



"Owyhee Gem"



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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November President's Message

Greetings to you all! I hope you have had a great collecting season as the weather is preparing to take a turn towards winter. It always amazes me how fast each year goes by. We should be busily preparing for our show which will be here before we all know it.

Just so everyone knows we will not be having a speaker this month as it is our annual auction month. I am sorry but Jake is unable to come out this month. So not to fear we will have a lot of fun with our auction as it is being led by our own Ed Moser. He is very good at getting you to loosen your pockets so come prepared to participate. If you have anything you have made or feel others would be interested in purchasing please feel free to donate as it goes towards helping fund your various events throughout the year. It does not need to be rock related so please come join in.

Ed Moser has reserved a space in the Caldwell Library in January for our club to display some of the interesting items we make. These displays help to promote our club and show so if you could help him fill these cases please contact him.

In regards to our show Susan says it is coming along nicely but she is still in need of prizes for the wheel of gems and grab bag venues. She would like both girl and boy related prizes along with some small faceted stones. If you have access to this kind of thing please step forward we will need this by March so we still have some time.

Be sure to sign up for the Christmas dinner with Mary Fitzpatrick as we will need a head count by Dec 8th. If you have not renewed your dues please get in contact with Kathi Larson so she can get you signed up for the new year. One more item, our Board Meetings will be held at the Caldwell Library from now on so please come join in if you like as they are always open to all our members.

I would like to thank you all for pitching in together to see that all the busy work gets handled each month. We all work well as a team and I am proud of all the sacrifices each of you make on behalf of our club. You guys are all "Rock Stars" and sure make it easy to get the clubs business taken care of.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!!!

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting at the Best Western Hotel on Nov.19th.

Until then keep on rocking.

-Willa Renken, OGMS President



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2014

General Meeting – The meeting was held in the conference room of the Best Western Hotel in Caldwell and called to order by President Willa Renken. Willa asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Brad Larson made the motion and Myrt Alston seconded, the motion carried. Willa welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Guests were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

Secretary – Had no report.

Vice President – Nancy Farrell reminded us we will be drawing for the quilt raffle in December and encouraged everyone to purchase a ticket or two.

Treasurer – Janie Ehlers gave us a report of the current finances of the club.

Show Chairman – Susan Beattie has received over 1,000 grab bags for the show and reminded us of the contest still in progress. If you would like to donate prizes for the Wheel of Gems you can bring them to the meeting or make arrangements to meet Susan. The show cases fill up fast. Thelma will be collecting forms to reserve your place. Nancy Farrell will be in charge of the Special Display this year. Bill Anderson has donated a five-gallon bucket of polished stones for the grab bags and has crafted a knife with an antler handle for a prize.

Historian – Members are encouraged to share pictures to be put on the website or used in our books. Pauline would like some help to restore a few of the older albums. Call her to set up a time.

Federation Chair – Ed Moser gave us a friendly reminder to save postage stamps to benefit cancer research. Yard sales and pawn shops are sometimes places they can be found.

Sunshine – Willa thanked RoseMary for her time and effort for doing a great job!

Membership – We received applications for five new members. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the new members and was seconded by Jim Hopkins, motion carried. New members were introduced and welcomed to the club.

Field Trip – The September trip to McDermott had a good turnout. There were plenty of ‘seasoned’ members to help the new-comers find many treasures. The October field trip will be to the Big Egg Claim. Meet at the park by the bridge in Marsing at 7:30. Ithel had ten people volunteer for the road clean-up. He asked for someone to take over the road clean-up duties. Larry Beattie volunteered.

Web Report – Brad Larson has updated current information on our web-site. You can submit e-mail pictures or video to him that you would like to share with the club.

Refreshments – Ruth and Jim have volunteered to do refreshments. They have a signup sheet for next meeting. Thanks to all of the singles for bringing the treats this month (especially the popcorn balls).

Old Business – The club will be signing a contract with The Best Western to hold our meetings here until November 2015. Our banquet in December will be at Orphan Annie’s on December 17. Please R.S.V.P. to Mary Fitzpatrick by Dec 10. The cost is \$7.75 for members and \$15.50 for non-members.

New Business – Bill Stringer would like to set the record straight. He is not selling out, he is just down-sizing a bit. On a sad note, Roger Ellis has passed. Brad Larson made a motion to give a \$50 scholarship to NFMS in his honor. Pauline Prather seconded the motion, motion carried. We will have our annual auction at our November meeting. Bring an item to donate and be auctioned off by our very own Ed Moser.

