



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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May President's Message

Hello all. Hope this month's message finds you all finding time to get out and enjoy this beautiful weather. Now is the time to really enjoy the desert and all it has to offer. There are a lot of flowers and wildlife putting on their spring display.

Our field trip this month will be to Rome OR for snakeskin agate. We will meet at the Gemstop at 7am and leave at 7:30am. This was a great place to find the agates be sure to bring a rake as it helps to move the sand so you can uncover the agate pieces.

Janie has been busy getting the paperwork set up for our bonding on the egg claim we should be able to start the work soon. More information will be available as to when.

Jim Hopkins has accepted the Boards request to step into the Vice President roll. He has taken on the task of trying to solve the solution to the porta potty dilemma. Since most of our field trips are to remote and sparse areas the Board has been approached to figure out a solution so the ladies can have a more appropriate situation.

As positions change we will be in need of a new refreshment chairman. If you could help in filling this position it would be most appreciated. It is not a hard job just need to brew some coffee and recruit members to bring cookies and finger foods. Since we all like the cookies, punch and coffee it is up to each of us to chip in and help once or twice a year. Please let me know if you could help out.

Congratulations to Brad Larson on his achievement in being recognized for having done such a great job on the website. Our website is one of the best and Brad does a super job getting it updated each month. If you have pictures of the field trips I know he is always looking for different pictures to keep our site looking interesting to all.

Thank you all for supporting our club in furthering its interests. Without your support our club would not be as strong and forward thinking as it is. Keep up the good work and we will see you on May 20th at the Best Western at 7:30pm.

-Willa Renken, OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES April 15, 2015

The General meeting was held at the Best Western Hotel in Caldwell and was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30pm. Willa asked if there were any changes or corrections to the meeting as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none Pauline Prather made a motion to accept the minutes as printed and seconded by Brad Larson. Willa asked the new members and visitors to stand and introduce themselves. Nancy Farrell showed a video that gave information on how rocks and minerals are formed.

Secretary: Received a receipt for the \$100 endowment sent to the Northwest Federation in honor of Evelyn Ensley. Read an invitation to Jim Jenks 80th birthday celebration on May 2. Read a flier from Mineral & Gem Asia for their show on June 27-30 in Hong Kong. Flier from Western Prospects Live Auctions.

Vice President: No report.

Treasurer: Janie gave a detailed update on the status of our accounts. She also presented the 2016 proposed budget for next year. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the proposed budget and was seconded by Rulon Allred, motion carried.

Show Chairman: Absent.

Federation Chairman: Ed traveled to Ogden, Utah carrying over 26 pounds of postage stamps with him to the Northwest Federation Show. Keep saving your stamps for next year. The Northwest Federation Show for 2016 will be held in Albany, Oregon and will be combined with the National Federation Show. There will be more information about them in the Federation Newsletter.

Sunshine Chairman: Myrt is in rehab and would love a call from you. Her number is 208 739-8185. RoseMary sent out several get well cards.

Membership Chairman: Kathi read the names of 8 new members/families and made a motion to accept the new members, Lilly Rogers seconded, motion carried.

Field Trip Chairman: The field trip will be to Jamison and The Wall of Agates on April 18. Meet at O'Connor Field House at 6:30am. High clearance vehicles are recommended.

Webmaster: Congratulations to Brad Larson! He received the first place award in the website competition from the Northwest Federation. Take a look at our website to see what he has been working on.

Refreshments: Remember to get on the sign-up sheet to bring refreshments. We should all try to contribute something one month. If you would like to be the refreshment chair, call Jim.

Unfinished Business: The road clean-up project has been put on hold. Carolyn would like some donated stones to give to the youth when they come to the meetings. Give her a call if you have something you can share. Also, she will not be able to attend the next meeting and would like someone to fill in for her.

New Business: Bob Bashford has a 12 pound meteor he is selling for a friend. The next Board Meeting will be moved to April 20 and be held at the Caldwell Library

Slab drawing, Door prize winner-David Baldwin, Refreshments, Meeting adjourned 9:10.
Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

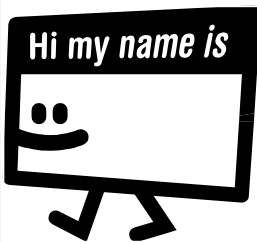
Welcome to our new members!

