



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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March President's Message

By now we are all recovering from a super weekend after sharing time with friends and family at our annual show. I hope you all took the time to come and spend some time volunteering and sharing your knowledge about our hobby with the public. We had a very good show this year. Janie shared the numbers with me and it looks like our attendance was better than the year before. I would like to thank all of you who filled out the timesheets so our Chairmen could effectively man each venue. I think it went better than in the past for turn over. Thank you so much for your time and help, without our volunteers we could not put on this show. You all deserve attaboys!!!

Nancy has been putting together a great program for us so I hope we can all find time to come and support her in her efforts to provide an interesting event at the March meeting.

Remember we have a number of events coming up that need support and some need chairmen. Road cleanup will need volunteers and I believe a leader. Also it has been brought to my attention that the reason no one wants to be refreshment chair is the length of time after each meeting we are taking for our break. We all need to be respectful of the time as it is a bit late when we are finished with the business meeting that we don't hold up those who are responsible for cleaning up after we are done. Perhaps it is time for some more change in this area. What are your feelings? Let me know so we can figure out a solution.

On that note I do look forward to seeing you all there as well as some new members I am sure. Thanks again for being such a great club.

Willa Renken, OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES**February 19, 2014**

GENERAL MEETING: held at the College of Idaho, room 103. Called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30pm. Willa asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in the February newsletter there was a change to be made in the minutes as printed. We need to change the name of the refreshment lady from Judy to Ruth. With the correction made Joan Alvey made motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter 2nd by Carolyn Whipple and passed by general meeting.

EVENING ACTIVITY: was a demonstration of setting up a show case for the gem show by Pauline Prather and a short video of last year's show compiled by Nancy Farrell

GUESTS: We had nine guests for the evening and some of them became members after the meeting.

SECRETARY Sylvia Foreman had nothing to report.

VICE PRESIDENT: Nancy Farrell said that she will have a program for March.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Denise Stringer would like to receive information for the newsletter by March 5 and would like to know if you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail.

TREASURER: Janie Ehlers gave the Treasurer's report.

SHOW CHAIRMAN: Susan Beattie reported that she had sign-up sheets for volunteers to work at the show, and she had three spheres on the front desk for the members that sign-up and work will receive one of them. First set-up day will be Thursday, February 27---Begin at 9:30am and at 3pm we will fill grab bags. Friday, February 28, we will begin work at 9 or 9:30am. The vendors can start filling their tables and cases at 1pm Friday. The crafters can fill their cases 3pm to 7pm,

FEDERATION DIRECTOR: Ed Moser would like for us to keep saving stamps for Cancer Research and remember to read your Northwest Newsletter.

HISTORIAN: Pauline Prather had nothing to report.

SUNSHINE: RoseMary Peterson thanked Willa, Pauline and Sylvia for delivering a Christmas gift to Ted and Pat Herman in Emmett.

MEMBERSHIP: Sylvia Foreman had the names of six prospective members that would like to become members of the Owyhee Gem Club. Donn and Rachel Copley of Baker City, OR; Blaine and Jane Dahlstrom of Sweet, ID; and Mike and Elaine Kinslow of Caldwell, ID. Pauline Prather made motion to accept them as new members, 2nd by Mike Tucker and passed by general meeting.

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN: Ithel Kildow reported that there was a list of prospective field trips on front desk for 2014. He thanked Larry Beattie and Gene Alvey for all of their help.

WEB REPORT: Brad Larson reports that the Web site is up to date.

OLD BUSINESS: none to work on

NEW BUSINESS: none to work on

REFRESHMENTS: Ruth Hopkins thanked the Feb. Crew and reported that they cannot do March Refreshments. Larry Beatie will help, but can only do March.

SLABS: Willa had the help of Aubrey, Jack and Joshua pulling tickets for slabs.

DOOR PRIZE: donated by Judy Tucker and won by Jim Jenks.

