

“Owyhee Gem”
Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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January President's Message



Happy New Year fellow rockhounds! Hope this message finds you all doing well and enjoying your New Year. We would like to thank all of you who joined us at the Christmas Banquet, as it was a huge success again. A special thank you for all the support received from Denise, Aubrey, Kathi, Roxanne, Ed, and Dale. The food was great and the desserts were a hit as well. I always enjoy this get together as we have time to relax and visit with one another.

Now begins the push for support for the upcoming Annual Gem Show. If you haven't signed up for a venue or two in volunteering your time please do so. This really does help those who have volunteered to chair the various tables to staff the time slots. We are scheduled to start the setup on Thursday as in the past. This is always nice because we aren't as rushed as we would be without the extra day. Kathi has listed the Venue Chairs for your convenience along with their phone numbers. I will need a couple people to help demonstrate cabbings at the show. This way you can trade off and not be worn out working all day. If you can put in a showcase, please fill out the application and turn it into Kim Bashford. Roxanne will have a demonstration on how to put in a showcase for those who are a little unsure.

Roxanne has scheduled a program featuring Roger Beck and his Micro mounts. This should be a nice program and Roger is a good speaker. We appreciate Roxanne's efforts in providing us with interesting programs that are very informative. Keep up the good work Roxanne!

If you have any more input for Robert Murphy, concerning fieldtrips please let him know. If you have a spot you would like to explore with the club do not be bashful. Let us know!

Thanks again for everything you all contribute to our great organization as everybody's efforts make us grow and prosper. See you all on January 15th at 7:30pm in the Boone Science Bldg.

Willa Renken OGMS President



OGMS 2020 Field Trips

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

Hello Everyone and Happy New Year.

The votes are in, Dale and I will be going over all suggested field trips and firming up dates and times prior to the February Monthly meeting. There was some interest in an overnigher trip so we may be doing some recon and picking at least one for this year.

We hope all are doing well and looking forward to an exciting fun filled year of collecting some beautiful specimens. ***We will be doing a Field Trip Display at the up coming show and if anyone has some exceptional pieces they would like to add, please let Dale or myself know.*** Thank You.

Robert Murphey, Field Trip Chairman

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.**



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 Isaac & Betty Ward

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



<u>Stone from Arizona</u>	<u>Stone from Australia</u>
Anderson Mine - Agate	Noreena
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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: Roger Beck will give a general talk on micro-mounting. He will bring samples of rough rock material and talk about how he selects the portion he uses for his mounts.

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

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.

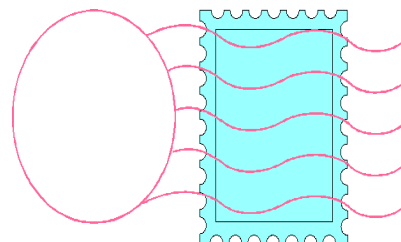
Federation Director

Please save the postage STAMPS for cancer research and bring to this months meeting. Remember to **cut 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.

Ed Moser

Federation Director

(208) 340-8060,
edmoser15@gmail.com





OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Board Meeting Minutes

There will be NO Board Meeting for December. We look forward to seeing everyone at the first General Meeting of 2020 on Wednesday, 15 January at Boone Hall on the College of Idaho Campus in Caldwell. HOPE YOU ALL HAD A VERY, **MERRY CHRISTMAS**...AND TO EVERYONE, WISHING YOU THE **BEST EVER NEW YEAR!**

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Christine Deveau

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 reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - General Meeting Minutes**December 18, 2019**

President Willa Renken called the December General Meeting to order at Orphan Annie's Restaurant in Caldwell, Idaho... the location for the Annual OGMS Christmas Banquet. Ed Moser gave the prayer before we dug into a mouthwatering ham dinner buffet with all the trimmings as well as several Chinese dishes. Dale Rawson's famous cheesecake with Willa's huckleberry topping (and others) plus apple pie and carrot cake were the finale to the meal.

Willa held a short meeting after the meal. Pauline Prather made a motion to accept the minutes from the last newsletter, seconded by Steve Powell. Motion carried. Denise Stringer was thanked for the clever hand painted twinkle light table decorations (so cute). Vice President, Roxanne Franklin announced Roger Beck would give a presentation on Micro Sample Mounting at the January General Meeting on 15 January 2020. The treasurer, Debbie Lawrence confirmed the club solvency. Lifetime Members, in attendance, were recognized: Pauline Prather, Bill Stringer, Gene Alvey and Walter Barnett. Willa had Christmas hams delivered to each of the Club's Lifetime Members...Pauline and members, Dan and Diane Stevens personally made the local deliveries. Thank you so much!

Willa recognized and presented plaques to our newest Lifetime Members: Ed and Deanna Moser, and Dan and Diane Stevens and thanked them all for their dedication to OGMS. It's members like these that make our club such a great organization!!! She then presented a gift (a sphere of Washington Jade) to Carol Farnham, the outgoing newsletter Editor and a lovely amethyst pendent to Debbie Lawrence, her outgoing Secretary.

Show Chair, Kathi Larson said the vendors are all lined up and asked that everyone please sign up with the Venue Chairmen to help with our show in March. Kim Bashford said memberships were still coming in, she also asked members to sign up to put in a showcase at the show. Robert Murphey and Dale Rawson have quite a list of field trips ready to schedule for 2020. Our Sunshine coordinator was not in attendance, but if anyone knows of someone that is ill or needs a show of support, please contact Jewels Haines She brightens everyone's day.

Secretary, Chris Deveau received 9 membership renewals (to Kim); the Club Post Office Box renewal, information for the NWF yearly dues renewal, the statement from Auto Owners Insurance for club trailers (to Debbie); and 2 thank you cards (to Pauline). She read the thank you from Life Members, Pat and Roy Bethel for the Christmas ham and how they appreciated the personal visit from Pauline, Dan and Diane. The other was from Dawn Janney of Idaho Falls, thanking club members Don, Kim, Bob and Dale for their assistance with the Evans Collection in the museum.

Kathi Larson announced the winner of the grab bag competition (the bags are for our show venue). Janie Ehlers sewed 2,020-won 1st place. Jarri McClarin was 2nd place with 800 bags and Margaret Nelson made 62 bags. Thank you, thank you for all your efforts and hard work. Beautiful spheres made by Red Larson were awarded. Kathi also coordinated the gift exchange, which everyone shared in and enjoyed.

Willa thanked everyone for coming and recognized all members as part of a great, family-oriented organization that can share, teach and work together as a community.

Respectfully submitted. Christine Deveau, Secretary

OWYHEE 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 Report

Here is the slate of Venue Chairs for the show:

Please call to secure your name on their list or sign up at the monthly meeting!

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	208-454-7287

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.

We will be doing a Field Trip Display at the up coming show and if anyone has some exceptional pieces they would like to add, please let Dale Rawson or Robert Murphey know.

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 was selected by a joint effort of Kathi Larson, Red Larson, and Larry Ridley in Quartzsite, AZ. VERY NICE!

Kathi Larson, Show Chairman

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

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/>