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# "Owyhee Gem"

## Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society

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### March President's Message



Hello fellow rock hounds. Hope this finds us recovering from a fantastic show. Welcome to all of our new members, we hope you will find many new friendships and hone your skills in a new hobby.

Bill Sawyer has been preparing another spectacular program this month. It is on "His favorite rock and it isn't a meteorite". If you have not gotten the opportunity to experience, Bill's programs you are in for a real treat!

John has been prepping for his first field trip and it will be to Oreana for fossils and Apache Tears. They will be meeting at Walters Ferry Boat landing by the bathrooms at 8am leave by 8:30am.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you out to the show and to another fantastic year of rock, hounding and enjoying each other's company. In hopes that you get this before the weekend, we encourage you all to be there on Thursday morning around 8:45am to start the setup. Friday morning we start putting in the final changes and dealers start their setup around 10am-11am. Lunch will begin at 12 on Thursday and the Chili feed will be at 12 on Friday.

This is always an exciting time for all of us and I look forward to seeing you all and making new friendships. Here's to a new year of "Rocks to See in '23"!!

-Willa Renken OGMS President

### General Meeting Minutes—February 15, 2023

The February General Meeting of OGMS was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 7:05 pm at the College of Idaho Boone Hall Science Bldg. Room 103 on Wednesday, 15 February 2023. Ed Moser made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Deana Ashton seconded; motion carried.

**Vice President, Sue Cassidy** introduced member, **Howard Emry** to the group for his presentation on "The Rock Cycle" and an explanation of minerals, rocks, and fossils. Howard shared a nice collection of specimens that helped clarify his presentation. Thank you, Howard!

**Secretary, Chris Deveau** reported that ten memberships were given to Kathi Larson, who is assisting Kim Bashford, Membership Chair. A form 1099 was given to President Willa Renken for the club taxes. The receipt for the OGMS dues to the NW Federation was given to Roxanne Franklin, Treasurer. The reservations for the bandshell at Memorial Park for the General Meetings in June, July and August were made with Caldwell Parks and Rec. Also, the Elks Club in Nampa was paid to finalize the reservation for the OGMS Christmas Banquet. The receipts were given to Roxanne.

**Vice President, Sue Cassidy** gave a special thank you to Howard for his presentation. She advised the group that in April we'll hear from an officer from Vale, Oregon BLM... and in June we'll get to see the flintknappers at work. Bill Sawyer will share another of his favorites at the March meeting. We are so fortunate to have such a wealth of knowledge and information available to us, thank you Sue.

**Show Chair, Paul Deveau** thanked everyone who signed up to work at the March Rock Show, so many have stepped up to help. However, there is still more needed. Call Paul or a venue chair to get involved! The advertising is ready! The drivers will meet at 8:00 to pick up the trailers. Everyone helping with setup needs to be at the O'Connor Field House for setup at 8:45 am as soon as the trailers are there. Bring a pair of work gloves.

**Federation Chair, Ed Moser** advised everyone to continue saving their stamps, (CANCELLED OR NOT) cut with a ½ inch border. Bring them to Ed at the meeting. He takes them to the Federation meeting where they are sold to stamp collectors and the funds raised are donated for cancer research. Also, he reminded everyone to stop by the Caldwell Public Library where he and Howard have been keeping the showcases full of their various rock collections. This is one way that OGMS can share our fun and educational hobby with our local community.

**Field Trip Chair, John Wright** reported that the 2023 list of field trips is printed and available for the membership.

**Kathi Larson, Membership** is processing the memberships that have been received and reminded everyone to pick up your nametags. You'll want to have them for the show!

**Willa** extended a hearty welcome to all visitors and new members. We hope you enjoyed the meeting! This is a great way to get outdoors and enjoy all that our lovely state has to offer. Again, WELCOME!!!

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## General Meeting Minutes—February 15, 2023

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**Basket Raffle Venue Chair, Deana Ashton** advised she has a variety of items, but is looking for more. If you have an idea for a raffle basket, please contact Deana at 208-794-5628.

