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# "Owyhee Gem"

Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society

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## January President's Message

Happy New Year to all you rockhounds! Hope you are all enjoying 2025 so far.

This month means we are within 47 days of our Annual Gem Show. Be aware that we now have a show committee, which means, different people will be contacting members for help in the areas that need support. Sue Cassidy will be heading up the organization part as our main contact. There will be more information available at the next meeting.

We are still in need of tumbled rock for the grab bags. If you have, tumbles let us know. We are still offering to pay \$125 for a full five-gallon bucket of nicely tumbled stones.

I wanted to thank all who helped make our Christmas Banquet a fun and enjoyable evening. The tables looked beautiful and everyone had a nice evening visiting and enjoying the festivities. For those who couldn't be with us you were missed.

John Wright would like to know if there are, any special areas that you would like to go on fieldtrips in the coming year. He has almost completed the list for our up coming rockhound adventures in 2025, so if you have a spot you would like to have the club explore please let him know.

We have a new editor starting this month, which is Robert Murphey. If you have pictures, articles, or information for the newsletter please reach out to him. He is excited to help us out with the newsletter so anything you can contribute will be greatly accepted.

We will be having a slab drawing at this month's meeting. If you have extra slabs to share, your donation will be appreciated. Our next meeting is on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Boone Science Bldg. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely, Willa Renken - OGMS President



**Vice-President’s Corner—Sue Cassidy**



Sue Cassidy

**“My Favorite” Presentations**

If you have a favorite rock, gem, mineral, or fossil you would like to talk about and share with the members at the next meeting and in the newsletter, please contact Sue at (603) 548-8822, pypnhot@comcast.net

**Monthly Meeting Topics**

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact Sue.

January 15, 2025: Karen Davis—“Educating the Next Generation Using Rocks and Minerals”

February 19, 2025: Chris & Pauline Cowger—“Locating a New Jasper Claim”

March 19, 2025: Larry Ridley—“Mining Willow Creek Jasper”



**General Meetings at The College of Idaho**

Caldwell, Idaho—Boone Science Hall (#12 on map below), Room 103 at 7:00 p.m.



## General Meeting — December 18, 2024

The December 2024 General Meeting of the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by OGMS President, Willa Renken on November 20, 2024 at the Nampa Elks Club in Nampa Idaho 83651

Kim B made a motion to accept the minutes as presented in the monthly newsletter. The motion was seconded by Eva. All the members were in favor with no further discussion the motion passed.

**Secretary's Report-** Chris Merrell-Rawson reported that there was nothing new to report

**Treasurer's report-** was presented by Ken Christensen, OMGS treasurer.

**Vice President-** Sue Cassidy reported that there were sign-up sheets for the show on the tables in the back of the room and there may be a special meeting with the show committee on January 4, @ 1:00 pm. Sue C will notify show chairpersons via email about the special meeting.

**Federation Chair-** Ed Moser, nothing new to report

**Membership Chair-** Kim Bashford reminded everyone that she needs people to sign up for show cases. Kim also announced the passing of Clarence Wright on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Field Trip Chair-** John Wright reported that he is actively working on the 2025 field trip schedule. He said that if anyone was interested in having a field trip at a specific location to let him know as soon as possible as he would like to have the field trip schedule included in the January 2025 OGMS newsletter.

**Show Chair-** report unavailable, Willa said to keep tumbling, creating critters, volunteering and everything we always do to ensure a successful show. "The show must go on"

**New Business- Lifetime Achievement Awards presented to Eva & Kim & Bob Bashford.**

**Old Business-** Denise Stringer has officially handed off her newsletter editing position to Robert Murphey. Many thanks to Denise for all her hard work and commitment to the OGMS members and the newsletter **AND** hats off to Robert for stepping up to the plate as our new OGMS editor. Thank you Robert!

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted by Chris Merrell-Rawson, Secretary. Thank you for letting me be of service.





### Board Meeting Minutes—

There was no Board meeting in December due to the holidays.  
The next OGMS Board Meeting will be January 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm.  
Caldwell Public Library at 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, ID



### Christmas Banquet Photos



**Field Trip Report —John Wright**



**USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR FIELD 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 Ki , Protective clothing and sunscreen to avoid burns.

