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September President's Message

Hello fellow rockhounds. I hope this finds you all well and enjoying a bit of a cool down in the weather. For this month, Sue has contacted Emily Hendrickson to come and speak on the "Redevelopment of the Delmar Mine". It will be interesting to see how they are creating this redevelopment.



John has been busy scouting out the Blue Egg claim for our September field trip. He will be meeting you in Homedale at the tank at 8am leave at 8:30am. Come prepared to dig and scout around for the material. These eggs come in all different sizes so let's see who can find the biggest.

It is once again time to be thinking about our October elections. If you are interested in being on the Club's Board of Directors please let us know. We are always up for new ideas and welcome all who would like to be a part of your Club's progression. The Board will remain the same unless any of you want to volunteer.

November is right around the corner and with it comes our Annual Auction. It is never too late to start planning your projects for donation. Since this is before Christmas most are looking for nice items to purchase fill out their Christmas lists. We value you all and appreciate any donation you are willing to contribute.

I will not be able to attend this month's General Meeting so Sue Cassidy will be presiding over the meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the College at 7pm on September 20. 'Till then keep on rocking.

-Willa Renken OGMS President

General Meeting Minutes—August 16, 2023

The OGMS General meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 07:05pm at the Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving Street, Caldwell, Idaho. Roxanne Franklin made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Ed Moser seconded; motion passed. Willa welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Three pieces of mail were received at the post office by **Secretary, Chris Deveau**. A notice for public comment on the Calico Resources gold mine in Malheur County by the Oregon Dept of Geology and Mineral Resources from 2-4 p, on 24 August was shared with the membership. A postcard from Meteoritetesting.org was made available to everyone regarding the availability of their testing service. One membership renewal was given to Kim Bashford, Membership Chair.

A summary of the July auction deposits and the OGMS accounts was presented to the group by **Roxanne Franklin, Treasurer**.

OGMS and the Idaho Gem Club were recognized for donating the MOST stamps of all the member clubs (the stamps are sold to collectors and the proceeds are donated for breast cancer research) according to Federation director, **Ed Moser**. The show was a good one with lots of nice agate and dinosaur fossils. There was a discussion of changing the Federation newsletter to electronic, but it was tabled, there will be no change for now. The next NWFS meeting will be held in Hermiston, Oregon in April 2024.

Paul Deveau, Show Chair advised he is working on various Show activities. Please keep tumbling your rock for donation to the Show.

October is Membership Renewal Month! **Kim Bashford, Membership Chair** reminded everyone to pick up their name tags.

Sue Cassidy, Vice President advised the membership of the presentation at the September General meeting by Emily Hendrickson on 'Redeveloping the DeLamar Mine'. Also, on the 30th of September, an onsite visit to the DeLamar mine has been made available. Contact Sue if you are interested in going, she needs a head count. Check the newsletter for more information.

The field trip for August will be on Saturday, 19 August 2023. **John Wright, Field Trip Chair** said we will meet at the back of the store at the ION /Chevron truck stop at the junction of HWY 95/55 west of Marsing at 07:00am, leave at 07:30. The group is going to Graveyard Point for moss agate.

OGMS would like to welcome a visitor, Idaho Gem Club member, **Terri Frostrom** to our meeting. We hope you enjoyed your time with us.

Old Business: none

New Business: October is election month. If you are interested in becoming a director of OGMS, please contact Willa or any Board member. Everyone is encouraged to be active in the leadership of our club.

Roxanne Franklin organized a silent auction of donations to the club. A slab drawing was held for everyone's enjoyment. Thanks to all who donate material and take part in these activities.

The door prize drawing was won by **Lynn Hansen**. He won the miniature shovel provided by our last winner, Chris Deveau. Congratulations, Lynn. All you need to do to take part in the door prize drawing is sign on the sheet provided by the secretary. If your number is drawn, you WIN! The winner then provides a rock-related gift for next month's winner.

Our evening was rounded out by homemade ice cream for all. Willa's chocolate was super, Ruth's huckleberry, amazing and Paul and Chris' vanilla rounded out the selections. Sue Cassidy added her cheesecake bites-yummmmm! We hope everyone enjoyed the treats and the ice cream social special meeting, how can you miss with homemade ice cream???

There will be a slab drawing and a door prize drawing at the September meeting. Please bring your slabs!

The August Board Meeting will be held on 28 August 2023 at 07:00pm at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Vice-President's Corner—Sue Cassidy



Sue Cassidy

"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 Sue.

Monthly Meeting Topic

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact Sue at (603) 548-8822, pypnhot@comcast.net

September 20 Emily Hendrickson: Topic— Redeveloping the DeLamar Mine
Boone Science Building, College of Idaho

September 30 – **Onsite visit to DeLamar mine** – limited to 30 people per visit. In the event that we have more than 30 people attending, Emily has agreed to host another tour visit on a **weekday** to be determined. Must have signed up with Sue prior to the September meeting. Send email to Sue Cassidy (pypnhot@comcast.net) with member name(s), contact phone number and email (in case of rescheduling).

