

"Owyhee Gem"

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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December President's Message



As I am watching it snow, it really doesn't seem that long ago we were out in the field searching for those beautiful specimens. I enjoy December as it means we get to begin again soon. This month is our **Christmas Party** month and the plan is in place. We will be downstairs at "**Orphan Annie's**" in Caldwell. The restaurant is on the corner of Kimball and Everett and the event will be on the 18th. No-host bar will begin at 6:30pm and we will eat at 7pm. We are having a gift exchange so if you would like to participate please bring a wrapped gift and indicate if it is male, female, or either. The dollar limit is \$20 and Kathi Larson is in charge of the gift table. The club will be providing the desserts and which will be served to you right after the meal. If you have not signed up please give Debbie a call **(208) 869-7585**, so we can get you on the list there is still time. You can always pay at the door. This is always a fun night and we hope you all will enjoy your time with us.

Roxanne is busy trying to schedule the upcoming year's programs. If you have, any ideas for her please contact her, as I am sure she would welcome them. If you can give a program or have a rock tip you would like to share Roxanne can include you in her scheduling. I know there is a lot of talent out there and we have many members who would enjoy hearing how you perform your processes with tumbling, cabbing, how to run a saw, how to identify good vs leavarite material, as just some ideas. If you can give a 20-30 minute program on any of these let Roxanne know.

Kim Bashford is looking for members to sign up for cases at the March show. If you can put in a case please let her know. We will be having a program on how to setup a case for those who need help. The cases are always a great draw and everyone loves seeing what you have created from the beautiful stones you collect. We have many creative members so this should be very exciting to see this year.

I am in charge of the demonstrators so if you would like to demonstrate at our show let me know. I will need one or two people for the cab machine, a tumbler demo, if you wire wrap I need you, more people to demo silversmithing. If you would like to demonstrate your skills please let me know. Versus being volunteered, asked is good.

Don't forget to sign up on the different venue sheets so the Chairman can know whom to contact for the various shifts. As always, it takes a village to pull this event off each year and we are extremely appreciative of all our volunteers. Each of you bring a great benefit to our club and this is why we grow and prosper. I look forward to all the fun we will have in March so get involved you won't regret it and just imagine all you can learn.

I believe that is everything. Don't forget our Party will be at Orphan Annie's, 801 Everett Street, in Caldwell and starts at 6:30pm. See you all there!!

Willa Renken OGMS President



OGMS 2020 Field Trips

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

Some may also be added.

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.**

Hope all are doing well and working on your finds you got this summer to make some interesting pieces you can be proud of. We are working on the Field Trip list for next year and all suggested sites have 3 checks each for the locations, including the overnigher list. We need to firm up the list in January so you will have one last chance at adding your check mark to the already suggested list or add a new location to it. I will have the list at our banquet for those attending or you can send me an email with your suggestions.

Thanks again for a great year out and look forward to going on some fun and possibly new adventures next year. Happy Holidays!

Robert Murphy OGMS Field Trip Chair



- Joan Alvey
- Bill Anderson
- Jody Atwood
- Gregg Austin
- Gene Babbitt
- Rhonda Brooks
- Sue Chambers
- Marshall Coleman
- Darell Ehlers
- Darlene Emry
- David Filkins
- Barbra Hanson
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- Todd Kinney
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- Andy & Helen Krivy
- John & Jeanine Lane
- Steve & Debora Powell
- Robert & Connie Powers
- David & Cyndy Schmidt
- Delbert & Hazel Trimble
- Clarence & Lorraine Wright

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



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plus online visitors.**

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VICE PRESIDENTS CORNER

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

Thoughts for Silent Auction

As you go out hunting rocks, please keep in mind our yearly show's Silent Auction!!

If you find a nice sample for our auction, place it in a bucket and label the bucket "OGMS".

By the end of the year, your bucket should be full of great rocks and ready to donate for our show.

It is amazing how just a few rocks can add up if every "rockhound" would contribute!

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.

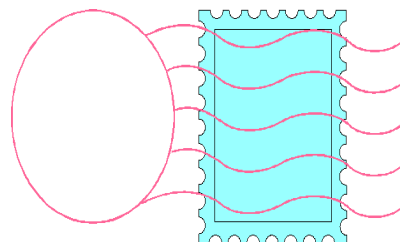
The Museum is open to all visitors: Monday-Friday from 1-5 pm, the first Saturday of every month from 8-5 and the third Saturday of every month from 10-4.

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 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.

Ed Moser
Federation Director
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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Board Meeting Minutes November 25, 2019

The monthly Board Meeting was called to order by **President**, Willa Renken at 7pm at the Caldwell Library. Roxanne Franklin made a motion to accept last month's minutes as printed; Dale Rawson seconded; motion carried.

