



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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April President's Message

Happy Spring to everyone! It would seem our new rock hounding year is up on us and should be another year of great adventure. I would imagine you all are busily planning your next outings as the weather has been beautiful and the desert is beckoning us to come find our treasures for the new year. Please remember to pick up a little extra for the club on your outings as our supplies are in need of restocking. It takes us all year to do just a bit for the club in all your tumbling, collecting, and jewelry making to stock our show each year. If everyone contributes just a little bit we always have more than enough each year.

This month's program will be on sphere making and Dan Stevens is our presenter. He does a great job creating those beautiful round orbs of delight and I am looking forward to his introduction to sphere making.

Ithel will be presenting the field trip location and information as to time and place. The field trip will be on the 23rd.

Susan has reserved the Idaho room at the Caldwell Library for the Show Meeting. Please set aside some time to come and voice your opinion on what can be improved or if you have an idea that would be a nice addition to our Annual Gem Show. This is the time for us to work out those things that might have presented a challenge so we can find resolutions to provide a smoother flow to the show. Your ideas and thought are always welcome but need to be voiced in order to be implemented.

Larry Beattie will be going over the roadside cleanup at the upcoming meeting. This event requires at least a dozen people and takes about an hour or two to accomplish the trash pickup of our designated section of the road way. Refreshments are provided and, weather permitting, a surprise field trip is usually included. So plan on coming out and having a great time on that weekend.

Don't forget to keep in mind that our Editor is always in need of special articles and reports on those outings and interesting events you attend. We have a number of shut-ins who only get to live vicariously through reading about all the fun we have had throughout the year. Plus, we get to share how great our club is with the various other clubs throughout the Northwest. So take a minute and put pen to paper and share your most favorite outing with all of us.

Thanks again to all of you for making this such a fun group of people to be a part of. Until we meet on the 20th have a great day and a better tomorrow.

-Willa Renken OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES March 16, 2016

The meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and was called to order at 7:30pm by President Willa Renken. Willa asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none Brad Larson made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; seconded by Jim Hopkins, motion carried. Guests were introduced and welcomed to the meeting. There was an informative presentation on Air St. Luke's. The club is able to sign up for service for \$45/year. Contact Jim Hopkins if you are interested in more information about signing up.

Secretary: Received three membership renewals, three bills that were given to Janie and two thank you notes that were read to the club.

Vice President: Dan Stevens will be giving a presentation about "How to Make a Sphere" at the next general meeting.

Treasurer: The books have been audited. Janie had great reports on revenue from the Gem Show.

Show Chairman: Thank you to everyone for all of the hard work done to make this year's Gem Show successful. Set up and tear down went smoothly. A special thank you to Jeri for member recruitment and to Darell for the extra effort for the television advertising. Red thanked the members who helped at the silent auction and asked the club to pick up extra material on field trips. There are only a few rock bags left over, the club will need tumbled stones. Critters are needed for the games and the sand dig needs more treasures. Work needs to start early to get ready for the show next year.

Federation Chairman: The NFMS annual show will be in Albany, Oregon on July 29 – 31. Fish and Game is replanting the areas that burned last year and are asking for volunteers to help. Remember to save your postage stamps. The money collected from the sale of the stamps helps to fund cancer research.

Membership Chairman: There were applications from 40 adults submitted for club membership. The applications were approved by the Board before the meeting and Kathi passed out name tags and membership cards to the new members that were present.

Field Trip Chairman: The March field trip will be going to Graveyard Point to collect agate and petrified wood.

Webmaster: Brad added a video from the Gem Show to the website. There is a link on the website that will take you to the U-Tube video. You can also find documentation from the club's first historical book under the history tab on the website.

