



# “Owyhee Gem”



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### February President's Message

Hello fellow rock hounds. Our Annual Show is right around the corner. If you haven't turned in an application to put in a show case please consider doing so. They really aren't hard and everyone enjoys seeing the creative ideas you all have in making projects out of the material you have found. With any luck we should have a demonstration on how to setup a case at our next meeting.

We will be setting up our Show on Thursday February 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am. The trailers will need to be unloaded and then the setup begins. We will need as many volunteers as we can get. The more hands the lighter the work. For those helping setup we will provide lunch and with any luck doughnuts to begin our day. On Friday we will finish up any remaining projects along with your cases. This day we provide lunch for the dealers and our club volunteers. If you could help with food on this day please see Andrea and Roxanne for the signup sheet. Then comes the weekend and it is all hands on deck as there will be plenty of need for volunteers. Enjoy the show but above all help those in the various venues to get a break for the bathroom and a bite to eat. This is our big money maker and every year it just gets better and better especially with all your help!! Last but not least is the Sunday night tear down. If you have a showcase please plan on being at the field house by 4:30pm to tear it down as they start that process at 5pm. Just as everything has to go up so must it come down, so we will need help starting at 5pm to put everything back in the trailers. Your generous contribution of your time and muscle is greatly appreciated and we look forward to another fantastic year.

Dale is still taking ideas for fieldtrips so if you have a special spot you would like to explore don't be afraid to ask about getting it on the list.

If you have time stop by the Caldwell Library as the Orma J Museum is putting in the cases for Feb and March. It should be very interesting and Howard will appreciate the show of support.

I think that is about it for now. I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting which will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Boone Science Bldg. We will be having a slab drawing so please donate if you can.

Willa Renken OGMS President



A big THANK YOU to Rosemary Peterson from Boise's Best Marketplace for donating rocks from her shop. Also a big THANK YOU to Kim Bashford for coming and helping to put together some rocks for the turtle shells. It's a lot of work and the help was very much appreciated.

The turtles are almost finished. No two are alike. Next stop is the show to go to new homes.

**Carol Farnham, 208.475.4868**

### Tribute to a Friend,

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to a tried and true friend. I met Joan Alvey when she and Gene moved to Nampa from Twin Falls. She was always so full of fun and enjoyed life to its fullest. Rocks had and always would be an important part of her and Gene's life. The fun of the find was always in Joan and if there were gems to be found she would always be in the thick of it. We shared many rock adventures and they will always be some of the most valued memories for Doug and me. She loved going to the sunstone claim which we shared with Tom and Lillie Rogers, Dan and Diane Stevens, and Cheryl Link. Our favorite time of year fell in September and it seemed like every year they went with us along would come the snow. It was always fun teasing Gene that the snow only happened when they joined us. We always spent about ten days out there so we would plan side trips to Lake View so we could take in a hot bath along with the hot springs that are there and fieldtrip on down to Davis Creek to dig obsidian. On one of those trips Joan slipped and fell hurting her foot. That didn't stop her from having Gene keep digging the obsidian though. When they got home and went to the doctor she had broken her ankle. She was not about to miss out on any of the collecting and was always a trouper no matter the circumstances. I will truly miss my friend and will remember her sweet smile and genuine enjoyment of life. For those of you that would like to join her family and friends in her "Celebration of Life" it will be held at **2pm on February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Bridgepoint Church in Boise. The address is: 2530 Broadway. Dinner to follow the service.**

Respectfully submitted,

Willa Renken





***February Birthdays***

- 2/1 Ruth Hopkins
- 2/1 H.G. Smith
- 2/5 Skeeter Eversburg
- 2/8 Chris Hayward
- 2/9 Edwin Budden
- 2/11 Rulon Allred
- 2/13 Arlene Purchase
- 2/15 Howard White
- 2/17 Linda Roose
- 2/21 Clarence Dishner
- 2/27 Carolyn Roberts
- 2/25 Missy Dickson
- 2/25 Deanna Moser
- 2/28 Robin Cox
- 2/28 JT Hackman

**Amethyst**, the birthstone of February, is a variety of Quartz that carries a spectacular purple color that ranges from a blend of deep violet and red to a lighter lilac hue. Ancient Greeks believed that the stone protected the wearer from drunkenness and enabled them to keep a balanced mindset.

