



# “Owyhee Gem”



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### November President's Message

Like most of our seasons this year, fall has all but abandoned us and winter is drawing near. That just means to us rock hounds it is time to disappear into our shops and start cutting and polishing the years' finds. As most know this month is our November Annual Auction so if you can donate something that would help support our Annual Banquet which is coming up in December it would be most appreciated. The items are not necessarily rock related but should be gift related as this is usually a good time to pick up Christmas gifts for your loved ones. Ed Moser will be our auctioneer and we are lucky to have him as he makes this event a fun evening for all of us.

Remember since we are having the auction we won't have a slab drawing but there will be lots of fun things to bid on.

One big note for this month is our meeting place will be in the Langroise Recital Hall which is a room inside the Langroise building. There is not a room number. There are big golden letters above the entrance off the big marble foyer. Should be really easy to find. The closest area for parking is the Jewett Parking lot which is where we park now. That building connects off of it and is just north of the parking lot.

Susan wanted to remind all members that we still are in need of a special display chairman and a special resource chairman. We will also need someone to coordinate the chili feed on Friday of our Annual Gem Show. If you could help out please step forward and let Susan or myself know so we can help you get started.

At this time of year it is always nice to take some time and remember our members who have a hard time getting out to the meetings. If you are in need of a ride just let me know and we will make arrangements to pick you up. The comradery of our club is one of the best things we have with each other and love the opportunity to share with each and every one of you.

Just a quick reminder that Larry Beattie will be taking names and money for a head count on our Christmas Banquet. Please sign up as soon as you can as we will need to turn in a number by 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> of December. Think that's it other than looking forward to seeing you all for another fun filled meeting.

- Willa Renken, OGMS President



**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES      October 21, 2015**

The meeting was held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and was called to order by President Willa Renken at 7:30 p.m. Willa asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes as printed in the previous newsletter. Hearing none Walter Barnett made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Jim Hopkins; motion carried. Visitors were introduced.

**Secretary:** Items collected from the mail included: two membership renewals, two vendor contracts and two items from the insurance company.

**Vice President:** Jim set up a guest speaker who gave a presentation on ‘Safety Tips at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings’. If you would like more information or to review this topic, you can log onto the website [www.oli.org](http://www.oli.org).

**Treasurer:** Janie updated the members of the financial standings of the club.

**Show Chairman:** Donations are needed for the silent auction table, wheel of gems, and the sand dig. Chair persons are needed for the resource table and the chili feed. Susan has clip boards available so you can start signing up for times to volunteer at the venues. There are items available to make critters for the game prizes, contact Thelma (208) 249-1554.

**Federation Chairman:** There was an organizational meeting for the Federation held on October 9. Our club will have the opportunity to fill some cases in the Caldwell Library in December and January. If you have something you would like to display contact Ed Moser to get it set up. We also had a reminder to collect postage stamps.

**Sunshine Chairman:** Gene and Joan Alvey’s family are doing better. Carolyn Whipple had surgery.

**Historian:** Pauline shared some club history. The club was started by a Professor at the College of Idaho and many of its first members were students of the College. The land at Graveyard Point was donated to hold a monument to the people who are buried there. The area is kept up by our club members.

**Membership Chairman:** Kathi read the names of the new member applications and made a motion to accept the new members; Jim Hopkins seconded, motion carried.

**Field Trip Chairman:** The field trip Saturday will be to Haystack Butte. Meet at the park in Homedale at 7 a.m. Ithel let the club know if you are traveling and interested in looking for rocks you can call a Federation Rock Club and they will give you information about where you can go and what you can find.

**Webmaster:** The club website is up to date. If you have anything you would like to share on the website you can e-mail the items to Brad.

**Unfinished Business:** Larry Beattie has a sign-up sheet for the road clean up on October 31. Meet at the boat ramp at Walters Ferry at 9 a.m. After the work is finished there should be time for a rock trip. There was a discussion on the restoration of the Historical books. It was decided there is a need to put more money in the budgeted funds for the project. Ed Moser made a motion to add an additional \$250 to the Historian budget for restoration of the Historical books and newsletters; seconded by Red Larson, motion carried. Orphan Annie’s will be the location of the Christmas party on December 16. There will be a no host bar beginning at 6:30 with dinner starting at 7. Larry Beattie will be collecting money for the dinner. Dinner for members is \$8 and nonmembers will be \$16. Denise Stringer and Aubrey will be making table decorations for the event. Kathi Larson and RoseMary Peterson will head the gift exchange. The bylaws state the auditing of the books should be complete by the third Wednesday in January. The club held a discussion about changing the date to give more time to complete the audit. Jarri McClarin made a motion to amend Article 7 of the bylaws to say the audit of the budget to be complete in March on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday; Jim Hopkins seconded, motion carried.