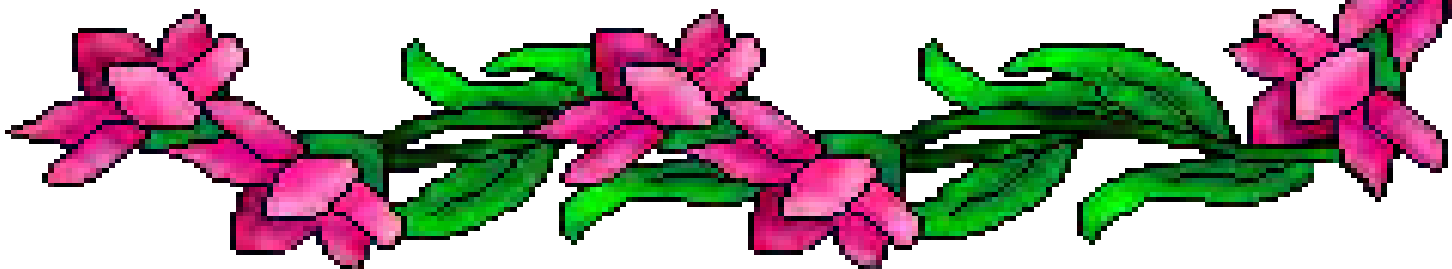
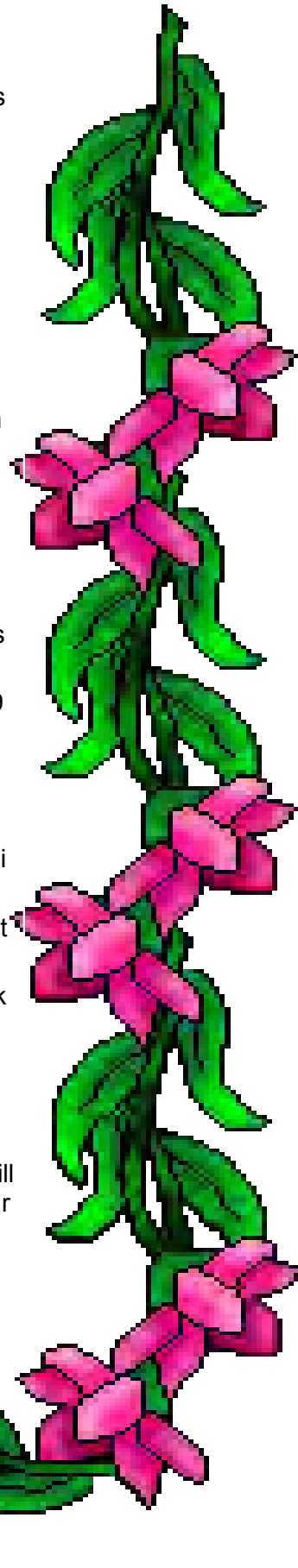
Historian: The reconditioned historical books were displayed at the Gem Show.

Unfinished Business: There was no Unfinished Business discussed.

New Business: Larry will host the roadside clean-up the last weekend of April. He will provide more information at the next general meeting. The cleanup will last about an hour and then, time and weather permitting, there will be a short field trip.

Slab drawing. William Silva won the door prize. Meeting adjourned 9pm.

Respectfully submitted Debbie Lawrence, Secretary.





- 2 John Benedict
- 2 Drew Melander
- 4 John Curt
- 7 Marcie Gourley
- 9 Charlene Branham
- 9 Susie Nash
- 11 Don Daman
- 11 Jewels Haines
- 12 Sylvia Foreman
- 13 Tony Lamansky
- 13 Ed Moser
- 15 John Stewart
- 16 Steve "Porkchop" George
- 17 Kris Mancinelli
- 18 Michelle Welch
- 21 Ted Herman
- 22 Willa Renken
- 23 Susan Cameron
- 24 Jenny Austin
- 24 Dick McClarin
- 24 Tammy Stewart
- 27 Jaydon Atwood
- 27 Jaden Hunter
- 27 Wade Price
- 27 Kay Wieden
- 29 Lily Britzius



April Anniversaries

- 6 Daniel & Pat Britzius
- 17 Chris O'Brien & Mary Eberle
- 17 William Silva & Timber Childs
- 30 John & Carol Farnham

April Showers



bring May Flowers

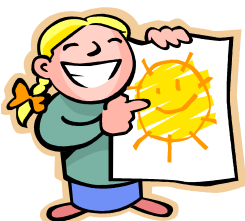
Newsletter Editor

Please let me know if I don't have your correct information, or if you are not on the lists above and should be.

