



# Owyhee Gem



# Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### **REFRESHMENTS:**

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### **ROAD CLEAN-UP:**

Gene Alvey 468-3067

## September President's Message

Is everyone enjoying a break from the heat? It appears that fall is upon us as the air has that wonderful smell of change. Hopefully we have a bit more warm weather as the tomato plants have way too many green ones on them yet.

It hardly seems like another year is almost over but elections are once again within a month. If you are interested in any of the positions either officer/director or committee chair please let us know. Any one with a membership is eligible to run for an office. If not we will be approaching some of you to take a little time out of your month and help run the club. The positions are not hard and really are a chance to get to be involved with the organization you have joined. This is your chance to have some fun.

Road cleanup is coming again in October so if you have not signed up to help out please do as it takes about a dozen folks to make the task easy. You are given an orange vest and bags you just have to walk about ¼ mile or less depending on the crew that shows up. Pretty easy but a commitment that we have made with the highway dept. Afterwards there are cookies and drinks then if the weather is good a field trip. Let's give Gene and Lloyd a hand!!

Something else to be thinking about is our Annual Christmas Dinner. The Board has indicated they thought the same place has been working out well but if you would rather have it somewhere else please step up and voice your opinion. We will be discussing it at the next meeting so be thinking of what you want. We will also need to know if you liked the gift exchange and if you would like to do it as well, if so we will need volunteers to take charge of it.

This month's field trip is to McDermitt NV and is one that is looked forward to each year. If you are going, there are camp spaces which we do as a group or you can stay at the Casino. Larry will be meeting up with you either in the Casino parking lot then picking those up from the camp area Saturday morning about 8 am. More info will be given at the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Judy is trying to get another video for our September program so we will be looking forward to that. We really appreciate the effort she has made to see that we have interesting programs for this year. Our appreciation goes out to David Johnson as well as he has that computer player down to a science for us. Thanks to both of you!!! I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting October 19<sup>th</sup> till then may your days be filled with the wonders of this planet.

*Willa Renken*

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY****AUGUST 15, 2012**

**GENERAL MEETING:** held at the College of Idaho in room 103 was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30pm. Willa asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in the August newsletter. There were no changes to the minutes as printed. Ed Moser made motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Larson and approved by general meeting.

**EVENING ACTIVITY:** The program for the evening was a film === GEOLOGY , WHY BOTHER.

**GUEST:** Six guests joined us for the evening.

**SECRETARY:** Sylvia Foreman had nothing to report.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Judy Tucker reported that she may have another film for September program.

**TREASURER:** Janie Ehlers gave the treasurer's report.

**EDITOR:** Joan Alvey encouraged all to save the stamps that's on the newsletter.

**SHOW CHAIRMAN:** Susan Beattie reported that the Owyhee Gem Club was still in need of a silent auction chairman and a theme for the 2013 show, also keep tumbling rocks for grab bags and making critters for the wheel of gem, keep thinking about the show.

**FEDERATION CHAIRMAN:** Ed Moser congratulated Brad Larson for accepting the position of NFMS Web Master and encouraged us to keep saving stamps for Cancer Research.

**HISTORIAN:** Pauline Prather had nothing to report.

**SUNSHINE:** Sylvia Foreman had nothing to report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Neava Haney presented a name of a person that wanted to become a member of the club. Ed Moser made motion to accept the new member 2<sup>nd</sup> by Red Larson and approved by general meeting.

**FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:** Larry Beattie reported that the August field trip will be to Rome for snakeskin agate. Meet at ION Junction at 7am ready to leave at 7:30am. Hi-clearance vehicle advised for this trip.

**WEB REPORT:** Brad Larson is up dating the club's website.

**REFRESHMENT:** Mike Tucker says he needs volunteers for cookie crew for September.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No OLD business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Gene Alvey reports that the Road Clean-up will be October 13 == Meet at 9am at the boat ramp at Walter's Ferry Bridge. Maybe there might be time for a short rock hunt after the job is done. Gene reports that Lloyd Summers will be taking on the chairman position of Road Clean-up next year.

Red Larson had pictures of a 24 inch saw that his friend had for sale on the front desk.

Willa reported that it is time for us to think about new officers for OGMS club for 2013.

**SLAB:** Brad Larson helped Willa with pulling tickets from the can for slabs.

Lillie Rogers won the door prize donated by Susie and Dan Nash.

**MEETING ADJOURNED and refreshments enjoyed by all**

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## OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MINUTES

### AUGUST 27, 2012

Present at the OGMS Board Meeting August 27, 2012 were Willa Renken, Judy Tucker, Darell & Janie Ehlers, Ed & Deanna Moser, Neava Haney, Pauline Prather, Walt Barnett, Bill and Sylvia Foreman.

**BOARD MEETING:** was called to order by President Willa Renken at College of Idaho in room #106 at 7:15pm. Willa asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in August newsletter. There were no changes to be made. Pauline Prather made motion to accept minutes as printed in newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janie Ehlers and approved by the board members.

