



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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March President's Message

What an exciting weekend! Hopefully you are recovering and admiring your wonderful purchases from the show. As always you are all fantastic. The help this year was great; not only did the Show go up splendidly but it came down just as fast. We were done by 7:30 pm and headed home. You all deserve a pat on the back for such a super job!!

Janie and Susan will have a full report for us by this month's meeting and I can hardly wait. I know this year's figures will be over the top. If you know of any improvements please come to the show revue meeting so we can implement them into next year's agenda.

Jim is pretty excited about this month's program as he has gotten Life Flight to come in and talk to us about their program. If we get enough participation we will be able to get reduced membership. One never knows when you would need this service but it is good to be prepared, as the cost if you aren't is rather steep.

Are you ready for the first field trip as I know Ithel has things all planned out for the upcoming field trip. He will be going over the when and where at our meeting. I wanted to thank all those who came up with the tumbled stones to supplement those from Clarence. It was great how when there is a need we all seem to pull together to make things happen. We appreciate all you do for the club and I believe we are stronger for it. We also appreciate those who are behind the scenes that provide us with all they can as well. Each year this show is a huge undertaking and each year we are very fortunate for all of you who take the time to show up pitch in and help out. Thanks hardly seems enough! I am extremely proud of our club and you all make my job easier!! I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on the 16th, until then keep on rocking! -Willa Renken OGMS President



**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES February 17, 2016**

The meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30 p.m. Willa asked if there any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Walt Barnett made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Brad Larson, motion carried. Guests were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

Secretary: Received several show case applications, a membership application, a box of material donated for use at the gem show, and information on a mine field trip that was given to Ithel.

Vice President: Jerry Young and his son Tyler presented information about safety procedures and what can be done in emergencies.

Treasurer: The Federation Dues have been paid. Janie gave an update on the financials and bills that have been paid.

Show Chairman: Darell Ehlers got the TV advertising for the gem show ready to go, and brought a clip of the advertisement that will be aired. There is still some spaces available to sign up for a show case. The club can always use donations for the silent auction and wheel of gems. Volunteers are needed in all of the venues. Grab bags will be filled on Thursday. If you have something for the special display let Ithel know. We are anticipating a large turnout with the added television advertising.

Federation Chairman: Not able to attend. The Northwest Federation show will be held in July.

Membership Chairman: Kathi distributed name tags to new members

Field Trip Chairman: Ithel brought and passed out field trip fliers and talked about adding another weekend trip in May.

Webmaster: The website is up to date and Brad will be adding the television advertising to the website.

Historian: Pauline researched some of the old newsletters and shared a list of places the club went on field trips in the 1940's and 1950's.

New Business: Be sure to sign up for venues.

Slab drawing, Charlene Branham won the door prize.

Meeting adjourned 9pm.

Respectfully submitted Debbie Lawrence, Secretary.



March Birthdays

- 3 Lori D'Angelo
- 5 Gene Alvey
- 6 Jean Dingley
- 6 Jarri McClarin
- 7 Ron Dingley
- 13 Cindy Schmidt
- 16 Clarence Wright
- 20 Jay Gillies
- 21 Heide Summers
- 22 Alice Krause
- 23 Neava Jo Haney
- 23 Red Lovette
- 27 Kelly Gibbens
- 30 Jim Hopkins



March Anniversaries

20 Daniel & JoDee Arnold

April Anniversaries

- 9 Osa & Roxie McDonald
- 10 Don & Joanie Daman
- 11 Mike & Judy Tucker
- 30 John & Carol Farnham

Welcome New Members!

Jay Gillies

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.

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

Email me at: denisemstringer@gmail.com

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Sunshine Report



Hi, I am Jewels Haines and I am your new 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
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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2/29/16

The Business meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7pm. There was a correction to the last meeting minutes, the show trailers will be moved on Thursday not Friday. Pauline Prather made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Jim Hopkins, motion carried.

