



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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July President's Message

Holy smokes is it hot! Hope you are being mindful of becoming dehydrated in all these hot days. Remember that when you think you are thirsty you have waited too long to hydrate yourself. Also if you have elderly folks please check on them as they sometimes forget to take in enough water. By the time you get this the 4th of July will have come and gone so hope you all enjoyed some fireworks somewhere.

This month is our fun time in the Memorial Park in Caldwell. We will start our meeting at 6:30 pm on the 15th. This will be our Annual Picnic and Auction that we hold each year. Remember it is potluck so brush-up on those favorite recipes you have and bring a couple of dishes to share. The Club will furnish the drinks and of course some ice cream to cool you down. Be sure to bring your own table service and a big appetite as the food is amazing. We have some of the best cooks in our club. We will have a short business meeting and then our Annual Summer Auction will be conducted by our very own Auctioneer Ed Moser. If at all possible bring something to be auctioned off. These funds help offset the cost of our Christmas Party in December. Your donation doesn't have to be rock related just something you think someone else might like to purchase. We always have a great time and Ed makes it a lot of fun for everyone.

Just a reminder that during the summer months most families take time off with their families, so Caroline is suspending the youth group until September. We really appreciate all the time she has dedicated to this endeavor and look forward to the programs she will have available in September.

Another reminder that if you have any requests regarding the Gem Show, Susan has picked a date of August 8th for our brainstorming and constructive comments on how to improve our Annual Show. It will be held at the Caldwell Library from 10am-12pm for those who are interested. We are constantly trying to improve our show so if you know or have an idea come share it with us. All are welcome.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 15th until then keep cool and rock on!!

- Willa Renken, OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**June 17, 2015**

The meeting was held at the Best Western Hotel in Caldwell and was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:40 pm. Willa asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes as printed in the last newsletter. It was stated Loren Francis name was misspelled. Brad Larson made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and was seconded by Ed Moser. Willa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Visitors and new members stood and introduced themselves and all were given a warm welcome.

Secretary: Received one application for a new member. The BLM sent information on our claim and we received a flier from Mineral & Gem Asia.

Vice President: There was an informative movie on how rocks and minerals are formed.

Treasurer: Janie gave the club an update on all of our accounts.

Show Chairman: Going to look into the pricing for television advertising.

Federation Chairman: The Federation Field Trip will be postponed until September because of the fire hazard. The NW Federation Show next year will be in Albany, Oregon. Keep saving your stamps for cancer research.

Membership Chairman: Kathy read the names of the new members and made a motion to accept them into the club. Rulon Allred seconded the motion, motion carried.

Field Trip Chairman: Ithel put out a sign-up sheet to see who was interested in going on a two-day rock trip to McDermott and/or Glass Butte. The field trip this month will be going to the Big Egg Claim. Dan Rash brought in some snake skin agate he found on the last trip to share with the members.

Webmaster: Brad has the website up to date. If you have pictures or stories you would like to add to the website, you can e-mail them to Brad.

Refreshments: There is a sign-up sheet to bring refreshments for the August and September meeting. The picnic will be in July. The club thanked Pauline and Janie for getting the park lined up for the picnic.

Unfinished Business: The July meeting will be a picnic at the Caldwell Municipal Park on Kimball starting at 6:30 pm. Bring two dishes to share and your own plate and silverware. Bring something to be auctioned off after dinner. It doesn't need to be rock related. The auction defrays the cost of the Christmas Banquet. Jim Hopkins donated a port-a-pottie to the club to take on rock trips.

New Business: The Articles of Incorporation for changing the club to a 501C3 were included in the last newsletter and are the first steps to the conversion. Ithel Kildow made a motion to accept the Articles of Incorporation, Jarri McClarin seconded, motion carried. The next step will be the bylaws.

Slab drawing – Door Prize winner Dan Stevens – Refreshments
– Meeting adjourned 9:14 pm.

