

# “Owyhee Gem”

## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### February President's Message



Happy Valentines month folks! Hope this edition finds you all well and experiencing all that life has to offer. This is the month that the big Quartzite and Tucson shows are taking place. I hope all who could get to experience this fantastic adventure have had the time of your lives. Would love to experience it, but as this is prime tax season guess it will just have to wait another year.

Ed Moser, our Federation Director, wants to remind you that the NW Federation Show will be April 10-12<sup>th</sup> in Ogden, Utah! Hosted by the Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society. **WHERE in Ogden, UT:** [Golden Spike Event Center -- 1000 North 1200 West • Ogden, UT 84404.](#)

Margaret Nelson, our Editor, wanted to remind those who have ads in the newsletter that you need to pay for the year 2020 if you want your ad to continue. If anyone else has a desire to run ads in the newsletter, they are welcome to do so. See page 4 for prices. If you want to run a short classified newsletter, the board wishes you to know that as a member you can do this. In addition, if you have articles that would be of interest to our members you are always welcome to submit them.

Kim Bashford relayed to the Board that those members wishing to obtain a roster of our club members to let her know and she will see you receive one. If you still need to renew your memberships, please give Kim a call or contact her at our next meeting.

We will be putting in another display at the Caldwell Library to promote our community outreach. If you are interested in participating let Ed Moser know. At this time, we need more ideas on community outreach programs. If you are aware of an event or know of a school program that we can participate in to bring more awareness of the art and sciences of lapidary, gemology, and mineralogy, let me know. The more exposure we get within the community the better for our 501 C3 status.

One month left until Show time. If you haven't signed up for a shift or two on the venue sheets please do so. It is much easier for the Chairpersons to complete their assignments of the two-hour slots if folks commit to a specific time. We really appreciate the participation that each of you put in on behalf of the Club. This month's program will be on how to put in a display case. This is a fun time and putting in a case to show off your talents is a great way to get involved with the club. Or if you can fill a case; get in touch with Kim Bashford. I think she has a few openings still available.

That's all for now I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> in the Boone Science Bldg. at 7:30pm. Till then keep on rocking and be safe!!

Willa Renken OGMS President

# OWYHEE GEM

## OGMS 2020 Field Trips

**March 21st:** \* Bruneau Wood Pile for Petrified Wood and Pine Cones. Meet at Walter's Ferry (across Snake River @ boat landing).

**April 18th:** \* Big Egg Claim for Thunder Eggs. Meet at Gem Stop (Hwy 55&95).

**May 23rd:** \*(morning) Rockville OR, for Leaf Fossils / (afternoon) Maple Ridge, for Petrified Wood. Meet at Gem Stop (Hwy 55&95).

**June 5th- 7th:** \*\*\*Texas Springs, NV for Pink Limb Casts. (Please attend May monthly club meeting for more details)

**June 20th:** \*\*\*McDermitt NV, for Variety of Agate, Jasper and Pet Wood. (Please attend June monthly club meeting for more details)

**July 18th – 20th:** \*(morning) Pink Plume for plume agate, (afternoon) Haystack Bute for Red Jasper. Meet Owyhee Junction (Hwy 201 & Owyhee Ave)

**Aug 22nd:** \*\*Wagon Town for Bog Wood, Meet at Gem Stop (Hwy 55&95).

**Sept 19th:** \*Blue Egg Claim for Blue Opal Thunder Eggs. Meet in Homedale, ID City Park with Tank (just east of four corners).

**Oct 24th:** \*Graveyard Point for agate and Jasper. Meet at Gem Stop (Hwy 55&95).

\*(meet @ 8am – leave @ 8:30) \*\*(meet @ 7am – leave @ 7:30) \*\*\* (Overnight Trip)

*For further information, Contact Robert (208)590-1848 or Dale (208)283-7990*

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

Go online to <http://www.owyheerocks.com/> and check the most recent newsletter for trip updates.

### **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 Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990**

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.**

Hello fellow Rock Hounds,


I can only imagine the anticipation you all have for the weather to turn nice again so we can get out and find more pretty rocks to add to our collections. Dale and I have gone over the suggestion list provided at the meetings and picked the most popular sites. The 2020 list above is Official. We have included 2 overnight trips to our trip list.