Secretary: Received two thank you notes that will be read at the General meeting, three membership renewals and information from the BLM.

Vice President: Jim has a representative from Life Flight to be the speaker at the next meeting.

Treasurer: There was a discussion about getting the invoice for the renewal of the mailbox fees to the Treasurer before the end of the year. Came up with ideas to get the invoice and the box rental paid on time to ensure continuous access. The club made \$75 on the slab drawing at the last meeting.

Show Chairman: Need to buy paper supplies for the chili feed because Diane cannot get in contact with the refreshment person. Larry Ridley picked up items for the door prizes. Susan picked up an apron for Jarri McClarin to wear during the gem show, to hold all of the renewal items needed while she is strolling. Security is lined up. Postcards have been mailed out. Drivers for the trailers are lined up.

Membership: There was a new member application read. Susan made a motion to accept the new member; Pauline seconded, motion carried.

Federation Chairman: If you are going to put in a display case in the Federation Show in July, make sure you reserve your space now. There will be judged and open classes to enter. BLM will be limiting access to some areas for restoration. There was a discussion about the hourly raffle and drawing. Remember to save your postage stamps.

Field Trip Chairman: If you have an example of the material to be found on the field trip, it would be good to bring it to the meeting to show members what can be collected. Ithel would like some tumbled stones donated so he can give them to the people he goes out and gives lectures to. He also has a friend who will make and donate calendars to sell at the gem show.

Unfinished Business: Willa has the application for the 501c3 ready to file. The application meets all of the requirements and will be filed online. Business meeting will be at Caldwell Library next month.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm. Respectfully submitted Debbie Lawrence, Secretary.

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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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/>

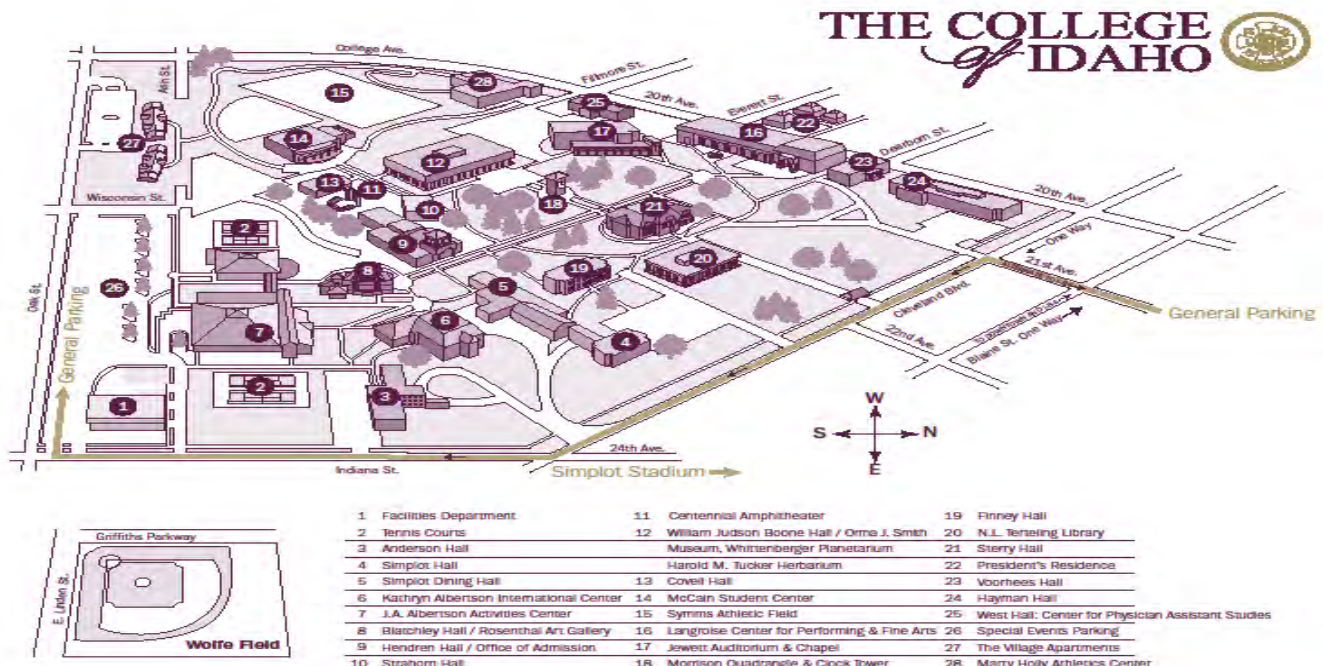
The General Meetings are at the College of Idaho

