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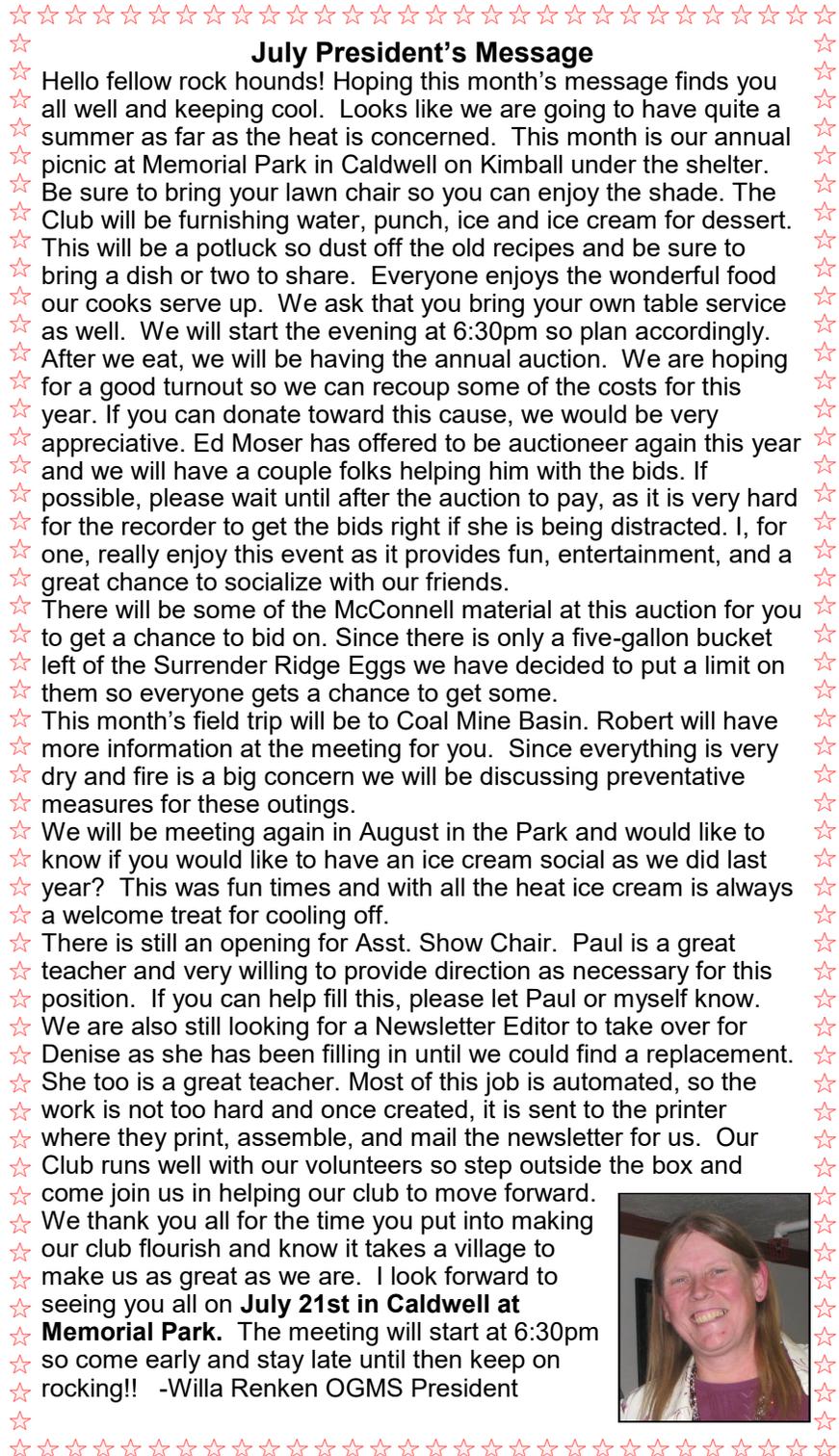
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July President’s Message