MEETING ADJOURNED and refreshments enjoyed by all. sfs

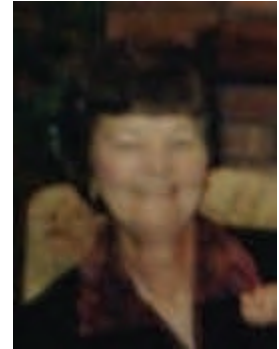
In Loving Memory of Mary Ridley May 24, 1940— March 4, 2014

A loving Wife and Mother, Mary I. Ridley went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 9:15 pm. After a long battle with Alzheimer's/Dementia and hypoxic brain injury she finally succumbed to pneumonia. Mary will always be remembered as loving, patient, caring and full of energy.

Mary was hard-working and achieved 25 years of service with the Idaho Supreme Court. She was a classy lady who enjoyed rock-hounding and who had an eye for quality. Mary was a life-time member of the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society. She also loved watching baseball and bull riding almost as much as she loved listening to George Straight, her favorite singer.

Mary will be extremely missed by her many friends and all of her family. She is survived by her husband, Larry Ridley; Daughter, Judy Watson [John Housel]; Son, Steve Watson [Ingrid Watson]; step-Son, Kevin Ridley [Cindy Ridley]; step-Daughter, Dorothy Rericha [Bill Rericha]; step-Daughter Stephanie Romsa [Rob Romsa] and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary will be inturned and placed to rest at Dry Creek Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at the O'Connor Field House in Caldwell. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Alzheimer's Association.



March Birthstone — Aquamarine

For those who were born in the month of March the Aquamarine is the traditional birthstone. Some of the properties with which the Aquamarine is associated are faithfulness, courage and friendship. The Traditional Metaphysical Properties for Aquamarine are awareness, quick response and easing communication problems. The healing properties of the March birthstone are reputed to be effective for health problems relating to throat problems and stress-related illness.



The traditional color associated with the Aquamarine is transparent blue or sea-green however, the most admired aquamarine color is sky-blue. This gemstone was strongly favored as a popular gem in jewelry.

The Aquamarine is a member of the Beryl (beryllium aluminum silicate) family. Crystal structure of the Aquamarine, the March birth stone, is Hexagonal.

This information was found at: <http://www.birthdaygems.org/march-birthstone.htm>

The name aquamarine is derived from the Latin word *aqua*, meaning water, and *marina*, meaning the sea. This gemstone was believed to protect sailors, as well as to guarantee a safe voyage. The serene color of aquamarine is said to cool the temper, allowing the wearer to remain calm and levelheaded. Aquamarine is most often light in tone and ranges from greenish blue to blue-green; the color usually is more intense in larger stones. This gemstone is mined mainly in Brazil, but also is found in Nigeria, Madagascar, Zambia, Pakistan, and Mozambique.

This information was found at: <http://www.americangemsociety.org/march-birthstones>



March Birthdays

- 5 Gene Alvey**
- 5 Larry Ritchie**
- 5 Karissa Sudweeks**
- 6 Jean Dingley**
- 7 Allen Armstrong**
- 7 Ron Dingley**
- 10 Jenny Ritchie**
- 13 Cindy Schmidt**
- 21 Heidi Summers**
- 23 Neava Jo Haney**
- 29 Irene Parker**
- 30 Jim Hopkins**

