

# "Owyhee Gem"

## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### September President's Message

Hello fellow rockhounds. Hope this finds you all enjoying the last of your summer.

In the Board Meeting, we decided that our supply of grab bags needs to be replenished which means "Contest Time". Folks dust off those sewing machines as you won't want to miss out on these grand prizes. [Red is donating not one but two spheres as incentive for you to win](#). First place of course gets first choice so the race is on. The cutoff date is the Christmas party so we can make the presentation at the January meeting. Last contest the winner turned in about 2000 bags so let's see if we can top that.

This month's **field trip** will be to the Blue Egg Claim. Robert will be meeting you in Homedale Park at 8am and leaving at 8:30am. There is a lot of nice material at this location so all should have a very enjoyable time. There will be an **additional fieldtrip** this month for those interested, as the Idaho Gem Club has invited us to join them on September 28 & 29 to go to Beacon Hill. They will be meeting at the rest stop on the other side of the Snake River at 8am leaving at 8:30am. Robert wanted to give you all a heads up on next month's fieldtrip as it will be on October 26<sup>th</sup> so those who want to attend the Northwest Federation Show in Lewiston can do so.

Wow, I can't believe it is already **time to start filling the slate for our next year officers**. We have a few slots that need to be filled for the New Year. We will be in need of a Secretary and an Assistant Fieldtrip Chair. This is your chance to become involved with your club. If anyone could help fill these positions please contact me and let me know? We appreciate all those who are willing to help in directing our club as involvement is what makes us such a strong and growing club.

Kim reminded us it is time for annual dues. Details on renewing your membership are on the last page of the newsletter. The following people are already paid through Oct 2020: Matt Davis, Michael Weiskircher, Pat McConnell, Tamie Kennedy, Dan Doersch, and Debbie Lawrence.

Margaret has asked if anyone has an article that you would like to share to contact her. It is always fun to learn new ideas. Also sharing your experiences or maybe relating a past fieldtrip provides entertainment for those members who aren't always able to go out into the field and would be a great contribution.

I believe that's all for this month. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Boone Science Bldg. The meeting starts at 7:30pm. Till then have a great day and keep on rocking.

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.**

**September 21:** \*Blue Egg Claim for Geodes. Meet at the Homedale, ID Park tank just E of the four corners. (Meet @ 8am - leave @ 8:30)

**October 26:** \*Haystack Butte for Red Jasper. Meet at the Homedale, ID Park tank just E of the four corners. (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, we had a great day while out looking for Leaf Fossils. It was a sunny day and the road in was in great shape which made for an easy trip in. We had 23 people total to include 8 guests and everyone went home with something.



Our next trip out will be to our Blue Egg Claim just west of Succor Creek Park. Here you will find some great thunder eggs but it will require some digging.

While out earlier this year checking on the claim there was remarkable Blue thunder egg found by Roxanne's husband which displayed some stunning fire in the blue opal. Not all the eggs are blue and many different varieties can be found out there, so come on out and try your luck at getting some great material. We will be meeting at the park in Homedale @ 8AM and leaving by 8:30AM on September 21st weather permitting. The drive out will take about 1.5 hours give or take. You will need a vehicle with ground clearance for the last part into the claim and 4WD is recommended.

(Photo courtesy of Roxanne Franklin)

Tools you will need on the trip should include eye protection, rock hammer, pick, chisels and pry bars. A small hand brush to help clean out seams is also handy. These eggs are buried in hard material so be prepared for some hard digging and maybe sweat a little too. Come on out to try your luck at getting some real beauties. There is no shade so please dress accordingly. It will be a little cool in the morning and hotter throughout the day. This has, to my knowledge, been a fun trip for most and each year people dig some fantastic eggs.

Did you see the new date for the October dig in the President's message? October 26th.

