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April President's Message

So starts spring and the adventures of your rockhounding season. John has a great fieldtrip in store for you all this month. He is going to the Big Egg claim for thundereggs. You will be meeting him at 8am at the corner of Hwy 95 & 55 in the Extra Mile Chevron station parking lot. Leaving at 8:30am. The wildflowers should be blooming which is always a pretty sight to see.



Sue's program this month is bring a thunderegg. There should be lots of different ones to see. I know most all of you have at least one you can bring to show off. This should be a very interactive presentation and I look forward to seeing all the different varieties.

Ed and Debbie will be heading to Walla Walla in September for the Federation Show and would like you to gather all the stamps possible before that time. Any questions just reach out to Ed and he will explain what is needed. Thank you all for your support.

With the help and direction of Steve Narkaus the club is in support of a new juniors program. It will be the Owyhee Junior Geologist Program. Steve will be gathering information and ideas to further this program. There will be more information to follow as the direction for this progresses. If you have youngsters that would like to be involved please reach out to Steve for guidance. We thank Steve for taking this on and offer all the support necessary to make it succeed.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have moved the April 16th meeting to the Kathryn Albertson International Center (KAIC) building in room #107. Parking in #26 building #6.

This month will be meeting at the College on April 16th at 7pm. There will be a slab drawing so if you have extra slabs to share please bring them. Most importantly **don't forget your Thundereggs!!** See you on the 16th.

Willa Renken OGMS President.

Vice-President's Corner—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 at (603) 548-8822, pypnhot@comcast.net

Monthly Meeting Topics

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact Sue.

For the April meeting – please bring your favorite or most interesting thundereggs for display. If you can, identify where it came from or any other interesting information about it.

Upcoming talks:

Idaho Mining museum

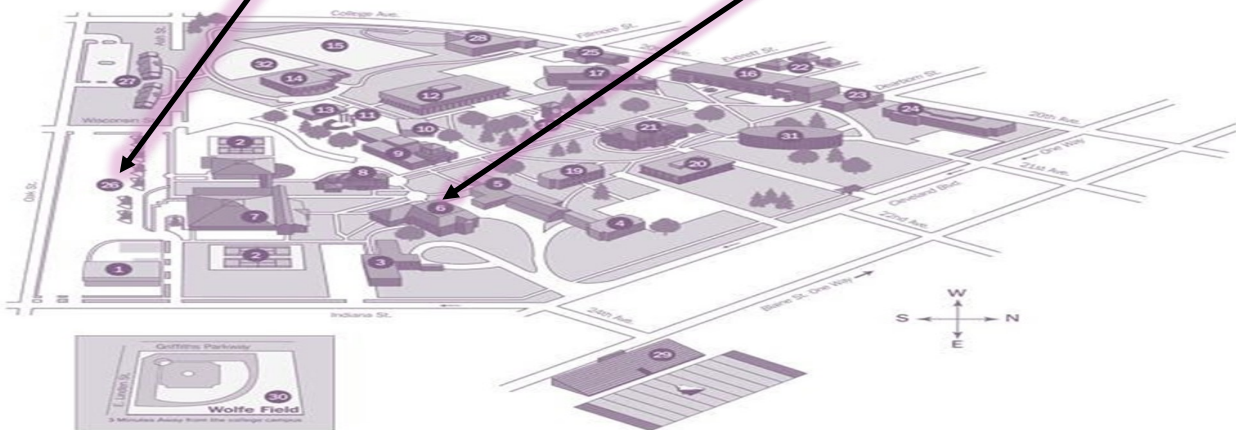
Geomorphology



Sue Cassidy

General Meetings This Month— April 16th Note: Change is this month only

Caldwell, Idaho—**Kathryn Albertson International Center (KAIC)** (#6 on map below), Room 107 at 7:00 p.m. Parking Lot 26



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

87th Anniversary Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show & Convention 2025

Location: Walla Walla, Washington September 12-14, 2025
Hosted by the Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society

Website:

[Northwest](#)

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[Mineralogical](#)

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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. Check with the Field Trip Chair before you go.
- 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

2025 OGMS Field Trip Schedule

April 19th-Big Egg Claim-Thunder Eggs

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

May 17th- Tony Funk Rock Yard with Idaho Gen Club

204 Washing St. Gooding, ID: Everyone can go on their own or meet at the Rest Stop on I-84 East of Boise 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m.

