



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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April President's Message

Hope this finds you all well and enjoying the days as we transition from winter to spring. As the grass starts to green up, the hills start calling our names because we all know the snow has surely uncovered a treasure or two. I always look forward to spring time in the desert. The various wildflowers always make it a bouquet of beauty to enjoy.

The Board would like to thank Jim for all his hard work in getting interesting programs lined up for us. Last month was a good program and I hope you all took the time to comment on the proposals that were brought to our attention. We look forward to this month's program as well. Thank you Jim and keep up the good work!

Last month's field trip was well received as the first one of the year usually is. This month will be to Graveyard Point meeting at the ION/ Chevron station at 8am leaving at 8:30. There has been some discussion on the length of the field trips. The Board felt that most trips should finish up by 2:30pm since we get an early enough start that the end time would give our club members ample time to collect. This way the trip leaders wouldn't be held there indefinitely due to some folks digging till dark. We want no one left behind as some places are not as easy to get out of as others. It is the responsibility of the trip leaders to ensure the safety as best we can for all the members we are taking into the field and the trip leader's responsibility doesn't end until you are all out to a point where you know how to get back home. Your cooperation in this endeavor will be greatly appreciated not to mention making the job easier for those who are in charge.

It's that time of year for our Spring Road Cleanup. Larry Beattie has graciously agreed to head this up again this year and has set the date for April 29th. He has a signup sheet and will need at least 12 or so of our members to help him out. This is an annual event and not a hard one either. We have a stretch of road that we are responsible for keeping clean each year. In order to do this we need the support of our members. It takes about 2 hours then you get cookies and weather permitting a surprise field trip. Who could ask for more? So let's support the cause and signup at the meeting.

I think that everyone enjoyed seeing the various material that some of our members brought in from the area our field trip was going to be last month. We would like to do this again this month so if you have some nice pieces from the Graveyard Point area please bring them in so the newer members can see what is out there to collect.

I'd like to also thank all those who brought in slabs for our monthly slab draw. It just amazes me at the generosity of our members. I look forward to seeing you all again on April 19th at 7:30pm. Till then keep on rocking.

-Willa Renken OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**March 15, 2017**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30pm. Jim Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Ed Moser, motion carried. TJ Cooper from the BLM Office, provided information about roads and access on BLM ground. He also spoke about bills currently in the Legislature regarding land closures. Guests and new members were introduced and given a warm welcome.

Secretary: Received one vendor contract for 2018, two membership renewals and a bill for newspaper advertising.

Vice President: There will be a presentation on the budget at the next meeting.

Treasurer: Janie gave a current update on the Club's finances and will have the final numbers for the Gem Show at the next meeting. The slab drawing brought in almost \$100 at the last meeting.

Show Chairman: There will be a detailed breakdown for the Gem Show at the next meeting. Attendance was up 18% from last year and 48% overall since we started television advertising. There were approximately 2,400 people who attended the show. Susan thanked everyone for helping and doing their part to make this year so successful.

Federation Chairman: The Northwest Federation Meeting will be in Hamilton, MT, May 19-21. There is limited space available for lodging in Hamilton, make sure you get reservations early. There was a reminder to save your postage stamps. They will be turned in at the NWF Meeting and proceeds from the stamps will help fund cancer research.

There was no Historian Report.

Sunshine: A thank you note was sent to Idaho Tractor for allowing the Club's trailers to be stored on their property. Cards of cheer were sent to many members. Ed Moser made a motion to send \$50 to the Northwest Federation Endowment Fund in honor of Neil Roberts; seconded by Red Larson, motion carried.

Membership: There were 17 membership renewals.

Field Trip Chairman: The next field trip will be to the Big Egg Claim. Meet at the park in Marsing at 8am. When you are finished digging for material, please be sure to fill in your holes. Members brought in rough and polished examples of material that can be collected from the site.

Webmaster: The website is up to date.

Unfinished Business: If you would like to help the club save money, you can have your newsletter emailed to you. Give Carol Farnham your information at carolfarnham@ymail.com.

New Business: The road cleanup will be April 29. There will be signup sheets at the next meeting.

Slab drawing. Deanna Moser won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

Q: Why did the prospector throw his ore samples away?

A: He took them for granite.

Q: Why did the prospector take a bath with his rock samples?

A: Because they were soapstone.

Q: Why did the prospector make his mother carry his ore samples?

A: He thought it was the mother lode.





