

# "Owyhee Gem"

## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### March President's Message

Hello fellow rockhounds. If you are reading the email version of the newsletter when it came out you will be anticipating the show coming up this weekend. Volunteers are needed Thursday from 9AM to 3PM and Friday 8:30AM to 5PM at O'Connor Field House in Caldwell to help set up.

If you are reading the printed version of this we will have had our Annual Show and put it away for another year. I would like to thank all of you who have volunteered throughout the week and through the weekend. It takes all of us contributing as much as we can to produce a world-class show. I want you all to know how much each of you are appreciated within our organization!

I'd like to thank the College of Idaho and in particular the Orma J Smith Museum for your support and participation in the show. The shuttle bus and tours are a very fun addition to our show and we do appreciate it.

Roxanne has a great program for us this month. Steve Brittenham will be presenting a talk on dinosaurs. I am looking forward to hearing his take on this subject as he has studied them for some time and with everything Steve does, he puts a lot of effort into the subject for presentation. I think you will all enjoy this one.

Robert Murphy and Dale Rawson are excited to get us back out in the field looking for those special treasures. This month we will be going to the Bruneau woodpile to hunt for wood and pinecones. I'd like to thank both of our fieldtrip chairmen as they are putting a lot of effort in helping you to find some nice items this year. I hope all who can take the time to join in on these forays in support of these men.

Another reminder if you have done any Community outreach this month please be sure to write up an article for the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you all at the show and the next meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the College of Idaho in the Boone Science bldg. Till then keep on rocking.

Willa Renken OGMS President

# OWYHEE GEM

## OGMS 2020 Field Trips

**March 21st:** \* Bruneau Wood Pile for Petrified Wood and Pine Cones. Meet at Walter's Ferry (across Snake River @ boat landing).

**April 18th:** \* Big Egg Claim for Thunder Eggs. Meet at Gem Stop (Hwy 55&95).

**May 23rd:** \*(morning) Rockville OR, for Leaf Fossils / (afternoon) Maple Ridge, for Petrified Wood. Meet at Gem Stop (Hwy 55&95).

**June 5th- 7th:** \*\*\*Texas Springs, NV for Pink Limb Casts. (Please attend May monthly club meeting for more details)

**June 20th:** \*\*\*McDermit NV, for Variety of Agate, Jasper and Pet Wood. (Please attend June monthly club meeting for more details)

**July 18th – 20th:** \*(morning) Pink Plume for plume agate, (afternoon) Haystack Bute for Red Jasper. Meet Owyhee Junction (Hwy 201 & Owyhee Ave)

**Aug 22nd:** \*\*Wagon Town for Bog Wood, Meet at Gem Stop (Hwy 55&95).

**Sept 19th:** \*Blue Egg Claim for Blue Opal Thunder Eggs. Meet in Homedale, ID City Park with Tank (just east of four corners).

**Oct 24th:** \*Graveyard Point for agate and Jasper. Meet at Gem Stop (Hwy 55&95).

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

*For further information, Contact Robert (208)590-1848 or Dale (208)283-7990*

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

Go online to <http://www.owyheerocks.com/> and check the most recent newsletter for trip updates.

### **USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR TRIP**

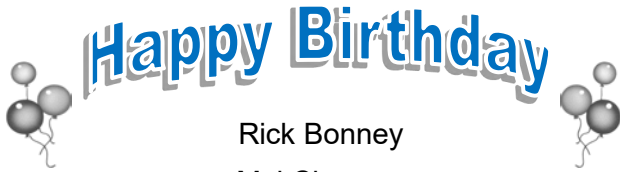
Buckets, Shovels, Rock Hammer, Pick (Large and Small one), Sieve, Gloves, Spray Bottle for Water, Small Scrub Brush, Knee Pad's, Magnifier, Plenty of Drinking Water, Food, Appropriate Clothing, Protective Eyewear, Sun Protection, Day Pack or Back Pack, Umbrella, Pry Bar, Tick Spray. Shovel and fire extinguisher to put out any fires that may start.

**For Field Trip Information, contact Robert Murphey (208) 590-1848  
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.**

Hi all. For this month's trip hard pack digging tools are needed to get down to wood layer and sieve screens can be used to find and view small fossils. We'll talk about weather and road conditions at the regular meeting. See you there! Robert Murphey, Field Trip Chair





Rick Bonney  
 Mel Channer  
 Alyssa Cumpton  
 Jean Dingley  
 Ron Dingley  
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 Kelly Gibbens  
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 Harold Park  
 Linda Park  
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 Jim Rettinger  
 Cyndy Schmidt  
 Sharon Seid  
 Barbara Spiker  
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 Clarence Wright  
 And a belated Happy Birthday to Deanna Moser



Dale & Betty Brown  
 Arthur & Setsuko Church  
 Michael & Julia Foreman  
 Brian & Melody Greer  
 Nick & Andrea Hardman  
 Chuck & Chris McGuire

Community Outreach

Ed & Dianna Moser setup a rock display in the Caldwell city Library in December 2019 and changed some of the display in January 2020. In the cases was a flyer for the Idaho Gem Club and OGMS shows.

