



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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September President's Message

This month starts off with a pleasant note. We have found a place to hold our meetings. The Caldwell Elks Lodge is renting us the Wescott Room for our monthly meetings. Starting September 17th we will begin using their services. We can have our refreshments and all of our meeting activities such as the slab drawings etc. I think it will be a nice place for us and I hope to see you all there.

Don't forget October 4th will be the next Road Cleanup. You will be meeting at the Boat ramp by Walter's Ferry at 7:30 am and begin cleaning up around 8:00am with a field trip after, weather permitting. Ithel will have a signup sheet at the meeting so if you can help out please let him know. It takes about eight to twelve people and goes pretty fast and the area is a nice walk for morning exercise.

Another plug for October's elections. If you would like to be more involved with the club there are positions that you could help out with. Let me know if you are interested in running for a board position.

Starting in September we will begin membership renewals. Kathi Larson will be taking your money and having you fill out the new smaller renewal application. In order to cast your vote in October you will need to have renewed your membership.

This month's refreshments will be taken care of by Myrt, Pauline & Dianne. Thank you for stepping forward as our refreshment chair had to step down. The Hopkins have graciously volunteered to help until the end of the year so please signup if you can bring cookies or goodies. If you would be interested in chairing this club activity please let one of us know.

Our field trip this month will be an overnighiter to McDermott, Nevada. If you have not gone it is a really interesting trip as there are a number of different kinds of material to collect. Ithel will have all the information for you at the next meeting.

Just a reminder that the great grab bag sew off is underway and I have seen a number of bags being turned in so I hope you are all sewing up a storm as the prizes are beautiful spheres. It has the look of a real competition so sew all you can. I love an event that everyone chips in as it just becomes great fun!!

Well I think that is it other than I look forward to seeing you all at the Elks in Caldwell September 17th at 7:30pm. The address is 1015 W Kimball off of 10th Ave exit. -Willa Renken, OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2014

General Meeting – The meeting was held at the Caldwell Park and was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30 p.m. Willa asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none, Pauline Prather made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Brad seconded the motion and the motion passed. All guests were introduced and greeted with a warm welcome.

Secretary – An invitation was read from the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy regarding their annual Symposium scheduled for October 10 – 12 in Kelso, WA. A flier was also read about the Maplewood Rock & Gem Club on the dates and times of their meetings for the remainder of the year. And, a reminder for the Ensley's sale on Labor Day Weekend.

Treasurer – Janie Ehlers gave the club an update on the books and report on money that was raised at the auction during our picnic.

Show Chair – Susan Beattie gave us information regarding the meeting that was held on Aug. 9. If you have questions or ideas for our show you can give her a call. Clarence Wood will be tumbling rocks for our grab bags. If you have material you would like to donate for tumbling you can bring it to the meeting. Red Larson donated spheres for prizes to the people who sew the most grab bags. Susan still needs help with the show cases and the special display, and there is plenty of opportunity to volunteer at all of our venues. It was suggested every club member try to donate at least 20 items to the 'wheel of gems' to insure we have enough prizes. The theme for this year will be 'We Will Rock You'.

Federation Report - Ed Moser let us know there was an excellent turn out for the show this year. He turned in 35 pounds of postage stamps that were donated by our club members. The 2015 Federation Show will be in Ogden, UT on April 10 – 12.

Membership – Kathi Larson will be accepting money for dues at the next meeting. She designed a new membership form to fill out and mail or give to her at the meeting.

Sunshine – RoseMary sent a card to Bill and Sylvia Foreman.

Field Trip – The club will be going to Foreman's Egg Claim. Meet in Homedale at the west end of the park at 7:30 a.m. Darrell suggested to drive a vehicle with ample ground clearance.

Unfinished Business – Willa found a problem with using the Sears Building for our meetings, there was discussion on a new location. Bill Stringer made a motion to give Willa authority to check out and reserve the Caldwell Elk's Lodge for our meetings. Jim Hopkins seconded the motion and the motion passed. Thanks to Jim, Pauline, and Nancy for their time and effort to find a new location.

New Business - The club needs a new refreshment chair and Ruth Hopkins volunteered. Thank you Ruth. October is time for elections. You will be able to run for an office at the September meeting.

We had our slab drawing and Jack Robinson won the door prize.

-Debbie Lawrence for Secretary Sylvia Foreman





Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society - September Field Trip

September 19 & 20, 2014 — McDermott, Nevada



Some people are leaving Friday evening, September 19th.

