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September President's Message

Happy Labor Day everyone. Another 3-day holiday has arrived for more adventures out in the field. I hope that it will be a little less hot which makes the days more enjoyable. If you didn't make it out for our meeting last month you missed some really good auction items and some fantastic homemade ice cream. Thank you Ruth Hopkins, Chris & Paul Deveau for contributing. It was very good ice cream! I would also like to give a huge thank you to all the rest of you that contributed items. It was a very sweet night! Our auction, which was small, along with the slab drawing, offered some comical entertainment. Just to let those know who donate to our slab drawing, that your donations are very much appreciated. Thank you!

September brings organizing the slate of officers for our October elections. This year we are in need of some volunteers for a couple positions. We will need a **Vice-President, Field Trip Chairman, and Asst Field Trip Chairman**. I need to stress as an active club we have a membership that needs to get involved with helping fill these positions. Turnover is necessary in order to keep our club running strong. With participation, it helps spread the tasks out and our members are not burnt out with volunteering. These positions require some commitment but if people will offer to help, we can have more turn over so no one feels they are doing it all. I can run the club but I **cannot** do all the work by myself. **I need your help**. So please step forward so we can continue to offer the programs, which bring our members together!

Our program this month will be on the differences between rocks and minerals and how they are created. Longtime member Howard Emery will be presenting this program. He has several displays in the Caldwell Library, which the board was able to view this month. They were very nice and we thank you Howard for presenting them so the public can benefit from this information.

This month's field trip will be to the Blue Egg. The meet time is 8am in Homedale at the City Park with the Tank. We will be leaving at 8:30am for the claim.

Kim has secured our Christmas Banquet this year and it will be at the Nampa Elk's like last year. The menu will be Ham, Roast Beef, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, spice cake, & cheesecake with berry topping. There will be a No-Host Bar, which means you pay for your own drinks. The club will provide water and coffee. Kim will have tickets for sale starting this month. The cost is \$9 for members, \$18 for nonmembers, and Lifetime members will receive their meal free.

I look forward to seeing you all at this month's meeting at the College in the Boone Science Building September 21st at 7pm. We will be holding a slab drawing and Roxanne said she would have another silent auction.

Until the 21st have a safe and enjoyable Holiday.

-Willa Renken, OGMS President



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 17 AUGUST 2022

The August Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society General Meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 7:05pm at the Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving Street in Caldwell, Idaho. Ed Moser made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Roxanne Franklin seconded; motion passed. Willa gave a hearty welcome to our visitors, **Joe and Carrie Roberts**... who just happen to be Jim and Ruth Hopkins' daughter and son-in-law... welcome and please come back again!

Secretary, Chris Deveau received a check from a member for July auction purchases that was turned over to our Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence; there were two returned newsletters that Kim Bashford got the correct addresses for, Chris will resend those; and a letter from member, Howard Emry, was referred to VP Roxanne Franklin. **At this time, I would like to acknowledge Cindy Woolsey's help with the auction at the picnic in July... she assisted Willa and Roxanne in making sure everyone could view the items up for bid. Thank you, Cindy!**

Roxanne Franklin, Vice President, advised that Howard Emry will make a presentation on the 'Difference between a Mineral and a Rock' at the September General Meeting. Roxanne explained the procedures for tonight's 'Silent Auction'. **The materials for this auction were from the collections of Eileen Mitchell and Chuck McCreath. We'd like to thank Eileen and Chuck's daughter, Cindy Woolsey for their generosity.**

Debbie Lawrence, Treasurer summarized the OGMS accounts... bills paid... deposits made.

Kim Bashford, Membership Chair advised that there were no new memberships. She brought to everyone's attention, the wonderful rock and mineral collection at the Caldwell Public Library displayed by member, **Howard Emry** on behalf of OGMS. Thank you so much Howard!

Robert Murphey, Field Trip Chair was unavailable for the meeting, but **Dale Rawson, Assistant FieldTrip Chair** advised that the August trip for Bogwood is on Saturday, 20 August 2022 to Wagon Town... meeting at the Xtra-Mile/Chevron west of Marsing at the intersection of Hwy 95/55 at 7:00am, leaving at 7:30. High clearance vehicles are recommended... bring digging tools... lots of water, it will be hot!

Paul Deveau, Show Chair reminded everyone of the need for tumbled rock... little pea-sized tumbled for the Sand Dig... and critters for the Wheel-of-Gems. Our 2023 show is coming soon!

Old Business: None

New Business: Deana Ashton asked everyone to let her know of any ideas for the Show Basket Raffle gifts and to contact her if you know anyone that might want to donate a gift/prize.