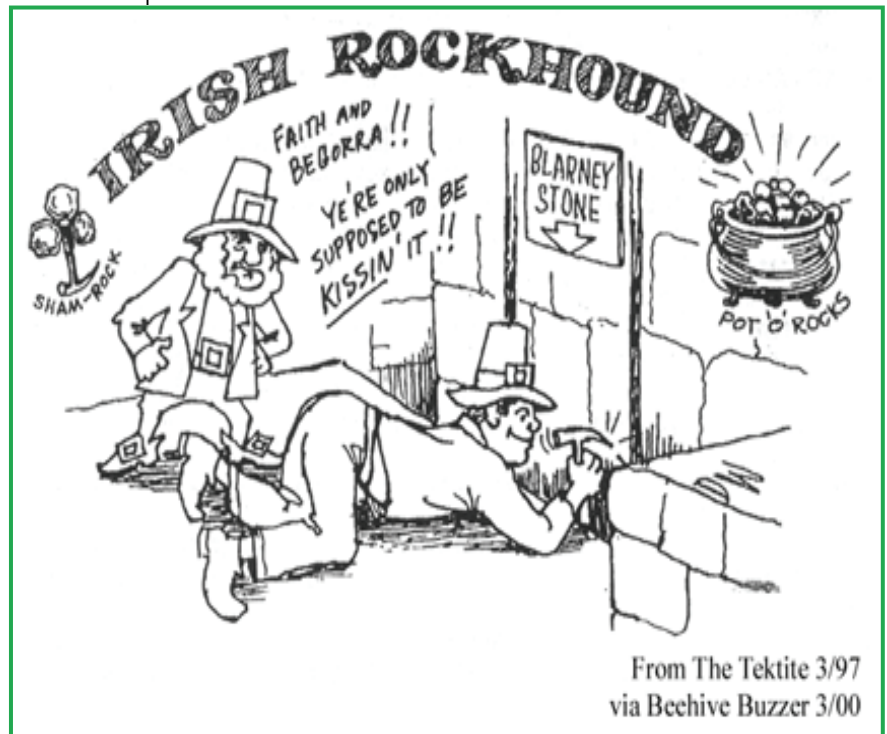


March Anniversaries

- 11 Mike & Judy Tucker**

April Anniversaries

- 3 Mark & Terry Goodell**
- 6 Tony & Kathy Griffin**
- 21 Don & Robbin Hampton**



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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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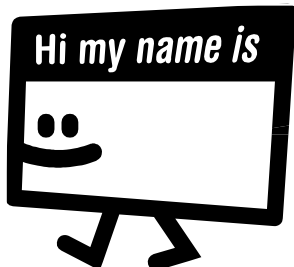


Membership Report

It is that time of the year, MEMBERSHIP Renewal for the New Year. There will be membership forms available at the next meeting.

If you have not received your name badge and/or membership card, my contact information is listed below. Please contact me either by phone or email so I can have it ready for you at the next meeting.

Reminder: You get with "New Membership" – A membership card, a small patch and your name badge at no charge. With your "Renewal" you will get your membership card for the New Year. (Usually you can pick up your name badge at the next club meeting while enjoying refreshments and meeting new friends after the meeting.)



We have had some inquires for replacement of Name Badges or small patches that have gone astray. You can purchase the Name Badge for \$2.00 and/or the small patch for \$3.00 each. We also have the big patches for \$10.00.

Remember to wear your name badge at the monthly meetings so everyone knows who you are.

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Refreshment Report

Thank you to Nancy Farrell, and Judy and Mike Tucker for bringing refreshments to the February meeting.

And a reminder to Denise Stringer and Carol Whipple who are bringing refreshments to the March meeting.

Thanks again to all you members for volunteering to bring refreshments. It sure makes a nice ending to our meetings and adds to enhance our fellowship after the meeting.

We are still looking for a person or persons to take over the refreshment committee for this year. Please contact Willa Renken if you are interested.



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society March Field Trip

March 22, 2014— Graveyard Point Plume Agate

Meet at ION Junction at Hwy 95 and Hwy 55 west of Marsing at 8:00 a.m. for sign up and leave at 8:30 a.m.

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



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

For field trip information, call:

Ithel Kildow (208) 455-7960 or Gene Alvey (208) 440-3067

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

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY Board Minutes February 24, 2014

Present for the OGMS Board Meeting February 24, 2014 were President Willa Renken, Vice President Nancy Farrell, Treasurer Janie Ehlers, Secretary and Membership Sylvia Foreman, Asst. Show Chairman Darrel Ehlers, Federation Directors: Ed and Deanna Moser, Newsletter Editor Denise Stringer, Historian Pauline Prather, Guests: Doug Renken and Bill Foreman

Willa asked if there any changes to the board minutes as printed in the February newsletter as there were no changes Pauline Prather made motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter, 2nd by Ed Moser and carried by the Board.