***February Anniversaries***

- 2/1 Rick Fleischman
- 2/1 Kelly and Barbara Kyle
- 2/5 M'Lani Thurston
- 2/14 Ken and Cindy Wilhite
- 2/24 Carolyn Roberts
- 2/25 Terry and Mary Beth Prince
- 2/27 Chris Hayward
- 2/27 Howard and Madonna White
- 2/28 Jon and Jeanette Mainord

*Congratulations*

**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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 pieces of faceting material. Less than  
 half price.**

**Dale Brown  
 Phone 208-466-9608**

**Also one year old brown leather recliner,  
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**Tentative 2019 Field Trip Schedule****(Update coming soon)**

March 23, Bruneau Wood Pile.

April 20, Big Egg Claim.

May 18, Graveyard Point

June 22, Beacon Hill (joint with Boise club)

July 20, Cole Mine Basin.

August 24, Rockville.

September 21, Blue Egg Claim.

October 19, Haystack.

**USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP**

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and a 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.

**For Field Trip Information**, contact Dale Rawson, (208) 283-7990,  
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.**

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

## 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](http://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.

**Federation Director**-Ed Moser,  
(208) 340-8060,  
[edmoser15@gmail.com](mailto:edmoser15@gmail.com)



## OWYHEE GEM &amp; MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2019

The monthly Board Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order at 7pm by President, Willa Renkin. There was no meeting last month due to the holiday.

**Secretary:** Received 7 membership renewals, Tax return information, a newsletter from Wasatch Gem Society in Salt Lake City, information about a miners co-op rock show February 1-17, and an invitation to attend the show for the Yakama Rock & Mineral Club April 26-28, 2019.

**Vice President:** Was not present.

**Treasurer:** Yearly dues were paid to the NWF. The rental fees were paid to the O'Connor Field House for the club's yearly gem show.

**Show Chairman:** Kathi was given all of the information about conducting the show and is learning how to put things together. Show case favors are ready. Setup for the show will begin Thursday. Grab bags will be filled on Friday. Carol brought in samples of the turtles she is putting together. Advertising post cards are ready for pickup. TV advertising is going well and they are working on a voice over. Two additional cash boxes will be needed for the additional venues.

**Federation Chairman:** Ed was welcomed back after missing a couple of meetings. He encouraged everyone to read the NWF newsletter to keep on top of voting information and area closures. The box Bill Foreman constructed with rock samples and a location map will be displayed at the show. A recommendation was made to make sure credit is given to Bill Foreman for the construction of the box and the credit placed inside the display.

**Newsletter:** Carol asked the Board to find someone who would be interested in producing the newsletter by the end of the year. There was no Historian or Sunshine report.

**Membership:** There were two new membership applications read. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the new applicants: L D Rean and Anna Ravegum-Taciffe as new members; seconded by Dale Rawson, motion carried.

**Field Trip Chairman:** The list of field trips for the coming year is being finalized. Dan Stevens offered to run a cab machine for the show, if needed.

**Unfinished Business:** There will be a demonstration at the next meeting about how to set up a show case. A video on mining and jasper claims will hopefully be presented at one of the General Meetings.

**New Business:** Dale Rawson will be in charge of claim renewals. He recommended looking into purchasing a new claim to let the BLM know there is still public interest in using BLM land. Dale also volunteered to give a class presentation at Caldwell High School on gold panning.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

## Show Report

Thank you all in advance for being prepared to sign up to help at venues at the **February** meeting.

Front Door—Jewels Haines

Wheel of Gems—Chris Rawson—208-371-7639

Sand Dig—Jody Atwood—801-791-7228 or 208-697-8166

Silent Auction—Don Dixon—208-908-3374

Membership Ambassador—Jeri McClarin

Grab Bags—Janie Ehlers--208-674-1213

Demonstrators—Willa Renken—208-362-3941

Show Cases—Janie Ehlers-208-674-1213

Resource/Door prize Table—Kim Bashford—208-459-4567

Chili Feed—Andrea and Roxanne

Theme Raffle Baskets—David Baldwin—208-570-9781

**Please let David know if you can help solicit donations from local businesses for our new Theme Raffle Baskets venue. I know he would really appreciate it and a little help from a few people goes a long way!**

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES    January 16, 2019**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Boone Science Hall and called to order at 7:30pm by President, Willa Renken. Brad Larson made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; seconded by Jim Hopkins, motion carried. Visitors stood and introduced themselves and were given a warm welcome. There was no program presented.

