



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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February President's Message

Can you believe it is only 25 more days till our Gem Show and it is coming fast! Have you contacted Thelma about your show cases? She is anxiously awaiting your call as we have about sixty to fill. Susan has made the announcement on the grab bag winners and congratulations to Janie Ehlers and Gerri McClarin as they took first and second place. You girls worked your fingers to the bone making enough grab bags to carry us for a few years. All the club members' participation makes our club stronger and stronger each year. Susan tells us that we will have a new bead vendor so that should be exciting for those of you who like something different.

On another note we will be having a work party on Thursday the 5th of March during the setup as the Special display needs its new pegboards installed. Those of you with wood skills please step forward as this has needed to be taken care of for a few years now and needs to be finished. Since we have the extra time in our setup it shouldn't be too hard to finish up. Thank you in advance as I know Pauline and Nancy would really appreciate the help.

Since this will be the last President's message before the show just need to remind everyone of the schedule which starts on Thursday March 5th at 9am at the O'Conner field house. We will be going over the logistics at the upcoming meeting just want you all to plan on setup and tear down as this is the most labor intensive part of our show. If you know of any youthful strong backs who can help please recruit them if at all possible.

Ithel has been busy trying to put together this year's fieldtrips so if you have an area you would like to explore or know of a place to go please let him know. We are always looking for different and unusual sites for these adventures. This is what brings the most interest in our club so put on your thinking caps and make this year one to remember.

We would like to recognize Carol and Randy Whipple for stepping up to provide our youth program. This is something that has needed to happen and they are doing a great job. The feedback I am hearing is very positive so if you have youngsters please encourage them to attend as we have interesting programs for them to be involved in. I believe that as this program grows so will our club. Thank you two for taking the time to provide an additional avenue of greatness for our club and its members.

I would like to encourage you to take the time to get to know your fellow club members. I know that when our friendships grow it will strengthen our inner core and make our club a solid and active part of the community. When visitors come to our meetings they are looking for something to fill a void. I believe that to be friends who share the love of being together having fun and enjoying the great outdoors. You all have something great to share with a new friend take the time to find them. The Board wants to thank you all for everything that you do and we look forward to another fantastic rock filled year. See you all on February 18, at 7:30pm at the Best Western. Till then, keep on rockin'. -Willa Renken, OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES January 14, 2015

General Meeting: The meeting was held at the Best Western Hotel in Caldwell and was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30 pm. Willa asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Pauline Prather made the motion to accept the minutes as printed and was seconded by Joann Alvey. Guests and new members were asked to stand and introduce themselves and given a warm welcome. Willa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Carolyn started our youth club. She brought information and handouts to share with the new group.

Secretary: No new correspondence.

Vice President: The program for the February meeting will give information on how to set up a show case. Thelma showed us some examples of some of the critters she has been making for prizes for the Gem Show. She has made over 200 and encouraged everyone to make a few.

Treasurer: No report. Janie was out of town.

Show Chairman: Prizes were awarded to the sewers who made the most grab bags. The winners were Janie Ehlers and Jarri McClarin with a great effort put in by many. Susan encouraged everyone to sign up to work at the venues and sent around sign-up sheets. There is one more meeting before the show.

Federation Chairman: Ed thanked everyone for saving stamps. The NWF was able to donate over \$6,000 to cancer research. The Northwest Federation Show will be April 10 – 12 in Ogden, Utah. Their website has all of the information about the show.

Sunshine: Everyone has been healthy and had nothing to report.

Membership Chair: There were several applications for new members. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the new members into the club and was seconded by Red Larson. The new members stood and were introduced and welcomed to the club.

Field Trip Chair: Ithel was not present. If you have any ideas for field trips, give him a call.

Webmaster: Brad Larson entered the club website in a national website competition. If you have pictures or information you would like included on the website, you can e-mail it to him.

Unfinished Business: Nancy Farrell is putting a calendar together as a fundraiser for the club. You can submit pictures to her to be included in the publication. Thelma has people signed up to fill 23 showcases. Let her know if you would like to put a display in the Gem Show. There is plenty of room on the special display for you to show off your other artistic creations and talents.

New Business: The next board meeting will be on January 26 at 914 Elgin St, Caldwell.

Meeting adjourned 8:25. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



Membership Report

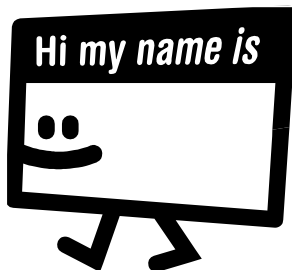
Membership forms are available at every meeting, so invite your "rockhound" friends to our next one!

