



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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May President's Message

Hello everyone hope this newsletter finds you enjoying our Idaho weather. It sure has been giving us a dose of everything one could expect an Idaho spring to be all about. It dealt us a blow for last month's fieldtrip as it was raining and blowing sideways. Our club met up at the rest stop outside of Ontario which just so happened to be where the Idaho Gem club was meeting. Since we had no leader Doug Renken was gracious enough to lead both clubs over to Weiser and walked those who were up for an adventure into Hogg Creek to dig crystal geodes. As you know that country when wet is nasty but several folks found some really nice geodes. Even though the weather wasn't the best at least we were able to have a little fun.

I would like to thank those who were able to help with the road cleanup. We do appreciate all of you who are willing to help with each of these events. It is my understanding that a nice field trip was had after the work was through. I look forward to the report at this month's meeting.

Just a reminder to keep tumbling, critter making and collecting for the silent auction. It will take all of us donating a little to stock up our coffers for the upcoming year's Gem Show. Hopefully if you have constructive comments you attend the meeting on the 14th as Susan is willing to entertain any and all ideas we may have for making our show more organized and exciting each year. Our contest is in full swing to see who can tumble the most rock for our show. We are busy getting the prizes lined up so I hope you are all hard at work competing for that wonderful prize. You can turn your rock into Darrell Ehlers at any meeting and he will keep a tally of who and how much so we can determine our winner by December.

I'm told this month's fieldtrip will be to Rome for Snakeskin Agate. This is another fun trip so be sure to make plans to attend. Hopefully the weather will be more cooperative for us.

Our program is going to be a DVD on rocks as the public lands lecture has had to reschedule. I talked to Jim Hopkins and he has us covered so it should be very interesting.

I look forward to seeing you all at this month's meeting on May 18th at the Boone Science Bldg. at 7:30pm. See you then.

-Willa Renken OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**April 20, 2016**

The meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and was called to order at 7:30pm by President Willa Renken. Willa asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none, Jeri McClarin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed; Jim Hopkins seconded, motion carried. Visitors were introduced and given a warm welcome. There was a 'How to Make a Sphere' presentation given by Dan Stevens. He brought in the template he uses to hold the rock in the saw and had examples of rock cut in every phase of the process. He brought in different kinds of cups he uses in his machine and gave a rundown on the polishing times. This was an outstanding presentation by one of our club members.

Secretary: No report.

Vice President: Ryan Brooks will speak about saving public lands at the next meeting.

Treasurer: Janie gave a report on the deposits and expenses from the Gem Show.

Show Chairman: Susan encouraged members to get started making items for next year. The last show has depleted most of the club's store of supplies. She has some lost and found items from the Gem Show. There will be a 2017 show meeting at the Caldwell Library starting at 10am on May 14. Bring your ideas and topics for discussion. The club will host a rock tumbling contest. The tumbled stones will be used for prizes and to fill rock bags next year. Darell Ehlers will be in charge of the contest and will weigh and keep track of the tumbled stones, at each meeting. Prizes will be announced at a future meeting.

Federation Chairman: Ed thanked Brad Larson for going to the NFMS meeting. Let Ed know if you would like to purchase a Federation book. The book lists names and phone numbers of Board members, including the Field Trip Chairman, of each of the clubs in the Northwest. The books are \$10. The Fish and Game reported there were over 3,000 people who went out and helped replant the area burned by the Soda Fire. Be mindful of the rules when you are out collecting material. Save your postage stamps and bring them to each of the meetings. They will be taken to the Federation meeting in July.

Membership Chairman: Kathy distributed name badges and patches to new members.

Field Trip Chairman: The April field trip will be to Jamieson, Oregon. Meet at the rest stop in Oregon, just past the river, on Hwy 84. Bring two-way radios if you have them.

Webmaster: The website is up to date. If you have stories about the field trips or pictures you would like to share with the club, you can e-mail them to Brad. ogms.webmaster@gmail.com

Historian: No report.

Sunshine Chairman: There were several cards sent to club members.

Unfinished Business:

The roadside cleanup will be April 30. Meet at Walters Ferry boat ramp at 9am. There will be a short field trip after the cleanup. When submitting receipts to Janie for repayment, make sure you include your name on the receipt.

New Business:

Janie presented the budget. After a discussion Brad Larson made a motion to accept the budget as presented; seconded by Walter Barnett, motion carried. The taxes for the club have been filed. We are waiting on a response from the IRS about the 501c3 submission. The new lifetime members, Gene and Freda Babbitt were introduced.

