

"Owyhee Gem"

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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March President's Message

Hello everyone. I have good news...we are going to have a General Meeting this month. It will be at the Caldwell Elks and will begin at 7pm. I am looking forward to seeing those who are willing to venture out to be with us. I hope that this will begin a trend towards more normal activity for us.

Sadly, we will not be having our Gem Show this year. I know it is hard on all of us as we so enjoy spending that time with the public but we as a Board felt it would not be cost effective for either the vendors or us. We look forward to next year and getting back into the groove of what normal we can carve out of this situation.

Robert and Dale are excited to start our fieldtrip season. Our first trip is to the Bruneau Wood pile. This is a great first trip as even if the weather is a little off we can still get out in the field. Robert will tell us more about this trip at the meeting.

If you have slabs to donate for the slab drawing, please do so I know everyone looks forward to winning a rock or two!

I hope you all had a chance to make it out to the McConnell's for their rock sale. There was a lot of nice material and all proceeds went for a good cause. We surely will miss Pat as he and his brother Steve always added a great showcase to the show. Just a good friendly fellow rock hound and always willing to share with all of us.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 17th, until then keep on rocking. -Willa Renken OGMS
President



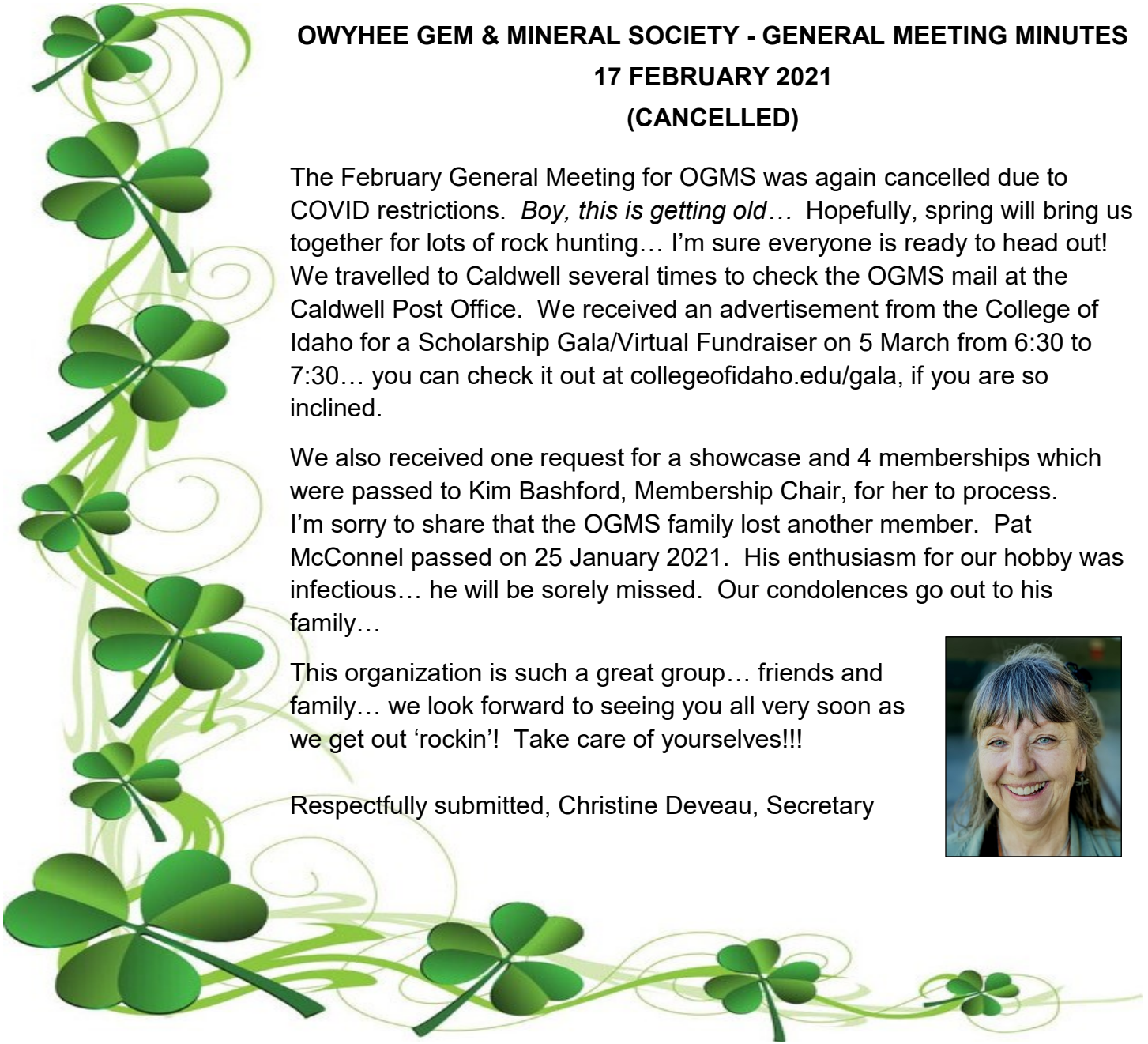
**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
17 FEBRUARY 2021
(CANCELLED)**