Francisco, Maricela, & Irving Aleman	Coonie & Cindy Kildow	Norma Russell
John & Nancy Anthony	Garrett & Luana Leonard	Frank Shawler
Richard & Alison Augustis	John & Rene Lonkey / Elane Kirkhart	Chris & Myra Skidgel
Terry Barnes / Crystal Cochell	Sidney & Laurie Marshall	Julie Spencer
Sandy Bleser	Gary & Jan Maybon	Mark Stevens / Randi Gladwell
Ken & Pamela Capener	Roxie McDonald / Cindy Watson	Jon & Davell Turner
Mel and Louise Channer	Lisa Mikelson	Roger & Debbie VanZelf
Tod & Sharlene Couture	Patrick & Diane Miller	Alex & Teri Vota
Richard & Suzanne Dillon	Chet & June Mitchell	Patti White
Ann Duncan	Eileen Mitchell	Lowell & Sidney Wise
Lonnie Hicks	David F.M. Monroe	Seth & Lara Woodward
Marvin & Laurie Howe	Daniel & Jessica Rash	
Sean & Amy Hyten	Noah, JoAnn & Heather Redburn	

Membership Report

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 1st through the following October 1st. You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053.

-Kathi Larson, Membership Director
465-8083, redkatnthat@gmail.com

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2015

Family	Couple	Single	Child
\$20	\$18	\$12	\$3

LAST NAME: (Please Print) _____ Date Paid: _____ Amount: _____

FIRST NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ ANNIV: _____-_____/_____-_____
Month Day Month Day Month Day

EMAIL: _____

RENEWAL _____ NEW _____ CASH _____ CHECK # _____ RECD BY _____

May Birthdays

- 1 Mae Aman
- 1 Juanita Townley
- 2 Walt Barnett
- 4 Larry Fogleman
- 9 Jim Jencks
- 9 Ithel Kildow
- 10 Teri Grijalva
- 10 Debbie Loosli
- 11 Bob Bashford
- 12 Bill Stringer
- 15 Christopher BraveBull
- 17 Pauline Prather
- 17 Mary Beth Prince
- 21 Dan Doersch
- 26 Chuck Fawcett
- 27 Helen Krivy
- 27 Rocky Metts
- 30 Robert (Bob) Bailey



May Anniversaries

- 3 Bill & Sylvia Foreman
- 14 Dee & Janet Huntley
- 20 Jerry & Alicia Sherer
- 22 Dan & Alta Doersch
- 25 Chris & Peggy Blickfeldt
- 29 Dixie Booker-Lair/Sam Lair
- 31 Rocky & Shirley Metts

Refreshments

We wish to thank all those who brought refreshments to the April meeting.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the May 20th meeting.

Please sign up for to bring refreshments to at least one of the meetings this year.

Thank You,
 Ruth & Jim Hopkins
 466-8817
 16654JRHopkins@q.com



May's Birthstone
EMERALD



Traditionally associated with the attributes of fertility, love and rebirth, the Emerald was dedicated by the Ancient Romans to Venus, the goddess of love and beauty. The striking magnificent lush shade was one of

Cleopatra's favorite gems. Today, emerald meaning represents wisdom, growth and patience.

May's birth flower is the **lily of the valley**, which signifies sweetness, humility, and a return to happiness. If you want to show your loved one that your life is complete with them, give them a few lilies of the valley.



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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(208) 324-4024

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rockingift@cableone.net

STRINGER'S GEM SHOP

Idaho Opals

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Rough Rock and Slabs

Bolos & Buckles

Bookends & Specimens

Tumblers & Equipment

WHITE'S METAL DETECTORS

W.A. (Bill) Stringer

1812 West Orchard

Nampa, Idaho 83651

1 Mile South of Karcher Mall

(208) 466-5169

M-F 1:30-5:30 pm

Other Hours By Appointment

Idaho Indoor Farmers Community Market

Across from the Idaho State Fairgrounds
4977 Glenwood, Garden City, Idaho
Corner of Glenwood and Chinden Blvd

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society May Field Trip



May 23, 2015
Rome, Oregon
Snakeskin Agate



We will meet at the gas station at the ION Junction west of Marsing at 7:00 a.m.
and leave from there at 7:30 a.m.

Rome, Oregon is located on US-95 S, about 90 minutes
(78 miles) from the ION Junction.

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

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

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:

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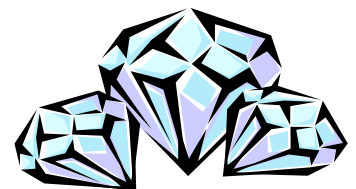
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Gene Alvey, 440-3067, fosselmoss@msn.com

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

Tentative 2015 Field Trip Schedule

June 20: Big Egg Claim
July 18: Wagontown
August 22: Pink Plume Agates
Sept. 19: Succor Creek (Blue Egg Claim)
Oct. 24: Big Egg Claim for Final Excavation Clean Up



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**April 20, 2015**

The Board Meeting was held at Caldwell Library and was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7pm. Willa asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes as printed. Hearing none Janie Ehlers made the motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Gene Alvey.

