



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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April President's Message

Hope this finds you all having a great Easter and enjoying those April showers as we need May flowers. This is always a great time in the desert as the wild flowers are starting to appear. It is amazing the beauty Mother Nature provides us if we just take a minute to check it out.

Ithel tells us that we had a great turn out for March's field trip with 38 cars and around sixty people. I was told there were some very nice treasures brought home that weekend. The next outing will be just as much of an adventure as it will be to Jamieson for wood and agate. There will be more information at this month's General Meeting.

Janie has been getting the club's bank accounts organized with our new bank and wants all to know everything is in order. We should have a Budget report soon.

This year's show was confirmed as a great success. Susan gave us an update in relation to last year's figures. It looks as though we should be ready to move forward with adding some different advertising this next year. I want to thank all who helped as without the generosity of our membership we would not have been able to fill each venue with the much needed help and prizes. I think each year is getting better do largely to the organization and oversight of our Show Chairperson Susan Beattie. This is one of the biggest and time consuming jobs within our organization. Susan manages to pull it off each year along with improving the process so it runs smoothly and efficiently. Please let her know we appreciate all she does on our behalf.

Remember the Road Cleanup is almost upon us. We will have a signup sheet at the next meeting. If you can help out for a few hours it would be most appreciated. With many hands we make light work of these projects. Weather permitting we will have a short field trip to reward those who took the time to help complete this project.

As always I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on April 15th. Until then keep on rocking!

-Willa Renken, OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES **March 18, 2015**

General Meeting: The meeting was held at the Best Western Hotel in Caldwell and was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30pm. Willa asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes as printed and was seconded by Brad Larson. Willa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Visitors and new members stood and introduced themselves and all were given a warm welcome. Ed Moser gave an informative presentation on things to take with you on a field trip. A big thank you to him for reminding all of us to be prepared.

Secretary: Had no new correspondence.

Vice President: Nancy lines up speakers and presentations for the club meetings. If you have something you would like to share with the club or know someone who would like to give a presentation, you can give her a call.

Treasurer: Janie gave a report on the Gem Show expenses and the status of the books.

Show Chairman: Susan reported we had a good turnout for the Gem Show. The attendance this year was close to the same number as last year. The club venues were a great success with more revenue than previous years. Set up and tear down went smoothly, and all of the vendors were happy with their spaces. Willa thanked all of the club members who volunteered. We would not have the exceptional show we do without all of the volunteers and contributions from the club members.

Federation Chairman: Remember to bring your postage stamps to the meetings. Ed will be attending the Federation Show April 10-12 in Ogden Utah and will be delivering all of our saved stamps at that time.

Field Trip Chairman: The field trip this month will be to Graveyard Point. Members will be hunting for plume agate, moss agate, and petrified wood. Meet at the ION Truck Stop at 7:30 and leave around 8. Roads are dry and a little rough, a high clearance vehicle is recommended.

Webmaster: Pictures from the Gem Show and show cases will be added soon. If you have pictures you would like to share with the club you can e-mail them to Brad.

Historian: Pauline with the help of several volunteers repaired many of the club albums. Their many hours restoring the archives made for a great presentation at the Gem Show.

Sunshine Chairman: Cards were sent to David Schmitt and to Myrt Alston.

Membership Chairman: Kathy read the names of 34 new members/families and made a motion to accept all of the new members. Susan Beattie seconded the motion. New members were given a warm welcome by the club.

Refreshments: Ruth thanked the people who brought goodies and encouraged everyone to sign up for future meetings. Give her a call to let her know when you are able to help.

Unfinished Business: The highway clean-up is planned for April 25. Club members are encouraged to come and help pick-up trash on the road beginning at the top of the hill at Walters Ferry. When finished there should still be time for a field trip.

New Business: Carolyn spoke to the club about the youth program. She is looking for ideas and volunteers. Give her a call if you can help out. 208 585-5910. Willa thanked everyone for a job well done at the Gem Show and thanked the visitors and new members for coming to the meeting.

Slab drawing – Door prize winner Cindy Woolsey – Refreshments – Meeting adjourned 9:20

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

Membership Report

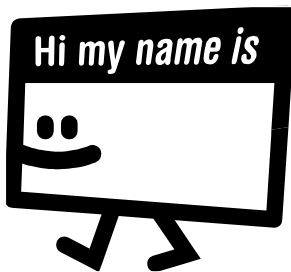
Membership forms are available at every meeting, so invite your "rockhound" friends to our next one!

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 1st through the following October 1st . You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053.



