

“Owyhee Gem”

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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January President’s Message

Happy New Year fellow rock hounds. Here’s hoping this year will bring all of us prosperity and much happiness. As we begin this year, we will be faced with another change to our normal way of life.

We will be trying to keep the field trips going so you can have an escape and still somewhat meet as a group. Those trips will begin in March and go into October.

Our next Board meeting will be at the end of this month at the Caldwell Elks club. After the board meeting we will have made a decision concerning our Annual Show. I encourage you to hang in there with us as we try our best to provide you with interaction on behalf of the club.

As soon as we are able to gather, we will plan some activity to promote the social interaction that we all desperately crave. Until then, use this time to perfect your crafts with the abundance that we have been provided from the earth that we so enjoy.

If you know of anyone in need of an uplift or get well wish, please reach out to Jewels so she can convey our concern as a club.

I look forward to being with you all again soon. Stay safe and well and with some luck, we will be meeting in March at the very least going on a fieldtrip or two together.

-Willa Renken OGMS President



**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2020**

(CANCELLED)

The OGMS December Meeting/Christmas Party was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The January General Meeting will NOT be held either. Hopefully, things will change soon so we can get back together and function normally.

Paul and I have made several trips to the Caldwell Post Office. OGMS received a liability questionnaire from the club insurance carrier which was scanned and forwarded to Willa Renken-President; the reimbursement check from the Nampa Elks Lodge for the cancelled Christmas party and the club PO Box rent notice were forwarded to Debbie Lawrence – Treasurer; a Website/Domain listing letter was referred to Brad Larson – Webmaster; and ten memberships were sent to Kim Bashford – Membership.

OGMS and Jewels Haines – Sunshine Chair received a very nice thank you card from Ruth and Jim Hopkins. We also received a lovely card from the children of ‘Gerald Scarrow’ to thank OGMS for the flowers that were sent, honoring their dad. Gerald was the owner of Gerald & Joy’s Rocks – N – Gifts in Jerome, Idaho. We lost a rockhounding ‘Treasure’... so much knowledge... such a kind, gentle man.

If you know of anyone in the club that needs a little ‘Sunshine’, please contact Jewels... she does a great job... we thank her so much for all her efforts.

We would like to take this time to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas... we hope you can enjoy it with those you love. Be safe... hope to see everyone soon.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



IN MEMORY OF GEORGIA MOODY

Georgia and her husband De became members of the OGMS in 1977 when they moved to Idaho from Arizona.

Georgia was a nurse working alongside her Doctor husband. They met in Colorado Springs, Colorado but did move around a bit till finally establishing a clinic in Nogales, Arizona. Life was good there, they could travel to Mexico where they spent many winters and made lots of friends.

De loved to fish and Georgia cooked up the best dishes you could imagine.



It was in Mexico that Georgia was able to collect a beautiful assortment of sea shells and coral. She had a special formula for cleaning shells leaving the beauty to shine through.

Georgia was at first a reluctant rockhound but did enjoy going along on trips. Many times they camped out.

Georgia had so many memories of trucks breaking down on their excursions. It seems that Georgia never really hunted for rocks but managed to find several great specimens on their trips. She also hauled a lot of rocks for De so he could keep on digging in his holes.

Georgia & De were also life long Birders. They built a home above the Boise river in Caldwell which was perfect for bird watching. They saw and could identify all the local and migrant birds from the picture window.

De passed away in 1999 but Georgia was able to stay in her home. She passed away Dec 15, 2020 at the age of 102.

Georgia was a very alert and accomplished lady, her stories were many, she was a joy to know.

Submitted by fellow rockhounds, Gene & Freda Babbitt



Federation Director—Ed Moser

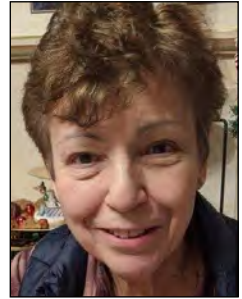
Bring your postage stamps to this month's meeting. Remember to **cut ½ inch all the way around the stamp**. The money raised will go to help support cancer research. Thank you all for this. It helps others and it might just help someone you know. Please Respect the Rules when you are out collecting rocks, be careful of ticks and snakes, and have fun.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director
(208) 340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com

Vice President's Corner—Roxanne Franklin

Leave a Rock, Take a Rock

If you have lucked out and found some nice rocks 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

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact me: Roxanne Franklin - (208) 577-7095, rocksfrank@cablone.net

Tumbling

Numerous people have shared with me their favorite formulas for rock tumbling. This month I am sharing my favorite (tried and true), given to me by another of our members. Thank you, Dan.