Hello fellow rock hounds! Hoping this month’s message finds you all well and keeping cool. Looks like we are going to have quite a summer as far as the heat is concerned. This month is our annual picnic at Memorial Park in Caldwell on Kimball under the shelter. Be sure to bring your lawn chair so you can enjoy the shade. The Club will be furnishing water, punch, ice and ice cream for dessert. This will be a potluck so dust off the old recipes and be sure to bring a dish or two to share. Everyone enjoys the wonderful food our cooks serve up. We ask that you bring your own table service as well. We will start the evening at 6:30pm so plan accordingly. After we eat, we will be having the annual auction. We are hoping for a good turnout so we can recoup some of the costs for this year. If you can donate toward this cause, we would be very appreciative. Ed Moser has offered to be auctioneer again this year and we will have a couple folks helping him with the bids. If possible, please wait until after the auction to pay, as it is very hard for the recorder to get the bids right if she is being distracted. I, for one, really enjoy this event as it provides fun, entertainment, and a great chance to socialize with our friends. There will be some of the McConnell material at this auction for you to get a chance to bid on. Since there is only a five-gallon bucket left of the Surrender Ridge Eggs we have decided to put a limit on them so everyone gets a chance to get some. This month’s field trip will be to Coal Mine Basin. Robert will have more information at the meeting for you. Since everything is very dry and fire is a big concern we will be discussing preventative measures for these outings. We will be meeting again in August in the Park and would like to know if you would like to have an ice cream social as we did last year? This was fun times and with all the heat ice cream is always a welcome treat for cooling off. There is still an opening for Asst. Show Chair. Paul is a great teacher and very willing to provide direction as necessary for this position. If you can help fill this, please let Paul or myself know. We are also still looking for a Newsletter Editor to take over for Denise as she has been filling in until we could find a replacement. She too is a great teacher. Most of this job is automated, so the work is not too hard and once created, it is sent to the printer where they print, assemble, and mail the newsletter for us. Our Club runs well with our volunteers so step outside the box and come join us in helping our club to move forward. We thank you all for the time you put into making our club flourish and know it takes a village to make us as great as we are. I look forward to seeing you all on **July 21st in Caldwell at Memorial Park**. The meeting will start at 6:30pm so come early and stay late until then keep on rocking!! -Willa Renken OGMS President



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 16 June 2021

President, Willa Renken called the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society June General Meeting to order on Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Idaho Elks Lodge at 1015 N. Kimball Avenue, Caldwell, Idaho. Deanna Ashton made the motion to accept the May Meeting Minutes as printed in the newsletter; Roxanne Franklin seconded; motion carried. There were no new members or visitors, but everyone received a hearty welcome!

Member/Secretary Chris Deveau shared her perspective of the club field trip to Gooding to Tony Funk's Idaho Rock Shop rock yard on 15 May 2021. She showed several specimens that she got from Tony, and talked about the variety can be found there. It was a fun event, reasonable prices, and a barbeque, just for going!

Member/Vice President Roxanne Franklin brought in several samples and shared more information about her trip to Nevada's Gem Field Claim, just outside of Goldfield. The specimens showed quite a variety of colors... it is well marked, and easy picking!

Roxanne's main theme for her presentation, was an explanation of the differences in terminology between archeology and geology. She explained that chert (the rock) and flint (the worked/chipped rock) are one in the same. Often, we find the same thing, called by different names, just depending on what branch of science is looking at the specimen... but they are both correct! Thanks Roxanne!

Secretary Chris Deveau received five memberships over the months of May and June which were turned in to Kim Bashford - Membership. There was also a letter from the IRS which was referred to Willa Renken - President.

Vice President Roxanne Franklin is working on presentations to be made at the General Meetings later this year. Dan Stevens will be sharing his expertise in making spheres. If you would like to share a 'FAVORITE' rock... a special process... or something about our 'rockhounding' hobby, please contact Roxanne.

