



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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September President's Message

A smoky hello to all of you. Once again, our neighboring states are sending us smoke signals. With all the spring moisture, we knew it would be just a matter of time before we would experience the campfire smell of late summer. This month brings us closer to our club's election of officers. If you would like to serve on the Board, please step forward as we welcome turn over. As you heard last meeting, Ithel is stepping down from his position as Field Trip Chairman. That being the case we are in need of a new Chairman. This is a position that can be shared and in past years, we have spread it throughout the members. It is necessary to have a person in charge in order to delegate some of the responsibilities. If you are interested, please contact a board member or me so we can get you on the slate. The field trips are what draws the most recruitment to our club so we need to fill this position.

Jim has once again come up with a great program, which will be given by Larry Ridley on claims and protocol. It will be very interesting and I am looking forward to learning more about this subject.

Susan made it known that she will be holding a training class for our Annual Gem Show chairpersons. This class is to be held in October and she will announce the date at this month's general meeting.

Randy reported to the board that our donation to the Museum would be apportioned to the Glen Evans display on behalf of the OGMS. Also they welcome any members who are wanting to lend a hand in restoration to get in contact with the director in order to get direction where help is needed. Please keep track of your hours, as I will need an end of year report for our tax status. Randy also wanted to make the membership aware that the campus is now a nonsmoking campus so if you need to smoke you must go completely off of the College grounds to do that.

Our next board meeting will be at the Caldwell Library on the 25th if you would like to attend, guests are always welcome

As always, I look forward to seeing you all at the next General Meeting on September 20th in the Boone Science Building. The meeting starts at 7:30pm. Till then keep on rocking!!

Willa Renken OGMS President

I Love My Wife

She has rocks in her head...

and the garage...

and the yard...

and all over the house.

Here's to many more years of rock
collecting together.

Happy Birthday Andrea

All my Love, Your husband, Bill



ATTENTION PLEASE!!

Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History

Have you been to the museum lately? 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. Curator, Nathan Carpenter, continues to expand the displays and welcomes visitors as well as assistance from volunteers to help build and maintain the displays, conduct tours and classes, and identify and label specimens.

The museum hosts a workday and seminar the first Saturday of every month and will host the annual event, "**Night at the Museum**," from 7-9 pm on September 15th. The evening will include award presentations in Boone Hall room 103 and tours of the Museum. 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.



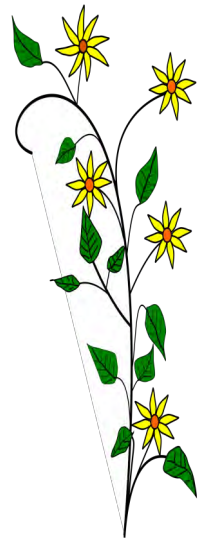
September Birthdays

9/4 Pat Bethel
 9/5 Jennie VanCampen
 9/8 Bill Gardunia
 9/10 Cheryl Myers
 9/11 Derek Scheyer
 9/12 Dale Brown
 9/14 Andrea Sawyer
 9/15 Andy Krivy
 9/15 Dan Nash
 9/16 Debora Powell
 9/17 Susan Hartman
 9/20 Mia Mick
 9/20 Randy Whipple
 9/21 Kathy Shell
 9/22 Dallas Budden
 9/25 Olan Flick
 9/25 Eva Roberts
 9/26 Brent Stewart
 9/27 Manuel Gonzalez
 9/27 Mary Eberle
 9/29 Christine Rednour



September Anniversaries

9/3 Darell & Janie Ehlers
 9/4 Roy & Pat Bethel
 9/10 John & Susan Hartman
 9/13 Mark & Cindy Kochanek
 9/18 Loren Francis
 9/18 David & Patty Sturm
 9/20 Earl & Jennie VanCampen
 9/23 Larry & June McConnell
 9/24 Dan & Diane Stevens
 9/27 Manuel & Cathi Gonzalez



**This is a special shout out to Gene and
 Freda Babbitt for their 65th wedding
 anniversary on August 10th.**

Congratulations to you both!!