**Larry Ridley** advised that the trailers are ready to go.

The slab drawing was held... thank you to everyone that donates the great slabs and also to each of you that buy the tickets. The door prize was won by **Gail Villarreal**...a nice UV flashlight that was provided by **Rick Voss**. Rick also received his prize from our last winner back in October, **Debbie Mitchell**. His gift included a nice agate, hand wipes, popcorn, and a flying pig. The winner of tonight's drawing will bring the gift for next month's door prize. If you want to take part in the door prize drawing, the signup sheet is on the front desk at the general meeting. Thank you all for taking part in the fun!

The OGMS Board Meeting will be held on Monday, 27 February 2023 at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary




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### From our Membership Director — Kim Bashford

Hi everyone it is good to home. I would like to thank some very special people who have been and continue to be a big help to me. My husband Bob Bashford who set it up so I could continue to work on the showcases, and Sue Cassidy for taking on this task for the show. Kathi Larson who stepped in at the last minute to help with the membership. To Paul and Chris Deveau who have kept me informed and secured the park for our meetings and the venue for our Christmas party. Also thank you for the cards they are much appreciated. Hope to see you again soon, shooting for the April meeting. Wishing you all a very successful show this year, sorry I am going to miss it. Thanks, Kim




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### 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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## Vice-President's Corner—Sue Cassidy

### "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 Sue.

### Monthly Meeting Topic

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact Sue at (603) 548-8822, pypnhot@comcast.net



Sue Cassidy

### **April 19th Meeting:**

Steven Flock, BLM - "BLM Rules, Regulations and Claims"

### **May 17th Meeting:**

Paul Verhage, Chemistry Professor - "The Story of the Elements"

### **June 21st Meeting:**

Bill Todd - "Flint Knapping"

### **March 15th Meeting:**

Bill Sawyer— "My favorite biggest rock & it's NOT a meteorite!"



About four years ago our club started a program where any of us, old or young, either a new or a long-term member could present a brief report called "My Favorite Rock". The club even provided a form in the newsletter which the presenter could follow to help describe their favorite rock with information as where it is found, what elements it is made of, does the rock or mineral have any industrial value, and simply why they like it so much, etc.

Next club meeting (March 15, don't forget Daylight Savings Time starts on March 12) Bill Sawyer will discuss two of his favorite rocks while utilizing his new digital projection system. He hopes that the digital system will provide a front seat viewing experience for everyone, especially he says, if you sit in the front row! Unlike in the past when Bill has spoken to our group, and most members expect to hear something about some old rock from the space, he guarantees us this time, "No Meteorites". Let's have a good turnout to enjoy the presentation and welcome any new members resulting from our rock show to our wonderful club.

## Field Trip Report —John Wright



### 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, Protective clothing and sunscreen to avoid burns.

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.
- Please remember to not park on tall grass or sagebrush as the fire season is in full swing and watch out for snakes.
- 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 2023 Field Trips

#### March 18th—Oreana—Fossils and Apache Tears

Meet at Walters Ferry Boat Ramp, Melba, at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m.

#### April 22nd—Big Egg Claim—Thundereggs

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

#### May 20th—Rockville (morning), Maple Ridge (afternoon) - Leaf Fossils and Petrified Wood

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

#### June 24th—Pink Plume Claim—Pink Plume Agate

Meet at Owyhee Junction Hwy 201 and Owyhee Ave at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (2499 OR-201, Nyssa, OR)

#### July 22nd—Wagon Town—Bog Wood

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

#### August 19th—Graveyard Point—Agate and Jasper

Meet at Chevron-Hwy 55/95 Junction at 7:00 a.m., leave at 7:30 a.m. (5644 Buntrock Rd, Marsing)

#### September 23rd—Blue Egg Claim—Blue Opal Thundereggs

Meet at Homedale Park (by the tank) at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m. (E Idaho Ave and S 2nd St E)

#### October 21st—Bruneau Wood Pile—Petrified Wood and Pine Cones

Meet at Walter's Ferry Boat Ramp, Melba, at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m.