The club members collect post stamps to take to the Federation where they are sold to stamp collectors. The proceeds are donated to cancer research.

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



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**VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER****Leave a Rock Take a Rock**

If you have lucked out and found some nice rock bring one to our meeting. You can leave the rock on the table and anyone who brings one can take a rock. At the end of the meeting if your rock is still there take it home with you. If everyone brings something to trade each month we can have the benefit of others' successful trips.

Roxanne Franklin, OGMS Vice-President

**This Month's Speaker is Steve Brittenham giving a talk on FOSSILIZATION.**

**"An introduction to the science of paleontology: barely scratching the surface of our past"**.

Steve was interested in the physical sciences from an early age, wreaking havoc at home by always disassembling household appliances (but to his mother's chagrin, only occasionally successful reassembling them). During his middle and high school years, he was the photo-typical "geek" entering several local and regional science fairs, and as a senior he was selected as one of 40 national Westinghouse Science Talent search finalists for his work on ionic cooling.

He attended UC Berkeley as an electrical engineering and computer science student with an emphasis on bio electronics.

Instead of a career in his chosen studies he landed a job at Hewlett-Packard here in Idaho helping to start up their new disk drive business. Ostensibly a two year stint, after 36 years working on mass storage products, he retired in 2013, which allows more time for he and his wife to spend on rocks, fossils, and meteorites.

## 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 is open to all visitors: Monday-Friday from 1-5 pm, and the first Saturday of every month from 8-5.

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.

**Federation Director**

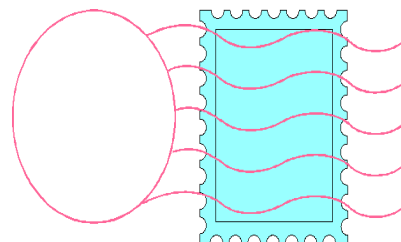
Please save the postage STAMPS for cancer research and bring to this months meeting. Remember to ***cut ½ inch all the way around the stamp.*** Thanks to all for your help. It helps others and it might just help someone you know.

Ed Moser

**Federation Director**

(208) 340-8060,

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## OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Board Meeting Minutes February 24, 2020

**President**, Willa Renken called the monthly Board Meeting to order at the Caldwell Library at 7:00pm. Roxanne Franklin made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; Kim Bashford seconded; motion carried.

**Secretary**, Chris Deveau picked up two items of mail; a receipt from KNIN/NNIN TV for television advertising was given to Paul Deveau; and a membership payment was given to Kim Bashford.

**Vice President**, Roxanne Franklin confirmed that Steve Brittenham will be giving a presentation on dinosaurs at the March General Meeting.

**Treasurer**, Debbie Lawrence was unable to attend the meeting.

**Show Chair**, Kathi Larson has received tax forms for vendors at the show. The show vendors are ready, demonstrators are lined up. **We pick up the trailers on Thursday, 5 March at 8:30am and will begin unloading at the O'Connor Fieldhouse at 2207 Blaine in Caldwell at 9:00am.** If you haven't signed up to assist with a venue at the show, come help setup or call one of the venue chairs in the newsletter and let them know when you can help. Everyone's assistance will be greatly appreciated! Remember, if you volunteer a couple of hours at the show, you get in free!!

**Asst. Field Trip Chair**, Dale Rawson is working on a method to rejuvenate the black lights for the show display.

**Asst. Show Chair**, Paul Deveau noted that he had heard from KBOI CHAN 2 this morning and they now joined the other TV channels, ready to air later this week.

**Federation Chair**, Ed Moser reminded everyone of the NW Federation show on 10-12 April in Ogden, Utah. Bring your saved stamps to the March General Meeting, so he can take them to the Federation. Also, he reminded everyone as we start out on our field trips this season, to **be aware of the new BLM firebreaks.**

**Newsletter Editor**, Margaret Nelson needs all articles to be submitted to the newsletter by 1 March 2020. Two ads are paid for. We will accept rock-related classified ads into the newsletter from members at no charge. These will run one month and are no more than a couple of lines for the item and your contact information.

**Membership**, Kim Bashford submitted the names for three new members to the Board: Rodger and Marilu Jones; and Lisa Gularte. Ed Moser made a motion to accept; Roxanne Franklin seconded; motion carried. **WELCOME TO OGMS!!!**

**Field Trip Chair**, Robert reminded us he made a couple of corrections to the original field trip list that he brought to the January General Meeting. The updated list is posted in the newsletter. He will have maps for the overnights as it gets closer to the time for those trips. Robert has also been in contact with Gary Moore in Salmon about possibly coordinating an outing with a group from the Salmon and Challis area. Our first outing this year will be to the Bruneau Woodpile on Saturday, 21 March 2020 weather permitting.

**Unfinished Business** - NONE.

**New Business** – Willa brought up the opportunity of having Dan Drouault, of Covington Engineering to be a demonstrator at our show. Covington just moved his entire business to Meridian. Roxanne made the motion to invite him to our show; Kathi Larson seconded; motion carried. Willa will contact him.