Tumbling instructions for a 12lb barrel. (adjust for other barrel sizes)

- Fill barrel 2/3 full of rough stones, add 2/3 cup of coarse (60/90) grit, add HOT tap water to about an inch below the level of the stones, and add about a teaspoon of Ivory dish soap. Make sure the sealing surface is clean. Seal the barrel. Run 19 to 21 days.
- NOTE: most instructions call for around 7 days in this step, but with this length of time, the stones have a nicer rounder shape, and the grit naturally breaks down, allowing you to eliminate the medium (220) grit step.
- Remove and rinse stones, clean barrel, remove any chipped stones. Put stones back in the barrel with about 1/3 cup 500 fine grit, add a teaspoon of Ivory soap, and add hot tap water just level with the stones. Seal clean lid. Run 10 days.
- Remove and clean stones, clean barrel well, and remove any chipped stones. Chipped stones will go in next batch, step one. Replace stones in barrel with about 2 1/2 TBSP of polish (recommend rapid 61, or another Micro Alumina Polish) and about 1 TBSP of Ivory soap. Fill to top of stones with hot tap water and seal barrel. Run for 10 days.
- Rinse stones, rinse out barrel, put stones in barrel with about 2 ozs of Ivory soap, add hot tap water to about 1 inch below top of barrel, seal and run for 6 to 8 hours. Results: Mirror-like-stones.

Happy tumbling!

January Birthdays

- 4 David Dore
- 7 Kelly Husted
- 8 Teresa Nebeker
- 12 Carolyn Connelly
- 12 Robert Troyer
- 13 Denise Stringer
- 14 Martin Vance
- 16 John Brosa
- 16 Damien Coleman
- 24 Robert Sudweeks
- 25 Conner McCuistion
- 26 Rodger Jones
- 26 Barbara Neufeld
- 26 Diane Stevens
- 27 Norm Seid

January Anniversaries

- 20 Stan & Bonnie Lutz
- 22 Isaac & Betty Ward
- 24 Kurt & Charlene Branham
- 25 Neil & Wilma Green
- 31 Gregg & Jenny Austin

Newsletter Editor

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

If you would like just the email edition and not the mailed edition, let me know.

Email me at: denisemstringer@gmail.com

How come no one listens to New Year's resolutions?

They go in one year and out the other.

I have a friend who writes songs about sewing machines.

He's a Singer songwriter, or sew it seams.

Which is faster, hot or cold?

Hot, because you can catch a cold.

Community Corner

If you are presenting to the community or working with the community on behalf of OGMS, please submit a summary of what you are doing for our "Community Corner". This helps us maintain our non-profit status and gives you a recognition for a job well done.

Sunshine Report



Hi, I am Jewels Haines and I am your Sunshine Chair. If you hear of anyone needing a get-well card or visit, please give me a call at (760) 331-3443.

- Jewels Haines, Sunshine Chair, jewelsmalia@yahoo.com



**Robert
Murphey**

OGMS 2021 Field Trips—Stay Tuned!

If you have ideas for field trips in 2021,
Contact Robert or Dale.

Robert Murphey (208) 590-1848
or Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990

**Dale
Rawson**



USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and Small), Sieve, Gloves, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Knee Pads, Magnifier, Plenty of Drinking Water, Food, Appropriate Clothing, Protective Eyewear, Sun Protection, Day Pack or Back Pack, Umbrella, Pry Bar, Tick Spray, First Aid Kit,
Shovel and fire extinguisher to put out any fires that may start.

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.**



You can sign up to give a short 5-15 minute talk about your favorite rock/mineral/gem at the next meeting. Here is a list of questions to you to help you talk about your 'favorite'. The form is also available on our website ... owyheerocks.com. Contact Roxanne Franklin if you are interested in presenting your information—(208) 577-7095, rocksfrank@cablone.net

MY FAVORITE

My favorite (rock) (mineral) (gem) is _____

Why I like it _____

Did you find it or purchase it? _____

Are there other names for this material? _____

It is (igneous) (metamorphic) (sedimentary) in origin? _____

What form is it found in? (crystals) (nuggets) (rock) _____

What is its relative hardness? _____

It is made-up of (which element or mineral compounds) _____

Where is it found? _____

Is it common or rare? _____

What are its uses? (manufacturing) (jewelry) (medicine)

Other uses? _____

Is it safe to handle or work with? _____

Are there any special characteristics? _____

Radioactive Fluorescence Toxic Large Crystals

Used by ancient humans Rare fossil Newly Identified



Stone from Arizona

Anderson Mine—Agate
 Brenda—Agate & Jasper
 Burro Creek—Pastelite & Agate

Stone from Australia

Noreena
 Mookite

Stone from Idaho & Oregon

Owyhee Picture Jasper
 Green Moss Agate
 Tumbled Stones

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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**December 28, 2020****(CANCELLED)**

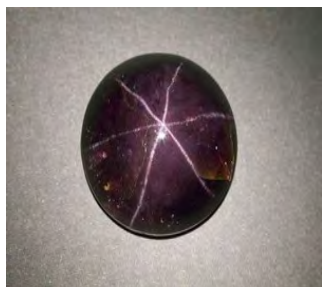
The OGMS December Board Meeting was cancelled because of COVID-19 limitations. So, HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR wishes go out to each and every one of our members. We hope this finds you healthy and happy... looking forward to a great new 'rockin' year!