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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)

We had our election of officers for next year.

Officers 2015

President – Willa Renken

Vice President – Nancy Farrell

Secretary – Debbie Lawrence

Treasurer – Janie Ehlers

Federation Director – Ed Moser

Field Trip Chairman – Ithel Kildow

Assistant Field Trip Chairmen – Randy Whipple (Gene Alvey will help as he can)

Show Chairman – Susan Beattie

We had our slab drawing. Gene Alvey won the door prize. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

A bounty of refreshments was enjoyed by all.

respectfully submitted dl

Federation Director

Bring your postage stamps to this month's meeting. Remember to *cut 1/2 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
340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com

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/>



November Birthstone—Topaz

Topaz is made from aluminum oxide and kiezelsuur with hardness level eight. Topaz is also known as the “Stone of Strength” due to both its durability and beauty. Topaz occurs in gneiss or granite associated with beryl, tourmaline and mica and occasionally with cassiterite, apatite and fluorite; it also occurs in certain talcose rocks, rhyolite, mica slate and in alluvial deposits and drift.



This beautiful gemstone can usually be mined in gravel deposits, streams and various rivers. The presence of fluorine is the important ingredient in locating and mining topaz. Fluorine provides the correct environment that topaz needs to grow. Topaz will develop and begin crystallization if fluorine is present in the correct environment and growing conditions. Following the crystallization, it will begin to produce columns with square, diamond shapes and multi surfaced heads. Topaz can also grow in cavities and cracks where silica and fluorine is abundant. Hot temperatures are also essential for topaz formation. To obtain an intense and beautiful colors that topaz are known for, the presence of chromium oxide is also needed.

<http://list-of-birthstones.com/November%20Birthstone.html>

It's golden color was believed by the Egyptians to be the glow cast by the sun god Ra. Yellow Topaz ranges in color from a peachy blush to a deep cognac. A gift of this gemstone is said to symbolize friendship and to strengthen one's capacity to give and receive love.

<http://www.about-birthstones.com/novemberbirthstone.html>



November Birthdays

- 2 Dianne Barker**
- 2 Kathy Mandrell**
- 2 Jamie Sackett**
- 4 Debby Mitchell**
- 5 Don Dixon**
- 6 Sydney Priester**
- 7 Peggy Blickfeldt**
- 13 Donna Dole**
- 24 Karen Clark**
- 24 Alta Doersch**
- 27 Jody Atwood**
- 30 Thelma Brown**



November Anniversaries

- 5 James & Debbie Gundros**
- 7 Robert & Marilyn Troyer**
- 8 Stephen & Anita York**
- 10 Lloyd & Heidi Summers**
- 11 Larry & Jenny Ritchie**
- 30 Red & Kathi Larson**

Please let me know if I don't have your correct information, or if you are not on the lists above and should be.

Email me at: denisemstringer@gmail.com

Rock -N- Gifts

942 South Lincoln • Jerome, Idaho 83338

(208) 324-8860

Bruneau Jasper

Cabs - Slabs - Specimens - Rough

Gerald & Joy Scarrow

(208) 324-4024

Rocky & Kelley Scarrow

(208) 324-1034

rockingift@cableone.net

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Picture Jaspers & Plume Agate

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

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4977 Glenwood, Garden City, Idaho
Corner of Glenwood and Chinden Blvd

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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY Board Minutes**October 27, 2014**

Meeting was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:05 p.m.

Motion to accept minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by Pauline Prather and seconded by Janie Elhers. Minutes were passed.

November's program will be our annual auction. It was announced that Jake Jacobitz would come and speak.

Treasurer's Report: Janie reported that membership money was being turned in and that she had been contacted by the insurance agent suggesting that we might want to have the vendors provide a certificate of insurance. Discussion was held on this matter.

Show Chair Report: Susan said they needed more items for the Wheel of Gems and the Grab Bag table. She let the board know that the Grab Bag contest was progressing nicely. There has been a lot of interest and participation so it should be a huge success. Ed presented the show raffle donation made by Bill Anderson for next year's show.

Newsletter information should be turned in by the 7th to Denise.

Federation Report: Ed asks for everyone to continue saving stamps! He made an announcement that the Caldwell library had changed directors and we were not able to get December's exhibits but that we would be able to display items in January, so if you are interested in putting in a rock display for promoting the club show please let him know.

Historian: Pauline let the board know that Caroline Whipple has volunteered to help her with restoring the history book for the club.