We have been doing some research on the Texas Springs and McDermott areas and will be making a few pre-scouting trips to these and many of our other upcoming locations. Please attend the OGMS Monthly meeting for more information on camping, accommodation, meeting places, and any modification that may come up due to weather and conditions.


Please keep in mind if you do go out over the next few months on your own, be prepared for anything, to include weather changes, cold, windy and muddy conditions and just be safe out there. Please tread lightly and help to preserve our land access by not driving on or damaging muddy roads. Dale and I are looking forward to leading you all out to some old and new areas and providing guidance and knowledge along the way. Thank You and hope you all have pleasant dreams about this upcoming year.

Robert Murphey, Field Trip Chair






Gabby Bonney  
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 Brian Newman  
 Arlene Purchase  
 Carolyn Roberts  
 Linda Roose  
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 Brad Smith  
 H.G. Smith  
 Howard White



Eddie & Jamie Gamez  
 Jewels Haines and Miguel Lantz  
 Howard & Madonna White  
 Ken & Cindy Wilhite



**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

**Community Outreach Opportunities:**

As a 501C3 organization, **we are in need of opportunities to share our art of lapidary and rock collecting to the outlying public community.** If you know of a classroom that is in need of a rock demonstration or maybe a scout troop that needs a program given please let us know.

These opportunities help us in sustaining our commitment to our continuation of our non-profit status. If you do a project that involves any promotion in the areas of rocks, minerals or geology please make us aware of your contribution so we can include an article about it in the newsletter. These programs help us to validate our claim to be non-profit. Thanks in advance for helping us to achieve our goals to the surrounding public.

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**Stone from Arizona**

Anderson Mine - Agate  
Brenda - Agate & Jasper  
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plus online visitors.**

To place an ad, please email:  
[OGMSeditor@gmail.com](mailto:OGMSeditor@gmail.com)

## VICE PRESIDENT'S 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.

Monthly Meeting Topic: Roxanne will give a talk on setting up a case at the rock show. What is provided and what you will need..

Roxanne Franklin, OGMS Vice-President

## Show Chair

### 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 could 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" contributes!

Kathi Larson, Show Chair

"Gene & Freda Babbitt send a thank you to all the members of the Owyhee Gem Club for the Christmas turkey that was delivered to our door here in Quartzsite AZ. Our winter has been busy here, so many rocks to see and things to do. If any of the club members ever want to take a great vacation during the month of Jan. you will be amazed at all the silver pick rock hunting you can do."



Again, thank you. Gene & Freda Babbitt

## 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](http://www.collegeofidaho.edu/cultural-institutions/orma-j-smith-museum-natural-history) to learn more.

## Federation Director

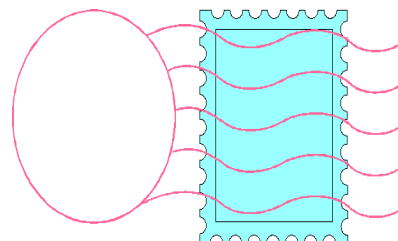
Please save the postage STAMPS for cancer research and bring to this months meeting. Remember to **cut 1/2 inch all the way around the stamp**. Thanks to all for your help. It helps others and it might just help someone you know.

Ed Moser

**Federation Director**

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## OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Board Meeting Minutes January 29, 2020

The monthly Board Meeting was called to order by **President**, Willa Renken at 7:10pm at the Caldwell Library. Roxanne Franklin made a motion to accept last month's minutes as printed in the newsletter; Ed Moser seconded; motion carried.

**Secretary:** Chris Deveau picked up multiple items from the Post Office. Two tax documents were given to Willa Renken – President. Two Showcase Reservation forms and six membership forms were received and turned over to Kim – Membership. Post cards announcing the Oregon Coast Agate Club's annual show on 23 and 24 May 2020 came in and we will share that information with our club members at the next meeting. A hand typed two cent postcard announcing the June 1958 OGMS meeting was turned over to **Pauline Prather - Historian**.