**SECRETARY:** Sylvia Foreman had a post card show flyer from Colorado to report.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Judy Tucker reports that she should have another film for September program.

**TREASURER:** Janie Ehlers gave the treasurer's report.

**EDITOR:** Joan Alvey was not present.

**SHOW CHAIRMAN:** Susan Beattie was not present.

**FEDERATION CHAIRMAN:** Ed Moser encouraged us to keep saving Stamps for Cancer Research.

**HISTORIAN:** Pauline Prather had nothing to report.

**SUNSHINE:** Sylvia Foreman had nothing to report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Neava Haney asked about putting the membership application form in September newsletter.

**FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:** Larry Beattie was not present.

**WEB REPORT:** Brad Larson was not present.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Willa reported that it is time for us to think about ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS for 2013 and Road Clean-up will be October 13.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was a discussion of the annual Christmas dinner to be December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** 7:55pm

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### SAVE YOUR STAMPS

Bring your Postage Stamps to this months meeting.

Remember to *cut 1/2 inch all the way around the stamp.*

Give them to me at the OGMS meeting.

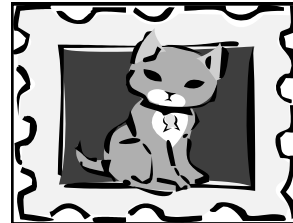
The money raised will go to help support **CANCER RESEARCH.**

Thank you all for this it dose help others and it might just Help some one you might know..

Ed Moser Federation Director

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*Keep our Eyes open for the special stamps that are on your news letters this month they are ones to be sure to SAVE!!!! Red Larson has done the club a great favor cause we need stamp's to mail our news letters anyway and thanks to him we will have Special Stamps to save and I can take them to the next federation meeting and hopefully we will have a grater amount made for Cancer research. So SAVE THESE SPECIAL STAMPS and keep your eyes peeled for any more that may show up on your following news letters.*

### Sunshine Report:

Remember members if no one informs me of folks who need a get a well, pick me up or sympathy card I can not send one out to those in need. I did send a sympathy card to Velma Knapp's family do to her passing. Thank you for all your help it sure makes my job much easier.

Sylvia Foremen



## August Field Trip to Rome, Oregon

When in Rome...Look for snakeskin agate of course! Though the weather was hot, a good group of rockhounds braved the heat to search for snakeskin agate and anything else that looked interesting. The next two field trips will be somewhat long distance; with the September 22<sup>nd</sup> trip to McDermitt, Nevada, and October's trip to Texas Springs, Nevada.

## September Field Trip to McDermitt, Nevada

Larry will bring maps of the collection area to the September meeting (September 19<sup>th</sup>) and will have maps in McDermitt. You can drive down on your own or caravan with other members. Larry would like to meet at the casino parking lot at 9:00 a.m. — **Mountain Time**— on Saturday to guide folks to the collection area. *Remember*, McDermitt is on Pacific Time, so plan accordingly. If you are planning on coming down for just Saturday and can't make it by 9:00 a.m., please let Larry or Susan know so we can make arrangements to get you where you need to go! There are places to camp near the collection area, and Larry and Susan will be "roughing it" at the McDermitt Hotel again. There is plenty of material, and members are reminded of the limitations on petrified wood: 25lbs. plus one piece, or a total of 250 lbs. per year; per person. Hope to see you there!

## **ROCK AND EQUIPMENT SALE**

**Two Saturdays - Sept. 15 & Sept. 29 10am – 1pm**

**2461 S Holmes Ave Idaho Falls ID** (corner of Holmes and 25<sup>th</sup>)

**Please park at Community Park across the street**

Our parents owned Polson's Rock Shop in Seattle since 1964 and retired to Idaho Falls in the 90's. We have rough, slabbed and polished rock from the 60's, 70's and 80's. The following is a *partial* list of material and equipment. Material will go for wholesale or less – even larger discounts for quantity purchases or make offer. This two Saturday sale is being advertised to club members. Cash or check.

- **A grade Montana agate slabs**
- **Tiger-eye rough and slabs**
- **Sea-foam Chrystoprase rough**
- **Gem grade Chrystoprase rough**
- **Rhodocrosite rough and slabs**
- **Veriquoise and varisite rough**
- **Turquoise, Malachite, Chrysocolla & Lapis rough**
- **Parrott Wing rough**
- **Polished Thunderegg halves**
- **Polished Brazilian agates**
- **Large variety of polished agates and petrified wood specimens**
- **Faceting rough**
- **Rutilated Quartz – variety of rutile colors: gold, pink, black, silver**
- **100's of slabs sold by the pound – lots of agates not found any more**
- **Biggs Junction Jasper (not full discount) rough and slab**
- **Variety of Picture Jasper rough and slabs**
- **100's of Picture Jasper cabochons and Agate cabochons**
- **Holly blue agate rough and tumbled**
- **Many more varieties of agates**
- **Tumbled rock**
- **Wax pen and waxes for lost wax casting**
- **Vacuum Pump and table**
- **Burn out oven**
- **Sanders and polisher**
- **Jewelers work bench**
- **Various tools and supplies**