The March 16, 2016 general meeting will be in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103.

On the map below, the location is Building 12.

If you are heading SW on 20th Ave, you will take a left at Filmore St and go through the parking lot to the side entrance of the building.

See you there at 7:30 p.m.



Show Report

The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society 62nd Annual Show was a great success. The local paper even featured our event on the front page of the Sunday newspaper! **“Thank You”** to all who donated items for our show, helped set up, donated to the chili feed, managed venues, volunteered to staff venues, and helped put everything away and clean up on Sunday.

What a great turnout from the community!

Approximately 2,300 admission tickets were sold, 43 admission ticket door prizes were awarded, and four beautiful Grand Prizes have new homes.

Almost all grab bags, auction rocks, and critters found new homes; and we have quite a few applications for membership.

The club had a lot of support for this event, and I think your efforts were well rewarded.

You all deserve many pats on the back and a nice rest after such a busy weekend.

We will have a show meeting soon to gear up for next year.

If you have an idle rock tumbler, please consider cranking it up, as we will need a lot of tumbled stones to fill grab bags for next year....the kids just love those things!



Gene and I (Freda) Babbitt want to extend our sincere THANK YOU to the Members of the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society for being honored with Life Membership. It is truly an honor not to be taken lightly.

Since we have been spending our winters in Quartzsite Arizona for over 30 years we have not had the pleasure of being at the annual show. We have missed that. For a few years the show was in April so we were able to be home and lend a hand at set up, tear down and manning the Wheel of Gems and starting the Sand Dig table. Every one works hard to put on a good show to spread the word of how much fun looking for rocks can be. The Show will be over before you get this bulletin I am sure but just want to say we hope all goes well this year as in the past.

We don't make it to many of the meetings so all you newer members probably wonder who we are and just what involvement we had in the club. Here is a short overview of our past duties.

For many years we were Bulletin Editors. This was before PCs so all the news had to be typed, pictures had to be cut and pasted, we printed all the bulletins on a club printer. After that we hand wrote all the addresses, stapled the pages together, licked stamps and took all to be mailed. We were editors for 10 years even working on them in advance in the winter months so we did not miss an issue. What fun we had, finally Sylvia and Bill Forman took over doing all the work.

I served as Secretary, Gene was a Field Trip Leader & We were Federation Directors going to many shows to attend the meetings. Gene was elected by the Northwest Federation to be the first Endowment Chairman so for three years we ran the Endowment Booth at the Federation Shows.

One of our pleasures was to share with school children what to do with rocks by going to schools and to the Nampa Library to do presentations. I have also had the chance to share a little of the skill of silver smithing at the meetings. Through all this we have met many knowledgeable, exciting and wonderful fellow Rock Hounds. This is a hobby that can go on forever, there are lots of rocks out there.

Thank you One and All for the Honor.

Freda & Gene Babbitt



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society March Field Trip

March 19, 2016—Graveyard Point

Petrified Wood and 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.

Join us at the March 16th meeting to find out more about this month's field trip.

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

Trips can last most of the day.