On Saturday, we'll meet at the ION Junction outside of Marsing at 6:30 a.m. and leave at 7:00 a.m. We should be there by 11:00.

There are trailer parking sites, motel close by for who may want, and camping sites.

We are looking forward to a great time with everyone. We will have more information and can answer your questions at the September 17th meeting.

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

For field trip information, call:

Ithel Kildow (208) 455-7960 or Gene Alvey (208) 440-3067

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



Road Clean-Up: October 4th, 2014

Meet at 7:30 a.m.— start at 8:00 a.m.

Where: Walters Ferry Boat Ramp parking lot

After work is done we will be going on a rock hunting trip, if weather permits. 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.

Thank you, Ithel Kildow 455-7960

We need someone to take over for next year.

Please let Ithel or Willa know if you are interested in helping out.

September Birthstone—Blue Sapphire

Birthstone Color: Deep Blue

In ancient times, Sapphires were thought to be protective against envy, and even against poisoning. A common belief was that a venomous snake placed in a Sapphire vessel would rapidly die! Ground to a powder, the blue stone was believed to cure colic, rheumatism and mental illness, and to strengthen eyesight.



Sapphire is a variety of the mineral corundum. Corundum is found in every color of the rainbow, with red being designated as ruby and all other hues Sapphire. But the most prized color of Sapphire is a rich, deep blue. These gemstones were mined as early as the 7th Century BC from India and what is now Sri Lanka. They are found today in Sri Lanka, Kashmir, Myanmar, Thailand, Australia, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, China, Madagascar, and the United States. Star Sapphires are cut to reflect light from inclusions within the stone, revealing a bright six-legged star pattern.

The Sapphire is second only to the Diamond in hardness, making it a durable gemstone for setting into jewelry. A gift of Sapphire represents sincerity and faithfulness.

<http://www.about-birthstones.com/septemberbirthstone.html>



September Birthdays

- 4 **Roy Bethel**
- 8 **James Gundros**
- 10 **Joan Alvey**
- 13 **Larry Miller**
- 15 **Andy Krivy**
- 19 **Peggy Dean**
- 20 **Janet Bailey**
- 20 **Alica Sherer**
- 20 **Randy Whipple**
- 21 **Nick Voth**
- 25 **Olan Flick**
- 25 **Eva Roberts**
- 26 **Bonnie Coulson**
- 26 **Elaine Oakander**



September Anniversaries

- 3 **Darell & Janie Ehlers**
- 3 **Adan & Melissa Jones**
- 4 **Dick & Irene Parker**
- 18 **Loren & Luva Francis**
- 18 **David & Patricia Sturm**
- 24 **Dan & Diane Stevens**

Visit this site for some great information for kids
(and grownups)!

<http://www.rockhoundkids.com>

Please let me know if I don't have your correct information, or if you are not on the lists above and should be.

Email me at: denisemstringer@gmail.com

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(208) 324-8860

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Gerald & Joy Scarrow

(208) 324-4024

Rocky & Kelley Scarrow

(208) 324-1034

rockingift@cableone.net

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WHITE'S METAL DETECTORS

W.A. (Bill) Stringer

1812 West Orchard

Nampa, Idaho 83651

1 Mile South of Karcher Mall

(208) 466-5169

M-F 1:30-5:30 pm

Other Hours By Appointment

Idaho Indoor Farmers Community Market

Across from the Idaho State Fairgrounds
4977 Glenwood, Garden City, Idaho
Corner of Glenwood and Chinden Blvd

THIS FLYER GOOD FOR 15% OFF
ANYTHING AT
UNIQUE CREATIONS ROCK BOOTH
GEMS, MINERALS, GIFTS OF ALL KINDS

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Wed-Sat 10am-6pm Sun 12n-5pm Closed Mon-Tues
Vendor Spaces Available Call Willie 208-850-0451

FOR SALE

Bull Wheel—Richardsons

18" Highland Slab Saw

8" Combo Unit

Vibra Lap

Work Bench

Misc.

Charles Thornburg

208-466-6185

2015 Show Meeting Notes

August 9th meeting at the Caldwell Library

Our 2015 Show Theme: **We Will Rock You!**

The venue volunteers for the 2015 show are:

Myrt Alston—Chili Feed	Jody Atwood—Sand Dig
Randy Whipple—Front Door	Red Larson—Silent Auction
Jarri McClarin and Kathi Larson—Membership	Thelma Brown—Showcases
Willa Renkin—Demonstrators	Denise Stringer—Wheel of Gems
Pauline Prather—Historic Display	Nancy Farrell—Special Display
Joan Alvey—Grab Bags	Darell Ehlers—Advertising
	Janie Ehlers—Show Banker

HUGE “Thank You!”

