



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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April President's Message

Hello everyone. Here's hoping this finds you all doing well and preparing to venture out into the collecting areas. On a good note the first field trip of the season went off without a hitch. I have it on good authority that all who went found very nice specimens. This area has a lot of different wood and fossils so I hope those who went take the time to do more exploring in the coming year.

Susan wanted me to let all of you know she is still looking for a replacement as Show Chair. If you would like to help out and get more involved with the club this could be a great job for you. It is not rocket science as Susan has documented and time lined all that needs to be done each year for you to follow. This allows anyone to be able to do a great job right off the bat as you don't need to reinvent the wheel. Please let either myself or Susan know that you are interested and we will get you trained up.

Jim Hopkins has another fantastic program for us again this month. I'm told it is going to be given by Nate Carpenter and it is to be on fossils. This should be very entertaining as Nate really knows about the different fossils in our area. One of our Annual events has been set to happen in April on the 28th. It will be led by our very own Larry Beattie who is our roadside cleanup chairman. They will be meeting at 9am at Walter's Ferry boat ramp. This is always a lot of fun as there is a contest to see who can find the most unique piece of trash and if the weather cooperates even an extra field trip. If we are lucky we get homemade cookies as an added treat thanks to the cookie lady! We look forward to everyone coming out and having some fun. Be sure to sign Larry's sheet so he knows approximately how many will show up.

David and Dale will be filling us in on the upcoming field trip. They are busy scoping out new areas so we may have some interesting events over the summer.

On that note hope to see you all at the next meeting on April 18th at 7:30 in the Boone Science Building.

Willa Renken OGMS President

2018 Owyhee Field Trip Schedule

April 21st Rockville, Oregon for Leaf Fossils, Agate, Jasper (Meet at the GEM Stop at HY55 & HY95, 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

May 19th Beacon Hill Nodules in Idaho (Meet at the Rest Stop on I-84 just over the Snake River in Oregon at 9:00 AM, Leave at 9:30 AM).

June 23rd Blue Egg Claim in Oregon for Blue Eggs (Meet at Homedale, ID Park where the Tank is just East of the Four Corners at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

July 21st Coal Mine Basin for Blood Stone, Black Opalized Wood (Meet at the GEM Stop at HY55 & HY95, 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

August 18th Wagon Town for Petrified Wood, Cat Tail Fossils (Meet at the GEM Stop at HY55 & HY95, 7:00 AM, Leave at 7:30 AM).

September 22nd Oreana, ID., for Obsidian, Apache Tears, Opalized Nodules (Meet at Walter Ferry just across the Snake River on the right Side at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM}.

October 20th Haystack Butte for Red Jasper (Meet at Homedale, ID, Park where the Tank is just East of the Four Corners at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and a Small one), Sieve, Gloves, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Knee Pad's, Magnifier, Plenty of Drinking Water, Food, Appropriate Clothing, Protective Eyewear, Sun Protection, Day Pack or Back Pack, Umbrella, Pry Bar.

For Field Trip Information, contact David Schmidt (408) 489-3996, david_schmidt2114@aol.com, or Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990.

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.



April Birthdays

1	Debbie Gale
2	Jim Mangrum
2	John Benedict
4	Tamie John
4	Osa McDonald
5	Laura Blodgett
9	Carlene Branham
9	Susie Nash
11	John Lane
11	Don Daman
11	Jewels Haines
13	Ed Moser
13	Cindy Watson
16	Sarah Sredzinski
16	Porkchop George
18	Roxie McDonald
19	Michael Creager
24	Jenny Austin
24	Dick McClarin
25	Stefanie McClellan
27	Kay Wieden
27	Jaydon Atwood
28	Roxanne Franklin
29	Robert Clemens

April Anniversaries

9	Osa & Roxie McDonald
9	John & Teresa Benedict
10	Bob & Kim Bashford
13	Walter & Thelma Barnett
17	Chris O'Brien & Mary Eberle
30	John & Carol Farnham



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

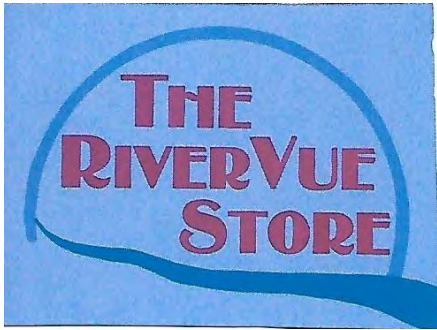
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-Jewels Haines,

Sunshine Chairman

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Plan Ahead for the Spring Roadside Cleanup!

I know it's cold now, but soon it will be warm!

