



# “Owyhee Gem”



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### December President's Message

Merry almost Christmas! I don't know about everybody else but this month is sure a busy one at this house. Hope you are all getting prepared for the upcoming season and get to spend it with those you love.

This month is our Annual Christmas party so if you plan on attending please get in touch with Sharlene at (916) 804-4435 so we can get an accurate head count before the 16<sup>th</sup>. This event is one of the more enjoyable as we get to eat, drink, and spend time with our fellow rockhounds. Remember your wrapped gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. The no-host bar starts at 6:30pm with dinner to be served at 7:00pm. The venue is Orphan Annie's on the corner of Everett and Kimball in Caldwell. I look forward to spending time with all of you.

Ed Moser is still looking for help in filling the display cases in the Caldwell Library for January. If you can help him out with something rock related, please give him a call at 340-8060. He will appreciate any and all of you who are willing to come up with a display case.

The Board would like to thank all of you who donated items for the November Auction and those who contributed monetarily to this event. It was a huge success not to mention a lot of fun. We send out a special thankyou to Ed for hosting as auctioneer. You always make it fun and very profitable as well!! Well done folks!

Just a reminder that the Annual Gem Show is just around the corner and we are drawing close to our January drawing for the tumbling contest. The grand prizes are pretty special so be sure to get your rocks turned in and collect your tickets for a chance at them. The Kobuk Alaskan Jade and the big blue Paleo pick would go nicely in some lucky member's collection. Susan will also have signup sheets for working the different Gem Show venues at the Christmas Party so please take a minute and commit to a few time slots, as the more organized we are the easier it makes it for the venue chairs to organize each day. One push is for show cases to be filled. There will be showcase applications at the party, and there is one inside this newsletter, so please fill out the application as it makes Thelma's job easier, it is hard to remember who has committed unless it is documented. Let's make this another stellar year.

Well I think I have covered all things that may need updated. I look forward to sharing another wonderful evening till we meet on the 21<sup>st</sup> may your lives be filled with rocks!

-Willa Renken OGMS President



**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES November 16, 2016**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:40pm. There were no minutes presented in the last newsletter. Guests were introduced and given a warm welcome.

**Secretary:** A dues notification from AFMS/NFMS was received and given to Janie. There were 4 returned newsletters and 9 member renewals. Ad advertisement from the Nature & Science Online Auction and a letter from the American Bird Conservancy was read and shared.

**Vice President:** Jim is working on programs and speakers for the coming year.

**Treasurer:** The Club received \$585 income from membership renewals and the slab drawing brought in \$72 last month. The accounts are all up to date.

**Show Chairman:** If you would like to put a show case in the Gem Show let Thelma know right away. There will be an application in the newsletter and you can find one on-line. Members were thanked for the donations that have been brought in for the show. Sign-up sheets were out and ready for volunteers for the show venues. Contact Susan if you would like to be added to any of the lists.

**Federation Chairman:** There is legislation coming up for a vote on the Monument Act. Members were encouraged to call Congressmen and Senators to let them know how you would like them to vote. Ed reminded us to keep saving our postage stamps.

**Historian:** There was no report.

**Sunshine:** Gene Alvey had surgery and is doing better. Let Jewels know if you know of someone who needs a get-well card or visit.

**Membership:** New members Bill & Andrea Sawyer, Dale Young, James & 'Pete' Conner and Manuel & Cathi Gonzalez were introduced.

**Field Trip:** David said there was a good turnout for the last field trip. He and Ithel will be going out to explore new places for trips next year. If you have a place you would like to go next year, give them a call and they can get it on the calendar.

**Webmaster:** The website is up to date.

**Unfinished Business:** Sharlene McCaslin is collecting money for the Christmas dinner at Orphan Anne's in Caldwell. The cost for dinner is \$16 for non-members and \$8 for members. There will be a no-host bar starting at 6:30 and we will eat at 7. The menu will be the same as in the past. Willa will be bringing lots of options for dessert. Denise and Aubrey will be hosting the gift exchange if you would like to participate, bring a wrapped gift, labeled for a woman or man. Chris volunteered to make table decorations. If you would like to attend, please let Sharlene know by December 10.

**New Business:** The club has an opportunity to put a rock display in the Caldwell Library. If you have material you would like to display, give Ed Moser a call to get it set up.

The next Business Meeting will be at the Caldwell Library November 28.

Pat Stapleton won the door prize.

Ed Moser was the auctioneer for the evening.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary





- 2 Gregg Austin
- 2 Dave True
- 3 Steve Powell
- 3 David Schmidt
- 4 Dana Stowell
- 4 Shannon Tharp
- 5 Darell Ehlers
- 5 Neil Roberts
- 6 Gene Babbitt
- 7 William Silva
- 8 Lillie Rogers
- 10 Ray Barron
- 10 Cheryl Link
- 10 Joan Alvey
- 15 Bill Anderson
- 15 Barbara Hanson
- 17 Steve McConnel
- 17 Randy Whipple
- 19 Doug Renken
- 19 Patrick Stapleton
- 22 Natasha Atwood
- 24 Gary Hill
- 24 Jack Wieden
- 28 Lorraine Wright
- 29 Todd Kinney
- 30 Debbie Lappin



**December Anniversaries**

- 3 Mark & Christine Rednour
- 3 David & Cyndy Schmidt
- 12 Robert & Connie Powers
- 16 Clarence & Lorraine Wright
- 17 James & Christi Jarrett
- 20 Roy & Pat Bethel
- 24 Steve & Debora Powell
- 26 Paul & Donna Dole

**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.

Email me at:  
denisemstringer@gmail.com

**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  
jewelsmalia@yahoo.com





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## OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES November 28, 2016

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7pm. Darell Ehlers made a motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting; seconded by Ed Moser. motion carried. There was not a meeting in October.