June 7th-8th-Glass Butte-Obsidian (Overnight Trip)

Meet @ Oasis Café in Juntura OR 8:00 a.m. leave at 8:30 a.m.(5838 US-20) with possibility of going to Hampton Butte for petrified wood on second day

July 19th-Wagon Town-Bog Wood

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

Aug 23rd-Picture Jasper Claim-Picture Jasper

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

Sept 20th-Blue Egg Claim-Blue Opal Thunder Eggs

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)

Oct 18th-Pink Plume Claim-Pink Plume Agate,

Meet at Owyhee Junction Hwy 201 and Owyhee Ave at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (2499 OR-201, Nyssa, OR)

Show Committee Report by: Sue Cassidy

Ken is still working on finalizing the expenses for the show. If you have any expenses, please get them to him as soon as possible so we can wrap up the show. Ken will be able to give us a report at the meeting.

At this point, it looks like we are close to last year's results. That is good news since we were down around 300 people at the door.

If you have any feedback or comments regarding the show, please let me know.



Photos from March Field Trip to Rockville for Leaf Fossils:



Membership—Kim Bashford

We are accepting payment of 2025 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!

April Birthdays

- 1 Jessica Baker
- 2 John Benedict
- 2 Sam Irwin
- 4 Joyce Christensen
- 6 Robert Schaffer
- 7 Everett Costa
- 9 Charlene Branham
- 11 Jewels Haines
- 12 Richard Strack
- 13 Karen Butler
- 13 Ed Moser
- 16 Easton Joyner
- 19 Benjamin Sudweeks
- 19 Andrew Wiener
- 22 Willa Renken
- 25 Steve Ford
- 27 Pamela Gilmore
- 28 Vincent Valenti
- 28 Roxanne Franklin



April Anniversaries

- 7 John & Teresa Benedict
- 10 Bob & Kim Bashford
- 13 Walt & Thelma Barnett
- 17 Will & Denise Eason
- 20 Chris & Mia Larson
- 29 Dan & Rowena Burnum
- 30 John & Carol Farnham

April Birthstone

- Diamond -



The most coveted gemstone to date, **diamonds** are a symbol of eternal love. They're thought to provide those who wear them with better relationships, balance, clarity, abundance, and an increase in inner strength.

Newsletter Editor

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

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

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.



Stone from Arizona

Anderson Mine—Agate
Brenda—Agate & Jasper
Burro Creek—Pastelite & Agate

Stone from Australia

Noreena
Mookite

Stone from Idaho & Oregon Amethyst from Uruguay

Owyhee Picture Jasper Slabs & Rough
Green Moss Agate Hammers/Tools/Gold Pans
Tumbled Stones Brazilian Agate

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April—October



Jefferson Rockhounds

Lifelong rockhound and collector of earthly treasures, now sharing our passion with fellow rock lovers. Please visit us at a local gun show (follow us on Facebook) and view our treasures at:

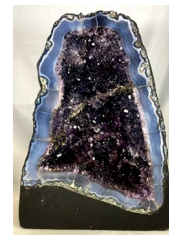
Boise: Antique World Mall 4544 Overland Rd.
Showcases 10, 11, & 12

Ontario OR: Vintage Rose, 204 S. Oregon St.

Here are just a few of the rocks we have on display:

Amazonite, Amethyst, Azurite, Carnelian, Chrysocolla, Jasper, Kyanite, Labradorite, Larimar, Lepidolite, Malachite, Moonstone, Obsidian, Petrified Wood, Quartz, Rhodochrosite, Ruby Zoisite, Seraphinite, Tiger Eye, Tourmaline, Unakite, and more!