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



July Birthdays

- 2 Mike Canterbury
- 2 Pat Erichson
- 7 Patty Sturm
- 9 Everett Ensley
- 10 Susan Beattie
- 11 Georgia Moody
- 12 Loren Francis
- 12 Wendy Millar
- 12 Kent Simon
- 13 Marty Hinnenkamp
- 14 Linda Waller
- 17 Anna Stafford
- 18 Kathy Griffin
- 18 John Priestler
- 20 Pat Bethel
- 22 Tom Rogers
- 26 Larry Ridley
- 27 Tuney Strnad
- 29 Catherine Parsons



July Anniversaries

- 1 Dick & Jarri McClarin
- 4 John Benedict & Teresa Nebeker
- 7 Bob Bashford & Kim McEwan
- 8 Randy & Carolyn Whipple
- 9 Doug & Willa Renken

Larkspur is July's Birth Month Flower!

July



SYMBOLIZES

Levity
Lightness

FUN FACTS

Lovely Larkspur are actually considered members of the Buttercup family. Other names for this summer-blooming beauty include Lark's Claw, Lark's Heel and Knight's Spur.



The word Ruby is derived from the Latin word "ruber" which means "red" which reflects the color of the stone. Rubies are said to guarantee health, wisdom, wealth and success in love.

Ruby is a variety of the gems species corundum. It is harder than any natural gemstone except diamond, which means a ruby is durable enough for everyday wear. Fine -quality ruby is extremely rare, and the color of the gem is most important to its value.

The most prized color is a medium or medium dark vivid red or slightly purplish red. If the gem is too light or has too much purple or orange, it will be called a fancy-color sapphire.

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.

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Other Hours By Appointment

Owyhee Gem and Mineral Field Trip - June 20, 2015—Big Egg Claim

The club met at the Marsing Park. There were visitors that joined our group to go to the claim.

The road to the claim was in good repair, so there were no vehicle issues. The weather was delightful.

The O'Conner brothers were the amazing egg gatherers. They really know where to look for the material. Every rock-hound left with eggs. There was a little girl that was really interested in the big black bugs, not so much the rocks, but did love to squirt the rocks.

It was good to see old friends and to make new ones. It was a successful outing. - submitted by Darell and Janie Ehlers



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society July Field Trip



July 18, 2015

Wagon Town Petrified Wood

Wagon Town is around 30 miles from the ION Junction,
outside of Marsing.

We'll meet at the ION Junction at 7:30 a.m., leaving at 8:00 a.m.

It is a dig site, so bring tools

Attend the July meeting to learn more about this month's field trip.

Useful items to bring: bucket/canvas bag, shovel, pick, rock hammer, small rakes,
gloves, appropriate clothing, first aid kit, drinking water, lunch and snacks.

Generally a high-clearance vehicle and sometimes a 4WD or ATV is required.

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*All field trips are subject to change depending on weather and road conditions.

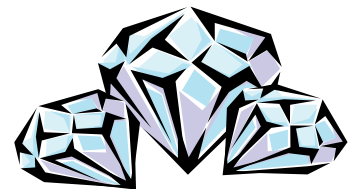
Tentative 2015 Field Trip Schedule

August 22: Pink Plume Agate

Sept. 19: Succor Creek (Blue Egg Claim)

Oct. 24: Big Egg Claim for Final Excavation Clean Up

If you are interested in a two-day overnight field trip to McDermott or Glass
Butte, please contact Ithel.



Federation Director

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.



The dates of the Northwest Federation Field trip have been rescheduled to Sept. 16—21, due to fire hazards.

More information will be provided as those dates get closer.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director
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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/>



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**June 29, 2015**

The Business Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7 pm. Willa asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Darrell Ehlers made the motion to accept the minutes as printed and was seconded by Pauline Prather.

Secretary: Received three dealers' contracts and one membership application.

Vice President: Jim has a DVD lined up for the meeting in August and is going to try to get a vet to come in and give a talk about rabies and ticks.

Treasurer: The price on the O'Connor Field house will be going up next year. Janie made a payment on the rental of the building to enable the club to retain the current pricing.

Show Chairman: Susan sent out all of the vendor contracts for next year's Rock Show and secured the O'Connor Field House. She also reserved a few extra tables and more chairs. The planning meeting for the Gem Show next year will be August 8th from 10 am – 12 pm. There was a discussion on cutting down the size of the special display to create extra room in front to fill out cards and look at other club information. There was also a discussion on the need to raise prices to keep up with raising show costs.

Federation Chairman: The Federation Field trip has been postponed to September 16 - 21. There are a lot of Gem Shows listed in the Federation Newsletter. There is a new person in charge of the stamp collecting for the Federation. We are all encouraged to keep saving stamps.

