



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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September President's Message

Hello fellow rock hounds. Hope this message finds you all well and enjoying these summer months. As someone pointed out to me today there is only 115 days until Christmas. Time sure moves fast these days! So that means we need to make sure we are doing the little things that are needed for our show. Remember as you collect set aside some for the silent auction. Tumble a load or two extra for the grab bags. Sew some of that extra material into grab bags as you can. Have a project day and make some critters, necklaces, and little decorative items that kids like for the Wheel of Gems. All these small things make up a big thing our Annual Gem Show.

Susan is still looking for a Basket Raffle Chairman. If you can help head up this venue please let us know. Now once again is when we need to be out there finding items for the different baskets to be setup at our Show.

Dale has us going to Oreana for this month's fieldtrip. He will be meeting you at Walter's Ferryboat dock at 8am leaving by 8:30am. As always, pay attention to where you are parking as the fire season is still very high. This trip is to shell hill and surrounding areas for fossils and obsidian tears.

As you know Elections for our Board of Directors is coming up and Jim has asked to be replaced. Though this is going to be hard, we are in need of a Vice President. If you can help in this position please let either Jim or myself know so we can present a full slate of officers for voting in October. Along with Elections, your dues are now due so please see Kim for your renewals.

Since it is September, I need to make reservations for the Christmas Banquet. Do you want to do Orphan Annie's again? If so the same type of food? For dessert cheesecake, carrot cake, and apple pie? I will make the berry sauce for the cheesecakes. Think about it and we will discuss it at the upcoming meeting. That is all I believe, see you all on September 19th at 7:30pm in the Boone Science Bldg. until then keep on rocking.

Willa Renken OGMS President

2018 Owyhee Field Trip Schedule

Please be advised that the field trip schedule may be altered so check out the schedule month by month. Those receiving emails will get updates by email if there are any changes.

September 22nd Oreana, ID., for Obsidian, Apache Tears, Opalized Nodules (Meet at Walter Ferry just across the Snake River on the right Side at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

October 20th Haystack Butte for Red Jasper (Meet at Homedale, ID, Park where the Tank is just East of the Four Corners at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and a 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, Fire Extinguisher, tick spray. (Shovel and fire extinguisher to put out any fires that may start.)

For Field Trip Information, contact Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990.
Asst. Chair: Pat Kirkpatrick (503) 849-5822

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.**

ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS.

***Our one and only Vice President,
Jim Hopkins, is stepping down
from his duties and will give
someone else a chance to enjoy
his job just like he did.***

***The main duty is stepping in for
Willa in case she is not at the
meetings, getting the speakers
lined up for our general meetings.
and being Willa's right hand when
needed.***

Are you interested? Talk to Willa.

We need a volunteer to organize a theme Raffle table for the 2019 show. If interested or have questions, please give me a call.

Susan (208) 466-6184





9/4	Jon Mainord
9/4	Linda Kirkparick
9/4	Roy Bethel
9/11	Tom Clement
9/11	Dereck scheyer
9/12	Dale Brown
9/14	Jeanine Lane
9/14	Bill Sawyer
9/15	Andy Krivy
9/15	Dan Nash
9/16	M.K. Braga
9/16	Susan Filkins
9/16	Debora Powell
9/17	Susan Hartman
9/20	Mia Mick
9/20	Randy Whipple
9/22	Dallas Budden
9/22	Bill Franklin
9/23	Paul Langton
9/24	Dave Smith
9/25	Olan Flick
9/25	Eva Roberts
9/26	Brent Stewart
9/27	Manuel Gonzalez
9/27	Virginia Becker
9/27	Mary Eberle
9/29	Christine Rednour

September Birthstone

The **September birthstone**, the sapphire, was once thought to guard against evil and poisoning. It was believed that a venomous snake would die if placed in a vessel made of sapphire.

Traditionally a favorite stone of priests and kings, the sapphire symbolizes purity and wisdom.