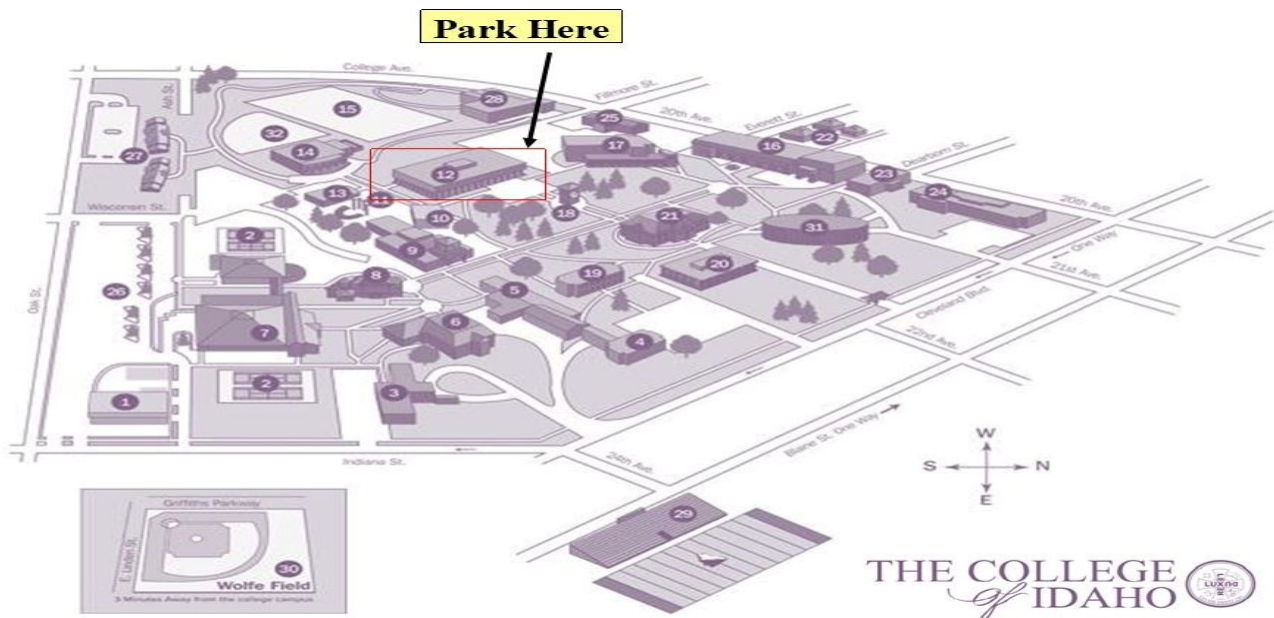
For further information contact John Wright at 208-571-6873 or Red Larson at 208-965-7624

## March General Meeting

The March 15th General Meeting will be in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103 at 7 p.m.

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.

General meetings are the third Wednesday of each month.



**Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History**  
**College of Idaho—Boone Science Hall basement— Caldwell, Idaho**  
**Hours: Monday—Friday, 12:15 - 5:00 p.m.**  
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As the only natural history museum in the region encompassing southwestern Idaho, southeastern Oregon, and northern Nevada, The College of Idaho's Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History is the premier resource for environmental and natural history education in the region. The Museum is listed in the "30 Most Amazing Higher Education Natural History Museums," compiled by Best College Reviews.

You can check them out on [Instagram](#) or call (208) 459-5507.

### March Birthdays

- 2 Judy Holladay
- 2 Nicki Real
- 3 Ronda Conrad
- 5 Gene Alvey
- 5 Joshua Anderson
- 5 Karissa Sudweeks
- 6 Jean Dingley
- 7 Ron Dingley
- 10 Ann Wright
- 13 Dan Burnum
- 13 Cyndy Schmidt
- 15 Susanne Goettsch
- 16 Alyssa Cumpton
- 16 Theo Rawson
- 16 Clarence Wright
- 19 Gabe Yeamans
- 20 Deon Shouse
- 21 Michele Freeze
- 23 Red Lovette
- 24 Judy Doar
- 24 Christina Wiener
- 25 Crystal Ferguson
- 25 Polly Stokes
- 26 Brian Greer
- 27 Kelly Gibbens
- 28 Ethan Helmer
- 29 Dale Hughes
- 29 Eric Nordberg
- 30 Jim Hopkins
- 30 Lewis Reyna

