



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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President's Message

Once again it seems that our year has sped by right before our eyes and elections are upon us. We have a full slate of officers again this year for your approval. As always, you will have an opportunity to be nominated from the floor so if any of you would like to serve on the Board please step up and let us know. Remember to pay your dues by the meeting, as only those who are paid members would be able to vote if we have positions that are contested.

Jim has arranged for us to be able to tour the Museum at the end of our meeting this month, so we will not have the slab drawing this month. I am looking forward to going as a group to see all the hard work Nate and his gang have put in on the displays.

This month's field trip will be to Hay Stack Butte for red jasper. Ithel wanted to meet at Homedale Park by the tank at 7:30am and leave at 8am.

Susan has set aside Saturday October 21st at the Caldwell Library to go over the different venues. She felt it would be nice for those of you who are committee chairs to understand each position and what it takes to have it run efficiently. The meeting will start at 10am and will be around an hour or so. If you have any ideas or would like to hear about the various workstations needed for the Show come spend a little time with us.

Larry is still in need of volunteers for the road cleanup on October 28th. The more who come lend a hand picking up trash the faster you are done. Weather permitting there is usually a field trip after and who wouldn't want to come for the cookies. Thanks Janie we sure love your cooking!!

The club would like to extend a big thank you to Ron & Jean Dingley for the wonderful rock they donated to the silent auction. We really appreciate your generosity.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on October 18th at 7:30 pm in the Boone Science Building. Till then keep on rocking.

Willa Renken OGMS President

2018 OGMS Slate of Officers

President—Willa Renken

Vice President—Jim Hopkins

Secretary—Debra Lawrence

Treasurer—Janie Ehlers

Editor—Carol Farnham

Show Chair—Susan Beattie

Asst Show Chair—Darell Ehlers

Federation Chair—Ed Moser

Fieldtrip Chair—David Schmidt

Asst Fieldtrip Chair—Dale Rawson

Please contact Willa if interested in any of the above positions as the election is at the next General meeting.

DUES ARE DUE!!!

On page 9 is a membership form to cut out and fill out for next years membership and dues. Just give Kim your money and membership form together to help keep all moneys straight.



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

Plan Ahead for the Fall Roadside Cleanup!

The OGMS Fall roadside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th. We will meet at the Walter's Ferry boat ramp, on Highway 45, at 9:00am for the cleanup. If the weather is good, we will go on a little field trip after we are finished.

We need a minimum of 12 volunteers, but the more we have, the more fun it is and the quicker we will get done, so we can go play! I will have a signup sheet at the meetings but feel free to give me a call to 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 small children be brought on the cleanup.

Thank you for your support in this effort!

Larry Beattie
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Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History

The Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History features specimens representing the Biology and Geology of SW Idaho, SE Oregon, and northern Nevada. The focal point of the museum is the Evans Gem and Mineral Collections. The museum hosts a workday and seminar the first Saturday of every month. The Museum is open to all visitors Tuesday-Friday from 1-5 pm, the first Saturday of every month from 8-5 and the third Saturday of every month from 10-4.

The Museum is located in the basement of Boone Hall on the College of Idaho campus. Visit the Museum website at www.collegeofidaho.edu/cultural-institutions/orma-j-smith-museum-natural-history to learn more.



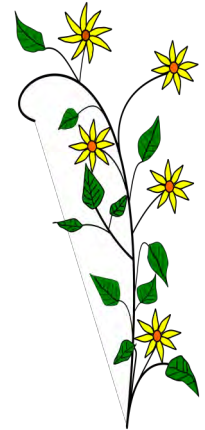
October Birthdays

10/1 Hon, Renee
 10/1 Quignon, Celia
 10/3 Fulk, Dennis
 10/8 Crum, Steve
 10/8 Gonzalez, Courtney
 10/10 McCaslin, Sharlene
 10/11 Fragoza, Daniel
 10/14 Cameron, Lynn
 10/14 Troyer, Marilyn
 10/16 Brown, Betty
 10/16 Erichson, Harry
 10/16 Huntley, Dee
 10/19 Skidgel, Chris
 10/20 Bill Sawyer
 10/21 McConnel, Pat
 10/23 McGuire, Chuck
 10/23 Sturm, David
 10/26 Waller, Dennis
 10/27 Barnes, Terry
 10/27 Hermans, Pat
 10/29 Johnson, Sandy
 10/29 Larson, Marvel
 10/30 Stevens, Dan
 10/30 Kopp, Aubrey



October Anniversaries

10/17 Roberts, Lorena & Ray
 10/19 Connor, James & Pete
 10/20 Roose, Howard & Linda
 10/21 Fragoza, Daniel &
 Andersen, Tina



BILL STRINGER RUMOR UPDATE

Bill is NOT closing shop or selling out. He is getting calls about quitting the business and he wants to get it straight that he will be in business until his dying breath. He has been down-sizing but he is not quitting. Please pass the word.