**New Business:** The meeting in November will be held in Langrois Hall at the College of Idaho. Everyone is encouraged to bring something for the silent auction to be held during the meeting. The item does not need to be rock related, it can be something that would make a nice gift. The October meeting is election night. There were no new additions to the current slate of officers with the exception of Assistant Field Trip Chairman – David Schmidt. Brad Larson made a motion to accept the slate of officers; Kathi Larson seconded, motion carried.

Slab drawing – Door Prize winner Ed Moser – Meeting adjourned 9:35.





YEARS AGO, YOU TOLD ME THAT SOMEDAY YOU'D REALLY BE RAKING IT IN. HERE'S YOUR CHANCE, SPORT.

**Welcome to our new members!**  
 Steve "Porkchop" George  
 Jewels Haines  
 Lori D'Angelo  
 Mark & Anita Mero  
 Gary Herauf



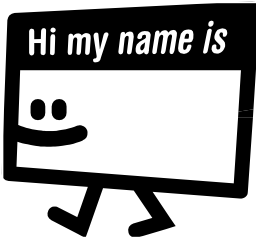
**Membership Report**

**Now accepting payment of 2016 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 P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053.

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

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2016**

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

LAST NAME: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ANNIV: \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_  
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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ RECD BY \_\_\_\_\_

**November Birthdays**

- 2 Dianne Barker
- 5 Don Dixon
- 4 Debbie Mitchell
- 5 Neil Roberts
- 6 Sydney Priester
- 7 Peggy Blickfeldt
- 9 Christine Compton
- 13 Cindy Kochanek
- 13 Donna Dole
- 16 Shirley Neville
- 20 Tamie Kennedy
- 22 Tom Magan
- 24 Karen Clark
- 24 Alta Doersch
- 26 JoDee Arnold
- 26 Melissa O'Neal
- 27 Jody Atwood
- 28 Kim McEwan
- 28 Sandy Lewis
- 30 Thelma Brown
- 30 Mike Lappin



**November Anniversaries**

- 3 Ted & Pat Hermans
- 8 Stephen & Anita York
- 10 Lloyd & Heidi Summers
- 13 Dan & Susie Nash
- 30 Red & Kathi Larson



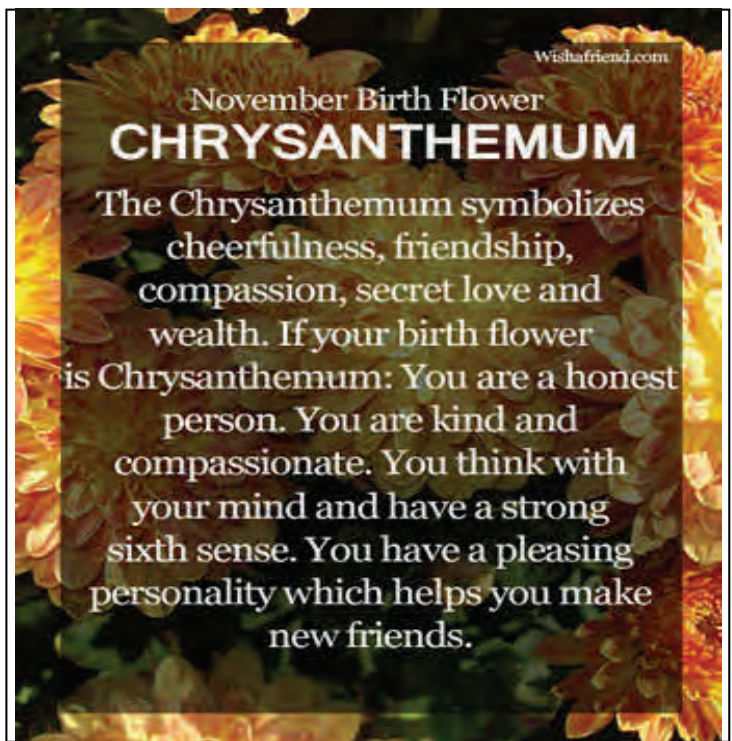
*Topaz –  
The November  
Birthstone*

Topaz is a gemstone available in a rich rainbow of colors. Prized for several thousand years in antiquity, all yellow gems in antiquity were called *topaz*. Often confused with citrine quartz (yellow) and smoky quartz (brown), quartz and topaz are separate and unrelated mineral species. The most prized color of topaz is called *Imperial topaz* after the Russian Czars of the 1800s and features a magnificent orange body color with pinkish undertones. Topaz also comes in yellow, pink, purple, orange, and the many popular blue tones.



