



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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February President's Message

Hope this newsletter finds all of our membership safe and healthy. Since last month's meeting was postponed due to an overabundance of snow, I am sure you are already anxious to see all your rock buddies again. I am sure this winter has been hard on a number of you but I hope that you are digging your way out. The weather appears to be in a melting pattern, which means spring is not too far away.

Jim has been busy organizing our program and our speaker is Carrie Peak from the Intermountain Fire Center. We will also have a demonstration on how to setup a showcase.

Since this is the last meeting before our Annual Gem Show, we will be going over the outline. Susan has it under control except for needing volunteers to sign up for the chili feed for Friday. Dianne Barker is the chairman so please sign up or give her a call. Items needed are listed later in the bulletin. We will also have the drawing for the tumbled stones so be sure to bring your tickets. Thelma is still taking applications for the showcases so if you haven't turned one in please get one to her, you can find an updated show application in the newsletter. This is always a big part of our show and as always, it is fun to see what creative ideas our membership comes up with each year. I hope all of you will put one in. Darell has fliers for us to distribute throughout the Treasure Valley, remember the more we get the word out there the more attendance we will receive. Our TV ads should be appearing soon so keep an eye out and let us know what you think, as we are always looking for constructive feedback on all the advertisement we put out there. We are planning on setting up again on Thursday before the show and we will know more on the night of the meeting.

Remember that Ithel is setting the field trip schedule for the coming year so if you have a specific place you would like to collect in let him know. He will have a list setup for the Show again this year as this event always draws a lot of interest from the public and helps increase our membership each year.

I think that is about all I can think of to get you all updated other than to wish Brad a speedy recovery from his shoulder surgery.

In addition, our Board Meeting will be on February 27th at Carl's Jr as the Caldwell Library is closed for renovations that night. I look forward to seeing you all at the next General Meeting, which will be on February 15th at 7:30pm.

-Willa Renken OGMS President

63rd ANNUAL ROCK & GEM SHOW

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

March 4th & 5th 2017



O'Connor Field House
2200 Blaine, Caldwell, ID



Saturday, March 4th 10am-6pm

Sunday, March 5th 10am-5pm

Admission: \$4.00 Kids 11 and under free (with Adult)

WE WILL HAVE:

DEALERS DEMONSTRATORS

DOOR PRIZES EVERY HALF HOUR

GRAND PRIZE SHOW CASES

BLACK LIGHT DISPLAY

SILENT AUCTION

WHEEL OF GEMS

SAND DIG GRAB BAGS

MAKE A CRITTER



COME ROCK WITH US!



February Birthdays

- 1 Ruth Hopkins
- 5 Paul Dole
- 7 Sidney Marshall
- 9 Edwin Budden
- 11 Rulon Darez Allred
- 12 Julie Camp
- 14 Lynn Finch
- 17 Linda Roose
- 21 Gary Herauf
- 21 Bill Foreman
- 25 Sam Inman
- 25 Deanna Moser
- 27 Carolyn Roberts
- 28 Robin Cox

February Anniversaries

No anniversaries this month

Newsletter Editor

Did you know that mailing the newsletter directly to you has been costing the club \$16.20 per person per year? Just last month we mailed out 162 newsletters which adds up to a yearly expense of \$2,624.40. That is a lot of money! The cost adds up and you could save a lot of money for the club if everyone worked together.

There are some great benefits to receiving your newsletters by email.

You save the club money.

You receive the newsletter 3-4 days' sooner than snail mail.

Great color.

You only receive one email per month.

You will be doing your share of saving the planet.

You also save the editor time, effort and gas each month.

I would like to ask that you try receiving the newsletter by email for a couple of months to see how you like it. If you want to go back to snail mail, then just let me know.

Please email me at carolfarnham@ymail.com to confirm your email address and to let me know you would like to be switched over to email.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

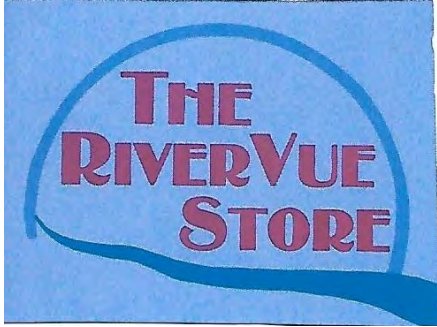
Carol Farnham (208) 475-4868

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
jewelsmalia@yahoo.com



Stone from Arizona

Anderson Mine—Agate
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Burro Creek—Pastelite & Agate

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Noreena
Mookite

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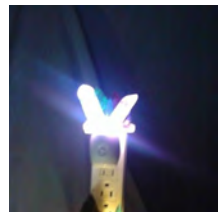
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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES January 18, 2017

The January General Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

January 30, 2017

OWYHEE GEM & MINEAL SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The Business Meeting was held in the Caldwell Library, and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7pm. Jim Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; seconded by Darell Ehlers, motion carried.

