



# “Owyhee Gem”



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### March President's Message

Wow what a weekend we just had!! It sure seemed like our show was well received again this year. Many happy visitors along with renewing old and new friendships just a fantastic two days. It is my belief that the numbers were up again this year. Janie is busy tabulating all the venues and will let us know soon how we did. A huge thank you to all of you for pitching in and doing what you could to support the success of our Annual Show. We realize how exhausting these four days can be but the benefits always outweigh the work it takes to pull it off.

Your Fieldtrip Chairmen are looking forward to conducting our first trip of the year and it will be to the Bruneau woodpile to look for wood and petrified pinecones. There was a great case at the show with several nice pinecones in it showing you what to look for. This is always a fun place to look for that out of the ordinary piece of wood. As always, I'm looking forward to all the fun places David & Dale have in store for us to go to this year. The fieldtrips are one of the many benefits we offer as a club and it pulls in perspective new members so be sure and tell them all about what a great group of folks we are. We have several projects coming up as our new year starts and one of them is our spring road cleanup. This takes about a dozen members and we pick up trash for about a mile. It isn't hard just takes some participation. As the information is made available, please sign up and help out. Lots of fun and always a competition to see who finds the most unique item during the pickup. Cookies and water are provided and there is, weather permitting, an extra fieldtrip for all your efforts.

Jim Hopkins is lining out programs for us again this year so if you have an idea or know someone interesting please share them with Jim. I know he values all your suggestions so please feel free to let him know so he can get it in our program schedule.

On that note I will get this wrapped up and off to Carol for editing. If you have articles or pictures to share for our newsletter, please get them to Carol, as participation is the key to our club's success. Thank you again for all your participation look forward to seeing you on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm at the Boone Science Bldg.

Willa Renken OGMS President

## 2018 Owyhee Field Trip Schedule

**March 24<sup>th</sup>** Bruneau Wood Pile for Petrified Wood & Petrified Pinecones (Meet at Walter Ferry just across the Snake River on the right Side at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** Rockville, Oregon for Leaf Fossils, Agate, Jasper (Meet at the GEM Stop at HY55 & HY95, 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** Beacon Hill Nodules in Idaho (Meet at the Rest Stop on I-84 just over the Snake River in Oregon at 9:00 AM, Leave at 9:30 AM).

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** Blue Egg Claim in Oregon for Blue Eggs (Meet at Homedale, ID Park where the Tank is just East of the Four Corners at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** Coal Mine Basin for Blood Stone, Black Opalized Wood (Meet at the GEM Stop at HY55 & HY95, 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

**August 18<sup>th</sup>** Wagon Town for Petrified Wood, Cat Tail Fossils (Meet at the GEM Stop at HY55 & HY95, 7:00 AM, Leave at 7:30 AM).

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** Oreana, ID., for Obsidian, Apache Tears, Opalized Nodules (Meet at Walter Ferry just across the Snake River on the right Side at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** Haystack Butte for Red Jasper (Meet at Homedale, ID, Park where the Tank is just East of the Four Corners at 8:00 AM, Leave at 8:30 AM).

### USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP

Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and a Small one), Sieve, Gloves, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Knee Pad's, Magnifier, Plenty of Drinking Water, Food, Appropriate Clothing, Protective Eyewear, Sun Protection, Day Pack or Back Pack, Umbrella, Pry Bar.

**For Field Trip Information**, contact David Schmidt (408) 489-3996, david\_schmidt2114@aol.com, or Dale Rawson (208) 283-7990.

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.**

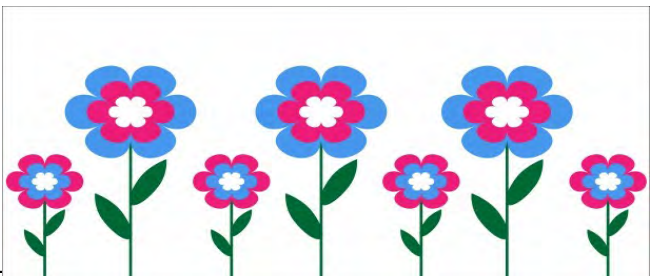


**March Birthdays**

- 1 Justice, Susie
- 4 Bendorf, Rick
- 5 Alvey, Gene
- 6 Dingley, Jean
- 6 McClarin, Jarri
- 7 Dolittle, Randy
- 7 Dingley, Ron
- 13 Schmidt, Cyndy
- 15 Rettinger, Jim
- 16 Wright, Clarence
- 16 Engelhardt, Laurie
- 18 Channer, Mel
- 21 Summers, Heide
- 23 Lovette, Red
- 27 Gibbens, Kelly
- 28 Shell, Ernie
- 30 Hopkins, Jim

