

# "Owyhee Gem"

## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### August President's Message

Happy Fall everyone. It would seem that fall is upon us and as the year goes winter will be here faster than we like. I'm not sure why summer slips away so fast but this one sure has. This month will be our **election** month. Be sure to renew your memberships so you can vote if necessary. We do have a full slate of officers nominated and they are as follows:

President- Willa Renken, Vice President-Roxanne Franklin, Secretary-Chris Deveau, Treasurer-Debbie Lawrence, Show Chairman-Kathy Larson, Asst. Show Chairman-Darell Ehlers, Federation Director-Ed Moser, Editor-Margaret Nelson, Fieldtrip Chairman-Robert Murphey, Asst. Fieldtrip Chairman-Dale Rawson.

We encourage anyone that would like to be nominated from the floor. If you would like to run for any of the above officers' positions make it known when we hold the elections this month.

I hope you are all busy sewing those **grab bags** as our contest is in full swing. The person who sews the most will get first choice of the beautiful spheres that Red Larson is donating for our contest this year. The presentation will be at the Christmas Party, which is in 73 more days. If you lack material let us know and we'll see that you get some.

Kathy is also looking for a **showcase chairperson**, so if you can help in tracking and organizing the showcases for this year's Gem Show please let Kathy know. As always, keep tumbling, critter making, and making items for the wheel of gems. Our Annual Gem Show is only six months away.

This month will be our last **fieldtrip** for the year and it will be to the Haystack Butte area. Robert has ask us to meet at Owyhee Junction by the little store at 8 am, leave at 8:30am. This trip will be on the 26<sup>th</sup>, which is the second Saturday after our General Meeting.

Bill Anderson will be leading our **Fall Roadside Cleanup this year on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We will be meeting at Walter's Ferry Boat launch at 9am to start the cleanup. If you can help, there will be a sign up sheet at this upcoming meeting. Bill will be picking up the signs, safety vests, and garbage bags for this. He will be taking you on a surprise field trip afterwards as well. The club will provide water. I hope you will take the time to lend a hand in this event.

I look forward to **seeing you all on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Boone Science hall**. Our presenter will be Coyote (yes that is her name!), a geologist who volunteers at the Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology. She will talk about the formation of granite in Idaho.

These members listed are currently paid up through Oct. 2020 - Matt Davis, Michael Weiskircher, Pat McConnel, Tamie Kennedy, Dan Doersch, and Debbie Lawrence. Just a friendly reminder for those who have paid in advance.

Willa Renken, OGMS President

# OWYHEE GEM

## OGMS 2019 Field Trips

**ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS. Some may also be added.**

**October 26:** \*Haystack Butte for Red Jasper. Meet at the Owyhee Junction by the little store. (Meet @ 8am - leave @ 8:30)

### **USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP**

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

**For Field Trip Information, contact Robert Murphey (208) 590-1848  
or David Baldwin (208) 570-9781**

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.**

Hello All, Our September Field trip to Blue Egg Claim was a success. There were 40+ people to include a few guests from other clubs in Idaho and Oregon. We loaded up at the Homedale Park in our 4x4 vehicles and ventured out into the Oregon desert east of Succor Creek to look for the Oregon State Stone, The Thunder Egg. The eggs we were looking for in particular are filled with Blue Opal. The Blue Egg club claim is one that has been passed from miner to miner and



then given to the club for a great place to dig for the stunning Blue Eggs. Many of us dug and found Eggs with great color to include Blue, Orange and Red opal inside and even a few with what appeared to be fire in the opal. Mother nature provided us with great weather and the driving conditions were better than expected with only 1 big mud puddle to navigate. Even our Subaru owners made it in without losing a muffler. There were several dogs as well and I believe they had a great time too, greeting everyone and playing in the pond. There were a lot of Eggs dug and donated to the Club for our silent Auction and we want to say Thank You to those that were so generous in doing so.

We have one more Field trip this year. Haystack Butte for Red Jasper. The time and meeting location has changed to accommodate those that want to attend the NFMS Expo in Lewiston. The trip will be on October 26<sup>th</sup> and we will be meeting at the Owyhee Junction at 8:00 AM leaving at 8:30 AM. We will be on BLM land looking for Red Jasper, but Agate and petrified wood can also be collected nearby. Hope to see you all there.

