



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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July President's Message

Hope you all had a great 4th and found some relief from our latest heat wave. July is always a busy month at our house and seems to be over before we know it. This month brings our Annual Picnic and Auction. It will be held in Caldwell at the park on the corner of Kimball and Irving under the band shell. This is our summer potluck so please bring a dish or two that you would like to share. I know we have some really good cooks out there so it is always fun to experience all the good food that appears each year. Ed Moser has agreed to be our auctioneer again this year and we are grateful as he does a good job along with making it a fun time. We ask those who can to donate something that you have made or maybe something that you think others would like to bid on. This income helps to offset our Christmas dinner costs each year so we appreciate all those who can support this with donations. The club will furnish the drinks and ice cream but you will need to bring your own table service and utensils. Our picnic starts at 6:30pm which is just a little earlier but gives us enough time to have dinner and run the auction.

This month's field trip will be to Wagontown for petrified wood. Ithel will have all the information at the meeting for those who would like to go.

Just a reminder that this month is Thunderegg Days in Nyssa. It will be the 13th, 14th, & 15th this year. They will have field trips each day so if you are interested you can access their website for more information.

Susan says we are on track for the Gem Show so if you are tumbling, making grab bags, and making little trinkets for the kids tables, keep up the good work. It might seem like a ways away but March gets here before we all know it.

I believe that's all as our club seems to be humming along nicely. Take care and I look forward to seeing you all on the 19th at 6:30pm. Until then stay hydrated and cool. See you soon.

-Willa Renken OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**June 21, 2017**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30pm. Pauline Prather made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by David Schmidt, motion carried. The presentation for the evening was a DVD on sedimentary rock. Guests were introduced and given a warm welcome.

Secretary Report: Received a notice from the BLM for claim dues, bank statements, one returned newsletter and a letter was read from the NWF thanking all of the club members for their postage stamp donations.

Vice President: There will not be a presentation at the meeting next month in lieu of the auction. Jim has lined up a speaker for August.

Treasurer: Janie reported there was only a small amount of activity last month and the slab drawing brought in \$72.

Show Chairman: You can give your rock donations for the silent auction to Darrel Ehlers.

Federation Chairman: Ed enjoyed his trip to the Northwest Federation Meeting. He was able to bring over 40 pounds of stamps to donate to cancer research. Dale Walker asked Ed to thank everyone in the club for saving stamps. The NWF Meeting next year will be in Yakima, WA.

There was no Historian Report.

Sunshine: A get well card was sent to Bill Anderson. Call Jewels if you know someone who needs a note of cheer from the Club.

Membership: See Kim if you need badges or name tags.

Field Trip Chairman: David Schmidt said the Field Trip this month will be going to Rome, Oregon for Snake Skin Agate. They will be meeting at the corner of Hwy 95 and Hwy 55 at 7am. A three-prong rake will work well for digging up material. Everyone had a wonderful time in McDermitt last month and found some good materials.

Webmaster: The website is up to date. If you have information or pictures you would like to share on the website, you can email them to Brad.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: The Annual Club Picnic will be held on July 19 at the park on the corner of Everett and Irving in Caldwell. The potluck will start at 6:30 with an auction to follow. Bring your own table service and a dish or two to share. Willa promised to bring ice cream for everyone. Ed Moser will be the auctioneer for the evening. Feel free to bring an item or two to be sold to the highest bidder. Items do not need to be rock related. The auction raises funds to help defer costs for the Banquet in December. Bring a lawn chair so you can find a place in the shade.