### March Anniversaries

- 1 Chris & Sheena Bravo
- 1 Ron & Susan Cassidy
- 3 David & Barbara Korn
- 9 Mike & Cindy Hendrix
- 12 Harald & Gail Villarreal
- 14 Sam & Denise Irwin
- 20 Paul & Kathy Ferris
- 20 Brian & Melody Greer
- 21 Dale & Betty Brown
- 27 Chuck & Chris McGuire
- 31 David & Barbara Korn

### 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.

[jewelsmalia@yahoo.com](mailto:jewelsmalia@yahoo.com)

### Newsletter Editor

If you have articles or information for the newsletter, please submit to [denisemstringer@gmail.com](mailto:denisemstringer@gmail.com)

### 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.

### March Birthstone

·Aquamarine·



A symbol of honesty, loyalty, and beauty. The aquamarine is supposed to offer protection from evil and is also said to bring love and affection back into a failing relationship.

### Board Meeting Minutes—February 27, 2023

The February Board Meeting of the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 7:10pm at the Caldwell Public Library at 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho. Sue Cassidy made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter, Paul Deveau seconded, motion passed.

**Secretary, Chris Deveau** passed five memberships to Kathi Larson for processing. A packet from the Yakima Rock & Mineral Club was given to Show Chair, Paul Deveau. A showcase confirmation was received and given to Sue Cassidy. One postcard from the 2022 show was returned. The club received a scam letter from an organization in Canada... it was shredded. (Watch out for scammers!!! They are everywhere!!!)

**Show Chair, Paul Deveau** went over the preparations for the Show. It is all coming together for a great event this weekend! We always need volunteers to help, so call Paul or a Venue Chair to get involved.

**Vice President, Sue Cassidy** stated that the Showcases are all set. The March General Meeting presentation will be from member, **Bill Sawyer**. If you want to share your favorite with the group, contact Sue to set it up!

**Kathi Larson** submitted several names of new members to the Board: **Corina and Walter Anderson; Louie Golling; William Domres and Michael Domres; Sean and Erin Reed; Peggy and Chris Kramer; Benjamin Gann and Lilly, Aviana, and Graycen Gann; Deon and Connie Shouse; and Craig Branham.** Chris Deveau made the motion to accept the new members, Sue Cassidy seconded, motion passed. **Welcome, welcome to the OGMS family!!!**

**Field Trip Chair, John Wright** was unavailable for the meeting, but has submitted the 2023 Field Trip schedule. It was in the February newsletter and will be in the newsletter throughout the rest of the season. The first field trip will be on Saturday, 18 March 2023 to Oreana.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

The Board discussed the Show, volunteerism, membership, ethics, and many aspects of the club. This is your club; we hope you enjoy the field trips and activities! The meeting was adjourned at 08:20pm.

The March General Meeting will be held at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Bldg. Room 103 on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 at 7:00pm. There will be a slab drawing!

The March Board Meeting will be at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn St., Caldwell, Idaho on Monday, 27 March 2023 at 7:00pm.

**We hope you can come and enjoy, "Rocks to See in '23"!  
Make this the best Show ever!!!**

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary





**Show Report**



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**OGMS 2023 Show Dates: March 4 and 5**  
**"Rocks to See in '23"**  
**O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho**

The final items on our to-do lists are nearly completed and we are ready to open the doors to the 69<sup>th</sup> OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY'S Rock & Gem Show.

**"ROCKS TO SEE IN '23"**

TV, newspapers and hand distributed flyers, social media and event calendars... will spread a message across the valley in their own particular style.

**"ROCKS TO SEE IN '23"**

Vendors are eager, Venue Chairs are enthusiastic, a record number of Volunteers adding their names to the sign-up sheets, we can't miss, we're in store for another great show!