Field Trip Chairman: Randy Whipple said everyone who went on the field trip found nice material. Randy will be the go to person for information on the claims that belong to the club. With help from Ithel and Larry he will oversee the excavation when it gets started.

Historian: The book from the archives that was restored turned out beautifully with a minimal cost. The Bible and Book Bindery did a great job. There was a discussion on trying to take one book per month for restoration.

Unfinished Business:

- The next meeting is the club's annual picnic and will be held in Caldwell at the park on Kimball. Bring something to be sold at the auction (it doesn't need to be rock related). Bring your own utensils and place settings and a couple of dishes to share.
- Randy is checking on pricing for places to have our general meetings. He will be bringing information to share with the club at the next meeting.

New Business:

- There will be no kids club meeting until September. The BLM provided a handout that has information on rocks that will be used for the kids club. Carolyn will be having surgery in November and will need someone to help. There was another \$100 donation from Ginger to be used for purchasing needed items to continue the kids club.
- In order to make the change to a 501C3 the Bylaws will be printed in the August newsletter.
- The Nyssa Thunder Egg Days will be July 9th through 11th.
- The next Board Meeting will be July 27 at the Caldwell Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.
Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



Upcoming Events**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society May Meeting**
June 15th, 2015—6:30 p.m.

Location: Caldwell Municipal Park on Kimball starting at 6:30 pm. Bring two dishes to share and your own plate and silverware. Bring something to be auctioned off after dinner. It doesn't need to be rock related.

**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society July Field Trip**
June 18th, 2015—Wagontown

July 17-19 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary Society Donation for admission Raffle, silent auction, kids scavenger hunt, black light room, display cases, vendors	<u>Reedsport Community Center</u> <u>451 Winchester Avenue</u> <u>Reedsport OR</u>	Susan Baughman 69833 Stage Road North Bend OR 97459 <u>541 271 6816</u>
July 18-19 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Rock and Gem Show Sale Darrington Rock and Gem Club Free Admission Field Trip @ Saturday @ 11:00am to collect Travertine Kids Activities; Jade Displays; Raffle; Door Prizes; Rock Collecting Maps; Used Tools; Custom Rock Cutting; Dealer Certificates; Free Rocks; Highly Skilled Amateur Dealers (No Commercial Dealers)	<u>Manford Grange</u> <u>1265 Railroad Ave.</u> <u>Darrington, WA</u> <u>(behind IGA)</u>	Ed Lehman <u>wsmced@hotmail.com</u> <u>425 334 6282</u> or Angela Moore <u>angela51726@gmail.com</u> <u>360 436 2107</u>
July 24-26 Fri 9-6 Sat 9-6 Sun 9-5	Washington Agate & Mineral Society of Olympia Rock and Gem Show held during Oregon Trail Days in Tenino WA, also, Mountain Man Camp and Blackpowder Shoot, Rock Quarry Swimming Pool, Kid Activities, Saturday Morning Parade, Lots of Great Food, City wide garage sales, Farmers Market, Live Music Con- cert in the Park Friday and Saturday Nights.	<u>Parkside Elementary School</u> <u>301 Central Ave East</u> <u>(corner of Central Avenue &</u> <u>Stage St S.)</u> <u>Tenino, WA 98589</u>	Daniel De Boer PO Box 2553 Olympia WA 98507 <u>keylock1@live.com</u> <u>https://</u> <u>wamsolympia.wordpress.com</u>
July 31 - August 1-2 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	53 rd Gem and Mineral Show - "Are You Ready to Rock?" Far West Lapidary and Gem Society Admission \$1.00 Children under 12 free Silent auctions, Door Prizes, Displays, Jewelry, Gemstones, Rough and Polished Rocks.	<u>North Bend Community Center</u> <u>2222 Broadway</u> <u>North Bend, OR 97459</u>	Don Innes <u>541 396 5722</u> <u>don-</u> <u>innes.innes20@gmail.com</u>
August 8-9 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club Rock & Mineral Sale	<u>Maplewood Rock and Gem</u> <u>Clubhouse</u> <u>8802 196th St. SW</u> <u>Edmonds, WA</u>	Bev Ryder <u>425 338 4184</u> <u>FAMRYD@aol.com</u>

For more show information: <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/ShowsJulDec.asp>

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. 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!



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