April Birthdays

1	Jill Clark
4	Osa McDonald
9	Charlene Branham
9	Susie Nash
11	John Daman
11	Jewels Haines
12	Sylvia Foreman
13	Cindy Watson
13	Ed Moser
16	Steve "Porkchop" George
17	Robert Baker
18	Roxi McDonald
19	Laura Hill
21	Ted Hermans
22	Willa Renken
24	Jenny Austin
24	Dick McClarin
24	Ayden McCall
27	Crystal Cochell
27	Kay Wieden
27	Jaydon Atwood

April Anniversaries

17	Chris O'Brian & Mary Eberle
30	Farnham, John & Carol

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Thank you to all those that have changed over to email for the newsletter. You are saving the club money as well as receiving the news quicker. I can also send to both spouses upon request.

FYI, should we receive your newsletter back, I will start sending it by email. Please be sure to update your physical address with us to continue getting snail mail or notify me if you would like to receive it electronically.

Should you have any questions, please notify me at: carolfarnham@ymail.com

Thank you,

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



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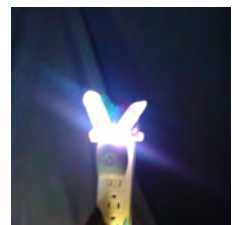
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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 28, 2017

The Board Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7pm. Ed made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; seconded by Jim Hopkins, motion carried.

Secretary Report: Received a receipt from the NWF Endowment Fund for Bill Foreman and Neil Roberts, two dealer contracts and two membership renewals.

Vice President: We will be going over the budget in April so there will be no presentation.

Treasurer: The books have been audited by Larry Beattie.

Show Chairman: All of the bills from the show should have been turned in by now.

Federation Report: Ed went to the BLM office in Vale for information on land closure proposals. They will be getting back to him with the information. The business meeting will be at the Library next month.

Newsletter: Carol was able to get a discount on newsletter printing by being a AAA Member.

Historian: No report.

Membership: 17 applications for new membership were read: Rick & Jennifer Bendorf, Jill Clark & Family, Bob & Chris Dewey, Bill & Roxanne Franklin, Bill & Joanne Gardunier, Rex-Becky & Rose Hanson, Brenda Ireland, Mayo & Paulette Hand, Tyce Henry, Keith & Dawn McCall & Family, Chuck & Chris McGuire, Ray & Lorena Roberts & Family, Brent & Gia Stewart, Rich & Kay Taylor, Bob & Monica Ure & Family, Daniel Fragoza & Tina Anderson, David Dole & Arlene Purchase. Ed Moser made a motion to accept these applicants as new members; seconded by Jim Hopkins, motion carried.



Field Trip Chairman: The April field trip will be to Graveyard Point. Meet at ION Station at 8am. On the website, some of the field trip dates are incorrect and will be updated. It was decided to include an end time to field trips and to use orange tape to help mark the route. Need to let members know all holes that are dug need to be refilled before leaving site. A new tent will be purchased for the portable toilet.

Unfinished Business: The road clean-up will be April 29. Larry will have sign-up sheets available at the next meeting.

New Business: It was decided to have no duplicate venues at the next gem show.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

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2017 Spring Roadside Cleanup Time!

The OGMS Spring roadside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th. We will meet at the Walter's Ferry boat ramp, on Highway 45, at 9:00am for the cleanup. If the weather is good, we will go on a little field trip after we are finished. I'm sure we will have some yummy cookies too!

We need a minimum of 12 volunteers, but the more we have, the more fun it is and the quicker we will get done, so we can go play! I will have a signup sheet at the meeting but feel free to give me a call or email me to add your name to the list. 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 in this effort!

Larry Beattie
208-466-6184
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2017 Field Trip Schedule

April 22nd	Graveyard Point for Petrified Wood and Plume Agate (Meet at ION 8:00-8:30am) Heading home time by 2:30.
May 20th	Jamison, OR for Blue Jasper (Meet @ rest stop just inside ID/OR line In Ontario, 8-8:30am)
June 24th	Rome for Snakeskin Agates (Meet at ION 7:00-7:30am) (80 mile trip 1 way)
July 22nd	Wagontown for Petrified Wood/Cat Tail Fossils (Meet at ION 7:00-7:30am)
August 19th	Pink Plume Agate Claim (Meet @ Homedale Park 7:30-8:00am)
September 23rd	Grandview for Petrified Pinecones (Meet @ Walters Ferry 7:30-8:00am)
October 21st	Haystacks Butte for Red Jasper (Meet @ Homedale Park 7:30-8:00am)

McDermitt and Glass Butte (Stink Water) are two-day trips that we would like to add to the calendar, along with the Blue Opal Egg Claim (single-day trip). If interested please contact Ithel Kildow at 208-455-7960.

USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Pick, Rock Hammer, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Magnifier, Gloves, Plenty of Drinking Water, Appropriate Clothing, Food, Protective Eyewear, sun protection.