Robert Murphey, Field Trip Chairman

# *Congratulations*

## **September Birthdays**

M.K. Braga  
Gina Bringman  
Dale Brown  
Dallas Budden  
Tom Clement  
Susan Filkins  
Julia Foreman  
Bill Franklin  
D.J. Johnstone  
Gena Kolbo  
Andy Krivy  
Jeanine Lane  
Miguel Lantz  
Mike Markel  
Mia Mick  
Dan Nash  
Chris O'Brien  
Stacy Pickens  
Debora Powell  
Virginia Ramsey  
Eva Roberts  
Andrea Sawyer  
Derek Scheyer  
Brent Stewart  
Vikki Tibbetts  
Jennie Van Campen  
Liz Warner  
Randy Whipple

## **Anniversaries**

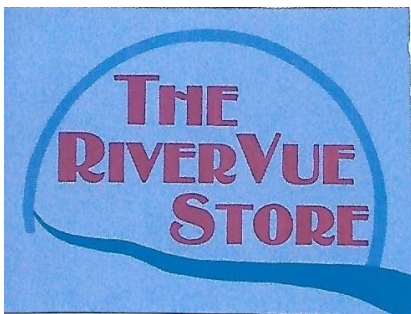
Darell Ehlers  
Loren Francis  
John Hartman  
Steve Narkaus  
Dan Stevens  
Earl Van Campen

## **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**

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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!!

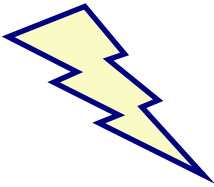
If you find a nice sample for our auction, place it in a bucket and label the bucket "OGMS".

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!

### Rock Digging Tools for Sale

Bill Stringer dug up his rock digging tools and is putting them out for sale. Instead of having a garage sale, please call and arrange a time to see the tools at his shop. This includes things like crates with wooden handles that are great for storing rocks in. Call Bill for details at **(208) 466-5169**.



## 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](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

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Board Meeting Minutes August 26, 2019**

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

**Secretary:** There was no correspondence since the last meeting.

**Vice President:** A guest speaker is lined up for the next meeting. There was a recommendation to change the Business Meetings to the Monday after the General Meetings. After a discussion it was decided to think about it for next year.

**Treasurer:** Kathi Larson made a motion to accept Debbie Lawrence as the treasurer until the end of the year; seconded by Ed Moser, motion carried.

**Show Chairman:** Deposits have been received from most of the dealers for the next show. Kathi will have a description for each of the venues in the newsletter. A planning meeting for show input will be scheduled after the next general meeting. O'Conner Field House has been secured for the show with setup starting on Thursday. The show theme will be selected at the next meeting. The grand prize will be picked up from Quartzsite in January.

**Federation Report:** Ed read the items that will be voted on at the NWF Meeting in October. There was a discussion about how the Club will vote. All of the information on the changes can be found in the NWF Newsletter. Let Ed know if you would like a NWF membership directory for \$10.

**Newsletter:** If any art goes into the newsletter, the art will need to be purchased. It was agreed to set aside \$200 to purchase art.

There was no Historian Report.

**Membership:** Ed Moser made a motion to accept Gina Bringman and Helen Henderson as new members; seconded by Kathi Larson, motion carried.

**Field Trip Chairman:** 15 members and 8 guests went on the field trip to Rockville, Oregon to collect leaf fossils. The next field trip will be to the Blue Egg Claim. Meet at the Homedale Park at 8am on September 21<sup>st</sup>, it will take about an hour and a half to drive to the site. 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. The field trip will be to Haystack Butte. Robert will have a sheet at the next meeting, to write down suggestions and ideas for field trips next year. The Boise Club will be going to Beacon Hill September 28 & 29 and gave an invitation to OGMS to attend. They will meet at 8am at the rest stop on Hwy 84 just past the Oregon border.

**New Business:** Elections are coming up in October as well as the roadside cleanup. There will be a contest for sewing rock bags beginning now with spheres awarded at the January meeting. Red Larson offered to make two spheres to award as prizes. The contest will be presented at the banquet in December.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - General Meeting Minutes****July 17, 2019**

The General Meeting this month was the annual Potluck held at the Memorial Park in Caldwell, located on the corners of Kimball and Irving. Ed Moser gave a benediction before members and guests enjoyed a huge variety of appetizing potluck entrees which included ice cream for dessert. Everyone present enjoyed the evening and the opportunity to socialize. President, Willa Renken, introduced first time members and guests who attended.