**"ROCKS TO SEE IN '23"**

On behalf of Brian, Karen and Myself, Stay safe and have fun.

COME JOIN US, THERE'S A PLACE FOR EVERYONE!

**VENUE CHAIRS – 2023**

General Show Questions	Paul Deveau	208-994-8025
Trailer Pick-Up (3 Drivers)	Paul Deveau	208-994-8025
Set-Up	Paul Deveau	208-994-8025
Chili Feed	Andrea Sawyer	208-323-1345
Front Door	Chris Deveau	208-994-8026
Roving Ambassadors	Karen Davis	208-409-8936
Resource Table	Paul Deveau/Chris Deveau	208-994-8025/208-994-8026
Membership	Kathi Larson	208-465-8083
Grand Prize/Show Prizes	Kathi Larson	208-465-8083
Showcases	Sue Cassidy	603-548-8822
Basket Raffles	Deana Ashton	208-794-5628
Demonstrators	Willa Renken	208-362-3941
Silent Auction	Don Dixon	208-908-3374
General Volunteers	Paul Deveau/Chris Deveau	208-994-8025/208-994-8026
Grab Bags	Janie Ehlers	208-674-1213
Wheel of Gems	Chris Rawson	208-371-7839
Sand Dig	Jody Atwood/Natasha Atwood	801-791-7228/208-831-0162
Take Down	Paul Deveau	208-994-8025
Trailer Return (Monday)	Paul Deveau	208-994-8025

Most of you know that **KIM BASHFORD** was recently involved in an auto accident and may not be able to attend the entire show. She's one of our true OGMS workaholics and has been keeping us all in line from her hospital bed. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

**KATHI LARSON**, who has a very long history with OGMS and has held many of the positions of our past gem shows, **"including mine"**. We all owe her a lot. She and her husband **Red** are currently LIFETIME MEMBERS. Kathi may be seen anywhere helping during the show, but, mostly assisting Kim at the membership table.

Donations are always needed Grab Bags, Wheel of Gem, Sand Dig, Silent Auction. Remember OGMS pays \$120.00 for a five-gallon bucket of nicely tumbled rock.



**Stone from Arizona**

Anderson Mine—Agate  
 Brenda—Agate & Jasper  
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**Membership—Kim Bashford**

**We are accepting payment of 2023 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:

Kim Bashford, Membership Director  
 P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053  
 Phone: (208) 454-7287 Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com

**Welcome New Members!**

- Walter & Corina Anderson
- Deon & Connie Shouse
- Chris & Peggy Kramer
- Louie Golling
- Benjamin Gann



**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2023**

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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

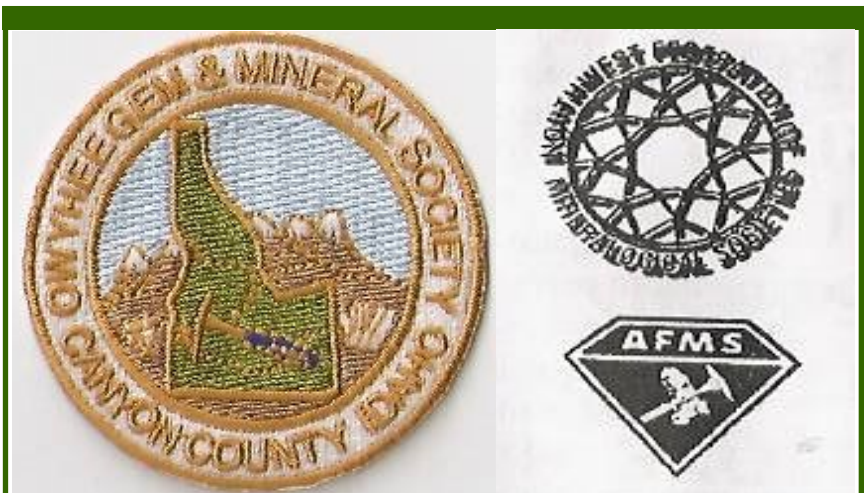
The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1938 at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho.

**GENERAL MEETING:** The club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 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:**

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/>***