Treasurer Debbie Lawrence gave a statement of the deposits for OGMS.

Show Chair, Paul Deveau reminded everyone that we still need an Assistant Show Chair. Everyone needs to take part and volunteer... to make OGMS great!

Federation Chair Ed Moser advised the group that the American Federation is meeting this month in Big, Piney, Wyoming. He said the Northwest Federation will meet in Washington in September. Please save your stamps.

Sunshine Chair, Jewels Haines was not at the meeting, but if you know of anyone in the club that needs a little 'SUNSHINE', please let her know.

Membership Chair Kim Bashford is processing the new/renewal memberships.

Field Trip Chair Robert Murphey said the May field trip was cancelled due to rain, but he may try to include the leaf fossils near Rockville with the trip in July to Coal Mine Basin. The June field trip is to the OGMS Pink Plume Claim. We will meet at Owyhee Junction on Hwy201 at 7:00am, leaving at 7:30am. Bring pry bars and rock picks for some heavy digging... lots of water, it will be HOT!

Robert is working with Tony Funk to have another field trip to the Gooding, Idaho Rock Shop rock yard this fall!

Asst. Field Trip Chair Dale Rawson spoke about safety on OGMS outings. Watch for ticks and snakes!!! Please watch where you park Do Not Park In/On Tall Grasss, carry a fire extinguisher, wear safety glasses, have fun, but be safe!

Unfinished Business: Tonight is the last night for the McConnell Estate silent auction. The remaining material will be brought to sell at the OGMS fundraising auction/summer picnic at the July General Meeting.

New Business: The July General Meeting, our annual picnic and fundraising auction, will be held at the Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving, Caldwell, Idaho on Wednesday, 21 July 2021 starting at 6:30pm. This is a half hour earlier than our regular meeting. It is a potluck... bring your favorites... the club will provide water, ice, and ice cream... Jim and Ruth Hopkins bring homemade lemonade... bring your own place settings... a serving spoon for your dish... if you are uncomfortable with sharing the potluck, then bring your own picnic... but please come, this is always a fun event. There are picnic tables, but if you want to pick a comfortable spot in the shade, bring a lawn chair. Please bring items for the auction... rock related are preferred, but white elephant, okay... this is a fundraiser to help defray the cost of our Christmas Meeting/Party in December. If you can come early and help set up... thank you in advance.

Member Judith Hart announced that she is moving and would like to donate her 'rock' collection to the auction. Don Dixon will get with her, pick it up and bring it to the auction. Thank you, Judith for your generous donation and for your fellowship in the club... we will miss you! Thank you, Don for helping with the donation... we really appreciate it.

Deana Ashton said she is working on the Basket Raffle themes for the 2022 Rock Show and asked the members if they have any ideas... a whitewater rafting trip... hunting... dogs... cats... please let her know!

The slab drawing raised \$60.00 for OGMS this week. There WILL NOT be a slab drawing at the picnic.

The door prize was won by our Historian, Pauline Prather... a rock shovel that came from last month's winner, Paul Deveau. If you want to take part in the door prize drawing, just sign up on the Attendance sheet (Chris has it). We draw the winner at the end of the meeting... the new winner brings the door prize to the next meeting!

The silent auction raised over \$100 for OGMS. There were some really nice specimens of petrified wood and the Surrender Ridge thundereggs... again, the remaining donations from the McConnell's will be sold at the picnic/auction at the July General Meeting.

The OGMS Board Meeting will be held at the Caldwell Elks Lodge on Monday, 28 June 2021 at 7:00pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Christine Deveau



Vice President's Corner—Roxanne Franklin
[Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society | Facebook](#)



Monthly Meeting Topic

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

Trade a Slab

Bring a slab to the next meeting and trade it for someone else's slab.

"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 Roxanne.

2022 Show Dates: March 6 and 7
O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho

Show plans are moving forward – All of last year's vendors have secured their places for the 2022 show.