Hey there all you rock hounds  
that were lucky enough to have  
been born in September  
We want to wish you the happi-  
est of birthdays .I hope this is  
the best one ever. Remember  
this is the month of the Sap-  
phire you are so lucky because  
Sapphires come in so many  
beautiful colors. Happy happy  
birthday



Oh my goodness all you love  
birds that were married this  
month we want to wish you  
happy anniversary. It doesn't  
matter if it is your first or 50<sup>th</sup>  
you certainly deserve to cele-  
brate.  
So Happy Anniversary to each  
and every one of you.

# Rock -N- Gifts

942 South Lincoln • Jerome, Idaho 83338  
(208) 324-8860

**Bruneau Jasper**

Cabs - Slabs - Specimens - Rough

Gerald & Joy Scarrow  
(208) 324-4024

Rocky & Kelley Scarrow  
(208) 324-1034

rockingift@cableone.net



## STRINGER'S

GEM SHOP

Idaho Opals

Picture Jaspers & Plume Agate

Black Hills Gold & Silver

(Landstrom's & Stamper)

Bolos & Buckles

Bookends & Specimens

Birthstone Jewelry

Tumblers & Equipment

WHITES METAL DETECTORS

W.A. (Bill)

& Anna Stringer

1812 West Orchard

Nampa, Idaho 83651

1 Mile South of Karcher Mall

(208) 466-5169

M-F 1:30-5:30 pm

Other Hrs. By Appointment

### Hey Members it is time for our ROAD CLEAN UP!!!!!!!

Next month it will be time for Road Clean-up

**DATE..... October the 13,212**

**TIME..... Meet at 9 0 clock am leave at 9:30am**

**Where..... Walters Ferry in parking lot**  
Ater work is done we will be going on a rock hunting trip.

Please volunteer the more the merrier and the less work for all of us who show up. Besides a good time is had by all who come out and help.

Sign up sheets will be at the September meeting..

Thank you Gene Alvey Chairman





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**Membership Report**

It is that time of the year, MEMBERSHIP Renewal for the New Year (where has this year gone?). You should find the Membership form attached, if you need more I will have them at the next meeting.

If you have not received your name badge and/or membership card, my contact information is listed below. Please contact me either by phone or email so I can have it ready for you at the next meeting.

Reminder: You get with “New Membership” – A membership card, a small patch and your name badge at no charge. With your “Renewal” you will get your membership card for the New Year. (Usually you can pick up your name badge at the next club meeting while enjoying refreshments and meeting new friends after the meeting)

We have had some inquires for replacement of Name Badges or small patches that have gone astray. You can purchase the Name Badge for \$2.00 and/or the small patch for \$3.00 each. We also have the big patches for \$10.00.

Remember to wear your name badge so everyone knows who you are.



Hey we are now even more famous and getting great recognition  
 For more than our great Potatoes !!!!!  
 Because we are the true GEM STATE

Hey there fellow Idaho rockhounds if you get the ROCK & Gem Magazine August 2012 edition look for our License Plate it is shown in this great magazine on page 31. what a great way to advertize our great State. Remember all proceeds are used for K-12 education in Lapidary / Earth Science. We can all purchase a Gem Stat special plate at our local Idaho DMV. Current registration credited towards purchase. You can call our Idaho DMV to find out the pricing and any further information. Just remember we have to buy a certain number of plates a year to keep the plats availability so go out and get your very own GEM STATE PLATE..



**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society**

**Big Inventory Reduction Sale**

Bill and Anna Stringer are having a huge Sale come one and all !!!!!!

Date: **October 5th and 6<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **9: am to 4: pm**

Location: 1812 West Orchard 1 mile South of Karcher Mall

So many items for sale there are too many to list, but for sure there will be ROCKS!!!!!!

Must come and check it out you will not be disappointed.

***OFFICERS, OFFICERS IT IS TIME TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE!!!!!***

***IT is that time of the year again for folks to volunteer for our offices. They are ALL OPEN to be filled. If you are interested in filling a spot just let someone know you are interested, we need your help. The club belongs to ALL MEMBERS and it is ALL our responsibility to help run the club and the best way to do this is to VOLINTEER. Don't complain step up and do your part. Our club is only as good as our active members. So Come on and do your part!!!!***

**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 with it.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

**Family— \$20.00 per year**

Couples - \$18.00 per year

Singles - \$12.00 per year

(18 and under)

Children - \$3.00 per year

The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1938 at the College of Idaho in Caldwell.



**GENERAL MEETING:** The club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Boone Science Building at the College of Idaho, except for the July picnic and the December party. Field trips are scheduled once a month. Visitors are welcome at all these events!

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag  
Bring an identified slab



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