Sylvia Foreman had nothing to report as Secretary.

Nancy Farrell asked if there was anything special to do during the show.

Janie Ehlers gave the Treasurer's report.

Denise Stringer, Newsletter Editor, asked about submitting advertisements in the newsletter and what about the cost of it, she would like all information for the newsletter by March 5.

Ed Moser gave report on BLM as Federation Director. And asked us to keep saving stamps for Cancer Research.

Sylvia Foreman read a thank-you card from Pauline Prather for the Sunshine Lady, RoseMary Peterson.

As membership chairman Sylvia Foreman reported she had two prospective members to bring before the general meeting so they can become members of Owyhee Gem Club.

Ithel Kildow the field trip leader was not present but Willa announced that the first field trip will be March 22 to Graveyard Point for Plume Agate.

Old Business: Janie Ehlers reported that she has found a place to get the small patches, she will place an order for 200 of them.

New Business: Ed Moser reported that the Caldwell Public Library would like to know if any of the members of the club would like to share information on our hobby with them. Ed will gather more information on this fun idea.

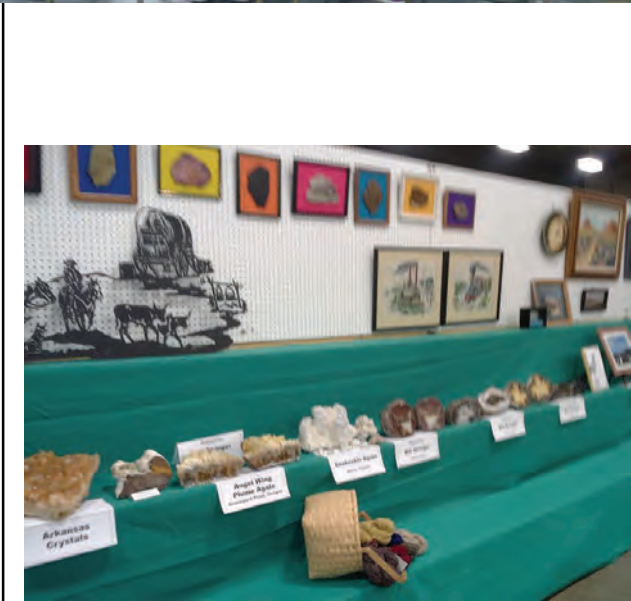
Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm sfs

Have You Visited our Club Website?

Our awesome web site 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/>



Thanks to everyone for making the 60th annual show a success!



Federation Director

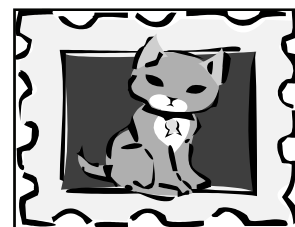
Bring your postage stamps to this month's meeting.

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.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director
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**Upcoming Events****Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society March Meeting**

March 19, 2014—7:30 p.m.

Boone Science Building at the College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho

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Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society—50th Anniversary Gem & Mineral Show

April 12, Saturday: 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

April 13, Sunday: 10 a.m.—5 p.m.

The Recreation Center—Memorial & B Street, Idaho Falls, ID

\$3 admission, kids 12—under Free!

Contact: Dave Gunderson 208-523-2355 or Gary Hayes 208-754-9942

Federation Show 2014 - Hermiston, OR - August 15-17, 2014

NFMS' 76th Anniversary Show

Presented by: Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society

Location: Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S Hwy 395, Hermiston, OR 97838

Hours: To be determined

Cost: \$3.50, Children Under 12 free if accompanied by a paid adult

For more information, visit: <http://amfed.org/nfms/FederationShow.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 18)** - \$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 Building at the College of Idaho, 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 identified slab



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