The February General Meeting for OGMS was again cancelled due to COVID restrictions. *Boy, this is getting old...* Hopefully, spring will bring us together for lots of rock hunting... I'm sure everyone is ready to head out! We travelled to Caldwell several times to check the OGMS mail at the Caldwell Post Office. We received an advertisement from the College of Idaho for a Scholarship Gala/Virtual Fundraiser on 5 March from 6:30 to 7:30... you can check it out at collegeofidaho.edu/gala, if you are so inclined.

We also received one request for a showcase and 4 memberships which were passed to Kim Bashford, Membership Chair, for her to process. I'm sorry to share that the OGMS family lost another member. Pat McConnell passed on 25 January 2021. His enthusiasm for our hobby was infectious... he will be sorely missed. Our condolences go out to his family...

This organization is such a great group... friends and family... we look forward to seeing you all very soon as we get out 'rockin'! Take care of yourselves!!!

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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You can sign up to give a short 5-15 minute talk about your favorite rock/mineral/gem at the next meeting. Here is a list of questions to you to help you talk about your 'favorite'. The form is also available on our website ... owyheerocks.com. Contact Roxanne Franklin if you are interested in presenting your information—(208) 577-7095, rocksfrank@cableone.net

MY FAVORITE

My favorite (rock) (mineral) (gem) is _____

Why I like it _____

Did you find it or purchase it? _____

Are there other names for this material? _____

It is (igneous) (metamorphic) (sedimentary) in origin? _____

What form is it found in? (crystals) (nuggets) (rock) _____

What is its relative hardness? _____

It is made-up of (which element or mineral compounds) _____

Where is it found? _____

Is it common or rare? _____

What are its uses? (manufacturing) (jewelry) (medicine)

Other uses? _____

Is it safe to handle or work with? _____

Are there any special characteristics? _____

Radioactive Fluorescence Toxic Large Crystals

Used by ancient humans Rare fossil Newly Identified

Life Hacks

What is a life hack? A life hack (or life hacking) is any **trick, shortcut, skill, or novelty method that increases productivity and efficiency**, in all walks of life.

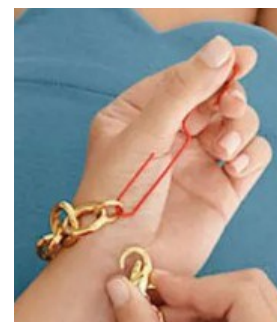
Do you have life hacks you would like to share? Send to denisemstringer@gmail.com.

Clean dirty gold jewelry at home by mixing together a few drops of mild dish detergent with club soda. Let the jewelry sit in the solution for 10 to 20 minutes. If needed, scrub away grime with a soft bristled toothbrush. When finished, pat dry with a lint free cloth.

This jewelry hack is brought to us by [Good Housekeeping](http://GoodHousekeeping.com), and the good news is, you no longer need the help of your significant other to wear your favorite bracelet! Take a large paperclip and unfold it so it looks like the shape of an S.

Hook one side onto the jump ring of the bracelet and hold the other side of the S with your fingers. Take your free hand and wrap the bracelet around to fasten it.

[Real Simple](http://RealSimple.com) came up with this clever notion to use spare buttons as place holders for earrings so they don't get lost from one another. Whether you put these buttons within a travel bag so you're less likely to lose them, or place them inside your jewelry armoire or safe, it is a great way to prevent loss!