**Secretary:** The mail contained 4 membership renewals, a statement from Auto Owners Insurance, information from Randy Whipple regarding claim renewals and a packet with information about fundraising that was given to Susan Beattie. Thank you notes were read from Jim & Ruth Hopkins and Roy & Pat Bethel.

**Vice President:** The geological study of the areas around our field trips will be presented before some of our rock field trips.

**Treasurer:** An update was given about the standings of the Club's bank accounts.

**Show Chairman:** Susan introduced the new Show Chairman, Kathi Larson. Fourteen vendor applications have been signed and there are 34 vendors on a waiting list. Everyone was encouraged to sign up to help at a venue and volunteer during the show. The drivers are all lined up to take the trailers to O'Conner Field House on Thursday. Roxanne Franklin and Andrea Sawyer will be in charge of the chili feed on Friday. They will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. Jewels Haines will be the chair for the front door. A shuttle has been set up to carry visitors from the O'Conner Field House to the Orma J Smith Museum of Natural History that is located in the basement of Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho. Janie Ehlers will be in charge of showcase placement.

**Federation Chairman:** Ed was not present for the meeting but was able to set up displays at the Caldwell Library for the months of December and January. The Orma J Smith Museum of Natural History will be displaying fossil fish and pieces from the Evans Collection during the months of February and March.

**Membership:** Membership renewals are due and may be mailed to P O Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83607.

**Field Trip Chairman:** Field trips for the coming year are in the planning stages and there may be options for additional two-day trips. Let Dale Rawson know if you have an idea for a new location.

**Sunshine Chairman:** Contact Jewels Haines if you know someone who could use a note of cheer.

There was no Historian Report.

**Webmaster:** The website is up to date and it has been submitted to the NWF for their website contest.

**Unfinished Business:** The December Banquet was a fun filled evening. Special thanks were given to Dale & Chris Rawson, Michele & Dave Wiles and Kathi Larson for giving extra time to make the evening a great success. Janie Ehlers was presented a gift for being the past Treasurer.

**New Business:** Willa is looking for a faceting demonstrator for the show since Walt Barnett had a little mishap and will not be able to help this year. Jean Markam volunteered to demonstrate cab making. A eulogy was read for Christy Ritenger. Contact Dale Brown if you would like to purchase an ultra violet light. He will be placing an order and can receive a discount with a quantity purchase. Carol Farnham volunteered to make some stained glass/rock turtles to have at the show with proceeds going to the club as a donation. If you would like to volunteer to help with the construction of the turtles contact Carol. Jim & Ruth Hopkins read a thank you to Willa for her outstanding leadership to the club and presented her with an emergency kit for her vehicle.

Slab drawing. Dale Rawson won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

OWYHEE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY  
**ROCK & GEM SHOW**

**65th Anniversary**

**Blue Sapphire Show**

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## Membership Report

### **We are accepting payment of 2019 dues**

Membership forms are available at every meeting. Invite your "rockhound" friends to our next one!

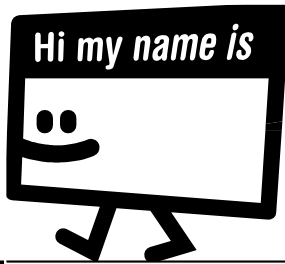
Any member needing a name badge, membership card, or patch, please call me so I can have them ready for you to pick up at the next meeting.

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**

## ***PAY YOUR DUES NOW Please!***

### **OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES      Year: 2018**

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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.

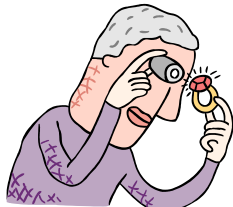
**MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

- 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/>