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 1st through the following October 1st . 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 Director
 465-8083, redkatnthat@gmail.com

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2015

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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February Birthdays

- 1 Ruth Hopkins
- 2 Mitzi Boutwell
- 2 Steven Jewell
- 5 Paul Dole
- 7 Anita York
- 10 Stephen York
- 11 Rulon Darez Allred
- 14 Shirley Metts
- 16 Shaun Bales
- 17 John Gragg
- 19 Jack Robinson
- 21 Bill Foreman
- 25 Deanna Moser
- 26 Rodney Sharp
- 25 Mike Tucker
- 27 Carolyn Roberts
- 28 Veva Jencks



February Anniversaries

- 14 Linda & Kurt Fosnaugh
- 14 Mayo & Paulette Hand
- 24 Neil & Carolyn Roberts
- 25 Terry & Mary Beth Prince

Refreshments

We wish to thank all those who brought refreshments to the January meeting.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the February 18th meeting.

Please sign up for to bring refreshments to at least one of the meetings this year.

Thank You, Ruth & Jim
 466-8817
 16654JRHopkins@q.com



Please let me know if I don't have your correct information, or if you are not on the lists above and should be.

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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY Board Minutes

January 26, 2015

The meeting was held at Boot Hill Country Gifts 914 Elgin St, Caldwell and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:05 pm. Willa asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Darrell Ehlers made the motion and was seconded by Pauline Prather. Motion passed.

Secretary – Took care of post office box. There was no correspondence to present.

Vice President – The presentation for the February meeting will show members how to set up a show case. It will give ideas and helpful hints to everyone who is displaying in the Gem Show.

Treasurer - Janie made a proposal to change the bank the club is currently using. She has had difficulties making deposits and with statements. She made comparisons in three different banks and would like to use Bank of the Cascades. It has the same interest rates and fees the current bank is charging. Susan Beattie made a motion to change banks and move all accounts to a new bank. The motion was seconded by Ed Moser.

Federation Chair – Ed reminded us of the Northwest Federation Show April 10- 12 in Ogden, Utah. There will be a contest the youth will be able to participate in. Find information on the website or in the NWF newsletter. He made reservations at the Library in Caldwell to have the March and April board meetings.

Show Chairman – Susan filled the open dealer space with the same kind of vendor. There are still 13 vendors on the waiting list. PJ Security has again been lined up for the weekend. Grab bags will be filled on Thursday afternoon before the show. The Special Display needs some TLC. New boards were purchased to replace a few of the existing ones and need some holes drilled into them to put them in place.

Field Trip Chairman – Held a discussion on field trips for the coming year. If you have a place you would like to go, give Ithel a call and let him know.

Old Business – Willa urged everyone to go and visit our lifetime members. They would all love to have some company and share some of their many stories.

New Business – There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

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/>

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



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
61st Annual Gem & Mineral Show—"We Will Rock You"
March 7 and 8, 2015
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 6, 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Show Dates: Saturday, March 7, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 8, 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 17, 2015 to:
Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society,
Attn: Thelma Brown, PO Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83606-1053
or bring to the next general membership meeting.

It's Show Time!

Calling all volunteers for our 61st Annual Rock and Mineral Show...**“We Will Rock You!”**
 March 7 and 8, 2015—O'Connor Field House, 2200 Blaine, Caldwell, Idaho

Thank you to all that have signed up to help at a venue.

If you want to sign up, contact the venue chairs to see what times are still available:

Front Door	Randy Whipple	585-5910
Wheel of Gems	Denise Stringer	283-1903
Sand Dig	Jody Atwood	801-791-7228
Grab Bags	Joan Alvey	440-3067
Special Display	Nancy Farrell	914-3236
Chili Feed	Myrt Alston	739-8185
Show Cases	Thelma Brown	541-846-3136 or Debbi Lawrence-453-1496

We need volunteers to move trailers:

Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Idaho Tractor
 Monday 9:00 a.m. O'Connor Field House

Set-up Volunteers needed—Arrive at any time and stay for as long as you are able:

Thursday at O'Connor Field House from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (We will fill grab bags after tables are set up)
 Friday at O'Connor Field House from 9:00 a.m. To 1:00 p.m.

Set up showcases:

Friday from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. And Saturday from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

We are still accepting donations for Wheel of Gems, Grab Bags, Silent Auction and Sand Dig venue items!

Please call me if you would like me to pick up some donations for you, or you can bring them to the club meeting. Susan Beattie, 466-6184

Upcoming Events

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society February Meeting
February 18, 2015—7:30 p.m.

Location: Best Western Hotel , Exit #29, 908 Specht Ave, Caldwell



Idaho Gem Club Gem & Mineral Show

The 2015 show will be held **February 21st & 22nd**. Show hours are 10am – 6pm Saturday & 10am – 5pm Sunday. The show is held in the South wing of Expo Idaho which is located at 5610 Glenwood, Boise , Idaho. Admission is \$4.00 for Adults, children 12 and under free.

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society 61st Rock & Gem Show—”We Will Rock You!”
March 7th and 8th, 2015

Location: O’Conner Field House, 2200 Blaine, Caldwell, ID (see flyer on page 9)

61st ANNUAL

ROCK & GEM SHOW

March 7th & 8th 2015

O'Conner Field House
2200 Blaine, Caldwell, ID

Saturday, March 7th 10am-6pm

Sunday, March 8th 10am-5pm

Admission: \$3.00 Kids 11 and under free (with Adult)

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

WE WILL ROCK YOU

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. 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!



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