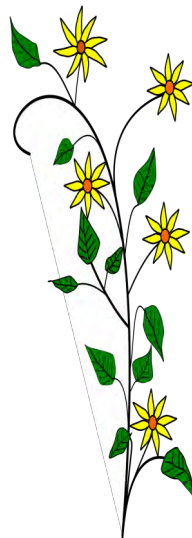
Slab drawing. Marvin Laub won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



June Birthdays

- 7/1 David Biggar
- 7/2 Pat Erichson
- 7/2 Deborah Baker
- 7/6 Lynn Mick
- 7/7 Patty Sturm
- 7/8 Leta Collard
- 7/10 Susan Beattie
- 7/10 Cheryl Clark
- 7/10 Rene Lonkey
- 7/11 Monica Ure
- 7/11 Georgia Moody
- 7/12 Loren Francis
- 7/12 Kent Simon
- 7/13 Evan McCall
- 7/14 Linda Waller
- 7/16 Mark Rednour
- 7/17 Anna Stafford
- 7/18 Joanne Gardunia
- 7/20 Pat Bethel
- 7/21 Ray Roberts
- 7/22 Tom Rogers
- 7/26 Larry Ridley
- 7/27 Miers Johnson
- 7/27 Fran Shawler
- 7/29 Catherine Parsons
- 7/30 Fred Blanchard



June Anniversaries

- 7/1 Dick & Jarri McClarin
- 7/3 Dave Young
- 7/4 Fred Blanchard & Tammy Miller
- 7/8 Randy & Carolyn Whipple
- 7/9 Doug & Willa Renken
- 7/14 Mel & Louise Channer
- 7/26 John & Rene Lonkey

Welcome to our new members

- Jon Albertson
- Vicki Rentmeister
- David & Lynette Bigger
- Nathan Carpenter
- Curt Kennedy and Tamie John
- Lynn Mick
- Laural Archuleta and Jason Deal
- Dale & Betty Brown
- Howard & Darlene Emry
- Jim & Ruth Mangrum





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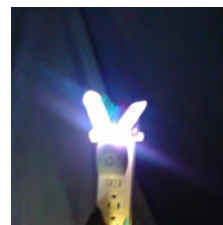
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2017 Field Trip Schedule

- July 22nd** **Wagontown** for Petrified Wood/Cat Tail Fossils (Meet at the Gem Stop at the Junction of 55/95 at 7:00am and leave at 7:30am)
- August 19th** **Pink Plume Agate Claim** (Meet @ Homedale Park 7:30-8:00am)
- September 23rd** **Grandview** for Petrified Pinecones (Meet @ Walters Ferry 7:30-8:00am)
- October 21st** **Haystacks Butte** for Red Jasper (Meet @ Homedale Park 7:30-8:00am)

Glass Butte (Stink Water) is a two-day trip that we would like to add to the calendar, along with the Blue Opal Egg Claim (single-day trip). If interested please contact Ithel Kildow at 208-455-7960.

USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Pick, Rock Hammer, 3 prong rake, 1/2" to 3/4" screen, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Magnifier, Gloves, Plenty of Drinking Water, Appropriate Clothing, Food, Protective Eyewear, sun protection.

**For field trip Information, contact Ithel Kildow at (208) 455-7960,
Or David Schmidt (408) 489-3996**

Trips can last most of the day. Generally, a high-clearance vehicle and sometimes 4WD or ATV is required. **Remember, when you finished to fill in all holes that are dug at the site.**

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



**Don't forget the
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to find out where the best place is to be
when it happens.**



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

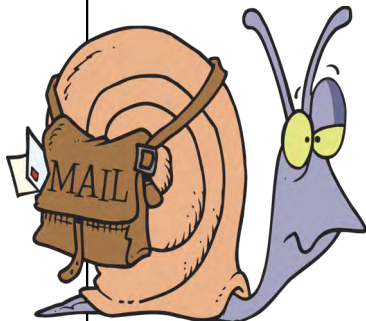
jewelsmalia@yahoo.com

FYI

Just a reminder for those thinking of having their newsletter sent to them by email but aren't quite ready to take the step, all emails go out BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) so no one else sees your email address. Soon I will try to have a dedicated email address just for the newsletter so I won't get private and OGMS stuff mixed up. Hasn't happened yet but I will take precautions.



You can catch me at the meetings or email me if you want to switch over. Remember there is a savings for the club of \$1.17 for each newsletter mailed to a family or \$14 a year.