**Secretary:** Received 3 membership renewals and 3 returned newsletters.

**Vice President:** Jim purchased a DVD player that will be used at the meetings and is working on getting presentations for the meetings next year. Pauline Prather mentioned she has a DVD about silver smithing she will share.

**Treasurer:** Collected \$1,322 in proceeds from the auction. The fees for the post office box were paid for next year. The O'Conner Field has been contacted for the amount of the rental for the Gem Show and Janie is waiting for a call back from them. Susan shared another contact number.

**Show Chairman:** There are 13 paid vendors for the show. The special display will have one table and the new critter art table will be behind the display. The information and new member table will be in front of the special display. Darell will get fliers to Larry Ridley to take to Quartzsite and to Ed to put in the library in January.

**Federation Chairman:** Ed received two notices from the BLM about the hearings for the sage grouse and the monument. Contact the BLM for information. Keep saving your postage stamps.

**Historian:** There was no report.

**Membership:** Kathy had a list of new member applications. Jim Hopkins made a motion to accept the new members; seconded by Susan Beattie, motion carried.

**Field Trip Chairman:** Ithel was not present. He can collect funds from calendar sales earlier this year when he submits an invoice. The funds will be used for field trip exploration for next year. If calendars are sold next year, he will be in charge of selling and collecting funds.

**Unfinished Business:** Orphan Annie's is all set for the Christmas Dinner. Willa will bring dessert. Denise and Aubrey are in charge of the gift exchange. Bring a wrapped \$10 gift designated male or female if you would like to participate. Chris is making table decorations. No host bar at 6:30 and dinner at 7. Ed is looking for a display to put into the Caldwell Library in January. The road cleanup had a fabulous turn out and they collected 17+ bags of trash. Janie shared homemade cookies with the group and there was plenty of time for a field trip after the cleanup.

**New Business:** Willa will continue the tradition of gifts for lifetime members.

The next Business Meeting will be January 30 at the Caldwell Library.  
Ed will set up the meeting places for next year.

Meeting adjourned 7:55. Respectfully submitted - Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

### **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/>**

### **Presenting the 2017 Board of Directors**

President – Willa Renken

Vice President – Jim Hopkins

Secretary – Debbie Lawrence

Treasurer – Janie Ehlers

Federation Director – Ed Moser

Field Trip Chairman – Ithel Kildow

Assistant Field Trip Chairmen:

– David Schmidt, John Chaplik, Red Lovette

Show Chairman – Susan Beattie

Assistant Show Chairman—Darell Ehlers

Bulletin Editor—Carol Farnham

**Congratulations!**

The new Board of Directors will begin their positions in January 2017.

### **Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society December Meeting**

**December 21, 2016**

**Location:** Orphan Annie's, 801 Everett St, Caldwell

6:30 p.m.—No-Host Bar

7:00 p.m.—Dinner

\$8.00 for members, \$16.00 for non-members

Bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange (men's, women's, or general)

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY**  
**63rd Annual Gem & Mineral Show**  
**March 4 and 5, 2017**  
**Caldwell Event Center—2200 Blaine, Caldwell, ID**

**Request for Showcase Space**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_

How many cases would you like to reserve? \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Material: (must be gem or mineral related)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a: Dealer \_\_\_\_\_ Amateur \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ (All Junior cases must be prepared by Juniors.)

List name(s) for exhibitor badges:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Set-up day: Friday, March 3, 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Show Dates: Saturday, March 4, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 5, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Take-down time: Not before 5:00 p.m. on Sunday

The Show Committee Members will help you locate your space.  
Displays shall remain for the duration of the show unless prior authorization  
from the Show Chairman is received.

Send your completed application by February 15th to:  
Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society,  
Attn: Thelma Brown, PO Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83606-1053  
or bring to the next general membership meeting.



### Federation Director

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  
340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com



### Show Report—by Susan Beattie



**Thank you for all your donations!!!**

**We have received many nice donations of critters, grab bags, polished rocks, critter making supplies, and silent auction material.... Keep it coming.**

We will start **signing up for the 2017 show time slots** at the next meeting. **PLEASE** help the venue chairs by signing up to work for two hours at each venue. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

#### Donations Always Accepted

Silent Auction  
Wheel of Gems Prizes  
Grab Bag Prizes

Critter making supplies  
Sand Dig  
Wheel of Gems



#### Contest Update.....

Every person who donates tumbled rocks for grab bags will receive a ticket good for a **prize drawing** at our **January** meeting.

**Prizes: Paleo Pick and Alaskan Jade (Kobuk)**



#### Here's the DEAL:

You do not have to be present at the January meeting to win, so put **your name and phone number** on your ticket.

You will be given a **ticket every time** you donate tumbled rocks between now and January. If you have a donation but can't make the meetings, **call me** and I will arrange to pick up your donation and give you your ticket.

**Any quantity** earns a ticket; small jar or bag to 5 gallon bucket—any and all **earn a ticket**.



**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.

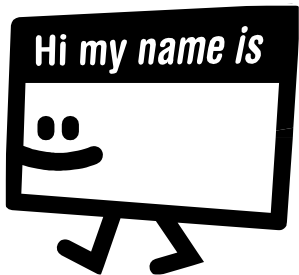
If you need a "replacement" of any of these, there will be a nominal charge of \$2 for the Name badge and \$3 for the Small patch. In addition, large patches are available to members for \$10.

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.

-Kathi Larson, Membership Chairperson  
465-8083, redkatnthat@gmail.com



**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES      Year: 2017**

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

LAST NAME: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ANNIV: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ BDAY: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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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!