- Meet at the ION Extra Mile in Marsing at the US 95/HWY 55 junction at **8am**
- Pile into Integra vehicles
- Bring a sack lunch with you – bottled water will be provided by the mine
- Depart the ION **by 8:15**.
- Arrive to DeLamar by **9:30 am**.
- Brief stop at site office for safety intro, distribute PPE, and use restrooms
- Stop at core shed to look at cool rocks
- Drive up to the Florida Mountain pits
- Drive out past the DeLamar and Glen Silver Pits/reclaimed tailings facility
- Depart DeLamar by **11:30 am**.
- Return to ION by **1:00 pm**.

October 18 Bill Nance: Topic—Select Minerals of Central America/Mexico
Election of Board Members

November 15 No Speaker—Annual Fall Auction

December Holiday Banquet

January 17, 2024 Paul Verhage: Topic— "Crater Counting to Compare the Age of Terrains"

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

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Field Trip Report —John Wright



USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR FIELD 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, Protective clothing and sunscreen to avoid burns.

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.
- Please remember to not park on tall grass or sagebrush as the fire season is in full swing and watch out for snakes.
- 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.



For further information contact John Wright at 208-571-6873 or Red Lovette at 208-965-7624

OGMS 2023 Field Trips

September 23rd—Blue Egg Claim—Blue Opal Thundereggs

Meet at Homedale Park (by the tank) at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m.
(E Idaho Ave and S 2nd St E)

October 21st—Bruneau Wood Pile—Petrified Wood and Pine Cones

Meet at Walter's Ferry Boat Ramp, Melba, at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m.

For further information contact John Wright at 208-571-6873 or Red Lovette at 208-965-7624

Community Corner – by Karen Davis

The end of the school year is usually a very busy time and last May I was busier than ever. The Middleton Heights Elementary Librarian happens to be my daughter. The principal of the school wants her to incorporate more STEM activities into her lessons and I volunteered to give rock classes during class library time. Since the kids aren't allowed to check out books the last 2 weeks of school, that meant that all the students in grades K-5th would be getting a 50 minute rock class, 6-7 classes each day, M-Th, with a total of over 500 kids learning about rocks! And boy, were they ever excited!

When they walked into the library 3 large tables of rocks and minerals were on display that they were encouraged to pick up and feel. There were lots of questions!

We gathered each class into a group, showed a short video to teach them the basic types of rocks and how they are formed and from there I showed Pahoehoe Lava vs vesicular basalt, minerals, common rocks and fossils. Samples were passed around so they could see and feel the rocks up close. Of course, the magic floating rock was a big hit but the thing the kids liked the most was when I brought out my UV light and lit up several fluorescent minerals, one glowing a bright hot pink! The 5th graders were given a polished rock to take home and the principal heard all about the "cool" rock classes from the excited students.

Since that very busy week, I have given 3 more classes during the summer to people who have expressed an interest in learning about rocks and where to find them (one family was visiting from Texas!).

Of course, after teaching classes, the kids invariably want to go rock hounding for themselves. So, I have taken several groups on field trips so they can find their own treasures. I get such joy in teaching kids about rocks and minerals and love their enthusiasm as they discover a whole new hobby! Sending my love to all my fellow rock lovers, Karen Davis



September Birthdays

- 1 Jason Evans
- 4 Roy Bethel
- 4 Bruce Sistrunk
- 5 Jennie VanCampen
- 7 Denise Eason
- 10 Evelyn Fassett
- 12 Natalya Hazen
- 12 Koda Sudweeks
- 14 Andrea Sawyer
- 16 Franciscia Russell
- 19 Doug Merrell
- 20 Mike Markel
- 20 Randy Whipple
- 21 Jeff Armstrong
- 22 Bill Franklin
- 23 Miguel Ramirez
- 25 Eva Roberts
- 26 Miguel Lantz
- 26 Brent Stewart
- 27 Steve Souza
- 28 Rick Voss
- 29 Lisa Elliott
- 29 Daniel McCann

September Anniversaries

- 3 Darell & Janie Ehlers
- 6 Luis & Lisa Sanchez
- 10 Mark & Kathie Powers
- 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
- 26 Deon & Connie Shouse
- 28 Rod & Shauna Marceau

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

September Birthstone

• Blue Sapphire •



In ancient Greece, royals were convinced that **blue sapphires** protected their owners from envy and harm. During the Middle Ages, people thought the gem attracted heavenly blessings. Others instilled sapphires with the power to guard chastity, make peace between enemies, influence spirits, and reveal the secrets of oracles.