**Secretary:** There were two membership renewals and correspondence from Auto Owners Insurance.

**Vice President:** There was a reminder about the opportunity to take a rock and leave a rock at each of the monthly meetings.

**Federation Chairman:** Ed reviewed a letter from the Owyhee Field Office regarding a hearing on a gold mine. He also reminded everyone to continue to save postage stamps.

**Treasurer:** An update was given on all of the Club's banking accounts.

**Field Trip Chairman:** The monthly trip will be to collect pink plume agate. Meet at Owyhee junction at 8am.

**New Business:** Ed Moser made a motion to have David Schmidt provide the upkeep for Club's mining claims; seconded by Red Larson, motion carried. All members were invited to attend the monthly Board Meetings that are held the last Monday of each month, at the Caldwell Library.

Ed Moser did a fantastic job as auctioneer and sold donated items to the highest bidder. Money collected from the auction will help fund the December Banquet.

Respectfully Submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - General Meeting Minutes****August 21, 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. Minutes of the last meeting were not published in the newsletter and will be approved at the next meeting. Guests were asked to stand and introduce themselves, and all were given a warm welcome.

**Secretary:** Received an invitation to a Rock, Mineral, Gem & Jewelry show September 13-15 in Cedar City, Utah. Information about meteorite testing and info from the Heritage Auctions was shared. Also received a vendor contract, a statement from Shaver & Swanson and a reminder to submit paperwork for claim renewals.

**Vice President:** Roxanne shared a good spot to hunt for agate near Las Vegas. The 'bring a rock-take a rock' exchange will continue at each of the monthly meetings.

**Treasurer:** An updated report was given on all of the banking accounts.

**Show Chairman:** There will be a pattern and instructions on sewing rock bags included in the newsletter. When out on rock collecting trips, remember to pick up an extra specimen or two for the silent auction. Bring ideas for a theme to the next meeting. Members were asked to think about heading a venue and/or volunteering at the gem show.

**Federation Chairman:** Ed gave a reminder to save your postage stamps. Ed will take the collected stamps with him to the NWF meeting that will be held in Lewiston in October. Collected stamps will be sold and the proceeds will go to help fund cancer research. There was a reminder to research the area you are collecting and ask permission if it is private property. Collectors can download the ONX HUNTS app on a smart phone and receive information about a collecting area.

**Sunshine:** Let Jewels know if you know someone who could use a note of cheer. She let members know Mark Jeffers, one of our show vendors had passed.

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

**Field Trip Chairman:** The August field trip will be to look for leaf fossils in Oregon. The September field trip will be to the Blue Egg Claim. Robert is in the process of putting together field trips next year and is looking for suggestions.

**Old Business:** In regards to the images in the newsletter, all things have been satisfied and taken care of by the attorney.

**New Business:** The Business Meetings are held the last Monday of each month and typically held at the Caldwell Library. The club will have the opportunity to put a rock related display in the Caldwell Library in January. Let Ed Moser know if you have something you would like to put on display.

Slab drawing. Tom Rogers won the door prize that was donated by Paul DeVoe. The door prize was a new rock hammer. Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