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

Front Door	Roxanne Franklin	208-577-7095
Sand Dig	Jody and 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	Willa Renken	208-362-3941



SHOW CHAIR:
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VOLUNTEERS, please contact any of the SHOW VENUE CHAIRS and sign-up "IT'S THAT EASY"

We will have Jari McClarin and Bill Anderson as our Roving Membership Ambassadors again in 2022.

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.

Donations always needed... Wheel of Gems Prizes, Grab Bag Prizes, Polished and Faceted Stones for Sand Dig, Critters and Critter Making Supplies

Tumble those Rocks! Please continue tumbling rocks for grab bags, OGMS will pay \$120.00 for a five-gallon bucket of nicely, tumbled rocks.

Save a few of your rock hunting treasures to donate for the 2022 Silent Auction.

Needed... ASSISTANT SHOW CHAIR... contact, Willa, Roxanne, Paul, or any OGMS Director.

LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SHOW!



**Robert
Murphey**

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



**Dale
Rawson**

OGMS 2021 Field Trips

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.**

July 24th: ** Coal Mine Basin for Petrified Wood and agate, Our Next trip on July 24th will be out to the Coal Mine Basin area and possibly following on to the fossil beds near Rockville weather and heat permitting. Meeting at the truck stop outside of Marsing on the corner of Hwy 55/95. at 7:00 am, leaving at 7:30 am.

We had a great trip to the Pink Plume Club Claim on June 19th. There were 23 vehicles total and approximately 33 people. Every found some good agate and most were done by noon due to extreme temperatures. It appeared everyone had a great time and we all made it in and out safely. On my way out, I ran into the Vale County Succor Creek Range BLM Fire Deputy and had a great conversation with him. He would like to meet our club sometime while out in his area and teach about fire safety. He also donated some goodies that we can raffle or give away at our next meeting.



OGMS 2021 Field Trips

Aug 21st: ** Wagon Town for Bog Wood, Meet at Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

Sept 4th - 6th: *** Texas Springs, NV for Pink Limb Casts and opalized wood. (Contact Robert or Dale for more information)

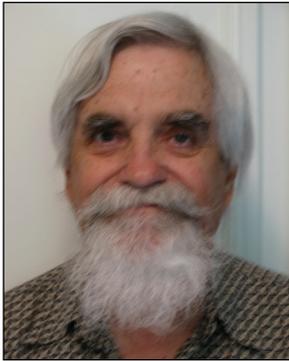
Sept 18th: * Blue Egg Club Claim for Blue Opal Thunder Eggs. Meet @ Homedale City Park with Tank (just east of four corners).

Oct 23rd: * Graveyard Point for agate and Jasper. Meet at Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95).

*(meet @ 8am – leave @ 8:30am) **(meet @ 7am – leave @ 7:30am) *** (Overnight Trip)

My Favorite - by Bill Sawyer

Turquoise



Chemical Formula: $\text{CuAl}_6(\text{PO}_4)_4(\text{OH}) \cdot 8.4\text{H}_2\text{O}$. It is considered to be a copper (Cu) phosphate.

It has been mined for 3000-5000 years.

The name turquoise is from 1600's French meaning "from Turkey". It was mined in Persia (Iran), transported through Turkey to be sold to early Europeans.

Mohs hardness is ~5.5 to 6+, harder is best for making jewelry, it is usually harder than glass, softer than quartz

Color range is dark blue, robin's egg blue, green, yellow/green
Heat and/or dehydration can cause greener tones.
Iron or zinc replacing one or more aluminum atoms = green/yellow.

Can contain pyrite flecks, black limonite "spider" veins.

Crystals of turquoise are very rare (druzy form found in VA in 1912), very rarely found in stalactites, fossils, etc.

Often associated with other Cu minerals (eg chrysocolla).

Vivianite is not turquoise, it is an iron (Fe) phosphate.

Variscite is not turquoise, it an aluminum (Al) phosphate.