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

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:

Ithel Kildow, 208-455-7960, ithelk@gmail.com

ASSISTANTS:

David Schmidt, 208-870-6544, and Gene Alvey, 208-440-3067

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

2016 Field Trip Schedule

- April 23: Jamison, OR and Indian Rock
- May 21: Rome, Oregon—Snakeskin Agate
- June 18: Pink Plume Agate Claim and Twin Springs
- July 23: Succor Creek (Blue Egg Claim)
- August 20: Wagontown
- Sept. 26: Grandview (Petrified Pinecones) or Haystack Butte
- Oct. 22: Big Egg Claim



We would like to add either Glass Butte (in Oregon) or McDermott, NV to our field trip calendar this year, both of which are 2-day trips. If interested in these trips, please let Ithel, David, or Gene know ASAP. Thank you!

Upcoming Events**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society March Meeting****March 16, 2016—7:30 p.m.****Location:** College of Idaho, Boone Science Hall, Room 103

March 12-13 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4	Rock and Arrowhead Club Annual Show -Admission \$2 - under 12 free	<u>Klamath Co. Fairgrounds</u> <u>3531 South 6th Street</u> <u>Klamath Falls, OR 97603</u>	Marv Stump <u>541 882 8341</u> or Garwin Carlson <u>541 882 8276</u>
March 12-13 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	9 th Annual Rock and Mineral Show Northwest Montana Rock Chucks	<u>Flathead County Fairgrounds</u> <u>Grandstand Bldg.</u> <u>265 North Meridian Road</u> <u>Kalispell MT 59901</u>	Lloyd Fager <u>608 436 0780</u> <u>oldgrayelf@sbcglobal.net</u>
March 12-13 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-5	Magic Valley Gem Club - 65 th Annual Gem Show -Adults \$2.00 admission Chil- dren under 12 years old free accompanied by an adult	<u>Twin Falls County Fair Grounds</u> <u>215 Fair Avenue</u> <u>Filer ID</u> <u>(just east of Filer on Highway 30)</u>	Shirley or Rocky Metts <u>208 423-4827</u> <u>rmetts@magicvalleygemclub.org</u>
March 19-20 Sat 9-6 Sun 10-5	Hellgate Mineral Society Gem Stones of Montana - 22 nd Annual Gem and Mineral Show., Missoula MT -Admission \$2.00, Children under 14, free with paid adult.	<u>Hilton Garden Inn</u> <u>3720 North Reserve Street</u> <u>Missoula, MT 59806</u> 406-532-5300	Bob Riggs <u>robert.riggs3@gmail.com</u> <u>406 543 3667</u>
March 25-27 Fri 10-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA 57 th Annual Gem, Jewelry, & Mineral Show. Honoring our Armed Forces. -Adults \$6 -Military and Seniors \$5 -Children 12 & under free	<u>Spokane County Fair & Expo</u> <u>Center</u> <u>N.604 Havana at Broadway</u> <u>Spokane WA 99212</u>	Vonnie Dillon <u>509 951 8173</u> <u>showchair@rockrollers.org</u>
March 18-20 Fri 10-7 Sat 10-7 Sun 10-5	55 th Annual Rock, Gem, & Mineral Show Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society	<u>Spanish Fork Fair Grounds</u> <u>Indoor Tennis Court</u> <u>475 South Main</u> <u>Spanish Fork UT 84660</u>	Karl Powell <u>801 319 6115</u> <u>timpanogosrock@gmail.com</u>
March 26-27 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	68 th Annual Rock & Gem Show - "Picture Rock" Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society	<u>High School Gym</u> <u>1641 Long St.</u> <u>Sweet Home, OR 97386</u>	Joe Cota <u>541 451 2740</u> Ed Anderson <u>541 944 2124</u> POB 2279 Lebanon, OR 97355
March 26-27 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	54 th Rock and Gem Show Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club – Bellingham WA	<u>Bloedel Donovan Community</u> <u>Center</u> <u>2214 Electric Avenue</u>	Lori Nettles <u>360 961 7873</u> <u>lorinhardy@yahoo.com</u>

<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/ShowsJanJun.asp>

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** - \$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!