For field trip information, contact Ithel Kildow at (208) 455-7960,
Or David Schmidt (408) 489-3996

Trips can last most of the day. Generally, a high-clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD or ATV is required. **Remember, when you finished to fill in all holes that are dug at the site.**

**ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON
WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS**

Show Report

The **planning** meeting for the **2018 show** is **May 13 (Saturday) at the Caldwell Library at 10:00 a.m.**

Please bring your ideas or concerns to share with the group, or call me and I will add your ideas to the discussion list.

At this year's show we had a total admission of 2,395 adults and here is a list of how this year's venues compare to our 2016 show:



Silent Auction	Increase of 10%
Grab Bags	Increase of 10%
Sand Dig	No change from last year
Wheel of Gems	Decrease of 4%
Grand Prize Drawing	Decrease of 12%
Create a Critter	First Year 163 critters were created!
Membership	Decrease of 25%
Front Door	Increase of 22%

We provided 1,038 grab bags, 667 sand digs, 665 Wheel of Gems prizes, 163 create-a-critters, A WHOLE LOT of silent auction items, and gave away 30 half hour door prizes, and 4 Grand Prizes.

There is a good chance we will need just as many items next year, so please plan accordingly.

Your time, talent, and contributions are very much appreciated!!!

Susan

UPCOMING ROCK SHOWS

April 22 & 23 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 4 Yakima Rock and Mineral Club
Central Washington State Fair Grounds Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima WA 98901
Marti Sondgeroth, 2013 S 41st Ave., Yakima, WA 98903, Phone evenings 509-248-6401 leave a message

April 22 & 23 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4 Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club
Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA
Mary Lou Omstead, 509 783 2798 PO Box 6652 Kennewick WA 99336

April 22 & 23 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5 Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society
Idaho Falls Recreation Center, Corner of Memorial Drive and B Street, Idaho Falls, ID
Nicole Strong 208 768 7953 nicolek_hansen@hotmail.com or Gerry Gibeault 208 589 0736

April 28 - 30 Fri - Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4 Mt Hood Rock Club
Jackson Armory 6255 NE Cornfoot Road Portland OR 97218
Wayne King mhrcdc@gmail.com 503 284 7195 www.mthoodrockclub.com

April 29 & 30 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5 West Seattle Rock Club
Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40th Avenue SW Seattle WA
Diane Christensen diane@purns.org 206 582 2267 www.westseattlerockclub.org

April 29 & 30 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4 Grays Harbor Gem and Geology Society
Grays Harbor Fairgrounds 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma WA
Gary Emberley 624 Fairmont Place Aberdeen, WA 98520 360 533 6196 melissa624@hotmail.com



Federation Show 2017 - Hamilton, MT
 Dates: May 19th - 21st, 2017
 Hours: Fri - 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4
 Location: First Interstate Center, Ravalli County Fairgrounds
 NFMS' 79th Annual Show
Hosted by the: Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society.



For Federation needs and events please call Faith Farley, 1 406 961 3347.
 Display cases non-competitive and competitive, contact Bob Gibson, 1 406 361 0870.
 For the show and any other questions or concerns Steve Vieth, 1 406 381 7597.

Good day everyone. I hope this newsletter finds all in good health and spirit.

For the latest and greatest newsletter for 2017, it can be located at this location: [March 2017 NFMS Newsletter](#)

Note, we now have our own domain name for our website. It is now located at <http://northwestfederation.org>

I have updated our site which was at <http://amfed.org/nfms> to forward to our new site at <http://northwestfederation.org> and am contacting others to change their link to our new location, so there is no delay of response for our site.

Brad Larson, NFMS Webmaster

email: nfms.webmaster@gmail.com

email: nfms.webmaster@amfed.org

Website: <http://northwestfederation.org>

Facebook Desktop: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1/>

The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies 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 before I leave the area.
- 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.

<http://amfed.org/index.html>

Federation Director

Bring your postage stamps to this month's meeting. Remember to **cut 1/2 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.



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

Membership Report

Now accepting payment of 2017 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.

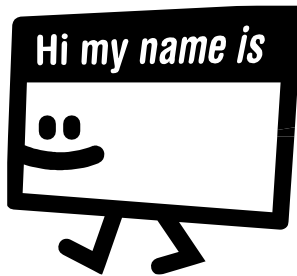
Your yearly dues cover membership privileges from October 31st through the following October 31st .

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

Kim McEwan, Membership Chairperson

Phone: (208) 454-7287

Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2017

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

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FIRST NAME(s): _____

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EMAIL: _____

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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 7:30 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



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.

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