Turquoise occurs through hydrothermal deposition in joints and veins of volcanic rock and sometimes sandstones.

Copper and aluminum dissolve at 750 to 1100+ degrees F.

Deposition in the host rock is at 200 to 350 degrees F.

Most mines are only 30 to 170 feet deep, some very shallow.

"Hat" mines are deposits of turquoise small enough to be covered by the miner's hat.

Found world wide: Afghanistan, Australia, N India, N Chile, China, Tibet, SW USA (Ut, NV, CA, CO, NM).

Use of turquoise is exclusively decorative.

White Buffalo Stone does not contain copper and therefore, by definition, cannot be called "White Turquoise". White Buffalo is often found near or in turquoise mines hence some of the confusion.

Photos are of a turquoise collection containing specimens from 60 different mines found around the world but mainly in the southwest US.



July Birthdays

- 2 Pat Erichson
- 6 Howard Emry
- 8 Leta Collord
- 9 Jodie Harrison
- 10 Susan Beattie
- 11 Georgia Moody
- 12 Loren Francis
- 13 Aftan Sweeney
- 14 Linda Waller
- 15 Debbie Davis
- 16 Tia Call
- 16 Doc Morgan
- 16 Mark Rednour
- 19 Paul Crompton
- 20 Pat Bethel
- 20 Jacob Kuykendall
- 22 Tom Rogers
- 26 Larry Ridley
- 27 Matt Davis
- 27 Miers Johnson
- 29 Kenneth Grove
- 29 Catherine Parsons
- 29 Elizabeth Vakalala
- 31 Justin Cranney

July Anniversaries

- 1 Dick & Jarri McClarin
- 4 John Benedict & Teresa Nebeker
- 7 Craig & Judy Holladay
- 8 Randy & Carolyn Whipple
- 9 Doug & Willa Renken
- 14 Mel & Louise Channer

Newsletter Editor

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

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

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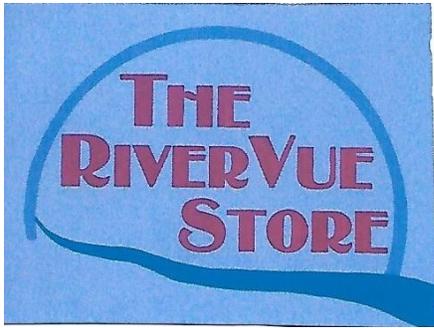
Community Corner

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



Stone from Arizona

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July Birthstone— Ruby

The official birthstone for July is the ravishing red Ruby and thus the July birthstone color is red. The Carnelian gemstone is the alternative birthstone for July, which also occurs in warm reddish colors.

Ruby is one of the Zodiac birthstones for Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22) and Carnelian is one of the Zodiac birthstones for Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22). Other birthday symbols include the birth flowers for July which are the Larkspur and Water Lily.

Rubies are extremely valuable and are one of the four precious gemstones, together with diamonds, emeralds and sapphires. Besides being a meaningful

July birthday gift, Ruby jewelry is also given to celebrate 15th and 40th wedding anniversaries.

The word Ruby originates from the Latin “ruber” meaning “red”, and the Ruby gemstone is associated with devotion, integrity, courage and happiness. Famous rubies such as the Timor Ruby and the Black Prince's Ruby of the British crown jewels, were in fact later discovered to be red spinel.

Rough Ruby is found in limestone and in gem gravels around the world. The most well known deposits are in Myanmar (Burma) where rubies have an exceptional color and a glowing fluorescence.

Rough uncut Ruby stones are used as healing crystals or unusual pieces added to rock collections. Smaller, lower grade stones might be polished and tumbled and used in crafts or handmade jewelry. Larger, higher grade stones are cut by lapidary experts into cabochons or faceted and set in gold or silver fine jewelry.

The Alternative July Birthstone— Carnelian



The alternative birthstone for July is Carnelian which occurs in various shades of reddish brown. Clarity can range from being totally clear to opaque and the stone is sometimes banded. The reddish color of Carnelian comes from its iron content and heat treatments enhance these deeper red tones.