**Vice President:** Roxanne Franklin was contacted by a new member regarding membership status. Kim Bashford handles Membership and her contact information is in the newsletter. It takes a little time to process the memberships, between receiving them in the mail, passing them to Kim for updating the records, then on to the Treasurer for deposit and the bank to finish processing. Please be patient, but if you are concerned...please contact Kim. Roxanne will be giving a presentation on setting up a showcase at the next General Meeting on Wednesday, 19 February 2020. She is working with Steve Brittenham to give the presentation at our March meeting.

**Treasurer:** Was not present.

**Federation Chairman:** Ed Moser confirmed the NW Federation show will be 10-12 April, 2020 in Ogden, Utah. Ed also brought up the beginning of rock hunting season and the need to protect your dogs if you bring them. Many sites are old mining claims and there can be amounts of arsenic or cyanide in the soil and water. Bring your pets fresh water and keep an eye on them...for their protection.

**Show Chair:** Kathi Larson discussed a vendor cancellation. She will be filling that spot. She described the grand prize...an amethyst cathedral... NICE!!! The preparations for the Show are coming right along.

**Assistant Show Chair:** Paul Deveau is proceeding with the Show advertising, flyers, TV, newspapers, event calendars. Getting the word out for the show!

**Newsletter:** Margaret Nelson said please get articles in for the newsletter by 2 February 2020. Also, if you have an ad in the newsletter, please pay our Treasurer. A classified section is being considered for the newsletter.

**Field Trip Chair:** Robert Murphey and Dale Rawson have a tentative schedule for the 2020 season... including two overnights. They will bring the list to the next meeting.

**Membership:** Kim Bashford presented the names of 4 new members to the Board for acceptance: Kelly Husted and Eric Fontinelle, and Charles and Liane Martin. Kathi Larson made the motion to accept the new members; Roxanne Franklin seconded; the motion carried. Welcome to OGMS!

**Unfinished Business:** Dale Rawson will check with Bill Anderson regarding the spring roadside cleanup.

**New Business:** Ed Moser asked if anyone in the club would like to make a display in the Caldwell Library cases...they will be available in May and June...good advertising opportunity for our club. Dale Rawson thought he could do one. Let Ed know if you are interested.

Willa adjourned the meeting, at 08:35pm.

Respectfully submitted... Christine Deveau, Secretary

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - General Meeting Minutes****January 15, 2020**

**Willa Renken, President OGMS**, called the January general meeting to order at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Hall in Caldwell Idaho at 7:30pm. Darell Ehlers made a motion to accept the minutes from the December meeting as printed in the newsletter; Ed Moser seconded; the motion passed. Several guests introduced themselves and were given a warm welcome.

**Roger Beck** gave a presentation on Micro-Mounting. He explained some of the processes of collecting the diminutive stones and crystals. His enthusiasm came to life as he shared the beautiful images on the screen. Thank you, Roger, it was extremely interesting.

**Chris Deveau, Secretary** picked up the mail a couple of times over the holidays and gave 2 membership renewals to Kim; the Post Office box renewal and the Auto-Owners insurance renewal for the club trailers to Debbie; a Christmas card from Shaver & Swanson, LLP (attorneys) to Willa; and an envelope full of stamps from member Celia Quignon for the Federation to Ed Moser-thank you Celia!

**Vice President, Roxanne Franklin** had sign up sheets for our Rock and Gem Show on March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We need all members to volunteer some time...even a couple of hours...to help make our Show a success. Roxanne will be giving a demonstration on setting up a Showcase at the February general meeting.

**Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence** gave a report of the funds received at the auction, memberships, and expenses of the club. We are financially very sound.

**Kathi Larson, Show Chairman** just got back from Quartzite with our Grand Prize for the Show...an amethyst cathedral...WOW! She asked everyone to sign up to help with the different venues at the show, asked for donations of food for the Chili Feed (to feed the vendors on Friday after they set up), help with the grab bags and also thanked Janie Ehlers, Jarri McClarin, and Margaret Nelson again for all their hard work for sewing the grab bags (2,882 total).

**Ed Moser, Federation Chairman** thanked everyone for bringing in any stamps (cancelled or not). They 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 10-13 April 2020 in Ogden, Utah, it is coming up soon...please don't forget to bring in your stamps.

Our **Sunshine Chairman, Jewels Haines** was unable to attend, but wants everyone to know you can contact her if you know of a member that is ill, or in need of a little sunshine and she'll send a card their way!