Our trips have continued through December to the Caldwell Post Office. The bills for the OGMS general liability and show trailers were sent to Debbie Lawrence – Treasurer; a second notice for the PO Box rent was e-mailed to Debbie also. A letter from US Dept of Interior – BLM was received with information to establish an OGMS account to process all transactions on their new website will be sent to David Schmidt – OGMS claims coordinator. There were four memberships and one showcase request that were sent to Kim Bashford – Membership.

OGMS and Willa Renken, our President received several thank you and Christmas cards from Life Members that had received gifts from the club. Ron and Joan Dingley; Ed and Deanna Moser and their daughter Debbie Mitchell; and Pat and Roy Bethel all sent warm thank you's, Bill Stringer called Willa to say thank you... also Pat included in her card that she and Roy were celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary on December 20th... WOW, what in inspiration to us all... CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH...PAT AND ROY!!! Willa also received a Christmas card from attorneys, Shaver and Swanson, LLP.

There will be no General meeting in January, but we will hold the January Board Meeting on Monday, 25 January 2021 at the Caldwell Elks Club, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, Idaho at 07:00pm. We should know if we will be able to hold "STILL ROCKIN' FUN IN 21", our Rock Show by then. Hope to see you all soon.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary

**January Birthstone—Garnet**

The star garnet is the official Idaho gemstone.

Six-ray Idaho Star Garnets from Emerald Creek are the most valuable and best quality star garnets known. Most star garnets from this locality are a very dark purple, and show their color best in sunlight or other bright, direct lighting. The unique color of Emerald Creek garnets comes from mineral impurities within the garnet. The core of the Emerald Creek garnet is rich in manganese whereas the rims are rich in iron and magnesium. Some star garnets have inclusions that reflect the light in such a way that looks as if the garnet has fine glitter just below the surface. The Star phenomenon comes from a sufficient amount of rutile, a mineral composed of titanium oxide, arranged along the crystal planes of the stone.

OWYHEE GEM

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

67th Annual Gem & Mineral Show

March 6 and 7, 2021

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 5, 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, March 7, 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: Kim Bashford, PO Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83606-1053
Email to: kmcewan1957@msn.com
or bring to the next general membership meeting.

Show Chair 2020 — Kathi Larson



STILL ROCKIN' FUN IN 21!
2021 Show Dates: March 6 and 7
O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho

Tumble Those Rocks!

Every person who donates a 5-gallon bucket of tumbled rocks for grab bags for the rock show will receive \$120.00!

Donations Always Accepted

- Silent Auction
- Critters and Critter Making Supplies
- Wheel of Gems Prizes
- Grab Bag Prizes
- Polished and Faceted Stones for Sand Dig

Show plans are moving right along - All of last year's vendors have secured their places for the 2021 show.

SHOW VENUE CHAIRS: - (2-hour sign-up to have fun)

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Front Door | Roxanne Franklin | 208-577-7095 |
| Sand Dig | Jody & Natasha Atwood | 208-409-7377 |
| Wheel of Gems | Chris Rawson | 208-371-7639 |
| Grab Bags | Janie Ehlers | 208-674-1213 |
| Silent Auction | Don Dixon | 208-908-3374 |
| Membership | Kim Bashford | 208-454-7287 |
| Grand Prize/Basket Raffles | Deana Ashton | 208-794-5628 |
| Demonstrators | Willia Renken | 208-362-3941 |

We will have Jari McClarin and Bill Anderson as our Roving Membership Ambassadors again in 2021.

Kim Bashford (208-454-7287) will be taking reservations for the Showcases, so get your name on her list to reserve one or more for the show.

Diane Stevens (208-454-5406) and Andrea Sawyer (208-323-1345) will Co-Chair the Chili Feed for the Friday show set-up.

Looking forward to another great show!

Show Chair 2021 – Paul Deveau



The General Meeting on January 20, 2021 remains cancelled.

The Board Meeting on January 25, 2021 will proceed as scheduled. The Board, at that time, will decide whether to proceed with the 2021 Rock Show.

Membership

We are accepting payment of 2021 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:
Kim Bashford, Membership Director
P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053
Phone: (208) 454-7287 Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com



Welcome to our new members!

**Linda Coble
Tom & Cheri Gordon
Joan Hamilton**

Remember: Dues are due for 2021!

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2021

| | | | |
|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 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(s): _____ - _____ / _____ - _____
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.

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag— Bring an unidentified rock and we’ll help you figure out what it is!

Field trips are scheduled once a month. Visitors are welcome at all these events!



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/>