Sunshine Report

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

760-331-3443

-Jewels Haines,
Sunshine Chairman

jewelsmalia@yahoo.com



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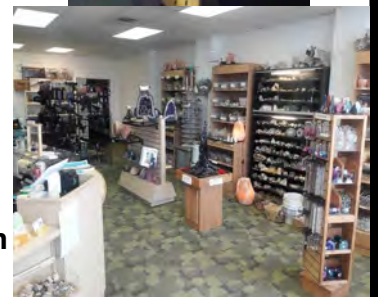
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2017 Field Trip Schedule

October 21st Haystacks Butte for Red Jasper (Meet @ Homedale Park at the tower at 7:30 leave at 8:00am) leave Owyhee Junction at 8:30

USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Pick, Rock Hammer, 3 prong rake, 1/2" to 3/4" screen, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Magnifier, Gloves, Plenty of Drinking Water, Appropriate Clothing, Food, Protective Eyewear, sun protection knee pads or carpet square to kneel on.

Trips can last most of the day. Generally, a high-clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD or ATV is required. **Remember, when you finished to fill in all holes that are dug at the site. ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS**

For field trip information, contact Ithel Kildow at (208) 455-7960,
Or David Schmidt (408) 489-3996

This will be my last field trip as chairman for the club. Thank you for all the fun. I will be glad to help as much as I can to whoever takes my place. You all have a wonderful year of rocking. Ithel

Show Report

The **TRAINING** meeting for the **2018 show** is October 21 (**Saturday**)
at the Caldwell Library at 10:00 a.m.

This will be a brief discussion and explanation of how we organized and run venues for our annual show.

Here are the venue chairs so far for our 2018 show.

Please feel free to volunteer for open venues.

Silent Auction	Don Dixon
Grab Bags	Randy Whipple
Sand Dig	Jody Atwood
Wheel of Gems	Open
Resource Table	Open
Create a Critter	
or basket auction	Denise Stringer???
Membership	Jeri McClarin
Front Door	Open



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES September 20, 2017

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, and was called to order by President Willa Renken, at 7:30pm. Ed Moser made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Steve Powell, motion carried. Club Member, Larry Riddley gave information about how to file a claim and expenses involved in the yearly upkeep. Guests were introduced and given a warm welcome.

Secretary: Received in the mail the following: The Wasatch Gem Club from Sandy, Utah, sent one of their newsletters. There were three membership renewals. Correspondence from Oregon Department of Mineral Industries, an insurance renewal and a reminder for our Annual Report.

Vice President: Next month, after the meeting, there will be a tour of the 'Orma J Smith Museum of Natural History'. The museum is located in the basement of the building where we currently attend monthly meetings. Jim has a presentation on meteors lined up for a future meeting. He also will be bringing information about signing up for Life Flight and information about Life Flight renewals.

Treasurer: A report was given on the standings of the Clubs' accounts. The slab drawing collected \$73 last month.

Show Chairman: A strategy meeting is planned on Saturday October 21st at the Caldwell Library. The meeting will last about an hour and start at 10am. It will give information about how the different venues are run during the Gem Show. Susan will have all of the information written up and put into a packet that will explain each venue. She is also looking for someone who is willing to be an apprentice to learn how to run the Gem Shows.

Federation Chairman: The mid-term meeting for the NWF will be in October. The vote on closing the Sage Grouse Moratorium did not pass. Remember to save your postage stamps. Cut the stamps leaving a ¼" to ½" border. The collected stamps will be sold to raise funds to make prosthetics for mastectomy patients.

There was no Historian Report.

Sunshine: A card was sent to Deana Moser.

Membership: Dues for membership are now being collected. Your membership must be current to vote in the election next month. Kim has already received a few renewals.

Field Trip Chairman: The field trip will be to the Blue Egg Claim this month. David gave information about essential items to bring. Meet at Homedale at 7:30.

Website: The bylaws have been added to the website and the website is currently up to date.

Unfinished Business: Election of Officers will be held in October. Please remember to renew your membership so you will be able to vote in the next election. If you are interested in being an Officer, let Willa know prior to the next meeting. The current slate of officers has agreed to another term:

President-Willa Renken

Secretary-Debbie Lawrence

Federation Director-Ed Moser

Show Chairman- Susan Beattie

Asst. Show Chairman-Darell Ehlers

Historian-Pauline Prather

Road Cleanup-Larry Beattie

Webmaster-Brad Larson

Vice President-Jim Hopkins

Treasurer-Janie Ehlers

Field Trip Chairman-Dave Schmidt

Asst. Field Trip Chairman-Dale Rawson

Bulletin Editor-Carol Farnham

Membership Chairman-Kim Bashford

Sunshine-Jules Haines

New Business: The Semi-annual road cleanup will be held on October 28th. The area for clean-up is on Hwy 45 from the top of the hill to the bottom of the hill at Walters Ferry. Anyone who would like to help is to meet at 9am at the boat ramp at the base of the hill. Time permitting, there will be a field trip to a nearby area after the cleanup. Lifetime Member, May Amon, has passed. Ed Moser made a motion to give a \$50 donation in her honor to the Northwest Federation Endowment Fund: seconded by Kathy Larson, motion carried. There was a reminder to do your research if you want to collect in formerly burned areas. Check with the BLM to make sure the area is open for collecting. The next Board Meeting will be on September 25, at the Caldwell Library.