Carnelian usually forms as nodules in basalt volcanic rock and major deposits occur in Brazil, India, Japan and Uruguay. The gemstone is hard enough to fashion into beads or cabochons, and was once widely used in carved cameos. Carnelian is one of the brightly colored gemstones used to decorate the extensive inlays of the Taj Mahal.

Rough Carnelian crystals are used by healers, collected by rock hounds or wrapped in wire as pendants. Polished and tumbled stones can be carved into various shapes for craft projects, home decor or set in handmade jewelry.

[July Birthstone Color and Flower & more July Birthday Symbols \(monthlybirthstones.com\)](http://monthlybirthstones.com)

July Meeting—Pot Luck and Auction!

The July 21, 2021 general meeting will be at the Memorial Park in Caldwell on the corner of Irving and Kimball

See you there at 6:30 p.m.

- Break out your favorite recipes and let's see how many wonderful dishes we can share with each other.
- Please bring your own paper plates and silverware, and serving utensils for your dish.
- Bring a comfy lawn chair to sit in.
- The Club will provide water and ice cream.
- This is also our Auction so if you have something to donate it would be greatly appreciated.
- The monies collected go towards off-setting our December Banquet costs, so anything you can do toward that helps.
- Ed Moser will be our auctioneer again this year and as you all know he is a lot of fun. We appreciate his help as he does such a good job.

McConnell Estate information for Picnic:

We have McConnell estate material for the picnic sale for \$2 a pound. Petrified Wood is the majority of what will be available, ranging many different varieties and sizes. There will be a limit, per person, on the poundage of the Surrender Ridge eggs. Pound limit will be set at time of picnic There is 2.5 buckets worth of eggs ranging from golf ball to softball size.

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY – BOARD MEETING MINUTES 28 June 2021

The June Board Meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Elks Lodge, 1015 N. Kimball, Caldwell, Idaho. Kim Bashford made a motion to pass the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Debbie Lawrence seconded; motion carried.

There was no mail for OGMS at the Caldwell Post Office per **Chris Deveau, Secretary**. Chris advised the Board that David Schmidt (OGMS Claims Coordinator) had called to let us know that he received a letter from the Bureau of Reclamation stating our Claim paperwork is in good order.

Vice President, Roxanne Franklin was not in attendance.

OGMS is still looking for an Assistant Show Chair per **Paul Deveau, Show Chair**. This is a volunteer organization... please do your part!

Bills, payments, and deposits were summarized by **Debbie Lawrence, Treasurer**.

The Northwest Federation is having their annual meeting in Walla Walla, Washington per **Ed Moser, Federation Chair**. It will be on Saturday, 11 September. Ed brought two resolutions from NWF before the Board for consideration.

- The first one in essence is what to do with excess funds from the NWF endowment fund...the OGMS Board recommends leaving them in the endowment fund. (Vote No)
- The second one is about correcting the by-laws to reflect the use of electronic media to conduct official business... the OGMS Board supports making those changes. (Vote Yes)

Ed also wanted to thank everyone that brought in stamps... he has received some nice collections and will make sure that NWF gets top dollar for those... the money goes for cancer research.

Jewels Haines, Sunshine Chair wants to let everyone know, that she is there for the club... if you know someone that needs a little Sunshine in their life... please let her know.

Six memberships were presented to the Board by **Membership Chair, Kim Bashford: Dave & Chonita Clausen; Bonnie Coiner; Thomas Soderman; John Wright; Gigi Stephens; and Jason & Trevor Smith**. Ed Moser made the motion to accept the new members; Paul Deveau seconded; motion passed...

WELCOME to the OGMS FAMILY!

The field trip to the Pink Plume Claim was very successful according to **Robert Murphey, Field Trip Chair**. 33 people attended and everyone got some nice agate. Also, a Vale County, Succor Creek Range Fire Deputy contacted the group and said he would like to meet with our club and teach about fire safety... he will be working with Robert to get that done.