If you would like just the email edition and not the mailed edition, let me know.

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Sunshine Report



Hi, I am Jewels Haines and I am your new 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
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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 28, 2016

The Board meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:05pm. David Schmidt made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; seconded by Janie Ehlers, motion carried.

Secretary: Received one membership renewal in the mail.

Vice President: Jim shared a list of potential members he received from Kathi Larson. Darel Ehlers made a motion to approve the list of new members; Ed Moser seconded, motion carried. Dan Stevens will give a presentation on "How to Make Spheres" at the next meeting.

Treasurer: The 2016 budget was presented and discussed. New member patches were ordered.

Show Chairman: The dealers at the Gem Show said they were happy and they had a successful weekend. Some of the dealers have already committed to next year and there is still a waiting list for prospective vendors. There will be a 2017 Gem Show meeting May 14 to be held at the Caldwell Library. Members need to start making and creating critters to have enough items for games next year. There is only a handful of rock bags left. When you are out on rock trips try to bring home extra material to tumble and to share with the silent auction table. The sand dig also needs treasurers for their sand.

Federation Chairman: The Fish and Game Department is asking for volunteers to help replant the BLM area that burned last year. The NFMS Show will be held in Albany, Oregon July 29 – 31. You can find more information about the show on their website www.amfed.org/nfms. Remember to keep collecting your postage stamps. They will be turned in at the NFMS show.

Field Trip: The April 23rd field trip will be to Jamieson, Oregon. Meet by the restaurant in Vale.

There was no Historian or Sunshine report.

Unfinished Business: There is a road clean-up scheduled the last weekend in April. Larry Beattie will have more information about the clean-up at the next meeting. The 501c3 has been completed and submitted to the IRS. The club is waiting for approval.

Federation Director

The NFMS Show will be held in Albany, Oregon July 29 – 31. You can find more information about the show on their website www.amfed.org/nfms.

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.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director
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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/>


The General Meetings are at the College of Idaho

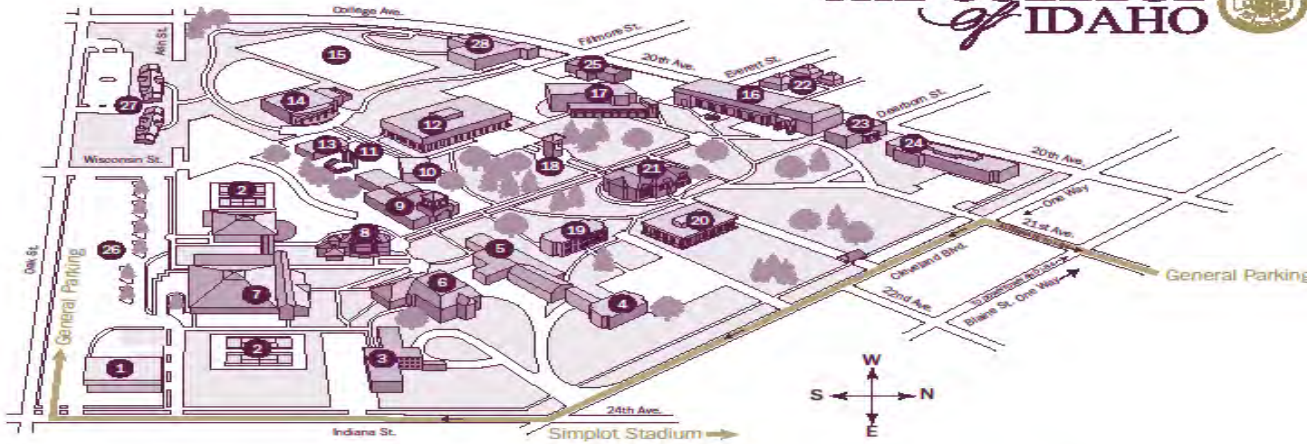
The April 20, 2016 general meeting will be in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103.