**Robert
Murphey**

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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.**



OGMS Field Trip—March 20, 2021

Hello All, the time has come and the weather is getting better which means it is time to get out and do some rock collecting. On March 20th we will be having our first field trip of the year. We will be heading out to the Bruneau Wood Pile. We will meet at Walters Ferry Boat Ramp Parking lot @ 8AM Leaving @ 8:30AM weather permitting. It may be a little chilly in the AM so Please dress accordingly. To get to the wood layer, you will need digging tools such as a pick, shovel, rock hammer, small brush and or sifting screens if you are into fossils. Don't forget to bring snacks, lunch and water or your favorite beverage. I will have 5-gallon paint buckets available for those that need some (free: ^). Please remember to burry your holes when done digging and let's get out and have a great day. Hope to see you all there.

OGMS 2021 Field Trips

March 20th: * Bruneau Wood Pile for Petrified Wood and Pine Cones. Meet at Walter's Ferry (across Snake River @ boat landing). *meet @ 8am – leave @ 8:30am

April 24th: * Big Egg Club Claim for Thunder Eggs. Meet at Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

May 22rd: * (morning)Rockville OR, for Leaf Fossils / (afternoon) Maple Ridge, for Petrified Wood. Meet at Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95).

June 19th: ** Pink Plume Club Claim for plume agate. Meet at Owyhee Junction (Hwy 201 and Owyhee Ave)

July 24th: ** Coal Mine Basin for Petrified wood and agate, Meet at Gem Stop / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)

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)

Vice President's Corner—Roxanne Franklin

Leave a Rock, Take a Rock

If you have lucked out and found some nice rocks 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.

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



"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.

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society on Facebook

[Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society | Facebook](#)

We decided in February's Board meeting that another form of communication would be welcome. When I set up our group I invited all members whom I had email addresses for. However, I'm finding out that many of you did not receive the invite.

If you are a member and would like to join the group, all you have to do is answer the group question about membership and you will be approved. We are an open group but non-members need to answer another question and read and agree to our group rules before we decide to except them. We are asking that all postings be pertinent to our group. No sales but yes, post events.

We are already finding it helpful for finding rock hunting buddies.

Thank you,
Roxanne

March Birthdays

- 2 Judy Holladay
- 5 Gene Alvey
- 6 Jean Dingley
- 6 Jarri McClarin
- 7 Ron Dingley
- 11 Sarah Scott
- 13 Dan Burnum
- 13 Cindy Schmidt
- 14 Linda Park
- 16 Alyssa Cumpston
- 16 Theo Rawson
- 16 Clarence Wright
- 18 Mel Channer
- 18 Wanda Weiskircher
- 23 Red Lovette
- 27 Kelly Gibbens
- 28 Sharon Seid
- 29 Harold Park
- 30 Jim Hopkins

March Anniversaries

- 9 Mike & Cindy Hendrix
- 10 Don & Joanie Daman
- 15 Rick & Rose Edvalson
- 18 George & Patricia Davila
- 20 Daniel & JoDee Arnold
- 20 Brian & Melody Greer
- 21 Dale & Betty Brown
- 25 Saki & Elizabeth Vakalala
- 27 Chuck & Chris McGuire

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.

Email me at: denisemstringer@gmail.com

Q: Why should you never iron a 4-leaf clover?

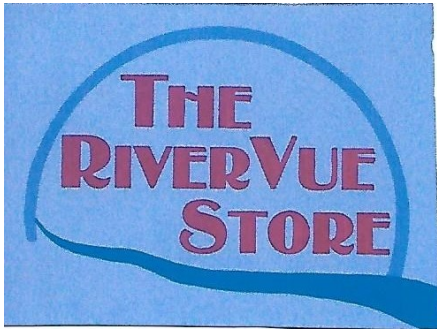
A: You don't want to press your luck.

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

Anderson Mine—Agate
 Brenda—Agate & Jasper
 Burro Creek—Pastelite & Agate

Stone from Australia

Noreena
 Mookite

Stone from Idaho & Oregon

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March Birthstone—Aquamarine

The birthstone for March is **Aquamarine** and thus the March birthstone color is **light blue**, the primary shade of Aquamarine. The alternative March gemstone is earthy **Bloodstone** and both gems are listed as official March birthstones.