The door prize drawing was not held... the prize will be forwarded to the September meeting... Chris will have the sign up sheet. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

The Silent Auction and the slab drawing were quite successful. We had so much nice material and specimens to choose from. We thank everyone for their donations to the club.

The grand finale of the evening was homemade ice cream from Ruth Hopkins (vanilla, raspberry, huckleberry), Willa Renken (huckleberry and chocolate) and Paul & Chris Deveau (orange creamsicle). A great variety, plus toppings, cupcakes, cookies, and pie to go along with the ice cream... Woo Hoo!!! Thanks to everyone for sharing in this event!

The August OGMS Board Meeting will be held on Monday, 29 August 2022 at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn Street, Caldwell, Idaho at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Vice President's Corner—Roxanne Franklin

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Monthly Meeting Topic

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact me: Roxanne Franklin (208) 577-7095, rocksfrank22@gmail.com

**My Favorite" Presentations**

If you have a favorite rock, gem, mineral, or fossil you would like to talk about and share with the members at the next meeting and in the newsletter, please contact Roxanne.

September Presentation: Minerals, Rocks, Fossils, and the Rock Cycle—Howard Emry

Howard Emry, long-time club member, will give a talk on the basics of minerals, rocks and fossils and share some things he has learned as a long-time amateur geologist. Mr. Emry will explain the difference between a mineral and a rock and in simple terms describe how minerals and rocks are formed. He will also explain how all rocks on Earth are constantly changing into new ones through the rock cycle process.

Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History

College of Idaho— Caldwell, Idaho

Hours: Monday—Friday, 12:15 - 5:00 p.m.

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As the only natural history museum in the region encompassing southwestern Idaho, southeastern Oregon, and northern Nevada, The College of Idaho's Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History is the premier resource for environmental and natural history education in the region. The Museum is listed in the "30 Most Amazing Higher Education Natural History Museums," compiled by Best College Reviews.

The Museum is located in the basement of Boone Hall on the College's campus in Caldwell.

You can check them out on [Instagram](#) or call (208)-459-5507.

Community Corner

If you are presenting to the community or working with the community on behalf of OGMS, please submit a summary of what you are doing for our "Community Corner". This helps us maintain our non-profit status and gives you a recognition for a job well done.

Thank you to members Don Dixon and Bob & Kim Bashford for the volunteer hours they have put in at the Orma J. Smith Museum at the College of Idaho, on behalf of the Evans collection. A total of 24 ½ hours between the three of them. Volunteers meet at the college the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am.



**Robert
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Robert Murphey (208) 590-1848
or Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990

**Dale
Rawson**



OGMS Field Trips

USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and Small), Sieve, Gloves, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Knee Pads, Magnifier, Plenty of Drinking Water, Food, Appropriate Clothing, Protective Eyewear, Sun Protection, Day Pack or Back Pack, Umbrella, Pry Bar, Tick Spray, First Aid Kit, Shovel and fire extinguisher to put out any fires that may start.

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.**



September 24th Field Trip

Sept 24th: Blue Egg for Blue Opal Thunder Eggs— Meet @ Homedale City Park with Tank
meet @ 8 a.m. – leave @ 8:30 a.m.

Our next trip is to our Blue Egg claim which is always a delight. The road in does require higher clearance vehicles and to harvest those beautiful eggs you will need some heavy digging tools like a pic, hammer, pry bars etc but the hard work is well worth the effort as some of the most beautiful eggs from succor creek area are found on our claim. We will be meeting at the Homedale City Park @ 8AM leaving @ 8:30 AM. The temps will be a bit cooler but please remember to bring plenty of water and some food. This area is also known to harbor some snakes so those bringing pets, please be aware. Thanks and hope to see you all there.

Other things to consider: Protective clothing and sunscreen to avoid burns. Please remember to not park on tall grass or sagebrush as the fire season is in full swing and watch out for snakes.

Special thanks to Guy DiTorrice fpr donating some fossils, thundereggs and misc rocks from his 40- year collection to be used in our silent auction at next year's show.

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society - Field Trips 2022

Oct 22nd: * Graveyard Point for agate and Jasper— Meet @ Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95).

For further information, Contact Robert (208)590-1848 or Dale (208)283-7990

August 20th Field Trip: Wagon Town—Bog Wood

Hello All, we had a great turnout for the Wagon Town trip, 15 vehicles and about 25 people. Many people found some great wood specimens and lots of tumbling material from the bog wood area. There was also some great fossil material gathered by all and cannot wait to see what people are making from it. Steve McConnell also brought some petrified wood pieces to share with others that him and his brother have dug from Wagon Town over the years. The temps were up but the shade was a welcome relief. It was a bit sketchy on the way in as we were unaware of the abundance of rain fall they had the night before which made for a non-dusty drive in.

