

"Owyhee Gem"

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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August President's Message

Hello fellow rockhounds. Hope you are all finding ways to enjoy your summer months. I would like to thank all of you who so graciously donated items for the picnic auction, as it was a huge success. We also thank our wonderful bidders. We were able to make a big leap towards the funding of your Christmas Banquet this year. I am always amazed at the variety of food that has been provided each year and am thankful our club is blessed with such good cooks. Thank you all for making our summer event so special.

Robert has been busy getting this month's field trip lined out for you all. It will be to Rockville for leaf fossils. He will be meeting you at the GemStop on the corner of Hwy 95 out of Marsing at 8am leave at 8:30am. Remember to bring plenty of water, and for those of you who smoke please bear in mind that the areas are super dry and can ignite at the least little thing so one should smoke in your vehicles. When parking make sure, the underbrush is not to close to your catalytic converters as they can combust as well. These are simply just friendly reminders, as I am sure you all know this already.

Just to let everyone know that the Lawyer was able to settle our issue with the copyrighted cartoon so we can now move forward. It came in a little bit less, which we appreciate.

Ed Moser has reserved the Caldwell Library display cases for the months of December and January. He has a number of items for the cases but if you would like to join in please give him a call, as I am sure he is willing to share. This is good advertisement for the Annual Gem Show in March so let's support his efforts in any way we can.

I think that is all for right now and I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting which will be on August the 21st at the Boone Science Bldg. starting at 7:30pm. Till then keep on Rocking!!

Willa Renken OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM

OGMS 2019 Field Trips

ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS. Some may also be added.

August 24: **Rockville, Oregon* for Leaf Fossils, Agate, and Jasper. Meet at the GEM Stop (HWY 55 & 95). (Meet @ 8am - leave @ 8:30)

September 21: **Blue Egg Claim* for Geodes. Meet at the Homedale, ID Park tank just E of the four corners. (Meet @ 8am - leave @ 8:30)

October 19: **Haystack Butte* for Red Jasper. Meet at the Homedale, ID Park tank just E of the four corners. (Meet @ 8am - leave @ 8:30)

USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and 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, Tick Spray. (Shovel and fire extinguisher to put out any fires that may start.)

For Field Trip Information, contact Robert Murphey (208) 590-1848
or David Baldwin (208) 570-9781

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.**

Congratulations

August Birthdays

Deana Ashton
 Bill Baker
 Larry Beattie
 Teri Chollet
 Guy DiTorrice
 Carolyn Hood
 Janet Huntley
 Art Lamm
 Ruth Mangrum
 Connie Morrison
 Steve Narkaus
 RoseMary Peterson
 Robert Powers
 Martin Saraqueta
 Alicia Sherer
 Robert Spiker
 Kay Taylor
 Betty Ward

Anniversaries

Bob & Diane Atkins
 Gene & Freda Babbitt
 Larry & Susan Beattie
 Rick & Celeste Brose
 Jim & Leta Collord
 David / PurchaseArlene Dore
 Howard & Darlene Emry
 Darrell & Laurie Engelhardt
 Harry & Pat Erichson
 Ron & Cathy Huseman
 Frank & Barbara Kerbs
 Jim & Ruth Mangrum
 Harold & Linda Park
 Tom & Lillie Rogers
 Chris & Myra Skidgel
 Brad and Yvonne Smith
 Rich & Kay Taylor
 Michael & Wanda Weiskircher

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

-Jewels Haines

Sunshine Chairman



<u>Stone from Arizona</u>	<u>Stone from Australia</u>
Anderson Mine - Agate	Noreena
Brenda - Agate & Jasper	Mookite
Burro Creek - Pastelite & Agate	
<u>Stone from Idaho & Oregon</u>	
Owyhee Picture Jasper	Amethyst from Uruguay
Green Moss Agate	Slabs & Rough Rock
Tumbled Stones	Hammers/Tools/ /Gold Pans
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VICE PRESIDENTS CORNER

By popular demand Stan Lutz, our local paleontologist and curator, will give a presentation about finding fossils, digging them up and preserving them, knowing the anatomy to reassemble and restore them.

Leave a Rock Take a Rock

If you have lucked out and found some nice rock bring one to our meeting. You can leave the rock on the table and anyone who brings one can take a rock. At the end of the meeting if your rock is still there take it home with you. If everyone brings something to trade each month we can have the benefit of others' successful trips.