Aquamarine is one of the Zodiac birthstones for Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20), and Bloodstone is one of the zodiac birthstones for both Pisces and Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) star signs. Other birthday symbols include the March birth flower which is the Daffodil.

The word 'Aquamarine' means 'water of the sea' in Latin and this gemstone is associated with many legends of sailors. It also aptly reflects the tranquil blue-greens of the ocean, symbolizing calm and peace.

Besides being a meaningful March birthday gift, Aquamarine jewelry is also given to celebrate a 19th wedding anniversary.

The Aquamarine mineral is a type of beryl and is formed over millions of years when water became trapped in rock cavities during geological processes. Most Aquamarine comes from the Minas Gerais region in Brazil but it is also mined in Afghanistan and Pakistan in Asia; and Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria and Zambia in Africa.

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



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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY – BOARD MEETING MINUTES**22 FEBRUARY 2021**

The February Board Meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Elks Lodge. Roxanne Franklin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; it was seconded by Dale Rawson; the motion passed.

Secretary, Chris Deveau picked up more mail at the Caldwell Post Office for distribution to the responsible Board members. The notice for the club insurance was called over to Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence. She has taken care of that payment. 23 more memberships were given to Kim Bashford, Membership Chair, for processing. A letter from a vendor for our Rock Show was given to Paul Deveau, Show Chair, for contact.

Vice President, Roxanne Franklin asks if you have an idea for a program or presentation... like 'My Favorite', please let her know.

Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence gave a summary of all the checks, deposits and reimbursements that she had made.

Show Chairs, Kathi Larson and Paul Deveau, (2020 & 2021 respectively), advised the Board on the transition of information between them. Kathi is contacting all the Show vendors and Paul is calling all the venue chairpersons, as we move on to next year's Rock Show to be held on March 5th and 6th, 2022.

Assistant Field Trip Chair, Dale Rawson said that he and Robert have made the list of field trips for the 2021 rock hunting season. The list is published in the newsletter. The first trip is scheduled for March 20th to the Bruneau Wood Pile for petrified wood and pinecones. Meet at Walter's Ferry (across Snake River @ boat landing) - meet @ 8am – leave @ 8:30am.

Membership Chair, Kim Bashford submitted three new memberships to the Board for consideration: **Mike & Cindy Hendrix, Randy Robin, and Joy Harris**. Roxanne Franklin made the motion to accept the new members, Kathi Larson seconded... motion passed. **We would like to welcome to you all to the OGMS family!!!**

New Business:

The COVID restrictions have been relaxed, so we will be able to finally meet again. There will be 'in-person' General and Board Meetings again, starting in March. We will meet at the Caldwell Elks Lodge, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, Idaho at 07:00pm. The current plan is to meet at the Elks in March through May, then we will probably move to the Caldwell City Park...for the warm weather... please watch the newsletter for updates or changes.

We had a visitor, member Don Dixon at the Board Meeting. He wants to let everyone know that Thunderegg Days are to be held in Nyssa, Oregon on Thursday through Saturday, the 8th, 9th and 10th of July 2021. Thanks Don!

Again, the March General Meeting will be held on the 17th and the March Board Meeting will be on the 29th at the Caldwell Elks Lodge, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, Idaho at 7:00pm. We hope to see you all soon... Take care!



Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary



2021 Show Chair – Paul Deveau

STILL ROCKIN' FUN IN '21! HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Looking forward to March 5th and 6th of 2022...
O'Connor Field House / City of Caldwell.

Our Board, our very talented membership, who so willingly share their knowledge, our field trips, our events, along with the many, many enthusiastic volunteers, “the perfect blend”, the OWYHEE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY...

Looking forward to another great year. Please continue tumbling rocks for grab bags, OGMS will pay \$120.00 for a 5- gallon bucket of nicely, tumbled rocks. Save a few of your rock hunting treasures to donate for the 2022 Silent Auction.

We are still looking for a volunteer for the Assistant Show Chair – “advertising”, if you think this sounds right for you, please contact Willa or myself.

Q: What type of bow can't a leprechaun tie?

A: A rainbow

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.

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.

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag— Bring an unidentified rock and we’ll help you figure out what it is!

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/>