The OGMS Spring roadside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th. 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. Since the Pink Plume Claim isn't on the field trip list, we thought we might go there.

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 sign-up sheet at the meetings but feel free to give me a call to 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 in this effort!

Larry Beattie
208-466-6184
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Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History

The Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History features specimens representing the Biology and Geology of SW Idaho, SE Oregon, and northern Nevada. The focal point of the museum is the Evans Gem and Mineral Collections. The museum hosts a workday and seminar the first Saturday of every month.

The Museum is open to all visitors:
Monday-Friday from 1-5 pm,
the first Saturday of every month from 8-5 and
the third Saturday of every month from 10-4.

The Museum is located in the basement of Boone Hall on the College of Idaho campus. Visit the Museum website at www.collegeofidaho.edu/cultural-institutions/orma-j-smith-museum-natural-history to learn more.

For Sale

Slabs

Spheres

Specimens, etc.

If interested, call Red or Kathi

Larson 208.465.8083



There will be a post show meeting May 5 at 10:00 a.m. at the Caldwell Library.

All ideas are welcome.
If there are any questions, you can call Susan.



Kim, our membership chairman says "Welcome" to all of our new members. We hope you all enjoy yourselves on the trips and in the meetings.



Yakima Rock and Mineral Club

April 27 - 29

NFMS Show and Convention

Fri - 10 - 6

Sat - 10 - 6

Sun - 10 - 4

Central WA State Fair Park

Modern Living Building and Pioneer Hall

1301 South Fair Avenue,

Yakima WA 98901

FYI

There are times you may need to get a hold of someone on the board but you don't have their phone number. Please save the first page of the newsletter. You have names and addresses on the front side and a list of field trips on the backside. Put the sheet on the fridge so its always available. That way you can always call the right person.

Thank you,

For our new members,

The Editor tries to send out by e-mail each month, the Federation newsletter as well as a blurb on jewelry making. They will be sent out at different times of the month than our newsletter. If you have any questions, please call me and I will try to answer.

Be looking for information the next couple of months on our July Picnic and Auction. If you haven't already, you better get started working on the item you are planning to donate. You new members, you won't want to miss it.

Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society Show

April 22 & 23

Idaho Falls Recreation Center,

Corner of Memorial Drive and B Street

Idaho Falls, ID

More info online at: www.amfed.org/nfms



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES **March 21, 2018**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30pm. Bill and Steve finished up the meteorite presentation and brought in many examples of meteorites to show the Club. It was an excellent presentation that included information about some of the largest and well-known meteorites. After the presentation, guests were asked to stand and introduce themselves and all were given a warm welcome.

Secretary: Received a newsletter from the Wasatch Gem Society in Sandy, Utah. Also received an invoice for advertising, 2 dealer contracts, 4 membership renewals, and the bank statements.

Vice President: The presentation for the next meeting will be about fossils.

Treasurer: Janie gave a rundown of all of the numbers from the Gem Show. The Club had a good, productive show with admission numbers up 21% and increases in venue revenue. The slab drawing brought in \$69 last month. Michelle Whiles volunteered to take over the Treasurer's position.

Show Chairman: The attendance was up for the show this year. Susan thanked all of the volunteers for helping with set-up and tear down, and everyone's effort during the show. The weekend was a great success. There will be a planning meeting for the show next year in May. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring ideas and suggestions. Susan is looking for someone to take over the Show Chair position.

Federation Chairman: Ed will be attending the Annual Northwest Federation Meeting April 29, in Yakama, Washington. He thanked the club members for collecting postage stamps and they will be presented at the meeting. If you are not receiving the Northwest Federation Newsletter, you can find it on line. Or, there is a link to the newsletter on our website.

Historian: There was no report.

Sunshine: Contact Jules if you know of someone who could use a note of cheer.

Membership: There were 42 new member applications received at the Gem Show. They will be presented for membership at the next Board Meeting.

Field Trip: The March field trip will be to the Bruneau Wood Pile. Dale brought in samples of material that can be collected at the site. The April field trip will be to Rockville, ID and we will be looking for agate, jasper, and leaf fossils. Meet at the Gem Stop at the corners of Hwy 55 and Hwy 95 at 8am.

New Business: The spring road cleanup will be April 28th. Meet at the Walters Ferry boat ramp at 9am. Cleanup will take about an hour and there is a possibility there will be a rock trip to a nearby site, weather permitting. Larry has a signup sheet or give him a call if you are interested. There is also a rumor of world famous cookies being there.

There was no Unfinished Business.

Slab drawing. Jarri McClarin won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINIUTES

March 26, 2018

The Board Meeting of the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order at 7pm by President Willa Renken. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; seconded by Susan Beattie, motion carried.