Secretary: Chris Deveau received a payment for the auction, which was turned over to Debbie – Treasurer. She also received 5 memberships, which were given to Kim Bashford – Membership. OGMS also received notification from State of Oregon of a company developing a gold mine in Malheur County. The Board felt no further information was necessary on that matter.

Vice President: Roxanne Franklin is working on presentations for the January and February General Meetings. She also said several new members had requested information about the Christmas Banquet gift exchange. Kathi Larson is hosting the exchange. If you choose to take part, please bring a wrapped gift, limit \$20 or less. Please mark it as male, female, or either.

Treasurer: Debbie Lawrence received \$996 from the auction at the general meeting. WOW!!! Those funds are used to help pay the cost of our banquet. 46 people have paid to attend the banquet so far. Please get in touch with Debbie if you want to go...it is a fun gathering and we encourage everyone to come! Willa needs a head count.

Show Chairman: Kathi Larson will pay the deposit for our "Rocks-A-Plenty in 2020" OGMS Rock Show at the O'Connor Fieldhouse on March 7th & 8th, 2020. Please sign up to assist with a venue...help us make this another show to remember!

Field Trip Chairman: Robert Murphey was not in attendance, but told Willa that his list for next year's field trips is a good one. Dale Rawson, Asst. Field Trip Chair confirmed, they were working on a couple of overnights...possibly McDermott and Texas Springs.

Newsletter: Margaret Nelson asked for articles to be submitted for the December newsletter by the 4th of December, and any articles for the January newsletter to be to her by the 30th of December.

Membership: Kim Bashford presented the names of 9 new members to the Board; Neil & Wilma Green, Brian & Melody Greer, Nancy Hahn, Craig & Judy Holladay, and Linda & Doc Morgan. Roxanne made the motion to accept their memberships; Margaret seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Federation Chairman, Historian, Sunshine, Road Clean-Up were not in attendance.

Old Business: Please come to the Christmas Party. The cost is \$8.00 per person. It will be on Wednesday, 18 December 2019 at Orphan Annie's, 801 Everett Street in Caldwell. Happy hour starts at 6:30pm with a no-host bar, followed by dinner at 7:00pm. **Willa needs a head count by 6 December.** Also consider taking part in the **gift exchange...\$20 limit, wrapped and marked male, female, or either.**

New Business: Discussion of record retention and budget for the club.

Willa adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau - Secretary

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - General Meeting Minutes**November 20, 2019**

PRESIDENT: Willa Renken called the general meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., at the College of Idaho in the Boone Science Hall in Caldwell. Roxanne Franklin motioned to accept the minutes from the last meeting as printed; Kathi Larson seconded; motion carried. All guests stood and introduced themselves and received a warm welcome.

SECRETARY: Chris Deveau picked up the mail. The club bank statement, a liability insurance policy and payment for an ad in the newsletter were given to Debbie, treasurer. Five payments for memberships were given to Kim, membership. A member brought in a 2cent postcard announcing the 18 June 1958 general meeting...all hand typed, listing the speaker and people displaying rocks. Pretty cool. Thanks to Andrea Sawyer for sharing a bit of club history.

VICE PRESIDENT: Roxanne Franklin said she'll resume the "bring a rock – take a rock" program at the January general meeting. She had the sign-up list for the rock show Chili Feed and Front Door. Volunteers are still needed to assist with these and other venues.

TREASURER: Debbie Lawrence brought in the signature cards for the club bank account...Chris Deveau was added. Debbie had deposited multiple vendor and membership payments. The club account is VERY solvent. Debbie is also collecting payment for the Christmas Party... coming soon;-please sign up.

SHOW CHAIRMAN: Kathi Larson showed several examples of 'critters' needed as gifts for the "Wheel of Gems" venue. Put your creativity to work...the kids love them. Please sign up to help on any of the Rock Show venues...help us make this a show to remember!

ASST. SHOW CHAIRMAN: Darell Ehlers has the advertising submitted to the major gem and mineral publications.

FEDERATION CHAIRMAN: Ed Moser reminded us to bring any stamps (cancelled or not), which are collected, sold, and funds raised are donated by the NW Federation of Mineralogical Societies for breast cancer research. The next NW Federation meeting is 10, 11, 12 April 2020 in Ogden, Utah. **Ed turned the meeting back to Willa to make a special presentation to OGMS Webmaster, Brad Larson. Brad won 1st place in competition with all NW Federation websites. He also received an Honorable Mention from the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.**

SUNSHINE: Jewels Haines sent a card to Lifetime Member Gene Alvey. If you know of a member that is ill or needs a little "Sunshine", please let her know.