Sunshine Report: Rosemary sent some sympathy cards out to the Ellis Family and checked on Myrt who had been in the hospital but is doing fine now.

Membership: Kathi has been collecting dues and reported she had more money to turn in. She said renewals are progressing nicely.

Field Trip: Ithel reported that last month's trip went well and everyone found lots of nice eggs. It was noted that the club had received the paperwork back from BLM for us to start planning the equipment work on the Big Egg claim sometime in the spring.

Unfinished Business: There was some discussion on the memorials that needed to be taken care of and for who. Red reported that he had ordered, received and bagged the grit and polish the club had asked him to purchase. It will be sold on the silent auction table at our annual show. He will take care of making a sign and the money will be kept separate from the silent auction with its own till.

New Business: There was none at this time. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
61st Annual Gem & Mineral Show—"We Will Rock You"
March 7 and 8, 2015
Caldwell Event Center—2200 Blaine, Caldwell, ID

Request for Showcase Space

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Name of Club: _____

How many cases would you like to reserve? _____

Exhibit Material: (must be gem or mineral related)

Are you a: Dealer _____ Amateur _____ Junior _____ (All Junior cases must be prepared by Juniors.)

List name(s) for exhibitor badges:

Set-up day: Friday, March 6, 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Show Dates: Saturday, March 7, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 8, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Take-down time: Not before 5:00 p.m. on Sunday

The Show Committee Members will help you locate your space.
Displays shall remain for the duration of the show unless prior authorization
from the Show Chairman is received.

Send your completed application by February 17, 2015 to:
Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society,
Attn: Thelma Brown, PO Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83606-1053
or bring to the next general membership meeting.

2015 Show—We Will Rock You!

The venue chairs for the 2015 show are:

Chili Feed—Myrt Alston 739-8185

Front Door—Randy Whipple 585-5910

Membership—Jarri McClarin and Kathi Larson 465-8083

Demonstrators—Willa Renkin 362-3941

Historic Display—Pauline Prather 459-4139

Grab Bags—Joan Alvey 440-3067

Sand Dig—Jody Atwood 801-791-7228

Silent Auction—Red Larson 465-8083

Showcases—Thelma Brown (509) 846-3136

Wheel of Gems—Denise Stringer 283-1903

Special Display—Nancy Farrell 914-3236

Advertising—Darell Ehlers 674-1213

Show Banker—Janie Ehlers 674-1213

WE NEED HELP

- *Faceted stones* for prizes at the sand dig and wheel of gems—*small stones* for the sand dig and *larger stones* for the wheel of gems.
- *Rock to tumble*—bring your donations to the meeting or call Susan or Darrel
- *Prizes for Wheel of Gems and Grab Bags*—If each member donates 20 items we would have enough prizes to expand our advertising effort! Bring your donations to the meeting or call Susan or Darrel
- *Special Display items*—Showcase your unique non-rock related talent!
- *Scrapbook repair and rejuvenation*—Call Pauline!
- *Raffle gift(s)* for volunteers that sign up and work at venues

We will be asking people to sign up for day/time at venues at the November meeting. If there is a venue that you want to work at and you need to reserve your favorite time now, please call the chair person for that venue.

Upcoming Events

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society November Meeting

November 19, 2014—7:30 p.m.

Location: Best Western Hotel, Exit #29, 908 Specht Ave, Caldwell
Annual auction—bring your money to spend!

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society Board of Directors Meeting

November 24, 2014— 7:00 p.m.

Location: Caldwell Library

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society Holiday Dinner

December 17, 2014.

Social: no-host bar starts at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Orphan Annie's Bar & Grill

801 Everett St, Caldwell, ID 83605

Bring a present for the gift exchange (\$10 value) and tag it to let us know if it is for a male, female, or general.

Please R.S.V.P. to Mary Fitzpatrick by Dec 10th at: 369-3173

The cost is \$7.75 for members and \$15.50 for non-members.



Membership Report

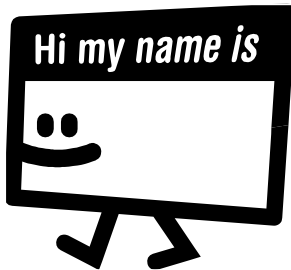
Membership forms are available at every meeting, so invite your "rockhound" friends to our next one!

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: _____ - _____ BDAY: _____ - _____ / _____ - _____
Day Month Day Mo. Day Mo.

EMAIL: _____

RENEWAL NEW CASH CHECK # _____ RECD BY _____

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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