**Membership, Kim Bashford** had received two membership renewals. If you need name tags, or club patches, she will have them for you. Kim is also handling the showcase venue for the Show, so please get your showcase form filled out and submitted to her...thanks!

**Robert Murphey, the Field Trip Chairman** has put together quite a list of trips for the 2020 season...including an overnigher or two. Hopefully he'll have the list ready for our next general meeting on 19 February. Also, weather permitting, he'll set the first trip of the season for March.

**Unfinished Business:** Willa presented a gift to the outgoing Treasurer, Michele Wiles and thanked her for her help and hard work for the club.

**New Business: Margaret Nelson, the Newsletter Editor** was not in attendance, but had let Willa know that those advertising in the newsletter need to pay for their ads. The cost is \$50 per year or \$5.00 a month for a ¼ of a page. Willa will check with Margaret about having a classified or want ad section-utilizing a smaller space (cost).

Please, if you haven't signed up to assist with a venue at our Show...DO IT NOW...we all need to help make it a success!

Janie Ehlers won the door prize...a meteorite from last month's winner, Debbie Lawrence.

The next Board Meeting is Monday, 27 January 2020 at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Library. Willa adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm. Respectfully submitted...Christine Deveau, Secretary

## 66th Annual Show Report

Our 66th annual show is just a little over two weeks away!

### WE CAN USE HELP SETTING UP & TAKING DOWN THE SHOW -

Thursday, March 5th: 8:30am - pick up our trailers and take them to O'Connor Field House  
 9:00am - begin unloading trailers and begin setting up the venue  
 10:00am - begin attaching skirting to vendor tables, continue w/set-up  
 12:00 noon - lunch supplied for volunteers, then continue w/set-up, fill grab bags  
 3:00pm - take a break until Friday @ 8:30am

Friday, March 6th: 8:30am - continue w/set-up  
 12:00 noon - Chili Feed for volunteers and vendors! Vendors begin setting up  
 3:00pm - Showcases ready to be filled until 7:00pm  
 7:00pm - Close the doors until Saturday @ 8:00am

Sunday, March 8th: 5:00pm - 8:00PM - Take down tables, showcases, venues, etc. & load into trailers.

### DONATE YOUR TIME -

To volunteer, contact the venue chairman and they will let you know what day and time they need your help:

Friday's Chili Feed - Andrea - 208-323-1345

Saturday & Sunday:

Front Door - Roxanne - 208-577-7095

Grab Bags - Janie - 208-674-1213

Sand Dig - Jody - 801-791-7228

Silent Auction - Don - 208-908-3374

Wheel of Gems - Chris - 208-371-7639

### DOOR PRIZES -

At the door, we hand out a "door prize ticket" to each paying visitor.

Every half-hour, a number is drawn and announced. The winner chooses a "door prize" from those displayed in our showcase.

This year, Darell Ehlers has built a sturdy case to display our DONATED door prizes at our show.

YOU CAN DONATE A DOOR PRIZE!

The Grab/Rock Bag Sewing Contest ended December 18th with a total of 2,888 bags being sewn. The prizes of the two spheres went to the 1st and 2nd place winners:

1st - Janie Ehlers (2020 bags), 2nd - Jarri McClarin (800 bags), 3rd - Margaret Nelson (68 bags)

Thank you for a great job!

THE "**GRAND PRIZE**" for the 2020 show, an amethyst cathedral, was selected by a joint effort of Kathi Larson, Red Larson, and Larry Ridley in Quartzsite, AZ. VERY NICE!

Kathi Larson, Show Chair



### MORE TURTLES FOR ROCK SHOW

This is a big *Thank You* to two people that came through for me to make up some more rock turtles for the show in March. Tom Clement of Baker City and Janie Ehlers. Janie gave me some small slabs so I made some mini turtles. They are so cute. Tom gave me some large slabs. Nice looking. Thank you both for your help.

Check out the Membership table to see them and buy for your home or as a gift. *This is a mini fundraiser for the club*, so every penny will go into the OGMS account.

Carol Farnham (208) 220-6219 carolfarnham@ymail.com

See me on Facebook: Glass Creations of Nampa, ID



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

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

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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/>