be rock related but should be geared towards gift ideas as members will be looking to help fill their Christmas lists. This is always a fun event and one we all look forward to each year.

On that note we will see you all soon on the 19<sup>th</sup> at the Boone Science Bldg.

-Willa Renken OGMS President

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES****September 21, 2016**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and 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 newsletter. Hearing none, Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; seconded by Brad Larson, motion carried. Guests were introduced and given a warm welcome. Deputy Chief Fire Marshal, Andrew Carter spoke about the importance of fire safety in the home. He answered many questions and reminded the club it is time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

**Secretary:** Received four membership renewals in the mail.

**Vice President:** Absent.

**Treasurer:** The slab drawing took in \$58 in August and the club made \$912 on the auction held in July. Expenses from last month were grit and tumbler repair, and the printing of the newsletter.

**Show Chairman:** Ideas were talked about for the theme of the gem show next year. Members discussed ideas and voted on using "Come rock with us" for next year. Susan has handed out a lot of tickets for the donated tumbled stones that will be used for the rock bags for the show. The winner will be chosen at the January meeting. The Club is looking for a volunteer to head the 'Wheel of Gems' table at the next Gem Show.

**Federation Chairman:** Ed presented Brad Larson with certificates he won from the Northwest Federation website contests. Brad placed 5<sup>th</sup> in website design and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the web master contest for web design. The club member is needed to volunteer to report BLM information to the NWF website. Remember to save your postage stamps. A total of 48 pounds of stamps were taken to the NWF meeting last July.

**Historian:** No report.

**Sunshine:** It was reported that Chuck Murphy and Everett Ensley both passed last month.

**Membership Chairman:** Welcome new members Gary and Laura Hill from Caldwell. Club dues are due in October. See Kathy if you need to pick up your membership cards and/or patches.

**Field Trip Chairman:** The September field trip will be to the Big Egg Claim. Last week a tractor was rented and delivered to the claim to do some excavation work on the site. Top soil was pushed aside and the area ripped sideways to break up the dirt for easier digging. The eggs are there but you will still have to work for the material. This plan was voted on last year by the club but the Soda Fire postponed the excavation. Jeri McClarin made a motion to reimburse Willa for the cost of renting the equipment for the excavation of the Big Egg Claim; seconded by Ithel Kildow, motion carried. When you are on a field trip please be mindful of the fire danger and fill in holes when you are finished digging. The Club voted to have a two-day field trip to McDermitt on October 8 & 9. Some of the members would like to have rough material that can be found from the field trips, brought to meetings and displayed to get an idea of what to look for. Also, remember to put some material you find aside for the silent auction.

**Webmaster:** The website is up to date.

**Unfinished Business:** The Club will hold elections at the October meeting. If you are interested in holding a position, contact Willa. The club is also looking for a new editor for the newsletter.

**New Business:** A representative from the committee doing the remodel and restoration of the Evans and Van der Venter gem and mineral collections, gave an update on their progress. They are working on getting the first 6 to 8 cabinets organized and displayed. The collection is usually displayed in the basement of the Boone Hall but has been in storage for the last few years. The collection and display will eventually be open for a half day per week. They would like to have a member from our club help out and to be on their Committee. Let Willa know if you are interested. There will be a road cleanup on October 29. The club voted to have the December Banquet at Orphan Anne's. Brad Larson made a motion for \$50 to honor club member Chuck Murphy and \$100 to honor Lifetime member Everett Ensley to be placed in the Northwest Federation Endowment Fund ; Ed Moser seconded, motion carried.