Thanks to Linda Morgan for photos.

**August 17th Meeting and Ice Cream Social**

September Birthdays

- 4 Roy Bethel
- 5 Kenneth Neufeld
- 5 Jennie VanCampen
- 7 Denise Eason
- 11 Tom Clement
- 11 Suanne McCullough
- 12 Dale Brown
- 12 Natalya Hazen
- 12 Koda Sudweeks
- 14 Andrea Sawyer
- 16 M.K. Braga
- 16 Susan Filkins
- 16 Lynette Miller
- 17 Mika Horning
- 17 Amanda Todd
- 18 Rebecca Freeman
- 20 Randy Whipple
- 22 Bill Franklin
- 22 Angela Kester
- 25 Eva Roberts
- 26 Miguel Lantz
- 26 Brent Stewart
- 27 Chris O'Brien
- 29 Lisa Elliott
- 29 Daniel McCann

September Anniversaries

- 3 Darell & Janie Ehlers
- 11 Jeff & Paula Hales
- 11 Doc & Linda Morgan
- 12 Steve & Barb Narkaus
- 13 Lonnie & Cindy Hicks
- 18 Loren & Luva Francis
- 20 Earl & Jennie VanCampen
- 24 Dan & Diane Stevens

Sunshine Report



Hi, I am Jewels Haines and I am your Sunshine Chair.

If you hear of anyone needing a get-well card or visit, please give me a call at (760) 331-3443.

jewelsmalia@yahoo.com

Rock Sale—September 30th and October 1st

8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

\$1 to \$2 per pound

Lapidary rough sale-obsidian, petrified wood, agate, picture jasper, 10 kinds of thundereggs-some up to 50 pounds, Grassy Mtn wood, Graveyard Point agate, some big petrified wood rounds-12 inches.

CASH ONLY

Steve McConnel 208-899-0799

3000 East Denali Place, Nampa

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES 29 AUGUST 2022

The August OGMS Board Meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho. Kim Bashford made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Paul Deveau seconded; motion passed.

Vice President Roxanne Franklin was out ill... get well soon! She did confirm that **Howard Emry** will be making the presentation at the September General meeting. Also, there will be a short auction and another silent auction.

Federation Chair Ed Moser was not at the meeting but will be attending the NW Federation meeting at the end of September and taking all the stamps collected over the past two years. Please keep saving your stamps... they are donated to the Federation, sold to stamp collectors, and the proceeds are donated for breast cancer research.

Secretary Chris Deveau picked up one membership, given to Kim Bashford, Membership Chair and one returned newsletter that will be forwarded to the corrected address.

Treasurer Debbie Lawrence said OGMS received \$232 from the silent auction at the ice cream social... she paid the bill from ARC for the newsletter... and deposited membership funds.

Show Chair Paul Deveau advised that he is working on the 2023 Rock & Gem Show advertising... it is already in "Rock & Gem" magazine and the NW Federation newsletter.

Membership Chair Kim Bashford submitted a new member to the board for acceptance: **Joshua Anderson**. Kim made the motion to accept Joshua as a new member; Paul Deveau seconded; the motion passed unanimously! **Welcome to the OGMS family, Joshua!** Kim also advised the board that she has ordered more exhibitor ribbons for the showcases at the show!

The September field trip will be on Saturday, 24 September 2022 to the Blue Egg claim. We will meet the Homedale City Park by the tank at 8:00am, leaving at 8:30.

Unfinished business: Kim Bashford will start selling tickets for the Christmas banquet at the September General meeting. The Christmas banquet will be held on Wednesday, 21 December 2022 at the Nampa Idaho Elks Club at 7:00pm... so sign up, this is a fun event and great food (ham, roast beef, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls, spice cake and cheesecake) ... YUM!

New business:

- The club elections will be held at the October General meeting... if you are interested in becoming an officer in the club, please contact any Board member... this is YOUR club, it takes everyone to volunteer.
- There will be a joint field trip with the Idaho Gem Club to Beacon Hill in late September/early October... Willa will let us know when.
- November will be our annual fundraising auction geared toward Christmas. Rock related items/gifts are great donations for the auction... get all your shopping done! The funds raised help defray the cost of our Christmas banquet... so be planning ahead for all the activities.
- We need to coordinate a Road Cleanup at the September meeting.



The September General meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 September 2022 at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Bldg. Room 103 at 7:00pm. **There will be a slab drawing** so please bring your slabs to the General meeting.

The September Board meeting will be held on Monday, 26 September 2022 at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary

2023 Show Dates: "OGMS", March 4 and 5**O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho**

You may have noticed that ads are starting to appear in rock & gem magazines for our OGMS gem show in March 2023. Please be thinking for a great name for the show. We will soon be adopting a "show name" for our up-and-coming event. Be thinking of a good one, we'll be voting on it at the next meeting.