Newsletter Editor

If you have articles or information for the newsletter, please submit to denisemstringer@gmail.com

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.

Board Meeting Minutes—August 28, 2023

President, Willa Renken called the August Board Meeting to order at 07:00pm at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho. Roxanne Franklin made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter, Ed Moser seconded, motion carried.

Secretary, Chris Deveau passed two memberships to Kim Bashford, Membership Chair. A return receipt from the Oregon State Office of the Bureau of Land Management will be passed to Dave Schmidt who manages the OGMS claims paperwork. Notification of a class action suit involving advertising was sent to the club and will be investigated.

Vice President, Sue Cassidy advised the Board that the DeLamar mine tour on 30 September 2023 will be split into two tours, with another one scheduled for Friday the 29th. Sue is contacting the membership to get that resolved. Emily Hendrickson will speak on the topic 'Redeveloping the DeLamar Mine', at the 20 September 2023 General meeting. Bill Nance will be making the presentation about 'Select Minerals of Central America / Mexico' at the October General Meeting.

Treasurer, Roxanne Franklin said she had paid the Webmaster for his services but has not received one yet from the ARC for their services with the newsletter. She will be unavailable for the General and Board meetings in September.

Show Chair, Paul Deveau turned in receipts for show expenses and a deposit from a dealer for space at the Show to Roxanne, Treasurer.

Federation Chair, Ed Moser thanked everyone again for all the donations of stamps. OGMS and the Idaho Gem Club received recognition for bringing the MOST stamps of all the clubs at the Federation meeting in Billings. Please continue to save your stamps and bring them to Ed! He also advised us of the discussion to stop mailing the Federation Newsletter and deliver it via e-mail. That discussion was tabled for now, so no change. The next Federation meeting will be in Hermiston, Oregon on 24 April 2024.

Field Trip Chair, John Wright is taking the group to the OGMS Blue Egg claim for the September field trip on Saturday, 23 September 2023. We will meet at Homedale Park by the tank at 08:00am, leave at 08:30am.

Old business:

- Willa confirmed for the Vice President to conduct the September General Meeting and possibly the September Board Meeting.
- OGMS elections are held in October. If you are interested in being on the Board and getting more involved in running the club, please contact any Board member. It's your club!!!

New business:

- We will have our Christmas fundraising auction at the November General meeting. The money raised helps to defray the cost of our Christmas party. Please bring rock related items/gifts to sell at the auction. This is a great way to get your Christmas shopping done early, so plan ahead for all the activities!

Member, **Howard Emry** has a beautiful collection of specimens on display at the Caldwell Public Library... stop by and check them out, it is well worth your time! Thank you, Howard! What a great way to share our wonderful rockhounding hobby!

There will be a slab drawing at the General meeting, so bring your slabs!

The September General meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20 September 2023 at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Bldg, Room 103 at 07:00pm.

The September Board meeting will be held on Monday, 25 September 2022 at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho at 7:00pm.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 07:50pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



Show Report

2024 Show Dates: "GEMS AND MORE IN '24", March 2nd & 3rd
O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho



SHOW CHAIR:
Paul Deveau
(208) 994-8025
devidaho@g.com

Six months remain 'till we open the doors once more at the O'Connor Field House and host the 70th gem show "GEMS AND MORE IN '24". A huge number of volunteers turned out in March 2023 and the result was another great show. We all had fun!



ASST SHOW CHAIR:
Chris Deveau
(208) 994-80256
dragonflylight@g.com

The time will pass quickly and 2024 will be here before we know it. I know most, if not all, of our volunteers are planning to help again in '24, don't miss a great time, we always need volunteers, so please, think of where you'd like to fit-in and we'll make it happen.