September Anniversaries

9/1	Steve McConnel
9/3	Darell & Janie Ehlers
9/10	John & Susan Hartman
9/12	Steve and Barb Narkaus
9/13	Mark & Cindy Kochanek
9/16	Scott and Wendy Patton
9/16	Mark and Jenny Stinson
9/18	Loren Francis
9/19	Dave Smith
9/24	Dan and Diane Stevens
9/27	Manuel Gonzalez and Cathi

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



**Stone from Arizona**

Anderson Mine—Agate
 Brenda—Agate & Jasper
 Burro Creek—Pastelite & Agate

Stone from Australia

Noreena
 Mookite

Stone from Idaho & Oregon

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 Tumbled Stones

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 26736 Homedale Road, Wilder, Idaho

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 rivervu1@msn.com

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 Tumblers & Equipment**

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

**Our Christmas Dinner/Party is coming
 up in December. To help pay for it we
 have an auction in
 November much like we do in the
 summer.
 So...get started on your auction items so
 you will be ready.
 More details next month.**

It has been brought to my attention that the Million Dollar Floor that was talked about in a previous newsletter is no longer. Kathy and Red de-toured by there to check it out and could not find it. It apparently was ripped out over 20 years ago. Rumor has it that the government wanted to raise the taxes on the trailer court because of the value of the floor in the office. It was then ripped out and a wood floor put in in its place. What a bummer!

Would you like to see your ad here?

You can buy a 1/4 page ad, rock & hobby related, like this for one month for only \$5.00.

A 12-month ad is only \$50.00!

Your ad will be seen by over 200 club members, plus online visitors.

To place an ad, please email:
 carolfarnham@ymail.com

Plan Ahead for the Fall Roadside Cleanup!

The OGMS Fall roadside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 27th. Soon the air will be crisp and the days shorter. It's already September and soon it will be October. I just wanted to plant this bug in your ear, so you could plan ahead. It's not hard work and it's a good opportunity to get to know other members.

We 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 in September and October 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
208-466-6184
lbeattiejr@aol.com

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: 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 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.

Federation Director-Ed Moser,
(208) 340-8060,
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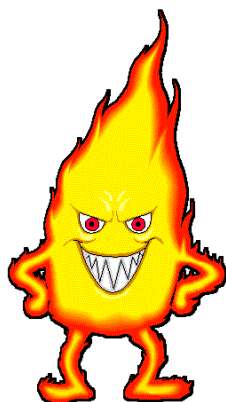
FROM THE EDITOR

Just a reminder to the membership that I will be sending out emails usually each month about wire wrapping jewelry and other rock related items. I will try to have OGMS in the subject line so you will know its ok to open.

The editor has an apology for Dale Brown. Dale will be our speaker this month and in the last newsletter I said it would be Neil Brown. Sorry Dale.

Dale will be speaking on Money Saving Short Cuts, Cabochons' and Tumbling. Dale will also to try to have some rocks for display for you to see.

Be careful while your collecting in the field. The fire danger is still HIGH. Be safe.



**DUES
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Please use the form in this newsletter to continue your membership. You can vote in October if your membership is paid up.

Just give the completed form to Kim with your money or mail it to the address in the membership report that is above the form.

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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**August 15, 2018**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and called to order by President, Willa Renken at 7:30pm. There were no General Meeting minutes in the last newsletter, they will be approved at the next meeting. There was an informative presentation about petrified tempski fern given by Howard. Guests were introduced and given a warm welcome.

Secretary: Howard and Jeanette Bushman sent a flier about the sale of their equipment and material, in Sherwood, Oregon. There was also information submitted about the rock show in Castle Rock, WA. Received information regarding the mining claim renewals and one membership renewal.

Vice President: Dale Brown will give a presentation at the meeting next month.

Treasurer: Michele gave the current status of the club's accounts. The auction that was held at the annual picnic brought in \$657 and that money will go towards funding the December banquet.

Show Chairman: Start thinking for a theme for the show next year and keep making critters. Try to pick up some extra material on field trips to donate to the silent auction. There may be an election for the new Show Chairman next year. It was suggested to see if we could coordinate with the College, to again have a bus tour to the Orma J Smith Museum, during the show.

Federation Chairman: The next meeting of the Northwest Federation will be held in Lewiston in October. Remember to save your postage stamps.

There was no Historian report and the Membership Chairman was not present.

Sunshine Report: A couple of cards were sent to members the previous month. If you know if someone who needs a card of cheer, let Jewels know. Her contact info is on the front of the newsletter.