Slab drawing. Denise Stringer won the door prize. Meeting adjourned at 9:10.
Respectfully submitted, Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



- 1 Mae Aman
- 2 Celeste Brose
- 2 Walt Barnett
- 4 Chris Melander
- 6 Kurt Branham
- 6 Dave Myers
- 7 John Farnham
- 8 Carol Farnham
- 8 Jim Collord
- 8 Earl VanCampen
- 9 Ithel Kildow
- 10 Debbie Loosli
- 11 Bob Bashford
- 12 Bill Stringer
- 15 Christopher BraveBull
- 17 Pauline Prather
- 18 Michael Taaffe
- 19 Myra Skidgel
- 21 Dan Doersch
- 23 Nick Hardman
- 26 Chuck Fawcett
- 27 John Lonkey
- 31 James Roberts



May Anniversaries

- 2 Ken & Pamela Capener
- 3 Bill & Sylvia Foreman
- 14 Dee & Janet Huntley
- 17 Sidney & Laurie Marshall
- 20 Jerry & Alicia Sherer
- 22 Dan & Alta Doersch

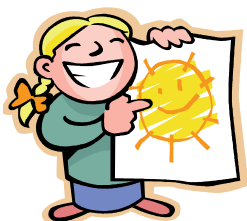
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If you would like just the email edition and not the mailed edition, let me know.

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Sunshine Report



Hi, I am Jewels Haines and I am your new 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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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 25, 2016

The Board Meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7pm. Ed Moser made a motion to except the minutes as printed; seconded by Jim Hopkins, motion carried.

Secretary: Received 2 membership renewals, 2 vendor contracts, 1 bill, 4 returned newsletters and a letter from the Internal Revenue Service.

Vice President: Ryan Brooks from the Wildlife Federation will be at the next meeting. He will be talking about ways we can save our public land.

Treasurer: There was nothing to report since the last meeting.

Show Chairman: The club has received 9 paid vendors out of the 13 needed for next year. There will be a 2017 show meeting starting at 10am, on May 14, at the Caldwell Library. Members can start to sign up for venues and donate items for next year. There was a discussion about ideas for prizes for the tumbled stone contest.

Federation Chairman: There was nothing to report from the quarterly NFMS quarterly meeting. Ray Stover donated two boxes of stamps. Ed reminded us to save our stamps.

Field Trip Chairman: The next field trip will be to Rome, Oregon. There was a discussion about the previous field trip.

Unfinished Business: The road cleanup will be April 30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05. Respectfully submitted, Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

Federation Director

The NFMS Show will be held in Albany, Oregon July 29 – 31. You can find more information about the show on their website www.amfed.org/nfms.

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.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director
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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.

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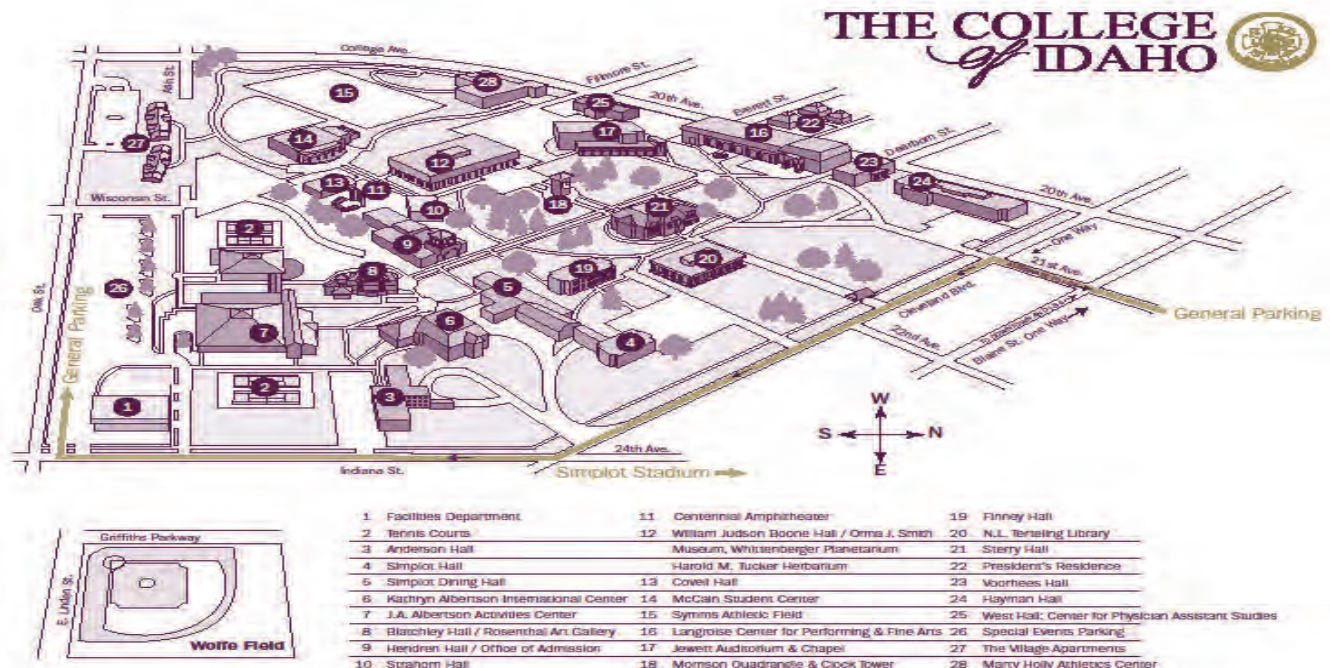
The General Meetings are at the College of Idaho

The May 18, 2016 general meeting will be in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103.