Available in: Stone & Silver Jewelry, Bookends, Cathedrals, Crystal Points, Flames, Obelisks, Towers, Pyramids, Hearts, Spheres, Skulls, Dragon Heads, Free Form, Natural/Rough, Slabs...



Jefferson Rockhounds
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In The Garage SALE

Having another Sale of Rough Rock, Specimens, Finished Cabs, Belt Buckles, Spheres, Jewelry, Beads, etc. with 25% off the already low prices.

Friday & Saturday - April 11th & 12th - 8am to 5pm and again Friday & Saturday - April 18th & 19th from 8am to 5pm.

Red & Kathi Larson - 4112 E. Park Ridge Dr. - Nampa, ID. Questions??? Give us a call @ 208-465-8083.

Would you like to see your ad here?

You can buy an ad like these for one month for only \$5.00.

A 12-month ad is only \$50.00!

Your ad will be seen by over 200 club members, plus online visitors.

To place an ad, please email:
robert.murpheyogms@gmail.com

(Ads are subject to Board approval)

General Meeting — March 19, 2025

The March 2025 General Meeting of the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society was called to order by OGMS President, Willa Renken at 7:03 pm on 3/19/25 at Caldwell Idaho's College of Idaho in the Boone Science Bldg, room #203.

Corrections to the minutes by Sue Cassidy - Chris and Pauline Cowgwer spoke about their new jasper claim. Wilsons Springs Mine LLC. They discovered the jasper claim while searching for petrified wood. They said there is a lot of variety in the pieces they have found on the 140 acre spot and had some on display to show.

Willa called for a motion to accept the minutes. Ed M made a motion for the minutes to pass as printed in the OGMS newsletter. Don D seconded the motion. All members were in favor with no objections or further discussion and the motion passed.

Willa thanked everyone for the success of our gem show this year. She also expressed her appreciation for all the donations as well as the time and effort by those who participated in our show's success.

Secretary's Report – Chris R was not present, but Deana A filled her shoes for this meeting. Deana presented mail received from our bank, the BLM, and a recap from the DeVeaus'. There was also a card in the mail from Ruth Hopkins. It was a thank you card for the sympathy card the club sent her when her sister passed away.

Vice President – Sue C announced that Larry R will be making a 25-minute Willow Creek Jasper Presentation next month .

Treasurers report – Ken C gave a thorough show report and announced the dates for next year's OGMS show.

Historian's Report – This position is still vacant. OGMS is still in need of a club historian.

Membership Chair - Kim B announced that we received 22 completed new membership applications at this year's show and 22 completed renewal application forms came in this month's mail.

Sunshine Lady – Jules, see the newsletter for her contact info & let her know if you know of a club member in need of a little sunshine.

Federation Report- Ed M said we still have stamps coming in for the collectors and asked that we continue to bring them in. He also told everyone that he will be attending this year's Federation gathering in September at which time he will be asking the Federation how much money goes into Federation Scholarships.

Field Trip Chair, John Wright announced the 2025 field trip schedule.

March-Leaf fossils

April-Big egg claim

May-Tony Funk

June-Glass Butte

July-Wagon Town

August-Picture Jasper

September-Blue Egg Claim

October-Pink Plume

First trip 3/22 we'll all meet Saturday at I.O.N @ 8:05 am then all leave together at 8:30 via Karcher Rd.

SLAB DRAWING

DOOR PRIZE WINNER – #34 WAYNE HERBEL

Meeting Adjourned

These minutes were interpreted and transcribed from meeting notes taken by Deana Ashton (Once again, thank you Deana!) in the absence of Chris Merrell-Rawson, our OGMS secretary.

Board Meeting Minutes—March 31, 2025

Present: Willa Renken, Kim Bashford, Chris Merrell- Rawson, Don Dixon, Sue Cassidy, Ed Moser, Robert Murphy, Ken Christensen, John Wright,
Guests: Dale R, Steve Narkaus

March 2025 OGMS Board Meeting was called to order @ 7:05 p.m. by President Willa Renken in the Caldwell Public Library at 1010 Dearborn in Caldwell Idaho. Willa called for a motion to accept the February board meeting minutes as printed in the OGMS newsletter as printed. Sue C made the motion to accept the minutes as printed. Don D seconded the motion, all the board members were in favor, there was no further discussion and the motion to accept the minutes passed.