On the map below, the location is Building 12.


If you are heading SW on 20th Ave, you will take a left at Filmore St and go through the parking lot to the side entrance of the building.

See you there at 7:30 p.m.

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1 Facilities Department	11 Centennial Amphitheater	19 Finney Hall
2 Tennis Courts	12 William Judson Boone Hall / Orme J. Smith Museum, Whittenberger Planetarium	20 N.L. Tersting Library
3 Anderson Hall	13 Harold M. Tucker Herbarium	21 Storry Hall
4 Simplot Hall	14 Covell Hall	22 President's Residence
5 Simplot Dining Hall	15 McCain Student Center	23 Voorhees Hall
6 Kathryn Alberson International Center	16 Symms Athletic Field	24 Hayman Hall
7 J.A. Alberson Activites Center	17 Langroise Center for Performing & Fine Arts	25 West Hall: Center for Physician Assistant Studies
8 Blatchley Hall / Rosenthal Art Gallery	18 Jewett Auditorium & Chapel	26 Special Events Parking
9 Hendren Hall / Office of Admission	19 Morrison Quadrangle & Clock Tower	27 The Village Apartments
10 Strahorn Hall		28 Marty Holly Athletics Center



Show Report

Thank you :)!!, again, to all volunteers for your donation of time, effort, and material for the 2016 show. For the third year in a row, the show generated more support for club activities than the previous year. Kudos to all who helped make that happen.

The volume for the 2016 show the club venues is as follows:

Show admission tickets	1,969
Silent Auction	\$2,600
Grab Bags	1,036
Sand Dig	928
Wheel of Gems	753

Our inventory for ALL club venues is very low. We have 6 grab bags, approximately 100 Wheel and Grab Bag prizes, 12 buckets of Auction material, and enough Sand Dig material for about 100 pans.

For next year's show to be a success, we need:

- Sand Dig: Polished stones and faceted gems
- Wheel of Gems: 1,000 critters and prizes
- Grab Bags: Tumbled Rock for 1,500 bags
- Silent Auction: Enough good material to fill 50 buckets

Please start your tumblers, start making critters and collecting Wheel and Grab Bag prizes, and sort through your collection for Auction material. The club really needs your support. I will collect your donations anytime this year.

There will be a meeting at the Caldwell Library on May 14, from 10:00 a.m. To 12:00 p.m. to discuss ideas for our 2017 show and begin the planning process.

ALL interested parties are welcome! Please bring any suggestions and ideas you would like to offer for next year's show. See you there! Susan

Spring Roadside Cleanup

Roadside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday **April 30**, 2016.

We will **meet at 9:00 a.m.** at the Walters Ferry boat ramp, on Highway 45, and if the weather is nice enough, we will go for a little field trip after the cleanup is finished.

We need a minimum of 12 volunteers, but the more we have, the more fun it is and the quicker we get done so we can go play. I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting, but feel free to give me a call and 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 children be brought on the cleanup.

Thank you for your support for this effort.

Larry Beattie

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society April Field Trip

April 23, 2016 — Jamieson, Oregon
Petrified Wood and Agate



We will have two meeting places:

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

The second 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 20th general meeting to find out more about this month's field trip.

Useful items to bring: bucket/canvas bag, shovel, pick, rock hammer, small rakes, spray bottle for water, small scrub brush, magnifier, gloves, appropriate clothing, first aid kit, drinking water, lunch and snacks.

Trips can last most of the day.