Carol Farnham (carolfarnham@gmail.com)

Newsletter Editor

Most Minerals Are Safe to Handle, A Few Require Real Caution

by Dr. Carl and Barbara Austin, Magic Valley Gem Club

From: *Magic Valley Gem News*, 9/2010

(Honorable Mention – AFMS Original Adult Articles Advanced)

This brief article is written to expand on the information in the note by Terry Hicks in the May *Magic Valley Gem News* regarding the fact that some minerals require care when cutting, polishing or otherwise handling them. This article will give you information on what to look for when working safely with rocks.

<http://www.amfed.org/editor/BEAC/Articles/2011/AdultArticlesAdv/16.Minerals%20Safe%20to%20Handle-Some%20Require%20Caution.doc>

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**June 26, 2017**

The Board Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order by President Willa Renkin at 7pm. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; seconded by Janie Ehlers, motion carried.

Secretary Report: There was no mail since the last meeting.

Vice President: The speaker for the August 16 meeting will be David Schwartzman and Larry Riddley will be the speaker in September. He will give a talk about claims.

Treasurer: There was no activity since the last General Meeting.

Show Chairman: The Club needs to start thinking about a show theme for next year. One new dealer will be added next year along with another dealer that has been added to the waiting list.

Federation Report: Ed relayed Dale Walker's thank you to the Club for sending collected stamps for cancer research.

Newsletter: If you would like to receive your newsletter online, contact Carol.

Historian: No report.

Membership: Carol Farnham made a motion to accept the following applications as new members: Jon Albertson & Vicki Rentmeister, David & Lane Biggar, Nate Carpenter, Curt Kennedy & Tamie John, Lynn Mick, Laural Archuleta & Jason Deal, Dale & Betty Brown, Howard & Darlene Emry and Jim & Ruth Mangrum; seconded by David Schmidt, motion carried.

Field Trip: David Schmidt reported the July field trip will be to Wagon Town on July 22. You will be looking for petrified wood, Bog wood and cattail fossils. Meet at the gas station at the corners of Hwy 55 and 95 at 7am. The field trip to Rome had a good turnout with everyone collecting a fair amount of material.

Unfinished Business: The park in Caldwell has been reserved for the annual picnic. Setup for the picnic will start at 6pm. Bring your own table service and a dish or two to share. The auction will start after the picnic.

New Business: There was no new business. The next Board Meeting will be July 31.

Meeting adjourned 7:40.

Respectfully submitted.

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

Message from Ed Moser:

Please save the postage STAMPS for cancer research. Thanks to all for your help. Please READ the JUNE 2017 Northwest Federation News Letter. If you did not get a copy you can view it at <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/>, for what the monies are being used for. See you at the picnic.

Summer



Picnic!



*Hey guys,
the food is over
here.*

*Jim would appreciate some help for
setting up at 6 pm. Thank you!*



SAVE THE DATE!

Everyone get ready for the Club Picnic, (in place of our monthly meeting), on July 19th at 6:30pm. It will be held at the Caldwell Memorial Park on the corner of Kimball and Irving. We have the covered area reserved for our party.

Water and ice cream will be provided by the club.

Everyone that comes is asked to **bring one or two of your favorite dishes to share** with others. In other words, **IT'S A POT LUCK!** Yeah!! You will also need to **bring your own plate, napkins, utensils** and whatever else you think you may need. (Lawn Chairs?)

An auction will be held as a club fundraiser so donations of items are wanted for that as well.

Rock items are loved but other items to auction off will be appreciated also. The monies collected go toward off-setting our December Banquet costs.



*Hey guys, where did
you say the food was?*



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.



Federation Director-Ed Moser, Federation Director
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Membership Report

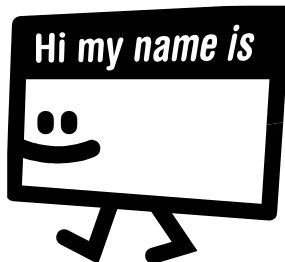
Now accepting payment of 2017 dues

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

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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.

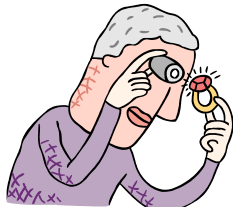
MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- Family** - \$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/>