The next field trip will be on 24 July to Coal Mine Basin... meet at the Xtra Mile Chevron at the corner of Hwy 55/95 at 7:00am... leave at 7:30. Depending on the weather, Robert may go to the Fossil Beds near the Rock Creek School in the afternoon.

New Business: Don Dixon shared at the meeting that Kim Bashford was invited to join him as a member of the College of Idaho, Museum of Natural History, Evans Collection Board of Directors... congratulations Kim and thanks to both you and Don for representing OGMS in this capacity.

Don also reminded everyone that Nyssa Thunderegg Days will take place on Thursday through Saturday, the 8th, 9th, and 10th of July 2021. Go... take you family... it is always a great event!

The OGMS Annual Picnic and Fundraising Auction will be held at the next General Meeting on Wednesday, 21 July 2021 in the Caldwell Memorial Park, 618 Irving Street, Caldwell, Idaho. It will start at 6:30pm (1/2 hour earlier than regular meetings so we can socialize a little before the picnic and auction.) Please bring your favorite dish, a serving spoon, and place settings. The club will provide ice, water, and ice cream... Jim and Ruth Hopkins are bringing their famous Lemonade. If you don't want to do the potluck, bring your own picnic. Bring your 'ROCK' related items or White Elephants to be sold at the auction... this is a fundraiser to help defray the costs of our Christmas Meeting/Dinner in December. You might bring a lawn chair to be a little more comfortable in the shade! Just come and enjoy the fun! Bring lots of money... It is all a donation to the club!

Willa wanted to share with everyone, the Celebration of Life Service for Pat McConnell was very touching... we thank his family for allowing us to share those moments with them... he will always be a part of OGMS.

The July Board Meeting will be held in the Caldwell Memorial Park on Monday, 26 July 2021 at 7:00pm. Both meetings for August will be held in the Park beginning at 7:00pm. Last year we had an ice cream social for the August General Meeting... let the Board know if you would like to enjoy another event like that!

The meeting was adjourned at 08:20pm. Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary.



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 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

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Annual Federation Meeting Set!

Save the Date: Saturday, September 11th, 10:00 a.m.

Marcus Whitman Club House, Walla Walla, Washington

The Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society is offering us the use of their clubhouse for their meeting. The meeting is in the same time frame as their show, so you can take in the venue when attending the meeting. Although they cannot offer a full blown hosting of the show, they are graciously making accommodations for competitive displays. So, hone your entry and get ready to show off your skills.

The Federation is working independently to provide an awards banquet on Saturday evening. Stay tuned as plans develop.

The Walla Walla area has much to offer in the way of site seeing. Very near where the meeting will be one can find the Whitman Mission. Fort Walla Walla is also a historical venue to explore. The Walla Walla area is also rife with wineries, so if you want a tour or just to check out the show rooms, there are plenty around. Wildhorse Resort and Casino is within an hour's drive if you want to add a little gambling fun into your time. I hear there is a huge car show on September 10th and the local fair will take place the week before.

Just in case, it might be a good idea to book your accommodations early.

Following is a list to get you started:

Walla Walla Hotels:

Best Western Plus Walla Walla Suites, 7E Oak St, 509-525-4700

Budget Inn, 305 N 2nd, 509-529-4410

Courtyard by Marriott, 550 W Rose, 509-876-8100

Hampton Inn & Suites, 1531 Kelly Place, 509-525-1398

Holiday Inn, 1433 W Pine St, 509-525-6200

Marcus Whitman Hotel and Conference Center, 9 W Rose St, 509-525-6200

Travel Lodge, 423 Main St, 509-529-4940

Morgan Inn & Suites, Milton-Freewater, OR, 541-938-5547

Wild Horse Resort & Casino, Pendleton, OR, 800-654-9453

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
Primary Business Address
Address Line 2

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.

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/>