Slab drawing. Tami Vincent won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

OWHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**September 25, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Kim made a motion to accept the last board meeting minutes. Janie seconded the motion and the minutes passed.

V.P. Jim let us know that he received the packet on the flight for life insurance and he will have that available at the next general meeting. The program at the general meeting will include tours of the museum at the college.

Treasurer - Janie reported that we took in \$79 for the slab drawing. The biggest since she has been treasurer.

Federation - Ed had no report other than save your stamps.

Historian - Pauline no report.

Membership - Kim: remember that membership dues are due in October.

Field Trip - David let us know that 15 people from Walla Walla Washington joined the club on the last trip, a good time was had by all. The next trip will be to Haystack Butte for red jasper on Oct 21st. They will meet at Homedale Park at 7:30 and leave at 8:00.

Elections for board members will be held next month, if anyone is interested in a position please let Willa know.

New Business - A request was made to make sure all club claim markers are in place.

Don Dixon informed the board of a very generous donation of approx. 3,000 lbs. of rock to the club for the rock auction. So a very big thank you to Ron & Jean Dingley!

There was no old business.

The next board meeting will be Oct. 30th at 7:00 at the Caldwell Public Library. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Bashford

FYI

Just a reminder for those thinking of having their newsletter sent to them by email but aren't quite ready to take the step, all emails go out BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) so no one else sees your email address. You can catch me at the meetings or email me if you want to switch over. Remember there is a savings for the club of \$1.17 for each newsletter mailed to a family or \$14 a year.

Carol Farnham (carolfarnham@ymail.com) Newsletter Editor

The following is information on Air St. Luke's in case you are injured in the field or on vacation and have to be life flighted. The club gets a group rate when signed up for this insurance. Go online to Air St. Lukes for more info.

* **Are there any places Air St. Luke's won't go?**

Yes. We're generally limited to the area shown on our [service map](#), see online.

* **Are there any restrictions for membership?**

Yes. The primary member must be at least 18 years old.

* **Does my membership cover services provided by my local ambulance service?**

No. It does not cover local 911 ambulance services.

* **How do you decide which transport method to use?**

Through consultation with the attending physician or emergency medical services (EMS), based on the injury, weather, location, and other criteria.

* **How do you determine which hospital to transport patients to?**

We take patients to the most appropriate facility, based on consultation with the attending physician, EMS, and the patient.

* **How is Air St. Luke's dispatched?**

Only by physicians or EMS personnel. Transport must be medically necessary. In the event of an emergency, call 911 immediately.

* **How long is my Air St. Luke's membership good for?**

One year, unless you've signed up for longer.

* **If I'm in an accident, how will you know I'm an Air St. Luke's member?**

Proof of membership is not required for transport. You'll be listed in our database, so let the transport team know you're a member. If you're transported by one of our air transport partners, please notify Air St. Luke's as soon as possible.

* **Is my membership honored by other air transport programs?**

Yes. A current list of our partner programs can be found online.

* **Is my membership information confidential?**

Yes. All information provided by members is kept completely confidential.

* **Is there a limit to the number of times I can use this service?**

No. Benefits cover you and your eligible family for the term of your enrollment period.

* **Who should I call if I have questions?**

Our contact information Air St. Luke's at (208) 706-1000 or (800) 822-1616.

* **Will I be notified when it's time to renew?**

Yes. You'll receive a notice in the mail 30 days prior to expiration.

Federation Director

Please save the postage STAMPS for cancer research and bring to this months meeting. Remember to **cut ½ inch all the way around the stamp**. Thanks to all for your help. It helps others and it might just help someone you know.

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

**Membership Report****Now accepting payment of 2018 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 .

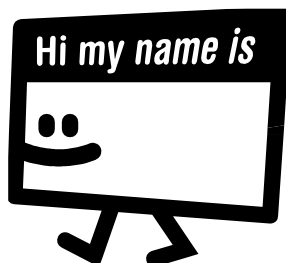
You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to:

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

Kim Bashford, Membership Chairperson

Phone: (208) 454-7287

Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES****Year: 2018**Family
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\$12Child
\$3

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
PO Box 1053,
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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.

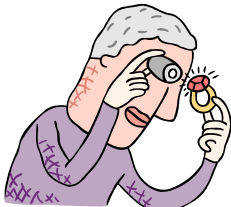
MEMBERSHIP DUES:

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!



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/>