Show Chairman

A Drop in the Bucket

Are you beginning to full up your Silent Auction buckets? Just a reminder to "drop it in the bucket" for the club when you go hunting.

Editor's Note

Because of an issue in the past we are replacing the decorative graphics in the newsletter with new licensed images from a library we will purchase. The fun look and feel will come back as we get the old ones replaced.

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.

Federation Director

Please save the postage STAMPS for cancer research and bring to this months meeting. Remember to **cut ½ inch all the way around the stamp**. Thanks to all for your help. It helps others and it might just help someone you know.

Ed Moser

Federation Director

(208) 340-8060,
edmoser15@gmail.com

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Board Meeting Minutes July 29, 2019

The Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society monthly Board Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order at 7:00 by President, Willa Renken. Robert Murphey made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting; seconded by Ed Moser, motion carried.

The Secretary and Vice President were not present and there was no Historian Report.

Treasurer: The auction at the picnic raised \$787 dollars. There is still a need for extra spotters for bidders, to help the auctioneer.

Show Chairman: We are doing well on tumbled stones for the show. Kathi Larson and Kim Bashford washed the table skirts. This took roughly 8 hours and will look for additional volunteers to help with this task next year.

Federation Chairman: There are proposals that will need a vote at the next Federation Meeting. Those members interested in a Federation membership list please contact Ed Moser by October.

Membership Chairman: Ed Moser made a motion to accept Rick & Gabby Bonney and John Moreau as new members; seconded by Kathi Larson, motion carried.

Field Trip Chairman: Robert gave a shout out to Don Dixon, and Dale Rawson for their help on the July field trip. The next field trip will be to Rockville, Oregon for leaf fossils, agate and jasper. Meet at the Gem Stop (HWY 55 & 95) at 8:00.

Old Business: We have heard from the attorney and the matter concerning the cartoon has been concluded.

New Business: The club has confirmed the display cases at the Caldwell Library for the months of Dec. and Jan. Ed Moser set displays if you wish to display your items, please contact Ed.

The Boise Club will have a 2 day trip to Beacon Hill for Sept. 28th -29th, and our club is welcome to join them.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted Kim Bashford, Membership Chairman.

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - General Meeting Minutes**July 17, 2019**

The club met as usual on July 17th. Minutes are unavailable at this time.

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.

Nuggets for Rock Hounds

What is a claim and how is it marked? Laws governing claims go back over 100 years. By definition, "A mining claim is a parcel of land for which the claimant has asserted a right of possession and the right to develop and extract a discovered, valuable, mineral deposit. This right does not include exclusive surface rights". Private claims can exist on federal lands. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) handles these claims.

There are Lode claims and Placer claims. Lode claims are veins or lodes of clearly defined rock containing valuable minerals. They can be up to 1500 ft by 600 ft. Placer claims cover all deposits in an area and can be up to 20 acres. Lode claims can exist within a placer claim and are still separate from the placer claim. Valuable rock includes gold and other minerals with an extensive definition.

Claims must have a discovery place or notice of location posted on a easily seen post or monument. Corners of claims should be clearly marked. This is usually done with either a post or monument of some kind. Maybe even a pile of rocks. Rock hounds are responsible for checking for claims with the BLM before going out to look for rocks. For more details please visit the following sites:

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/mining-and-minerals/locatable-minerals/mining-claims>

<https://www.blm.gov/or/programs/minerals/files/claims-pamphlet.pdf>

Specific to Idaho: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/mining/rockhounding/index.html>

What is jasper? The name Jasper means "spotted or speckled stone", and is derived from Old French "jasper". It is an opaque aggregate of microgranular quartz and/or chalcedony and other minerals. It can be red, yellow, brown, green and rarely blue in color. It breaks with a smooth surface and can be highly polished. It has been used in the past to make vases, bowls, jewelry and other items. A green variety with red spots is a traditional birthstone for March and is called heliotrope (bloodstone). Jaspilite is a banded iron formation rock that often has distinctive bands of jasper.

For mor information please reference <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jasper>

Meetings are on the third Wednesday each month.

See our web site for details: <http://www.owyheerocks.com/>

Next Meeting: Aug 21st

Membership

We are accepting payment of 2019 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

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
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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/>