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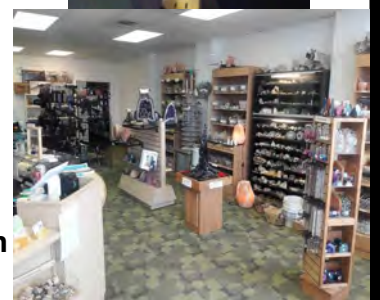
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2017 Field Trip Schedule

September 23rd **Grandview** for Petrified Pinecones (Meet @ Walters Ferry
7:30-8:00am)

October 21st **Haystacks Butte** for Red Jasper (Meet @ Homedale Park
7:30-8:00am)

Blue Opal Egg Claim (single-day trip). If interested please contact Ithel Kildow at 208-455-7960.

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.

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

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**

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 keep all moneys straight.

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Sunshine Report

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-Jewels Haines, Sunshine Chairman

jewelsmalia@yahoo.com

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**August 16, 2016**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, and called to order by President, Willa Renkin at 7:30pm. Pauline Prather made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; seconded by Red Larson, motion carried. The guest speaker for the evening was Lieutenant Dave Shorseman. He gave the group valuable information about being prepared for emergencies. After Dave's appearance, guests were introduced and given a warm welcome.

Secretary Report: Received correspondence from the bank stating it will be changing from the Bank of the Cascades to First Interstate Bank. Also received three dealer contracts, one membership renewal and a renewal for our auto insurance. There was information from the US Department of the Interior about the renewal of the Club's claims and, information from the Oregon Department of Geology & Mineral Industries about a proposed gold mine in Malheur County. These documents were given to Randy Whipple.

Vice President: Larry Ridley will host a presentation at the September meeting. There will be a program in October, featuring the Orma J Smith Museum of Natural History, that is located downstairs in the Boone Hall.

Treasurer: A report was given on the status of the Club's accounts. The auction that was held at the July Picnic brought in about \$800. Proceeds from the auction will go towards the Banquet in December.

Show Chairman: Show themes were discussed and voted on. The theme for the Gem Show next year will be 'Come Rock With Us'. Don Dixon will host the silent auction during the next show. Susan is planning a meeting later in the year to talk about venues. If you are interested in becoming a venue chair, you are welcome to come to the meeting to learn more about the duties of each of the venues.

Federation Chairman: The NWF mid-term meeting will be held in Lewiston, on October 21. The NWF Show will be held in Yakima, WA next year. Remember to save your postage stamps.

Sunshine Chairman: Let Jules know if you know someone who could use a note of cheer.

Membership Report: There were three membership renewals.

Field Trip Chairman: The August field trip will be to Glass Butte to collect pink plume agate. Fire Extinguishers and also no smoking was recommended, because of the extreme heat and dry conditions. There will also be a trip to Stinking Water over the Labor Day Weekend.

There was no Historian Report and no Unfinished Business.

New Business: The first Saturday of every month there is a work day at the Orma J Smith Museum of Natural History. Updating the display cases is the current project in the museum. It was stated that it would cost \$5,000 to \$6,000 to complete the restoration of the display cases. Ed Moser made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the museum for the restoration of the display cases; seconded by Jim, there was a discussion including: giving additional funds, recognition of the gift, putting information on the website, and having fliers in the museum. Roxanne Franklin amended the motion on the floor to increase the suggested \$1,000 donation to a one-time \$5,000 donation; seconded by Bob Bashford, motion carried. There was a discussion about our club allocating a yearly \$500 scholarship for research and travel, and \$500 going to help with maintenance of the museum. There will be more discussion on the topic and a vote in November.

Slab drawing. Jim Hopkins won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

OWYHEE GEM

OWHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 28, 2017

The Board Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order by President, Willa Renkin at 7pm. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; seconded by Susan Beattie, motion carried.

Secretary Report: There were two membership renewals and the monthly bank statements in the mail.

Vice President: Larry Ridley will give a presentation and information at the next meeting about the claims the Club owns.