Red Larson for donating two spheres for the most grab bags made this year and to Clarence Wood for tumbling rock for grab bags---all year long!

WE NEED HELP

- *Faceted stones* for prizes at the sand dig and wheel of gems—*small stones* for the sand dig and *larger stones* for the wheel of gems.
- *Rock to tumble*—bring your donations to the meeting or call Susan or Darrel
- *Prizes for Wheel of Gems and Grab Bags*—If each member donates 20 items we would have enough prizes to expand our advertising effort! Bring your donations to the meeting or call Susan or Darrel
- *Special Display items*—Showcase your unique non-rock related talent!
- *Scrapbook repair and rejuvenation*—Call Pauline!
- *Raffle gift(s)* for volunteers that sign up and work at venues

Other Notes: To help our volunteers we will be purchasing pads for the floor behind the membership table and the Sand Dig. We are considering offering grit for sale at the silent auction table and Nancy and Ithel are investigating the possibility of making rock bags to sell at the silent auction table as well. We will be asking people to sign up for day/time at venues at the November meeting. If there is a venue that you want to work at and you need to reserve your favorite time now, please call the chair person for that venue.

Federation Director

The stamps sold at the NFMS brought in \$14.00 a pound which 16 pounds were sold. These stamps had been separated to bring the most for the special stamps. The next NFMS Show will be held in Ogden, Ut. April 10-11-12, 2015, more to come later. SAVE YOUR STAMPS. The Stamp lady was VERY HAPPY with the old stamps and how they were separated. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP. The show was good.

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 State of Washington has closed the Lolo forest to collecting of Smoky Quartz, due to problems of persons not filling in the holes. Also, a permit is required for collecting on forest lands. Thanks to Bill Anderson for his help at the Caldwell Library, and to all that gave material for us to share with them, THANK YOU.

-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 BOARD MEETING**August 24, 2014**

Business Meeting: The meeting was held at the H & R Block building on Kimball in Caldwell and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:10 pm. Willa asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Board Minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none Pauline Prather made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Nancy Farrell seconded the motion.

Secretary: Had nothing to report.

Vice President: Nancy had a reminder about the quilt raffle, and wanted ideas for a program for our meeting.

Show Chair: Susan gave an update on our show. Nancy Farrell volunteered to chair the special display. Ithel and Nancy also volunteered to check into making tote bags to sell at the silent auction table.

Field Trip: Ithel reported everyone found good material on the last trip. Our next field trip will be a weekend trip to McDermott. The road clean-up will be October 4. Meet at the boat ramp at Walters Ferry. There will also be a short field trip after the clean-up.

Old Business: We will meet at the Elk's Lodge in Caldwell our next meeting. From the freeway take the 10th Ave exit in Caldwell and turn north. It is on the west side of the street across from the Maverik gas station.

New Business: Willa reminded us elections are coming up. Everyone should think about taking an office.

Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Events**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society August Meeting**

September 17, 2014—7:30 p.m.

Location: Caldwell Elks — 1015 W Kimball off of 10th Ave exit.

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society September Field Trip

September 19 & 20, 2014— McDermott, Nevada

Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society Show—September 13 and 14

10 a.m.—5 p.m. each day

Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, Walla Walla, WA

Fairgrounds Community Center Building, 363 Orchard St

Admission \$2.00, children under 12 free

Contact Lisa Stearns 509-386-0584, lisa_sundin1@hotmail.com

Billings Gem and Mineral Club Show—September 27 and 28

Billings Hotel and Convention Center, 1223 Mallowney Lane, Billings, MT

Sat – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sun – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Adults \$3.00 12 and under free

Contact: Doug True dtruefossils12@yahoo.com 406 670 0506



Membership Report

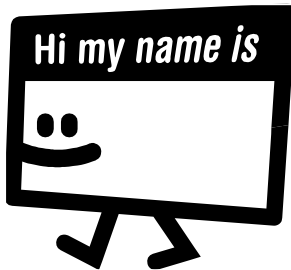
Membership forms are available at our meetings, so invite your "rockhound" friends to our next one!

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.

DUES: Our dues (due in October) are Family \$20, Couple \$18, Single \$12, and Child (under 19) \$3.



I will be accepting payment for the 2015 dues at the September meeting or you can mail the form below to:
PO Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053

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

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2015

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

LAST NAME: (Please Print) _____ Date Paid: _____ Amount: _____

FIRST NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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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. 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!



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