We all know that OGMS needs to replenish good material for the SILENT AUCTION, GRAB BAGS with polished-tumbled rock, (to include tiny rock for the SAND DIG)... How can you help ?

Clarence Wright has fired up the club tumblers and will certainly help OGMS to restock. Don & Cindy have donated material for grab bags.

The 2022 show has also depleted our supply of rock-critters for the WHEEL-OF-GEMS... if you feel you have a little time you can donate, please contact me or any of the directors... let's see how creative we can be. Darlene Emry will be helping to create some good ones, along with Rulon.

Keep in mind, OGMS pays **\$120.00** for a five-gallon bucket of nicely, tumbled material...

Remember, help us with that perfect name for our up-and-coming, 2023 ROCK & GEM SHOW.

See you at the meeting... "STAY HAPPY & BE SAFE"

LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SHOW...



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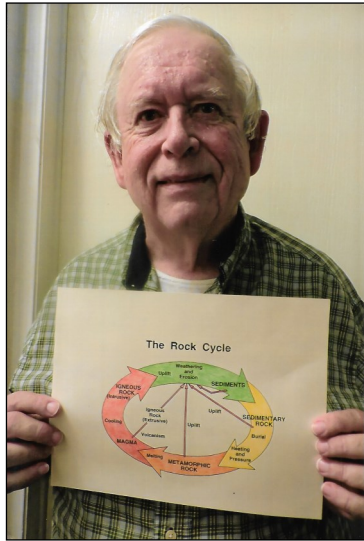
**Federation Director—Ed Moser**

Bring your postage stamps to the next 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.

Please Respect the Rules when you are out collecting rocks, be careful of ticks and snakes, and have fun.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director
(208) 340-8060,
edmoser15@gmail.com

“Minerals, Rocks, Fossils and the Rock Cycle”



Pictured here is Howard Emry holding a diagram of the Rock Cycle.

Howard, a member of OGMS and for many years an amateur geologist, will give a talk during the September club meeting on the basics of minerals, rocks and fossils, and share some things he has learned as a long-time amateur geologist. During his talk, Mr. Emry will explain the difference between a mineral and a rock, and in simple terms describe how minerals and rocks are formed. He will also explain how all rocks on Earth are constantly changing into new ones through the Rock Cycle process. He plans to display a few minerals and rocks to aid his presentation. He also hopes to tell those attending what is a fossil and by using a few actual fossils as examples, show how fossils help us to learn about previous climate changes.

So come to the meeting and see a fellow rockhound share with you some things about basic geology.

Fossils and Minerals Displayed at the Caldwell Public Library

During the month of August 2022, two displays on geology were shown near the front entrance of the Caldwell Public Library. The displays were sponsored by the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society and designed and exhibited by Howard and Darlene Emry, who are long-time members of the club. One display was about the Tempskya Tree Fern, an odd-looking plant that lived during the Early Cretaceous Period when dinosaurs roamed the earth. The exhibit described how this ancient fern grew and what it looked like when it was alive over 100 million years ago. The exhibit showed fossilized Tempskya Fern wood that was found many years ago by the couple near the small community of Wayan which is located in southeastern Idaho.

The other library exhibit had on display many specimens of different kinds of minerals. The exhibit described the basic characteristics of a mineral and showed how minerals come in many shapes and sizes. Because of their different shades of colors and sparkling crystals, Howard says that minerals are very beautiful to behold and should be displayed for people to enjoy.

Howard ways that there are two main reasons why he and his wife, Darlene, put in geology displays at the Caldwell Public Library and elsewhere:

1. Encourage those who visit the library to attend meetings and become members of the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society.
2. To inform and educate the public to the various aspects of the exciting world of geology and reveal to the community the beauty that is found in minerals, rocks, and fossils.

Howard and Darlene are two of the three club members who throughout the year periodically display attractive geology specimens at the Caldwell Library. Ed Moser, another member of the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society also puts in displays at the library. Ed Moser has been doing this service for the club and community for many years and in the past has received help from other club members. If you are a member of the club who is interested in helping to put together a display to exhibit in the library, contact Ed Moser at (208) 340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com



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Membership

We are accepting payment of 2022 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:

Kim Bashford, Membership Director
P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053
Phone: (208) 454-7287 Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com



Welcome New Members!

Joshua Anderson

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES

Year: 2022

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

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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 7:00 P.M. in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103, except for the July picnic and the December holiday party.

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag— Bring an unidentified rock and we'll help you figure out what it is!

FIELD TRIPS:

Field trips are scheduled once a month.
Visitors are welcome at all these events!



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/>