Secretary: Picked up one application for a new member from the post office.

Vice President: The Board received a resignation letter from Nancy Farrell. There was a discussion about renting presentations from the Northwest Federation.

Treasurer: Janie received paperwork from the BLM for the bonding of our claim. She spoke with the bank and they are looking for the best method to move forward. Work on the claim can be started one week after the bonding is complete.

Show Chairman: Absent

Federation Chairman: All collectors must be aware of all the new closures. Most of the closers have been caused by people abusing the land.

Sunshine Chairman: Myrt is in rehab and would love to hear from you.

Membership Chairman: Kathi updated the membership list and gave a copy to everyone. She would like to have any info you have on lifetime members.

Field Trip Chairman: The next field trip will be to Rome, Oregon for Snakeskin Agate on May 23. There were 48 cars that went on the last trip to Jamieson.

Unfinished Business: Need to look into purchasing a new self-contained port-a-potty to take on the field trips. And, think of a solution for its transportation.

Historian: Randy Whipple will be taking one of the old albums from 1947 to check on the cost of restoration. He is also looking for a hand held scanner so he can scan some of the photos and try to get them posted on the web site.

New Business: Willa will be speaking with Jim Hopkins to see if he would like to step into the Vice President position for the remainder of the year. Randy Whipple is going to speak to someone at the College of Idaho and look into pricing and availability. Janie and Pauline are going to rent the park for the July potluck meeting. Next Board Meeting will be June 29. There is no Board Meeting in May.

Meeting adjourned 8:30. Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

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/>



**Congratulations to Brad Larson for winning the
NFMS 2014 1st Place Website award!**

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.

Thanks to all of you for the stamps that you have turned in.

We donated **26 lbs.** of stamps at the Federation show in April!

-Ed Moser, Federation Director
340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com



The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Code of Ethics

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

<http://amfed.org/index.html>

Upcoming Events**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society May Meeting****May 20th, 2015—7:30 p.m.****Location:** Best Western Hotel , Exit #29, 908 Specht Ave, Caldwell**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society May Field Trip**

May 23rd, 2015—Rome, Oregon—Snakeskin Agate



Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club

Annual Gem & Mineral Show and Sale

May 9: Sat 10 a.m.—6 p.m., **May 10:** Sun 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Admission – Adults \$3.00 for both days. Children 12 and under free.

Over 15 dealers, gem, mineral, jewelry, and beads. Member displays, silent auction, grab bags, garnet tables and raffles.

Gallatin County Fairgrounds, Building #1, 901 North Black, Bozeman MT 59715

Jerry Hancock, Box 11001, Bozeman, MT 59719, jaegers@bresnan.net

Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society—Annual gem, mineral, fossil, jewelry show

May 16: Sat 10 a.m.—6 p.m., **May 17:** Sun 10 a.m.—5 p.m.

Free Admission

First Interstate Center, Ravalli County Fairgrounds, 100 Old Corvallis Road, Hamilton MT 59840

Steve Vieth, 406 381-7597, viethsteve88@gmail.com

Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club - Annual Show

June 5: Fri 10 a.m.—5 p.m., **June 6:** Sat 10 a.m.—5 p.m., **June 7:** Sun 10 a.m.—5 p.m.

Free admission, free parking, handicap parking and wheelchair access into main hall

Swiss Sportsman Club Park, 9205 198th Avenue East, Bonney Lake, WA 98391

Nancy LeMay, bees2knees@att.net

PVGMC, c/o Club Show. PO Box 134, Puyallup WA 98371, 253 952 6216,

info@puyallupgemclub.org

North Idaho Mineral Club—Rock & Mineral Show

June 6: Sat 9 a.m.—5 p.m. **June 7:** Sun 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Admission \$3.00, children 12 & under free with adult

Kootenai County Fairgrounds, 4056 North Government Way, Coeur d'Alene ID 83815

Bev Bockman, 208 773 5384, bockbb@aol.com

Oregon Coast Agate Club—52nd Annual Gem and Mineral Show**June 6:** Sat 10 a.m.—6 p.m., **June 7:** Sun 10 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Admission: \$2.00 Children 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult

Free Admission for Service Personnel in uniform.

National Guard Armory, 541 SW Coast Hwy, Hwy 101Newport OR 97365

K. Myers, 541 264 5908, or George -- 541 991 0311

PO Box 293, Newport, OR 97365

Website: www.coastagates.org

Facebook: Oregon Coast Agate Club

For more show information: <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/ShowsJanJun.asp>

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. 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!



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