On the map below, the location is Building 12.

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.

See you there at 7:30 p.m.



Show Report

The planning meeting for the 2017 show is
May 14 (Saturday) at the Caldwell Library at 10:00 a.m.

All interested parties are welcome! Please bring your ideas or concerns to share with the group--or call me and I will add your ideas to the discussion list.

We are still looking for a black fleece jacket that was misplaced at the show. I will bring the other lost and found items to the next meeting.

Thank you everyone for your help! Our inventory for ALL club venues is very low. We have 6 grab bags, approximately 100 Wheel and Grab Bag prizes, 12 buckets of Auction material, and enough Sand Dig material for about 100 pans.

For next year's show to be a success, we need:

Sand Dig: Polished stones and faceted gems

Wheel of Gems: 1,000 critters and prizes

Grab Bags: Tumbled Rock for 1,500 bags

Silent Auction: Enough good material to fill 50 buckets

Please start your tumblers, start making critters and collecting Wheel and Grab Bag prizes, and sort through your collection for Auction material. The club really needs your support. I will collect your donations anytime this year. Susan Beattie 466-6184



Spring Roadside Cleanup

Saturday April 30, 2016.

I would like to thank everyone who turned out on the windy last day of April for the spring Roadside Cleanup. We had a great group, in spite of Mother Nature's efforts to blow us all away. After the work was done, we enjoyed some cookies (thank you Janie) and drove out to The Big Egg claim for some rock hounding. Thank you Ithel for unlocking the gate for us. I look forward doing it again in the fall. Again, thank you everyone for your participation in this worthwhile project.

Larry Beattie

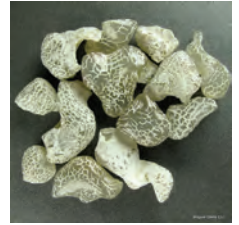
Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society May Field Trip



May 21, 2016

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:

Ithel Kildow, 208-455-7960, ithelk@gmail.com

ASSISTANTS:

David Schmidt, 408-489-3996, and Gene Alvey, 208-440-3067

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

2016 Field Trip Schedule

June 18: Pink Plume Agate Claim and Twin Springs

July 23: Succor Creek (Blue Egg Claim)

August 20: Wagontown

Sept. 26: Grandview (Petrified Pinecones) or Haystack Butte

Oct. 22: Big Egg Claim



We would like to add either Glass Butte (in Oregon) or McDermott, NV to our field trip calendar this year, both of which are 2-day trips. If interested in these trips, please let Ithel, David, or Gene know ASAP. Thank you!

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Upcoming Events

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society May Meeting May 18, 2016—7:30 p.m.

Location: College of Idaho, Boone Science Hall, Room 103

May 14-15 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society \$3.00 Dealers, displays, demonstrations, speakers, silent auction	Hermiston Conference Center 415 South Highway 395 Hermiston, OR	Mike Filarski stonemorlin1@netscape.net 541 571 2593
May 21-22 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Annual Gem & Mineral Show Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society \$2 per person or \$5 for a family. Kids under 12 free	First Interstate Center Ravalli County Fairgrounds 100 Old Corvallis Road Hamilton MT 59840	Steve Vieth 406 381-7597 viethsteve88@gmail.com
June 3-5 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club - Annual Show Free admission A ROCKHOUND'S DREAMS COME TRUE! Beautiful displays, fossils, rare minerals, healing stones, lapidary demonstrations, club sales, silent auctions, kids activities, local & out of town vendors, raffle, drawing on Sunday, hourly door prizes Hands on activities - Gold panning, metal detecting Free gem identification Saturday & Sunday	Swiss Sportsman Club Park 9205 198th Avenue East Bonney Lake, WA 98391s	Nancy LeMay bees2knees@att.net PVGMC c/o Club Show PO Box 134 Puyallup WA 98371 253 985 5784 info@puyallupgemclub.org
June 4-5 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4	North Idaho Mineral Club Rock & Mineral Show Admission \$3.00, children 12 & under free with adult	Kootenai County Fairgrounds 4056 North Government Way Coeur d'Alene ID 83815	Dean Hutchinson PO Box 1643 Hayden, ID 83835 208 686-9156
June 11-12 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Annual Gem and Mineral Show Butte Mineral and Gem Club Admission: \$3.00 Children 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult There will be 15 dealers in fossils, minerals, gems, jewelry, etc. 20+ exhibits, a silent auction and a kids area	Butte Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Avenue Butte MT	Pete Knudsen 406 496 4395 PO Box 4492 Butte, MT 59702

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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!