MEMBERSHIPS: Kim Bashford received multiple membership payments at the meeting. If you haven't paid for 2020, please do... if you have paid, Kim will have your name tags and patches (she has quite a few that haven't been picked up!)

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN: Robert Murphey has a good list of rock hunting sites for next year...thanks for everyone's input. He is also working on some overnights... should be another fun year for OGMS in 2020.

WEBMASTER: Brad Larson said everything on our website is up to date. Again, congratulations Brad!

ROAD CLEAN-UP: Bill Anderson was not in attendance, but Darell Ehlers said there was a pretty good turn out and they got our section of Highway 45 done in a couple of hours. A field trip to Succor Creek was a great way to end the day!

NEWSLETTER: Margaret Nelson was not in attendance. Please submit your articles for the newsletter in a timely manner.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Planning for the OGMS annual Christmas Banquet is well underway. It will be on Wednesday, 18 December 2019...Happy hour starts at 6:30pm and dinner at 7:00pm, at Orphan Annie's, 801 Everett Street, in Caldwell. Please join in for the gift exchange hosted by Kathi Larson. Bring a wrapped gift, \$20 limit, designated as male, female, or either. Debbie Lawrence is taking payment for the party. Willa needs a head count by 6 December, so please let her know that you are going!

Debbie Lawrence won a pretty Carnelian pendant that was the door prize, given by Diane Stevens, last month's winner.

There was no new business, so the meeting was ended and turned over to our "auctioneer", Ed Moser. An enthusiastic crowd proceeded to take part in our annual Christmas Banquet fundraising auction. There were items ranging from beautifully crafted wood and stone Christmas ornaments, to cabs and spheres, to rock picks and shovels, to a metal detector, to chocolate cake. The money is used to defray the cost of our banquet. Thanks to everyone for participating!

Respectfully submitted. Christine Deveau, Secretary

OWYHEE GEM

OWHYEE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

66th Annual Gem and Mineral Show
March 7th and 8th, 2020
Caldwell Event Center--2200 Blaine St., Caldwell, Idaho

SHOW CASE RESERVATION FORM

Name (Please Print):

Address:

City:

State:

Zipcode:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Club Affiliation:

Number of Cases Requested: _____ Dealer: _____ Amateur: _____ Junior: _____
(Junior cases must be prepared by Juniors)

Name(s) for Exhibitor Badges:

Set-up day: Friday March 6th, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Show Dates: Saturday, March 7th, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 8th, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Take-down time: After 5:00 p.m. on Sunday

There are a limited number of cases, so get your reservations in early!

Bring your completed form to a club meeting between October and February, or send your completed application by **February 1, 2020** to:

Showcase Chairperson

P. O. Box 1053

Caldwell, ID 83606-1053

or by email to Kim Bashford : kmcewan1957@msn.com

66th Annual Show

Here is the slate of Venue Chairs for the show:

Please call to secure your name on their list!

Chili Feed (on Friday)	Andrea Sawyer	208-323-1345
Front Door	Roxanne Franklin	208-577-7095
Sand Dig	Jody Atwood	801-791-7228
Wheel of Gems	Chris Rawson	208-371-7639
Grab Bags	Janie Ehlers	208-674-1213
Silent Auction	Don Dixon	208-908-3374
Membership/Grand Prize ...	Kim Bashford	208-249-4567

These chairmen will let you know what two-hour shifts are available on both Saturday and Sunday.
All sign-up sheets will be at the meetings before the show so you can also sign-up there.

The lists fill up pretty fast so secure your spots early!

Kim Bashford will be taking applications for showcases (application is in this newsletter).

Willa Renken will be in charge of the Demonstrators for the show.

Jarri McClarin will be our "Traveling Ambassador" again in 2020.

REMEMBER TO SAVE A FEW ROCKS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION EACH TIME YOU GO HUNTING!



HOLIDAY Party

WHERE: Orphan Annie's" in Caldwell on the corner of Kimball and Everett

WHEN: December 18th. No-host bar will begin at 6:30pm and we will eat at 7pm. The club will be providing the desserts and which will be served to you right after the meal.



Optional gift exchange: Bring a wrapped gift and indicate if it is male, female, or either. The dollar limit is \$20 and Kathi Larson is in charge of the gift table.

If you have not signed up please give Debbie a call **(208) 869-7585**, so we can get you on the list there is still time. You can always pay at the door. This is always a fun night and we hope you all will enjoy your time with us.

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

Membership

We are accepting payment of 2020 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

PAY YOUR DUES NOW Please!

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2020

Family \$20	Couple \$18	Single \$12	Child \$3
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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** - \$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/>