**March Anniversaries**

- 9 Ure, Bob & Monica
- 10 Daman, Dan
- 12 Hardman, Nick & Andrea
- 21 Brown, Dale & Betty
- 27 McGuire, Chuck & Chris

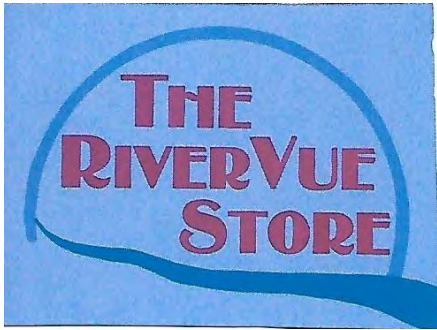


***Sunshine Report***

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





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## Plan Ahead for the Spring Roadside Cleanup!

I know it's cold now, but soon it will be warm!

The OGMS Spring roadside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Walter's Ferry boat ramp, on Highway 45, at 9:00am for the cleanup. If the weather is good, we will go on a little field trip after we are finished.

We need a minimum of 12 volunteers, but the more we have, the more fun it is and the quicker we will get done, so we can go play! I will have a signup sheet at the meetings but feel free to give me a call to add your name to the list any time. Due to the nature of the cleanup work, and the proximity to the highway, we don't recommend children be brought on the cleanup.

Thank you for your support in this effort!

Larry Beattie  
208-466-6184  
[lbeattiejr@aol.com](mailto:lbeattiejr@aol.com)



## Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History

The Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History features specimens representing the Biology and Geology of SW Idaho, SE Oregon, and northern Nevada. The focal point of the museum is the Evans Gem and Mineral Collections. The museum hosts a workday and seminar the first Saturday of every month.

The Museum is open to all visitors:  
Monday-Friday from 1-5 pm,  
the first Saturday of every month from 8-5 and  
the third Saturday of every month from 10-4.

The Museum is located in the basement of Boone Hall on the College of Idaho campus. Visit the Museum website at [www.collegeofidaho.edu/cultural-institutions/orma-j-smith-museum-natural-history](http://www.collegeofidaho.edu/cultural-institutions/orma-j-smith-museum-natural-history) to learn more.

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**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES****February 21, 2018**

The General Meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30. Bill and Steve shared information about meteorites and brought in specimens for members to check out. They will finish up their discussion at the March meeting. Guests were introduced and given a warm welcome.

**Secretary Report:** Received 6 membership renewals, bank statements, information from the insurance company, 3 show case applications and a newsletter from The Wasach Gem Society.

**Vice President:** The talk about meteorites will continue at the March meeting.

**Treasurer:** Janie went over the expenses from the previous month. She asked if someone in the club would be willing to take over the Treasurer's duties.

**Show Chairman:** There was a request for volunteers to set up the Gem Show on Thursday and Friday. Members will be able to put in showcases from 3 to 7pm Friday and Saturday between 8 and 10am. The Chili feed will be Friday starting around 11:30. Members were asked to sign up to bring something to share. There are still some openings to volunteer at each of the venues. Around 300 pounds of polished rock was picked up to fill the grab bags. Ron, Larry and Jim will pick up the trailers from Idaho Tractor and take them to the O'Conner Field House Thursday. The museum will have an information table and provide a free shuttle from the Gem Show to the Museum during show times. Susan is looking for a volunteer to accept the duties of the Show Chairman position for next year.

**Federation Chairman:** Ed reminded us to save your stamps and bring them to the next meeting. He will be taking them to the NFMS Meeting in April.

**Historian:** Our long-time member, Helen Weber has recently passed. Pauline made a motion to donate \$50 to the NFMS in Helen's name; seconded by Walt Barnett, motion carried.

**Sunshine Chairman:** Be sure to contact Jules if you know someone who might need a note of cheer.

**Membership Chairman:** There was no new activity.

**Field Trip Chairman:** Field trips will start up again in March, depending on the weather. The first trip will be to the Bruneau Wood Pile for Petrified Wood and Petrified Pine Cones. Meet at Walters Ferry just across the Snake River at the boat ramp.