Treasurer Report: The slab drawing from the last meeting brought in \$73 and \$1,000 was collected from vendor contracts for next year.

Show Chairman: There will be a meeting the third weekend in October for training and to go over venues. Darell will start working on advertising for next year.

Federation Chairman: The mid-term meeting in Lewiston will coincide with the NWF Meeting. Ed gave a reminder to save your stamps.

Membership: Carol Farnham made a motion to accept David and Michelle Wiles as new members; Ed Moser seconded, motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Randy Whipple met with the Board of the Orma J Smith Museum of Natural History. They discussed how money donated from the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Club will be held for use only in the museum. He was assured the donated money will be held in a museum account and used only for restoration of the museum. Janie wrote a check to the Evans Museum for \$5,000. The Grand Opening of the Museum will co-inside with the Gem Show next year. There was a discussion about allocating \$500 per year for maintenance of the museum and a yearly \$500 scholarship. These items will be voted on at a future meeting.

New Business: Election of Officers is coming up. The club will need a Field Trip Chairman and an Assistant Field Trip Chairman next year. The next Board Meeting will be September 25 at the Caldwell Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

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

Elections are here!

Please read the following and see if you may be interested. You are welcome to shadow the officer and ask about their job. The positions are not that hard and everyone needs to take a turn now and then. The current officer will walk you through the job and answer any questions you may have.

The **President** and in his absence or inability to act, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the general membership, and perform and render such services as the Board of Directors may require. The President shall sign all certificates, contracts, and other instruments approved by the Board. He or she shall be titular head of the corporation and shall have such powers and duties as regularly devolve on a President.

The **Vice-President** in addition to filling in when the President is absent shall also serve as the program chairman of the corporation.

The **Secretary** shall be the secretary of the corporation and shall keep, or cause to be kept, the minutes and records of the Corporation and such other books, records, and accounts as may be required, and shall render notices of all meetings to the members and such other services as may be required by the Board of Directors.

The **Treasurer** shall collect, or cause to be collected, and receive all monies due or which may become due to the Corporation, and shall deposit the same in such financial institutions as may be designated for that purpose by the Board, and shall pay out the same only upon the order of and in the manner directed by the Board. He or she shall provide a budget as designated by the Board of Directors for member approval and monthly reports showing the condition of the finances and affairs of the Corporation.

The **Federation Director** shall act as the Corporations official representative to the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies; shall attend meetings of the NFMS and shall report to the Board and the general membership on any and all matters concerning the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

The **Field Marshall** shall direct, supervise and guide all field trips as directed by the Board; shall make appointments of such assistants as may be necessary and shall be responsible for all coordination of all field outings and all equipment provided by the Corporation to be able to perform all duties as required by the Board.

The **Assistant Field Marshall** shall perform all duties assigned at the discretion of the Field Marshall.

The **Bulletin Editor** shall publish the Corporation's official news bulletin, "Owyhee Gem" taking care of securing the necessary news and other information shall cause this to be printed in proper form for mailing to all members in good standing and for exchange with other rock clubs.

The **Show Chairman** will be responsible for the contract for the building where the show is to be held. He or she will be responsible for all contracts involving dealers for the annual show. Organize all committee chairmen for the various event venues as needed; shall be responsible for all advertising and promotion of the Annual Show.

The **Assistant Show Chairman** shall perform all duties as assigned at the discretion of the Show Chairman.

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 .

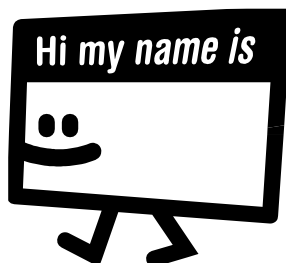
You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to:

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

Kim Bashford, Membership Chairperson

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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.

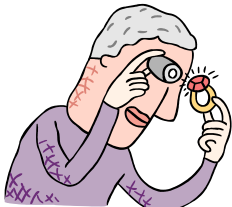
MEMBERSHIP DUES:

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!



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/>