Secretary – Chris. Mail received two membership applications and was given to Kim B and a Chase bank credit card application given to Ken for destruction.

Vice President – Sue Cassidy – Please bring thunder eggs to the next OGMS general meeting.

Treasurer – Ken Christensen – Ken gave a detailed report on outstanding checks, all account balances, interest payments earned on our CD accounts, and that the money market account was trending up.

Membership Chair - Kim Bashford - Kim reported that our new badges have been ordered and that she has an Elks sponsor so that she may join the Nampa Elks as a member. This benefits OGMS in maintaining our venue for the annual Christmas banquet. She also stated that the park in Caldwell has been reserved for both of this summer's picnics. In addition to that Kim let us know that we are in need of more fabric to cover the tables at our annual shows, specifically three bolts of blue and 2 bolts of green fabric. Kim ended her report by reading a list of new members to OGMS, 25 new members. Ed M made a motion to accept all the new members, Chris seconded the motion, all the board members were in favor with no further discussion, the motion to accept all 25 members was passed.

Federation Chair – Ed Moser – Ed informed the board that he had just completed setting up an OGMS display in the Caldwell library. He also reminded us to keep bringing stamps to donate for cancer support services.

Editors Report- Robert Murphy – Robert discussed setting up Microsoft 365 office file collaboration for the board members upon request. He also discussed new classified ads and the specific font and size he would like all submissions to him.

Field Trip Chair – John Wright – Next field trip is April 19 at the Big Egg Claim. Meet at the Extra Mile located on Hwy 55 and 95 at 8:00 am leaving there as a group at 8:30.

Old Business –

Dale discussed that the new tumbler rougher has been ordered and will be delivered on April 4th. He also said we will still need a water pump and that he's waiting on direction from David Clausen about installing a dedicated power meter for the tumblers and rougher for fair reimbursement.

New Business –

Sue discussed vendors using back-up tables at the show for sales. Members discussed stipulating in the vendor contracts if they are caught selling merchandise on the back-up tables, payment for doing so will be enforced. These tables are provided as a courtesy for storage of inventory, accounting and other non-sales purposes. Sue also presented the board members with a copy of a questionnaire that she would like to be completed by the individuals on the show's vendor wait list for feedback.

Dale discussed organizing and inventorying each trailer's contents.

Willa added that Larry will be doing the wheel bearings on all the trailers.

Members discussed the possibility of adding a new OGMS event this year. Like an OGMS members tailgate party where we can all get together and display, sell, and collaborate ideas of our individual talents. Discussion was tabled until presented to all club members.

Our board meeting guest, Steve Narkus presented to the board that the artwork donation made to the club for youth support proceeds be used to create an organization for our kid to be named Owyhee Junior Geologist Program (OJGP). The junior members will be called "Rock Stars". They will meet at the Owyhee County Museum in Murphy, dates are still being determined. The Rock Stars will learn about mineralogy, meteorites, rocks that fluoresce, and more. Steve would like OGMS support. Willa suggested he present to OGMS members at the next general meeting. Ken made a motion to support the creation of OJGP through OGMS support. Kim seconded the motion, all OGMS board members voted in favor of the motion to support the creation of OJGP and with no further discussion the motion passed.

OGMS Board meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY—2025 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—\$25 Couple—\$20 Single—\$15 Child—\$5

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LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME(s): _____

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ANNIV: Month _____ Day _____ (Name of Spouse/Other if not a member) _____

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BDAY(s): First Name _____ Month _____ Day _____ / First Name _____ Month _____ Day _____

Renewal ___ New ___ Amount Paid: _____ Date Paid: _____ Cash ___ Check # _____ Recd By _____

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
PO Box 1053
Caldwell, ID 83605-1053

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 - \$25.00 per year
Couples \$20.00 per year
Singles—\$15.00 per year
Children (under 19) - \$5.00 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/>