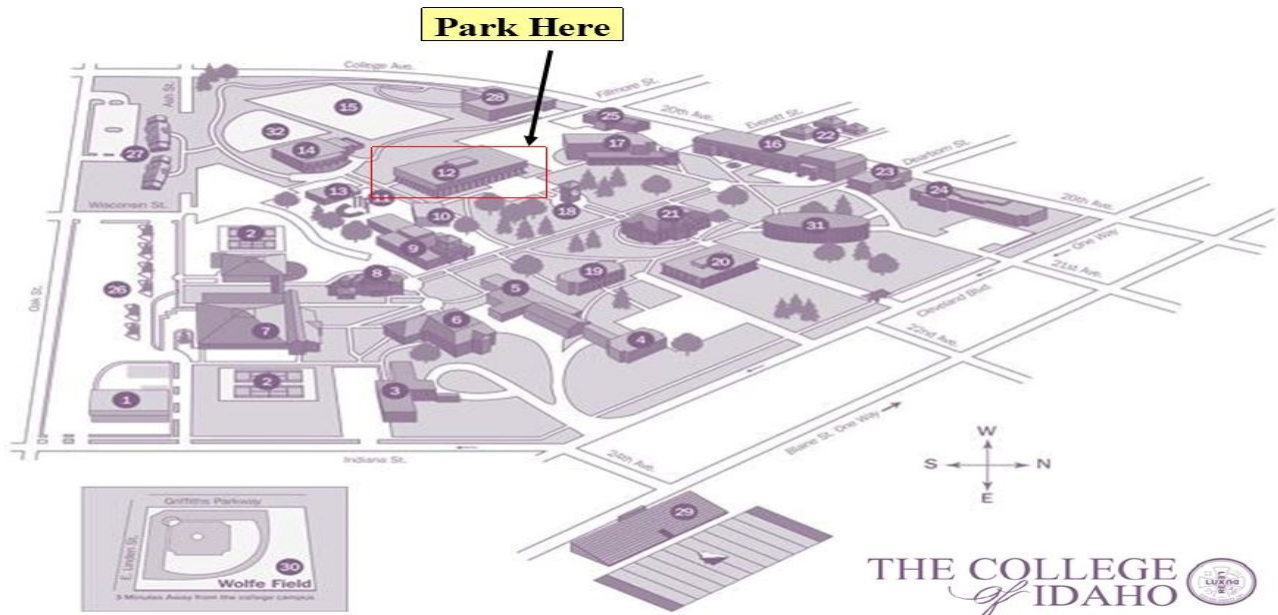
Rulon Allred donated several buckets of nice rock which were delivered to Harald Villarreal for tumbling. Clarence Wright has also donated rock to be tumbled. Don Dixon and Cindy Woolsey have offered several more buckets which we will pick up and deliver to Harald. Thanks everyone, this really, really helps.

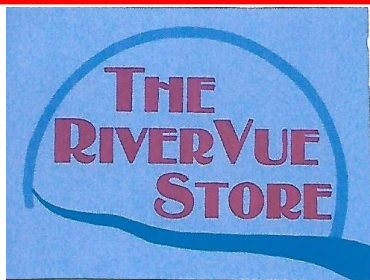
During your travels this summer, please remember to set back a few of your findings for "GEMS AND MORE IN '24". The silent auction reserve was mostly depleted in '23. We are always in need of small size tumbled rock for the "grab bags" and "pea size" (and smaller) for the "sand dig."

OGMS will continue to pay \$120 per five-gallon bucket of nicely tumbled rock. A discussion was held at the August board meeting regarding additional claims for the future. OGMS currently has five claims. I was given permission to address this issue.

STAY SAFE AND HAVE FUN

September 20th, October 18th, and November 15th General Meetings at The College of Idaho
Caldwell, Idaho—Boone Science Hall (#12 on map below), Room 103 at 7:00 p.m.





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August 19th Field Trip Pictures—Graveyard Point



Membership—Kim Bashford

We are accepting payment of 2023 dues

Membership forms are available at every meeting and on the next page of this newsletter. Invite your "rockhound" friends to our next meeting!

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 meetings, 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 on the next page to:

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



**Welcome
 New
 Members!**

**Jason and Jenny
 Evans**

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY—2023 Membership Application

Rockhounds' Code of Ethics

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material – matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

I have read and understand the Rockhounds' Code of Ethics: Signed _____

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

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
PO Box 1053
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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

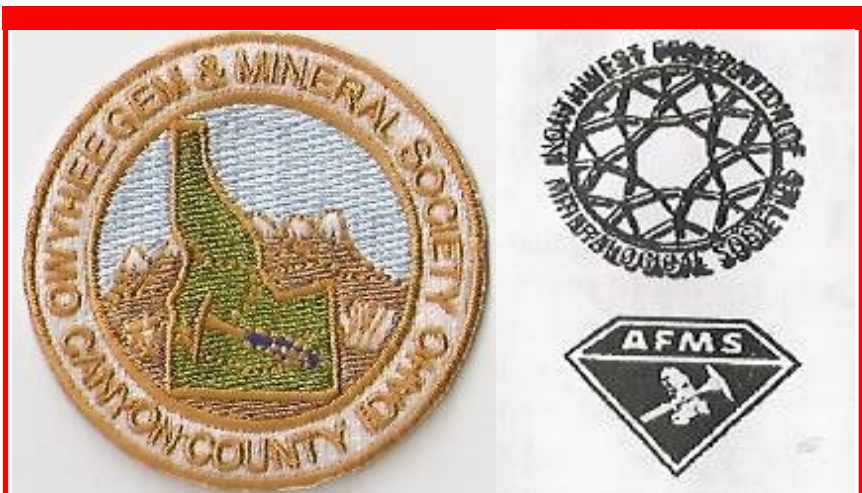
The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1938 at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho.

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 summer months 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/>