Secretary: There was no mail received since the last meeting.

Vice President: Jim thanked Susan for all of her work putting everything together for the gem show. He suggested in the future, having a contest with prizes for the volunteers who contribute the most hours at the front door. The program for the next meeting will be about fossils.

Treasurer: There was a letter from the insurance company that had an adjustment in premiums. Larry Beattie finished the audit of the books and will be getting them to Willa. Michelle Whiles will be taking over the Treasurers position soon.

Show Chairman: There is a planning meeting scheduled at the Caldwell Library May 5th from 10am to noon. Susan is looking for a volunteer to take over the Show Chairman position. All of the vendors from this year are interested in coming back next year and have submitted their deposits. The additional television advertising may have contributed to the increased attendance this year. All monies collected from the show have been deposited. More fabric for the vendor tables needs to be purchased. There was a recommendation to pay a little more money for storing the trailers. A sign is needed to advertise the black light area and it was recommended to get new signs for the venues.

Federation Chairman: At the Northwest Federation Meeting in April, there will be a vote to change the writing on the spending policy. They would like to make changes to the funds accounts to bring it inline with the financial accounting board standards. Ed will be calling the NWF for verification and more information. He will bring the information to the next meeting and that will help to determine how the club will vote.

Historian: Pauline has some cabs that belong to the club and would like to find a way to make them available to club members. It was recommended to put them in the yearly auctions. She will bring them to the next meeting. There was a question about keeping the yearly newsletters archived and stored or replacing them with the digital archives. The question was tabled until the General Meeting.

Field Trip Chairman: Twenty-seven cars and 43 people went on the last field trip to Bruneau Rock Pile. The April field trip will be to Rockville, ID for jasper, agate and leaf fossils. Meet at the intersection of Hwys 55 & 95 at 8am. There was a discussion on alternate trips for bad weather.

Membership Chairman: A list of new member applications was read: Lori Averett/Oliver Keffer, Heather Bohn/ Josh Braithwaite, John & M. K. Braga, Greg & Laura Blodgett, Michael Creger, Sketter (Rosanne) Eversburg, David & Susan Filkins, Brian & Debbie Gale, Ron & Sarah Hancock, Russ & Brenda Horsch, Chris & Susan James, Dawn Janney, Todd & Misty Joyner & Family, Wayne & Darlene Kidd & Family, Jared Kienitz, Pat & Linda Kirkpatrick, John & Jeannie Lane, Paul Langston, Stefanie McCellan, Donald & Severa McClain, Scott & Wendy Patton, Terry & MaryBeth Prince, Shirley Riebe, Raoul & Lori Schmitt, Dave G Smith, Ray Stevens, Mark & Jenny Stinson, Jim & Victoria Wise, M'Lani Thurston, Sherry Albracht, Rick & Charlene Badillo, Robert & Sharon Clemens, Tom Clement, Theiyha Cooper-roder & Family, Patricia Goates, T.J. & Katie Hackman & Family, Luis Ibarra, Chas McConnell/Lindsey Soong & Family, Stephanie Shank, Michael & Sarah Sredzinski & Family, Marlin Stancliff/Elizabeth Cohron, Joann Whitemen, Art Lamm/ Rhonda Brooks, Matt & Debbie Davis, Kelly & Barbara Kyle, Michael & Virginia Becker. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the new member applications; seconded by Jim Hopkins, motion carried.

New Business: There is a party interested in advertising in the newsletter. After a discussion it was decided to only have rock related advertisements in the newsletter. There is a Gem Show in Idaho Falls on April 21 & 22, 2018.

Old Business: The road cleanup day will be April 28 starting at 9am. Meet at the Walters Ferry boat ramp. The field trip after the cleanup may go to find pink plume.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

Federation Director

Please save the postage STAMPS for cancer research and bring to this months meeting. Remember to **cut 1/2 inch all the way around the stamp**. Thanks to all for your help. 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 2018 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 .

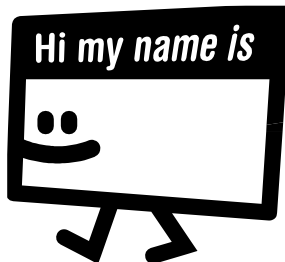
You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to:

P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053.

Kim Bashford, Membership Chairperson

Phone: (208) 454-7287

Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2018

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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.

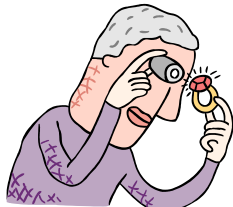
MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- 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 what it is!



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/>