Willa adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary





## OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - General Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2020

**OGMS President Willa Renken** called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the Boone Science Center at the College of Idaho, Caldwell. David Schmidt made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the January newsletter; Walt Barnett seconded; the motion carried. Several visitors and new members introduced themselves and were given a hearty welcome.

**Roxanne Franklin** gave a presentation on setting up a showcase for the Rock Show. The cases are 2 X 2 X 4... plenty of room for quite a nice display. She shared some nice agate specimens from a trip to Utah and gave some thoughts on placement and showing your treasures. Thanks Roxanne...it was very informative, especially for those of us who may have not done a showcase before, or someone that might do it next year.

**Secretary, Chris Deveau** turned over one membership payment and one request for a showcase to Kim Bashford. She gave a payment to Debbie Lawrence for a 6-month ad in the newsletter (Debbie will advise the Editor). Oregon Department of Interior/BLM information regarding two of the OGMS claims was received and given to David Schmidt. An envelope full of almost 2 pounds of stamps was received from a former OGMS member, Elaine Oakander, from Montana. This donation to the NW Federation was given to Ed Moser. Thank you, Elaine!

**Vice President, Roxanne Franklin** put the Venue sheets for our Rock and Gem Show on March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 out for everyone to volunteer. If all members will offer a little of their time...it will help to make a successful show!

**Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence** gave a report of expenses and deposits. The accounts are fiscally very sound.

**Show Chair, Kathi Larson** showed pictures of the new cabinet that Darell Ehlers built for the door prizes for the show. Very Nice! She also shared a timetable for setting up the Show on Thursday, 5 March and Friday, 6 March 2020. **The trailers will be picked up at Idaho Tractor on the Blvd at 8:30 on Thursday.** From there they'll head to O'Connor Field House for a couple of days of action! Kathi also asked for volunteers to sign up on the Venue sheets. It takes all the members to make the Show a success. **(and you get in free)!**

**Federation Chair, Ed Moser** reminded everyone to bring in stamps, cancelled or not, for donation to the NW Federation. They are sold by the Federation to stamp collectors and the funds are donated for cancer research. The next Federation meeting will be in Ogden, Utah on 10-12 April, 2020.

**Sunshine Chair, Jewels Haines** prompted everyone to let her know if any member needs a 'ray' of sunshine sent their way.

**Membership, Kim Bashford** had received a couple of new memberships. Kim also is the showcase chair for the Show and reported it looks like we will have the cases full!

**Field Trip Chair, Robert Murphey** has the updated list for 2020 field trips ready. It will be in the next newsletter. There will be 2 overnights, Texas Springs, near Jackpot and McDermitt, Nevada. The first outing will be in March, depending on the weather... looks like we're ready for another fun rock hunting season! Ed Moser advised everyone to be aware of new BLM fire breaks – thanks Ed!

**Unfinished Business:** Willa made a special presentation to Ron and Jean Dingley making them our newest Lifetime Members. Congratulations to you both, thank you for making it such a wonderful organization!

**Paul Deveau, Asst. Show Chair,** gave a very brief description of the advertising. With only 2 ½ weeks till the Show, he asked all members to help distribute flyers.

**New Business:** Willa reminded those that are advertising in the newsletter to please pay Debbie for their ads for this year. Debbie will let Margaret know when they are paid. Also, we will be able to accommodate short rock-related classified ads from members.

Willa spoke about our classification as a 501-C3 with the IRS. If you, as a member of OGMS, perform any kind of community outreach... please take the time to make a note of it...where you went, how many people you saw, what you did, when you did it... (scouts, schools, organizations). Submit it to the club via email or in writing or leave the editor a message to substantiate our efforts of community service. It all helps!

The slab drawing was held.

Dan Stevens won the door prize...two wooden scroll-work ornaments / coasters from last month's winner, Janie Ehlers.

The next Board meeting will be held Monday, 24 February 2020 at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Library. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary

## 66th Annual Show Report

### **WE CAN ALWAYS USE "MAN/WOMAN POWER"**

The trailers will be picked up at Idaho Tractor on the Blvd at 8:30 on Thursday

SHOW SET-UP: THURSDAY: 9 - 3 (lunch provided)

FRIDAY: 8:30 - 5 (chili feed @ noon)

SHOW TAKE-DOWN: SUNDAY: 5 - 8.

(All "end-times" are approximate.)

### **A BIG "THANK YOU" TO ALL WHO HELP WITH OUR SHOW**

I would like to thank each and every one of our members who help during the year all the way through the show itself and on to the final tasks to finish up our club's show!

A full report will appear in next month's newsletter.

Kathi Larson, Show Chairman



## Membership

### **We are accepting payment of 2020 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**

**Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com**

## ***PAY YOUR DUES NOW Please!***

### OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES      Year: 2020

Family \$20	Couple \$18	Single \$12	Child \$3
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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society  
PO Box 1053,  
Caldwell, ID 83605-1053

**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/>