# GRAB BAG CONTEST!!!

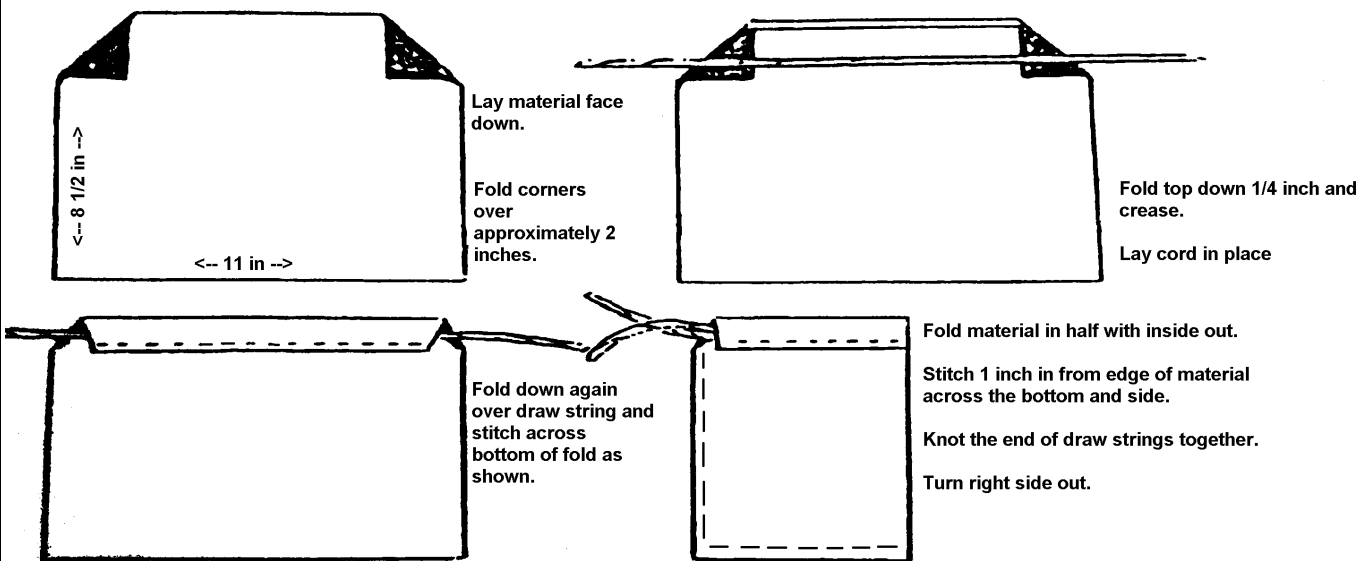
THIS IS THE PATTERN AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRAB BAGS WE FILL WITH TUMBLED ROCKS FOR OUR ANNUAL ROCK & GEM SHOW:

There will be prizes for 1st and 2nd for the greatest number of grab bags sewn and turned in to Kathi Larson. The deadline to turn the bags in is December 18th (our Christmas Party). Winners will be announced and prizes rewarded at our January 15th meeting. Donations of fabric are always welcomed. Happy sewing!

## Easy Grab Bags

The easiest method of cutting out grab bags is to first cut out a cardboard pattern 8 1/2 x 11 inches. Lay the pattern on the material and trace around it with white chalk. Cut out material. The strings are made of any heavy cord cut into 24 inch lengths. (Rug yarn is good — strong and colorful) Before sewing, press the folds with a hot iron or crease with the fingers to make the sewing job easier. Follow the diagrams below to sew.

Design by Jim Olsen. "The Gates Rockhound Bulletin" 2/94 via NEWS AND VIEWS 3/96



-THINKING AHEAD FOR OUR ANNUAL ROCK & GEM SHOW—

SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING FOR 2020

Saturday, September 28, 2019 10:00 am - 12 noon Caldwell Library

*We welcome your input!*

### SALES VENUES:

**FRONT DOOR:** Guests pay entry fee and are given a "door prize" ticket.

**SAND DIG:** Guests sort through a dish of sand for hidden gems and treasures.

**WHEEL OF GEMS:** Guests spin a wheel for a prize on the coordinated prize board.

**GRAB BAGS:** Guests purchase a bag of tumbled rocks. If there is a "golden rock" in their bag, they can select a "special" prize.

**SILENT AUCTION:** Guests are given a time limit to bid (on paper) for a specific rock specimen.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Guests are given the opportunity to pay their dues or receive information and become new members.

**GRAND PRIZE:** Guests can purchase tickets for their choice of the "Grand Prize".

*Questions? Call Kathi Larson 208-465-8083*



## 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: 2018

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