There was no New or Unfinished Business.

Slab Drawing. Dianna Moser won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

# OWYHEE GEM

## OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2018

The Board Meeting of the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society was held at the Caldwell Library, and called to order at 7pm by President, Willa Renken. Darell Ehlers made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting; seconded by Ed Moser, motion carried.

**Secretary:** One more show case application was received.

**Vice President:** Was not present.

**Treasurer:** Nothing was changed since the last meeting.

**Show Chairman:** The O'Conner Field House is all set. Trailers will move on Thursday. The venues still need some volunteers. All of the plans are shaping up and looking good. There will be some space behind the resource table for the Museum to have a display.

**Federation Chairman:** Ed is making plans to attend the Yakama Show in April.

**Historian:** Pauline sent out 130 Gem Show reminder postcards.

**Sunshine Chairman:** Jules is under the weather and may need a card from the club.

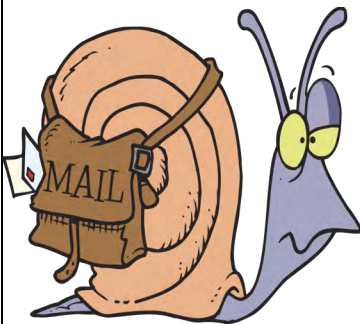
**Membership Chairman:** There were 5 new membership applications. Susan made a motion to accept: Dan & Rowena Burnum, Ron & Karen Clementsen, Gary & Sue Chambers, Randy Doolittle and Daryl & Carolyn Hood as new members to the club; seconded by Ed Moser, motion carried.

**Field Trip Chairman:** The list for the 2018 field trips will be ready and available at the Gem Show. The trip in March will be to the Bruneau Wood Pile, weather permitting.

There was no Unfinished Business or New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted.  
Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



We have been experiencing some delays recently in the delivery of the newsletter. Those that get their newsletter by email will sometimes receive it a week earlier than the snail mail.

It would save the club over \$1 for each newsletter to switch over to email. When you receive it by **email**, you will also get emails on the NFMS Newsletter as well as Brad Smith with jewelry tips.

How about it?

Because of the volume of new members through the show, there may be some errors in who gets email and who gets snail mail. If I'm lucky, all will be well. Let me know if there is a change to make. If you do not receive the newsletter, ask me about it. :-)

Editor: Carol Farnham 208.475.4868

## You are all so AMAZING!!!

**“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.

**Our College of Idaho Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History partners for this event were GREAT! High Five to Nate and his team!**

***Your generosity is very much appreciated!!***

We sold over 2,000 (final number to be announced at the meeting) adult admission tickets (1,024 on Sunday) and awarded 28 admission ticket door prizes; and four beautiful Grand Prizes have new homes.

Our very own David Baldwin won a grand prize, but didn't hear his name and couldn't call us within five minutes—so he gets first pick next year! The club members were so **generous** in support of this event, and your efforts were well rewarded. You all deserve many pats on the back and a nice rest after such a busy weekend.



Several vendors asked me to convey their gratitude for the friendly nature of our club members. Your kindness to our vendors and the public that visit our show are the reason we have a successful event.

I have really enjoyed being your Show Chair for the past few years. I have learned so much, and am so impressed with the knowledge and abilities you all bring to your club. It has truly been an honor to serve you.

## *Thank you*



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If you are interested in enjoying this beautiful table in your home, please contact Mr. Ogawa.



## Federation Director

Please save the postage STAMPS for cancer research and bring to this months meeting. Remember to **cut ½ inch all the way around the stamp**. Thanks to all for your help. It helps others and it might just help someone you know.

**Federation Director**-Ed Moser, Federation Director  
 (208) 340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com



## Membership Report

### Now accepting payment of 2018 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 .

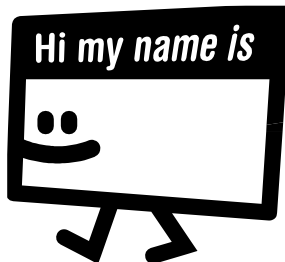
You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to:

**P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053.**

**Kim Bashford, Membership Chairperson**

**Phone: (208) 454-7287**

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### OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2018

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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.

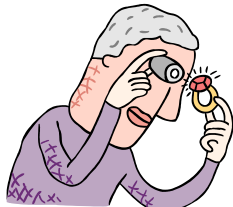
**MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

- 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!



**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/>