-Kathi Larson,
Membership Director
465-8083, redkatnthat@gmail.com

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2015

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

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

FIRST NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ ANNIV: _____-_____/_____-_____
Month Day Month Day Month Day

EMAIL: _____

RENEWAL _____ NEW _____ CASH _____ CHECK # _____ RECD BY _____

April Birthstone



Diamond

April Birthdays

- 2 John Benedict**
- 4 John Curt**
- 7 Mark Goodell**
- 9 Gary Monroe**
- 9 Susie Nash**
- 9 Benjamin Sudweeks**
- 9 Koda Sudweeks**
- 12 Sylvia Foreman**
- 13 Ed Moser**
- 13 Darlene Townsend**
- 21 Ted Hermans**
- 22 Willa Renken**
- 24 Dick McClarin**
- 26 Earnest Haney**
- 27 Jaden Atwood**
- 27 Kay Wieden**

Diamond is April's Birthstone:

General averter of evil—spiritual, mental and physical; also used as a battle talisman

April's birth flower: is the daisy which conveys innocence, loyal love, and purity. It is also a flower given between friends to keep a secret; the daisy means "I'll never tell."

The other April flower is the sweet pea. Sweet peas signify blissful pleasure, but are also used to say good-bye.



April Anniversaries

- 6 Tony & Kathy Griffin**
- 11 Mike & Judy Tucker**
- 30 Mark & Terry Goodell**

Refreshments

We wish to thank all those who brought refreshments to the March meeting.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the April 15th meeting.

Please sign up for to bring refreshments to at least one of the meetings this year.

Thank You,
Ruth & Jim Hopkins
466-8817
16654JRHopkins@q.com



Please let me know if I don't have your correct information, or if you are not on the lists above and should be.
Email me at: denisemstringer@gmail.com

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rockingift@cableone.net

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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

Idaho Indoor Farmers Community Market

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4977 Glenwood, Garden City, Idaho
Corner of Glenwood and Chinden Blvd

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society April Field Trip

April 18, 2015

Jamieson, Oregon

Petrified Wood and Agate



We will have three meeting places:

The first meeting spot will be O'Connor Field House in Caldwell at 6:30 a.m.,
leave around 7 a.m.

The second one will be at the rest stop just across the Snake River Bridge heading
into Ontario, Oregon at 8:00 a.m.

The third one will be in Vale, Oregon at the pull out across from the
restaurant about 8:30 a.m.

Jamieson is located on U.S. Route 26, 17 miles northwest of Vale.

Join us at the April 15th general meeting to find out more about this month's field trip.

Useful items to bring: bucket/canvas bag, shovel, pick, rock hammer, gloves,
appropriate clothing, first aid kit, drinking water, lunch and snacks.

Generally a high-clearance vehicle and sometimes a 4WD or ATV is required.

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:

Ithel Kildow, 455-7960, ithelk@gmail.com

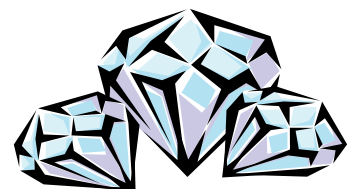
ASSISTANTS:

Randy Whipple, 585-5910, rlwhipple@gmail.com

Gene Alvey, 440-3067, fosselmoss@msn.com

Tentative 2015 Field Trip Schedule

May 23: Rome, Oregon—Snakeskin Agate
 June 20: Big Egg Claim
 July 18: Wagontown
 August 22: Pink Plume Agates
 Sept. 19: Succor Creek (Blue Egg Claim)
 Oct. 24: Big Egg Claim for Final Excavation Clean Up



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**March 30, 2015**

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Secretary: Received one membership renewal from the mail box.

Vice President: Nancy brought up some concerns regarding the club booth. Also, she will be lining up a speaker for the April meeting.

Treasurer: Janie is in the process of getting all of our accounts transferred to the new bank. The new checking account has been set up and the old one will be closed as soon as the checks have cleared. She will be moving the CD's as soon as they mature.

Show Chairman: Susan had a discussion regarding raising the fees of vender spaces due to the rising costs by the O'Connor Field House. It was proposed to raise the vendor space fees \$2 per foot and the door entry fee from \$3 to \$4 next year. These concepts will be taken into consideration at the Show review meeting that will be upcoming. The club venues all exceeded last year's revenue. Issues were identified and solutions found to keep venues running smooth.

Federation Chairman: Ed and Deanna will be traveling to Ogden Utah April 10 - 12 for the Federation Show. They are planning on attending the Federation meeting on Friday and will be contributing several boxes of postage stamps that have been collected by club members. Ed pointed out an article in the Federation Newsletter about getting written permission from land owners before collecting on private property.

Field Trip Chairman: Had a great turnout for the first field trip of the year. Ithel lead 38 cars to Graveyard Point and did some hunting in new places. Next month the field trip will be on April 18 and will go to Jamieson. Meet at O'Connor Field house at 6:30 leave around 7 am.