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. Check with the Field Trip Chair before you go.
- Please remember to not park on tall grass or sagebrush as the fire season is in full swing and watch out for snakes.
- 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.**



For further information contact John Wright at 208-571-6873 or David Korn at 208-466-2881

**2025 OGMS Field Trip Schedule**

The new field trip schedule will be out soon. If you have ideas for a field trip, please contact John Wright at 208-571-6873.

**Christmas Banquet Photos**





**Show Report****2025 Show Dates: March 1 & 2, 2025****"GEMS COME ALIVE IN '25"****O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho**

We need to thank everyone for the donations received for this year's show. We are in good shape but are still looking for more donations especially for tumbled stone. Remember OGMS will continue to pay \$120.00 per five-gallon bucket of small, nicely tumbled rock that can be used for the wheel of gems, grab-bags and please keep in mind, tiny rock for the sand-dig. Also, any small toys would be welcome for the wheel of gems.

Only a couple of months to go, and we could really use your time to volunteer! We will have the sign-up sheets at our meetings and would like to have that nailed down as soon as possible. Most venues are seated and are in 2-hour increments, so you are not required to stand for any long period of time. Please sign up and help reduce the "coverage worries" on show day. If you would like to help, but cannot commit to a time yet, please make note on the sign-up sheets and the lead person for that venue will work with you.

Basket Raffle Donations: Any rock related items, jewelry, slabs, cabs, specimens, rough rock, tools, books, and baskets. For more info, Please contact Deana Ashton- Basket Raffle Chairman 208-794-5628, text preferred or call.

Even small donations are huge. "GEMS COME ALIVE IN '25" will be here before we know it.

The Showcase Application is located on page 10 of the newsletter. Please complete and send to Kim Bashford or bring to the January or February meeting to make sure you reserve a space for the show!

**"GEMS COME ALIVE IN '25"****OWYHEE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY—71st ANNUAL****ROCK & GEM SHOW****O'Connor Field House—2207 Blaine, Caldwell, Id**Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 10 am to 6 pmSunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 10 am to 5 pm**Admission \$5.00****Kids 11 and under free (with adult)**[www.owyheerocks.com](http://www.owyheerocks.com)

## Membership—Kim Bashford

### We are accepting payment of 2025 dues

Due to the increasing costs for our club to provide the things we do for our members, we are having to raise our dues this year.

Memberships are as follows:

Family—\$25, Couple—\$20, Single—\$15, Child—\$5

Membership forms are available at every meeting and on the next page of this newsletter. Invite your "rockhound" friends to our next meeting!

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 meetings, 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 on the next page to:

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



Welcome  
New  
Members!

## Federation Director—Ed Moser



Bring your postage stamps to the next meeting. Remember to **cut ½ inch all the way around the stamp**. The money raised will go to the Northwest Federation Jr. Scholarship Fund. 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.

Website:  
[Northwest  
Federation  
Mineralogical  
Society](#)

**Would you like to see your ad in the newsletter?**

**You can buy a 1/4 page ad for one month**

**for only \$5.00.**

**A 12-month ad is only \$50.00!**

**Your ad will be seen by over**

**200 club members,**

**plus online visitors.**

**To place an ad, please email:**

**robert.murpheyogms@gmail.com**

**(Ads are subject to Board approval)**



# Jefferson Rockhounds

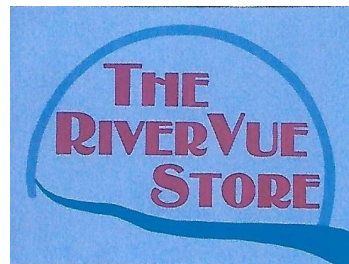
Lifelong rockhound and collector of earthly treasures, now sharing our passion with fellow rock lovers. Please visit us at a local gun show (follow us on Facebook) and view our treasures at Antique World Mall in Boise, 4544 Overland Rd, cases 11, 12, & 42.

Here are just a few of the rocks we have on display: Amazonite, Amber, Amethyst, Ammolite, Azurite, Carnelian, Chrysocolla, Jasper, Kyanite, Labradorite, Larimar, Lepidolite, Malachite, Moonstone, Obsidian, Petrified Wood, Quartz, Rhodochrosite, Rhyolite, Ruby Zoisite, Seraphinite, Tiger Eye, Tourmaline, Turquoise, Unakite, and more!