Slab drawing. Larry Beattie won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



- 1 Renee Hon
- 1 Celia Quignon
- 9 Dean Smith
- 10 Sharlene McCaslin
- 12 Dibrell Stowell
- 13 Dennis Fulk
- 14 Lynn Cameron
- 14 Marilyn Troyer
- 16 Harry Erichson
- 16 Dee Huntley
- 17 Crystal Ward
- 19 Terry Goodell
- 19 Chris Skidgel
- 21 Pat McConnel
- 23 David Sturm
- 26 Dennis Waller
- 27 Pat Hermans
- 29 Sandi Johnson
- 29 Brad Larson
- 30 Aubrey Kopp
- 30 Dan Stevens



**October Anniversaries**

- 7 Gene & Joan Alvey
- 20 Howard & Linda Roose

**November Anniversaries**

- 3 Ted & Pat Hermans
- 7 Robert & Marilyn Troyer
- 10 Lloyd & Heidi Summers
- 13 Dan & Susie Nash
- 30 Red & Kathi Larson

**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.

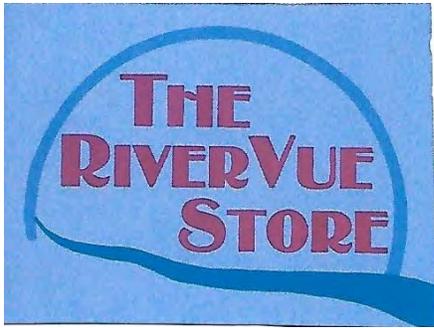
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**Sunshine Report**



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

-Jewels Haines, Sunshine Chairman  
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**November—Annual Auction**

Our annual auction will take place at the  
general meeting on November 16, 2016.

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!



**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES****September 26, 2016**

The Board Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7 p.m. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; seconded by Janie Ehlers, motion carried.

**Secretary Report:** Received a reminder about the Annual Report being due and gave it to Janie, 3 membership renewals and 3 returned newsletters.

**Vice President:** Jim read the names on a new member application, Gary & Laura Hill, and made a motion to accept them as new members; seconded by Darell Ehlers, motion carried. Jim is working on a slide presentation for the next meeting.

**Treasurer:** Janie reserved the O'Connor Field House for the Gem Show next year and is waiting on an update from them about the cost of renting the building.

**Show Chairman:** Susan was absent but left word to call her if you have any questions. Darell is looking for ideas for the flier for the Gem Show.

**Federation Chairman:** Ed is still looking for a volunteer to be the NWF liaison with the BLM.

**Historian, Membership, Sunshine:** No report.

**Field Trip Chairman:** The October field trip will be back to the Big Egg Claim. Meet at the park by the river in Marsing at 7:30. There will be a two-day field trip to McDermitt the second weekend in October. Thank you to Larry Ridley for operating the equipment for the excavation work done at the Big Egg Claim and to Randy Whipple for the time and effort that went into the planning of the work that was done on the claim.

**Unfinished Business:** The slate of officers for next year will be the same with the exception of the Bulletin Editor and the Field Trip Assistants. Carol Farnham volunteered to be editor and Red and Dan offered to help with the field trips. Elections will be held at the next General Meeting. There was a discussion about who to contact to get access to the DVD player in the Boone Center. Lifetime member, Patsy Bethel, donated items that can be used for the wheel of gems. Cindy Hartly would like to have someone come and talk to a group of disabled youth and recommend a place they can go to collect rocks. Ithel volunteered to show them a place in Marsing to collect opals. Membership dues are now due and can be given to Kathy Larson at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted – Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



### **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.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director

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### **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/>**

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

The October 19, 2016 general meeting will be in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103.

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.

### **Presenting the Slate of Officers for Election—2017 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 – Red Larson and Dan Stevens

Show Chairman – Susan Beattie

Assistant Show Chairman—Darell Ehlers

Bulletin Editor—Carol Farnham

This is the official ballot for the 2017 elections. Members will vote at the October 19th general meeting. If you would like to add anyone to the ballot, please let Willa Renken know before the meeting.

## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society October Field Trip



October 22, 2016

Big Egg Claim

We will be meeting at the Marsing Park  
at 7:30am, leaving at 8am.