Sunshine Chairman: A card was sent to Myrt, she is continuing her rehab.

Unfinished Business: Road clean-up will be on April 25. Had a discussion about getting equipment to the Big Egg Claim for excavation.

New Business: Clarence Wright has been tumbling and giving rock to the club to be used at the shows for many years. The club would like to recognize his contribution and let him know he is appreciated. Pauline Prather made a motion to present Clarence and Lorraine with a lifetime membership to the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society. Ed Moser made a second to the motion. Motion carried. The next board meeting will be at the Caldwell Library. Meeting Adjourned 8:45.

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

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/>





Road Clean-Up: April 25, 2015

The road clean-up has been postponed.

A new date will be communicated soon.

Federation Director

Bring your postage stamps to this month's 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.

Don't forget the Federation Show on April 10, 11, & 12th in Ogden, Utah.

THANKS to ALL of you for the stamps the you have turned in.

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



Northwest Federation Annual Show and the Golden Spike 64th Gemstone Junction

April 10th: 9-6, 11th: 10-6, 12th: 10-4

Admission: \$3 Adults | \$1.50 Students | Children under 12 and Scouts are free with paid Adult.

For competitive cases contact Tom Burchard, 801 791 2828, roxhund@aol.com

For NFMS information contact Evan Day, 801 391 2912, eday@sisna.com

Golden Spike Event Center, Weber County Fairgrounds, 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden UT 88440

Deborah Blake, PO Box 12835, Ogden, UT 84412, 385 205 9187

gemshow@goldenspikegem.org

Upcoming Events**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society April Meeting****April 15, 2015—7:30 p.m.****Location:** Best Western Hotel , Exit #29, 908 Specht Ave, Caldwell**SEIGMS 59th Annual Gem and Mineral Show—South East Idaho Gem and Mineral Society**

April 11th: 10-6, 12th: 10-5 Adults \$2.00 12 & under free with adult

Bannock County Fairgrounds, 10588 Fairground Dr, Pocatello ID 83201

Larry Manhart, 208 406 3990, luv2huntrocks@gmail.com

Yakima Rock & Mineral Club - 54th Parade of Gems

April 11th: 10-6, 12th: 10-4

Admission \$3.50 adult | \$2.00 and Senior | Children under 12 free with paid adult.

*New Location—Central Washington State Fair Grounds, Modern Living Building

1301 South Fair Avenue, Yakima WA 98901

Marti Sondgeroth, 509 248 6401 (evenings – leave message), marthms@q.com

2013 South 41st Avenue, Yakima, WA 98903

Agates – the 60th Annual River of Gems Show - Willamette Agate and Mineral Society

April 17th: 9-6, 18th: 10-6, 19th: 10-4:30 Admission \$2 children under 12 are free

Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S Pacific Hwy W., Rickreall OR 97371

Etheleen Flippo, 503 623 4247, reflippoo@hotmail.com

51st Annual Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Show—Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society

April 18th: 10-6, 19th: 10-5 Adults \$3.00 Children under 12 free

Idaho Falls Recreation Center, B Street, Idaho Falls, ID

Dave Gunderson, 208 523 2355

Tom Strong, 337 384 6820

PO Box 2362, Idaho Falls, ID 83403

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club - Annual Rock, Gem and Mineral Show

April 18th: 10-5, 19th: 10-4

Admission - \$5.00 (\$1.00 off coupon available), Children 12 & under free with paid adult.

Benton County Fairgrounds, 1500 South Oak, Kennewick WA 99337

Mary Lou Omstead, PO Box 6652, Kennewick, WA 99336, 509 783 2798

Mt Hood Rock Club's 58th Rock, Mineral and Gem Show

April 24th: 10-5, 25th: 10-5, 26th 10-4

Free Admission, and one free rock to each child. Donations appreciated.

Kliever National Guard Armory, 10000 NE 33rd Drive, Portland OR 97211, mhrcshowchair@gmail.com

47th Annual Earth's Treasures Rock and Gem Show—Grays Harbor Geology and Gem Society

April 25th: 10-5, 26th: 10-4 Admission: Free

Grays Harbor County Fair Grounds, 43 Elma-McCleary Road, Elma, WA 98541

Gary Emberley, 624 Farimont Place, Aberdeen, WA 98520, 360 533 6196, melissa624@hotmail.com

West Seattle Rock Club—49th Annual Show - Earth's Treasures

April 25th: 10-5, 26th: 10-5 Free Admission

Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40th Avenue SW, Seattle, WA

Leroy Christensen, 206 582 2267, soundviewathome@comcast.net

For more show information: <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/ShowsJanJun.asp>

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. 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!



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