Field Trip Chairman: Dale brought some material that was collected from the trip last month from Coal Mine Basin. The August field trip will be to Wagon Town to collect petrified wood and some jasper. A high clearance vehicle is recommended. The area is very dry and it was recommended to bring a fire extinguisher with you and to park your car in the short grass. If you smoke please do so inside your car to help prevent a fire.

Unfinished Business: The roadside cleanup by Walters Ferry will be in October. Ten to twelve people will be needed and Larry has a sign-up sheet if you would like to participate.

New Business: There was a discussion about the need of a security and water alarm system for the museum downstairs. Patrick Kirkpatric made a motion to give \$3,000 to the Orma J Smith Museum, to purchase an expandable, security and water alarm system; seconded by Roxanne Franklin, motion carried. The College of Idaho owns the collection in the museum, but all of the material in the collection was donated by previous OGMS Members.

Slab drawing. Diane Stevens won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted.

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**August 28, 2018**

The Board Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order at 7pm, by President, Willa Renken. Susan Beattie made a motion to approve the corrected minutes from the last meeting; seconded by Jim Hopkins, motion carried.

Secretary: There was no mail since the previous meeting.

Vice President: Dale Brown will give a presentation at the next meeting.

Show Chairman: Advertising for the next show will get started. Ideas for show themes will be presented and voted on at the next meeting. Brad will update the show case forms and dates for the show on the website. A chairman for the theme raffle is needed. All of the venue spaces have been filled and there is still a long waiting list of vendors interested. Susan will help with the rental process of the O'Conner Field House. New postcards need to be printed for advertising the show.

Federation Report: The next meeting will be in October. It was decided that Ed would not have to attend the meeting if there were no items presented that would need a vote. There are offices open in the NWF and club members are welcome to apply for the positions. Ed reminded everyone to save postage stamps.

There was no Historian report and the Treasurer was not present.

Membership: There was one request for new membership. Ed Moser made a motion to accept Madonna and Howard White as new members; seconded by Susan Beattie, motion carried.

Field Trip Chairman: The next field trip will be to Oreana, ID on September 22nd to look for obsidian and apache tears. Meet at Walters Ferry at 7:30am.

Unfinished Business: Elections for the 2019 Board are coming up. Willa is putting together a slate of Officers and is especially looking for someone to fill the Vice President position. If more than one person is interested in becoming the next Show Chairman, it will be put to a vote from the club. Randy Whipple has most of the information submitted for the club owned mining claims and would like to hand over the responsibility to another member.

New Business: Randy Whipple will work with the College of Idaho to secure the room rental to hold monthly club meetings. The December Banquet was discussed and will be brought up at the General Meeting for further discussion and a vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**July 18, 2018**

The General Meeting was the annual Potluck held at the Memorial Park in Caldwell, located on the corners of Kimball and Irving. Dinner started at 6:30 with a potluck dinner and everyone enjoyed some ice cream for dessert. After dinner, President Willa Renkin, introduced the new members and guests that were present. Brad Larson made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Ed Moser seconded, motion carried. The field trip will be to Coal Mine Basin. The Treasurers Report was only business conducted for the evening.

After the short meeting, Ed Moser did a fantastic job as the auctioneer. Donated items were sold to the highest bidder. Money collected from the auction will go towards the cost of the December Banquet.

Respectfully submitted - Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

Membership Report**We are accepting payment of 2019 dues**

Membership forms are available at every meeting. Invite your "rockhound" friends to our next one!

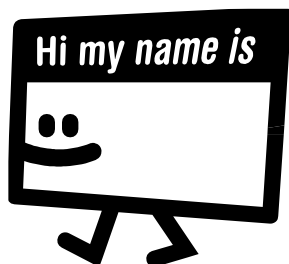
Any member needing a name badge, membership card, or patch, please call me so I can have them ready for you to pick up at the next meeting.

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 SO YOU CAN VOTE
AT THE OCTOBER MEETING.***

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES****Year: 2018**Family
\$20Couple
\$18Single
\$12Child
\$3

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

FIRST NAME(s): _____

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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.

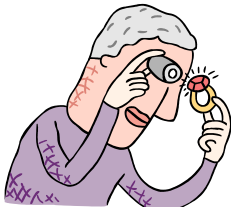
MEMBERSHIP DUES:

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/>