Be sure to be aware of the fact that it is very dry and high fire danger. Since the fire there is a pretty good crop of cheat grass out there so please be careful when parking, smoking and banging on rocks as one small spark can make for problems. This should be a great trip, so don't miss out.

**It is a dig site, so bring tools.**

Attend the October meeting to learn more about this month's field trip or contact Ithel at the phone number below.

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, 208-455-7960, [ithelk@gmail.com](mailto:ithelk@gmail.com)

### **ASSISTANTS:**

David Schmidt, 408-489-3996, and Gene Alvey, 208-440-3067

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

## Fall Roadside Cleanup



Our Fall roadside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday October 29, 2016. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Walters Ferry boat ramp, on Highway 45, and if the weather is nice enough, we will go for a little field trip after the cleanup is finished.

We need a minimum of 12 volunteers, but the more we have, the more fun it is and the quicker we get done so we can go play. I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting, but feel free to give me a call and add your name to the list any time.

Due to the nature of the cleanup work, and the proximity to the highway, we don't recommend young children be brought on the cleanup.

Thank you for your support for this effort.  
Larry Beattie—466-6184, [lbeattiejr@aol.com](mailto:lbeattiejr@aol.com)



Everett Edwin Ensley, 97, of Wilder, died at September 12, 2016 at a Boise hospital of natural causes. Everett was born in Ainsworth, Nebraska to John L. & Clara L. (Keech) Ensley on July 9, 1919. He had one brother, William "Bill" Ensley, two sisters: Ruth Madine (Ensley) Mintun, Thelma Helen (Ensley) Langer. Everett married the love of his life Evelyn Pearl Shaner on Dec. 12, 1936. They were happily married 78 years until her passing on Feb. 12, 2015. They moved out to Idaho in 1941. They picked cotton in Colorado and worked in the orchards to get here with 25 cents in their pockets when they arrived.

Everett worked as a carpenter most of his life and drove school bus in Wilder. Evelyn worked in onion sheds and hop fields and any odd jobs to feed their family. In 1943, they bought some ground and built a farm, and would work it until they both passed. Beginning in 1944, Everett would serve in the U.S. Army for a few years during WWII, and be honorable discharged in late 1945. He loved dinosaurs, gardening along with traveling. Everett loved his family and was very involved with their lives.

Everett is survived by three sons: Jerry (Margaret) Ensley, Dick (Vivian) Ensley and Bob (Mary Sue) Ensley, a daughter, Linda (Jerry) Collingham: 13 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, 40 great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn, his parents, his brother, and two sisters, two great-grandsons: Michael Everett Ensley, Brandon Curtis Morton. The family would like to Thank Denise for your loving care of our dad.

In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Wilder or Homedale Seniors Centers.

### Show Report—by Susan Beattie

#### *Welcome to the new Wheel of Gems Venue Chair!*

**Chris Rawsen** has volunteered to manage the Wheel of Gems venue at the 2017 rock show. *Please help her by signing up to help at the show.*

**Thank you Chris!**

**Thank you for all your donations!!!**

**We have received many nice donations of critters, grab bags, polished rocks, critter making supplies, and silent auction material.....Keep it coming.**

#### **Donations Always Accepted**

Silent Auction	Critter making supplies	Wheel of Gems Prizes
Sand Dig	Grab Bag Prizes	Tumbled Stones for Grab Bags

**Contest Update.....**Every person who donates tumbled rocks for grab bags will receive a ticket good for a **prize drawing** at our [January](#) meeting.

#### **Here's the DEAL:**

- You do not have to be present at the January meeting to win, so put **your name and phone number** on your ticket.
- You will be given a **ticket every time** you donate tumbled rocks between now and January.
- If you have a donation but can't make the meetings, **call me** and I will arrange to pick up your donation and give you your ticket.
- **Any quantity** earns a ticket; small jar or bag to 5 gallon bucket—any and all **earn a ticket.**

**Prizes: Paleo Pick and Alaskan Jade (Kobuk)**





Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society  
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**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!