As a reminder, I will have the **Trip Suggestion sheet on the front desk** at the October monthly meeting for everyone to add their suggestions for next year's field trips. If you have a place you would like to go that we have not visited in some time or just a new area you have heard about, please add it to the list so we can build our schedule for next years outings. Overnight Trip suggestions welcome.

Robert Murphy, Field Trip Chairman

# *Congratulations*

## **October Birthdays**

Betty Brown  
Arthur Church  
Harry Erichson  
Terry Goodell  
Jamie Gamez  
Daryl Hood  
Dee Huntley  
Sandi Johnson  
Barbara Kerbs  
Darryl Kilzer  
Michael Kolbo  
Brad Larson  
Pat McConnel  
Kellen McDaniel  
Marsha McDonald  
Chuck McGuire  
Robert Murphey  
Christine Newman  
Celia Quignon  
Bill Sawyer  
Chris Skidgel  
Dan Stevens  
Marilyn Troyer  
Dennis Waller  
Vickie Wise

## **Anniversaries**

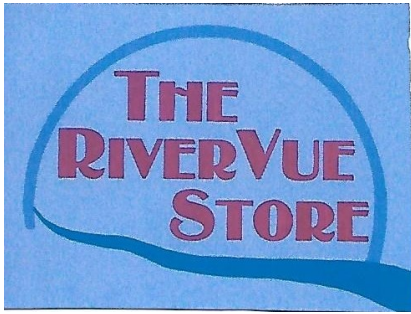
Gene & Joan Alvey  
Jay & Kim Erb

## **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



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Anderson Mine - Agate	Noreena
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## VICE PRESIDENTS CORNER

### Leave a Rock Take a Rock

If you have lucked out and found some nice rock 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.

## Show Chairman

### Thoughts for Silent Auction

As you go out hunting rocks, please keep in mind our yearly show's Silent Auction!!

If you find a nice sample for our auction, place it in a bucket and label the bucket "OGMS".

By the end of the year, your bucket should be full of great rocks and ready to donate for our show.

It is amazing how just a few rocks can add up if every "rockhound" would contribute!

## Editor's Note

Because of an issue in the past we are replacing the decorative graphics in the newsletter with new licensed images from a library we will purchase. The fun look and feel will come back as we get the old ones replaced.

## 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 is open to all visitors:  
Monday-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](http://www.collegeofidaho.edu/cultural-institutions/orma-j-smith-museum-natural-history) to learn more.

## Federation Director

Please save the postage STAMPS for cancer research and bring to this month's 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.

Ed Moser

### Federation Director

(208) 340-8060,  
[edmoser15@gmail.com](mailto:edmoser15@gmail.com)

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Board Meeting Minutes Sept 30, 2019**

The monthly Board Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order at 7pm by President, Willa Renken. Ed Moser made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; seconded by Kathi Larson, motion carried.

**Secretary:** Received 3 membership renewals and one dealer contract.

The Vice President was not present.

**Treasurer:** Christine Deveau will be added as a signor on the accounts for the Club.

**Show Chairman:** The Show meeting went well and it included planning and ideas. Volunteers are needed for a few of the venues, the front door and show cases. There was a suggestion to pay members for each 5 gallon bucket of rocks to fill the rock bags next year. Spheres will be awarded in December to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners of the rock bag contest. Show case favors were discussed. It was decided not to have the basket raffle at the next show.

**Federation Report:** The NWF Meeting and Show will be in October. Postage stamps will be delivered to the meeting. Let Ed know if you would like a NWF membership directory for \$10.

There was no Historian or Sunshine Report.

**Membership:** Kathi Larson made a motion to accept: John & Jamie Snell and family, Mathew & Kristina McDaniel and family, Roger & Cheryl Coats, Jason & Trish Anderson and family, Eddie & Jamie Gamez as new members; seconded by Ed Moser, motion carried.

**Field Trip Chairman:** 24 vehicles ventured out to the Blue Egg Claim on the last field trip. The October field trip lands on the same weekend as the NWF Meeting and it was decided to move the date of the trip to October 26<sup>th</sup>, the trip will be to Haystack Butte. Meet at Owyhee Junction at 8am. This will be the last scheduled field trip for the year. Robert is looking for suggestions for trips next year and will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

There was no Unfinished Business.