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

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:

Ithel Kildow, 208-455-7960, ithelk@gmail.com

ASSISTANTS:

David Schmidt, 208-870-6544, and Gene Alvey, 208-440-3067

**All field trips are subject to change depending on weather and road conditions.*

2016 Field Trip Schedule

- May 21: Rome, Oregon—Snakeskin Agate
- June 18: Pink Plume Agate Claim and Twin Springs
- July 23: Succor Creek (Blue Egg Claim)
- August 20: Wagontown
- Sept. 26: Grandview (Petrified Pinecones) or Haystack Butte
- Oct. 22: Big Egg Claim



We would like to add either Glass Butte (in Oregon) or McDermott, NV to our field trip calendar this year, both of which are 2-day trips. If interested in these trips, please let Ithel, David, or Gene know ASAP. Thank you!

Upcoming Events**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society April Meeting****April 20, 2016—7:30 p.m.****Location: College of Idaho, Boone Science Hall, Room**<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/ShowsJanJun.asp>

April 15-17 Fri 9-5 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-40	Agates – the 61 st Annual River of Gems Show Willamette Agate and Mineral Society Admission \$2, children under 12 are free	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall OR 97371	Bob & Etheleen Flippo 503-623-4241 reflippoo@hotmail.com
April 16-17 Sat 9-6 Sun 106	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club Space is limited to inside vendors.	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196 th St. SW Edmonds, WA	Cindy Wright 425 493 6155 cindykw1@hotmail.com
April 9-10 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	52 nd Annual Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Show Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society Adults \$3.00 Children under 12 free	Idaho Falls Recreation Center B Street Idaho Falls, ID	Dave Gunderson 208 523 2355 Kevin Landon 208 357 3847
April 16-17 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club - Annual Rock, Gem and Mineral Show 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
April 22-24 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Mt Hood Rock Club's 59 th Rock, Mineral and Gem Show Free Admission, and one free rock to each child Donations appreciated	WD Jackson Armory 6255 NE Cornfoot Rd Portland OR 97218	Wayne King mhrctshow@gmail.com
April 23-24 Sat 9:30-5 Sun 10-4:30	47 th Annual Earth's Treasures Rock and Gem Show Grays Harbor Geology and Gem Society Admission: Free	Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma, WA 98541	Leroy Sisk Gary Emberley 624 Farimont Place, Aberdeen, WA 98520 360 533 6196 melissa624@hotmail.com
April 23-24 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	West Seattle Rock Club 50 th Annual Show Anniversary- Earth's Golden Treasures, Free Admission	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40th Avenue SW Seattle, WA	Diane Christensen 206 439 3606 diane@purms.org
April 30 - May 1 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Billings Gem & Mineral Club Billings Annual Gem & Mineral Show: Adults \$3, Kids 12 and under free \$1.00 off coupons in Billings Gazette	Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium 1125 BroadwaterAve Billings MT	Doug True 406 670 0506 dtruefossils12@yahoo.com
April 30 - May 1 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	63 rd Annual Gem, Jewelry, & Mineral Show Everett Rock & Gem Club Free admission Dealers, demonstrations & food	Everett Community College Walt Price Student Fitness Center 2206 Tower Street Everett WA 98201	Fritz Mack POB 1615 Everett WA 98206 425 232 0809 rockngemmack1@gmail.com
May 7-8 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4	46 th Annual Show - Carnival of Rocks Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club Free admission – donations appreciated Dealers, demonstrators, silent auction, raffles, kids activities	Douglas County Fairgrounds I-5 Exit 123 2110 Frear St Roseburg OR	Sue Woodman 541 672-3486 rocksandhorses3@gmail.com Eileen Paul 541 672 5229 beadpatch@mydfn.net
May 7-8 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club Annual Gem & Mineral Show and Sale Admission – Adults \$3.00 for both days. Children 12 and under free.	Gallatin County Fairgrounds Building #1 901 North Black Bozeman MT 59715	Jerry Hancock PO Box 11001 Bozeman, MT 59719 jaegers@bresnan.net

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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 7:30 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!