Secretary Report: Received tax documents from the Bank of the Cascades, auto insurance renewal, nine membership renewals and a show case application.

Vice President: Jim has speakers lined up for the next two meetings. There will also be a demonstration on how to set up a showcase for the Gem Show.

Treasurer: The books are ready to be audited, & Larry Beattie was asked to do the yearly audit. The NWF Dues have been paid for the year. Janie is working with the City of Caldwell to finalize payment for the O'Conner Field House. Due to the City's changes in management, they have not finalized a price for renting he building.

Show Chairman: Plans are going well for the Gem Show. Susan has been getting volunteers signed up for venues. The tumbled stone contest winner will be selected at the next General Meeting. Larry Riddley will be bringing grand prizes and show case prizes back from Quartzsite. Pauline will be sending out the post card reminders. Willa has the demonstrators lined up. Darell has fliers ready, and will be posting them around the valley. The television advertising is set up and ready to go.

Federation Chairman: You can find information in the NWF Newsletter or online about the Executive Order that closed three areas to rock collecting. You can review new laws that were passed about public lands at ALAANews@amlands.org. The dates for the NWF Show will be May 19-21 and held in Hamilton, MT. For more information about the NWF Show you can go to the website <http://www.wamfed.org/> or check out the NWF Newsletter.

Field Trip Chairman: Ithel was not present. There will be a list of field trips ready before the Gem Show.

Historian: There was no report.

Membership Chairman: Kim has all of the Membership information. If you need your cards or patches, you can get them from her at the meetings.

Unfinished Business: Need to look into what the rental fees from the College of Idaho will be for the coming year.

New Business: The next Business meeting will be held at Carl's Jr in Caldwell on February 29.

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

This is a very special thank you to Myrt Alston for donating her rock collection to the club. We appreciate her generosity.



**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.

Show Report—by Susan Beattie

It's Show Time!

Calling all volunteers for our 63rd Annual Rock and Mineral Show
 “Come Rock With Us”
 March 4 and 5, 2016
 O'Connor Field House, 2200 Blaine, Caldwell, Idaho



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

Front Door—Kathy Larson—465-8083
 Wheel of Gems—Chris Rawson—7carawson@gmail.com
 Build-a-Critter---Denise Stringer—283-1903
 Sand Dig—Jody Atwood—801-791-7228
 Silent Auction—Red Larson—465-8083
 Grab Bags—Randy Whipple—585-5910
 Demonstrators—Willa Renken—362-3941
 Show Cases—Thelma Brown—541-846-3136
 Resource and Ticket Sales Table—Sarlene McCaslin—916-804-4435
and Kim McEwan—249-4567
 Membership Ambassador--Jeri McClarin
 Chili Feed—Dianne Barker-- 965-7187



We will meet to move trailers:

Thursday at 8:30 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 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 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.

Reminder:

February 15 is the deadline for requesting a showcase. Please submit completed form to Thelma by the next meeting, February 15.

We need help for the Chili Feed—Last year **we ran out** of chili, hot dogs, and soup... Please help by signing up and then PLEASE make sure to remember to bring that item or call Dianne so she can buy a replacement.

Please call Dianne to sign up or sign up at the meeting.

A list of items needed for the Chili Feed is on the next page:



Chili Feed

Item Needed	Name	Phone number
Chopped onions –about 2 cups	_____	_____
Grated cheddar cheese 4 cups	_____	_____
Hot Dogs 2 packages	_____	_____
Hot dog buns – packages	_____	_____
Saltine Crackers small box	_____	_____
Veggie Tray	_____	_____
Fruit Tray	_____	_____
Mustard—2 bottles	_____	_____
Ketchup—2 bottles	_____	_____
Crockpot Soup	1 _____ 2 _____	_____
Crockpot Chili	1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____	_____
Dessert	1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____	_____
Bowls-package of 100	_____	_____
Plates-package of 100	_____	_____
plastic knives-50	_____	_____
plastic spoons-100	_____	_____
plastic forks-50	_____	_____
napkins-100	_____	_____
Bottled water-50	_____	_____

Chili Feed—Dianne Barker-- 965-7187

Federation Director

Bring your postage stamps to this month's meeting. Remember to **cut 1/2 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
(208) 340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com

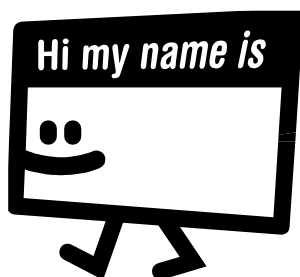


Membership Report

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**.

-Kim McEwan, Membership Chairperson
Phone: (208) 454-7287 Email: kmcewan1957@msn.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: _____ - _____ / _____ - _____
Month Day Month Day Month Day

EMAIL: _____

RENEWAL _____ NEW _____ 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** - \$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.

www.owyheerocks.com