**New Business:** The slate of officers that will be presented at the next meeting will be: President- Willa Renken, Vice President- Roxanne Franklin, Secretary- Christine Deveau, Treasurer- Debbie Lawrence, Federation Director- Ed Moser, Field Trip Chairman- Robert Murphey, Asst. Field Trip- Dale Rossin, Show Chairman- Kathi Larson, Asst. Show Chair- Darrel Ehlers. Elections will be at the October meeting. Road side cleanup will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> and will meet at Walters Ferry Boat Ramp. Some show cases were acquired from the Nyssa rock club. There was a discussion about using them to replace some of the Clubs' show cases that need repair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - General Meeting Minutes****Sept 18, 2019**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho, in the Boone Science Hall and called to order at 7:30pm by President, Willa Renken. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting; seconded by Brad Larson, motion carried. Guests stood and introduced themselves, and all were given a warm welcome. Rick Stewart from Stewarts Rock Shop gave a presentation on Idaho gems.

**Secretary:** Received a vendor contract, a statement from Shaver & Swanson and three membership renewals.

**Vice President:** Roxanne is working on a presentation for the next meeting and reminded everyone about the 'bring a rock-take a rock' exchange that will continue at each of the monthly meetings.

**Treasurer:** A report was given on the standings of all of the banking accounts.

**Show Chairman:** A meeting to discuss ideas for the next show will be September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Caldwell Library. A theme for the next show was voted on and it will be 'Rocks A Plenty in 2020'. The O'Conner Field House has been secured for show dates and we will be able to start set up on Thursday. A contest to see who can sew the most grab bags was started. The first and second place winners will be awarded a prize that will be donated by Red Larson. The final day to submit your entries will be at the December Banquet. Tumbled stones are also needed to fill the grab bags. Volunteers are needed to head many of the venues as well as the showcases. When out on rock collecting trips, remember to pick up an extra specimen or two for the silent auction.

**Federation Chairman:** Ed gave a reminder to save your postage stamps. The stamps will be submitted at the annual NWF Show in October.

**Sunshine:** Let Jewels know if you know someone who could use a note of cheer.

**Membership:** Membership renewals are due in October. You must renew your membership in order to vote at the October meeting. There was one new membership application.

**Field Trip Chairman:** The September field trip will go to the Blue Egg Claim. The date of the October field trip will change to October 26<sup>th</sup> to allow people to attend the NWF Show. Robert asked to let him know if you have a suggestion for a field trip to a different location next year. He is in the process of setting the calendar for next year.

There was no report from our Historian and no Unfinished Business.

**New Business:** Darrel Ehlers would like to have someone take the Assistant Show Chair position and is willing to walk him through the process this year. Election of new Board of Directors will be in October and the slate of officers was discussed. Volunteers are needed to fill several positions: Secretary, Asst. Show Chair, Asst. Field Trip Chair and a Road Side Cleanup Chair. It was decided to have our Annual December Banquet at Orphin Anne's in Caldwell. An auction is planned for the November meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to contribute. Proceeds help fund the December Banquet.

Slab drawing. Ruth Hopkins won the door prize, a quartz crystal from Idaho and a jasper pendant. Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

**OWHYEE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY**  
**66<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem and Mineral Show**  
**March 7th and 8th, 2020**  
**Caldwell Event Center--2200 Blaine St., Caldwell, Idaho**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Cases Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Dealer: \_\_\_\_\_ Amateur: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Junior cases must be prepared by Juniors)

Name(s) for Exhibitor Badges: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Set-up day: Friday March 6th, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Show Dates: Saturday, March 7th, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 8th, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Take-down time: Not before 5:00 p.m. on Sunday

The Show Committee members will help you locate your space. Displays shall remain for the duration of the show unless prior authorization from the Show Chair is received.

Bring your completed form to a club meeting between November and February, or send your completed application by **February 1st, 2020** to:

Showcase Venue Chair  
 P. O. Box 1053  
 Caldwell, ID 83606-1053

or by email to the webmaster at [Owyheerocks.com](http://Owyheerocks.com)



## Membership

### **We are accepting payment of 2020 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**

## ***PAY YOUR DUES NOW Please!***

### OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES      Year: 2020

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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!



**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/>