Available in: Stone & Silver Jewelry, Bookends, Cathedrals, Crystal Points, Flames, Obelisks, Pyramids, Hearts, Spheres, Skulls, Dragon Heads, Towers, Free Form, Natural/Rough, Slabs...



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Hildy Langewis—Hildy@jeffersonoutfitters.com



**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

- Amethyst from Uruguay
- Slabs & Rough
- Hammers/Tools/Gold Pans
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April—October



**January Birthdays**

- 2 Gene Johnson
- 4 David Dore
- 5 Michael Lennartz
- 8 Teresa Nebeker Benedict
- 10 Kathiey Powers
- 12 Carolyn Connelly
- 12 Robert Troyer
- 13 Denise Stringer
- 14 LeAnna Thomas
- 17 Chris Johnston
- 17 Barbara Korn
- 19 Miranda Henslee-Kinney
- 19 Josiah Johnston
- 19 Sean Johnston
- 20 Archer McGill
- 21 Penny Costa
- 23 Susan Cassidy
- 24 Robert Sudweeks
- 25 Conner McCuistion
- 26 Diane Stevens

**February 1-10 Birthdays**

- 1 Ruth Hopkins
- 3 Jeri Turner
- 3 Kris Davis
- 8 Lisa Diehr
- 9 Ed Burden
- 9 Carol Proctor
- 9 Gerard Van Gils

**January Anniversaries**

- 2 Phillip & Heather Cooley
- 22 Isaac & Betty Ward
- 24 Kurt & Charlene Branham

**February 1-10 Anniversaries**

- 5 Norman & Sandra Young

**Newsletter Editor**

If you have articles or information for the newsletter, please submit to [Robert.murpheyogms@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.murpheyogms@gmail.com)

**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.

[jewelsmalia@yahoo.com](mailto:jewelsmalia@yahoo.com)

**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.

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY**  
**Annual Gem & Mineral Show**  
**March 1 and 2, 2025**  
**O'Connor Field House—2207 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, February 28, 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

Show Dates: Saturday, March 1, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 2, 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](mailto:kmcewan1957@msn.com)

or bring to the next general membership meeting.

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY—2025 Membership Application**

**Rockhounds’ 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 which may be dangerous to livestock.
- 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.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the “Golden Rule”, will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

I have read and understand the Rockhounds’ Code of Ethics: Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Family—\$25      Couple—\$20      Single—\$15      Child—\$5

(Please Print)

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ANNIV: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Spouse/Other if not a member) \_\_\_\_\_

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Renewal \_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Recd By \_\_\_\_\_



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society  
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**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** - \$25.00 per year  
**Couples** \$20.00 per year  
**Singles**—\$15.00 per year  
**Children (under 19)** - \$5.00 per year

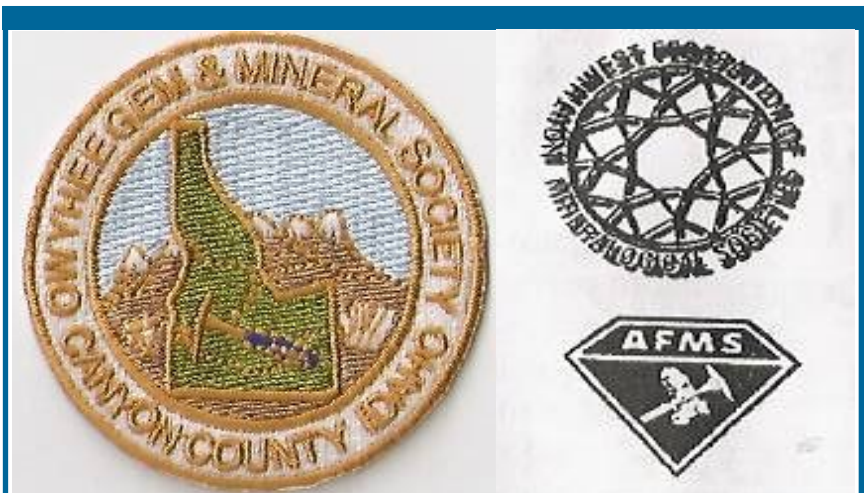
The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1938 at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho.

**GENERAL MEETING:** The club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103, except for the summer months 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:**

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/>***