Citrine, the other birthstone for November is known as the "healing quartz". This golden gemstone is

said to support vitality and health while encouraging and guiding hope, energy and warmth within the wearer. Citrine can be found in a variety of shades ranging from pastel yellow to dark brownish orange. It is one of the most affordable of gemstones and plentiful in nature. Citrine is found most frequently in Brazil, Bolivia, and Spain.



**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](mailto:denisemstringer@gmail.com)

**Idaho Indoor Farmers Community Market**

*Across from the Idaho Fairgrounds  
4977 Glenwood, Garden City, Idaho  
Corner of Glenwood and Chinden Blvd  
Call Will at 208-850-0451*



*Lots of Veggies, Raw Milk, Fresh Eggs, Special Local spices, sauce  
...Unique Independent Vendor Shops....All under one Roof....*

**Check it out!!! A Constant Array of New Items!!!**

**STRINGER'S  
GEM SHOP**

Idaho Opals

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

**Think SHOW!**

**The Moment You Have All Been Waiting For...NOW is your CHANCE!**

We need your help and are asking for three volunteers:

**Chili Feed**

**Special Display**

**Resource/Doorprize Table**

These are your venue chairs:

Front Door—Cindy Schmidt—870-6544

Wheel of Gems—Denise Stringer—283-190

Sand Dig—Jody Atwood—801-791-7228

Silent Auction—Red Larson—465-8083

Grab Bags—Randy Whipple—585-5910

Demonstrators—Willa Renken—362-3941

Show Cases—Thelma Brown—541-846-3136

***Plenty of opportunities to sign up for two-hour volunteer sessions at all venues***

***Sign-up sheets are available at our next meeting.***

**We are still accepting donations for Wheel of Gems,  
Grab Bags, Silent Auction, and Sand Dig venue items!**

**Please call me if you would like someone to pick up your donations.**

**Susan Beattie 466-6184**

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES      October 26, 2015**

The Business meeting was held at the Caldwell Library and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7pm. Darell Ehlers made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the last newsletter; seconded by Ed Moser, motion carried.

**Secretary:** Received two membership renewals and one item from the insurance company in the mail.

**Vice President:** There was a discussion about ways to get the porta-pot to the field trips. Ithel will need some help to get it out to the sites and set up.

**Treasurer:** There was a discussion and agreement to pay the full rent expense to The O'Connor Field House for next year's Rock Show before the end of the year. Paying the rent by the end of the year will save the club some money.

**Show Chairman:** Susan has received all but one paid vendor contract back for the show. There will be two new vendors next year. Need someone to Chair the Special Display, the Resource Table (which includes: membership, raffle, door prizes etc.) and the Chili Feed. Thelma has items to make critters. Give her a call when you have time to make some critters. Waiting to hear from the TV station to set up a meeting to decide on advertising.

**Federation Chairman:** Marsing will be holding a public hearing on the restoration of the burned area in the Owyhee's. The BLM wants to start seeding and planting natural plants. You can find more information on this in the Federation newsletter.

**Membership Chairman:** Membership dues can be mailed, or given to Kathi at our next meeting.

**Field Trip Chairman:** Ithel is looking for people to help with field trips next year.

**Unfinished Business:** The road clean-up is set for October 31 at Walters Ferry and starts at 9am. Orphan Annie's is set up for the Christmas party. Cost for dinner is \$8 for members and \$16 for non-members. November is our auction month. Ed Moser has graciously agreed to be the auctioneer once again. Money obtained from the auction helps to fund the Christmas party.

**New Business:** The November meeting will be held in the Langroise Building at the College of Idaho. Meeting adjourned 8:25.

Respectfully submitted Debbie Lawrence, Secretary



### Presenting the 2016 Board of Directors

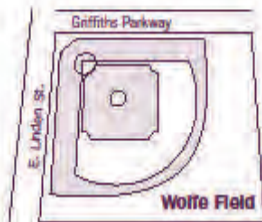
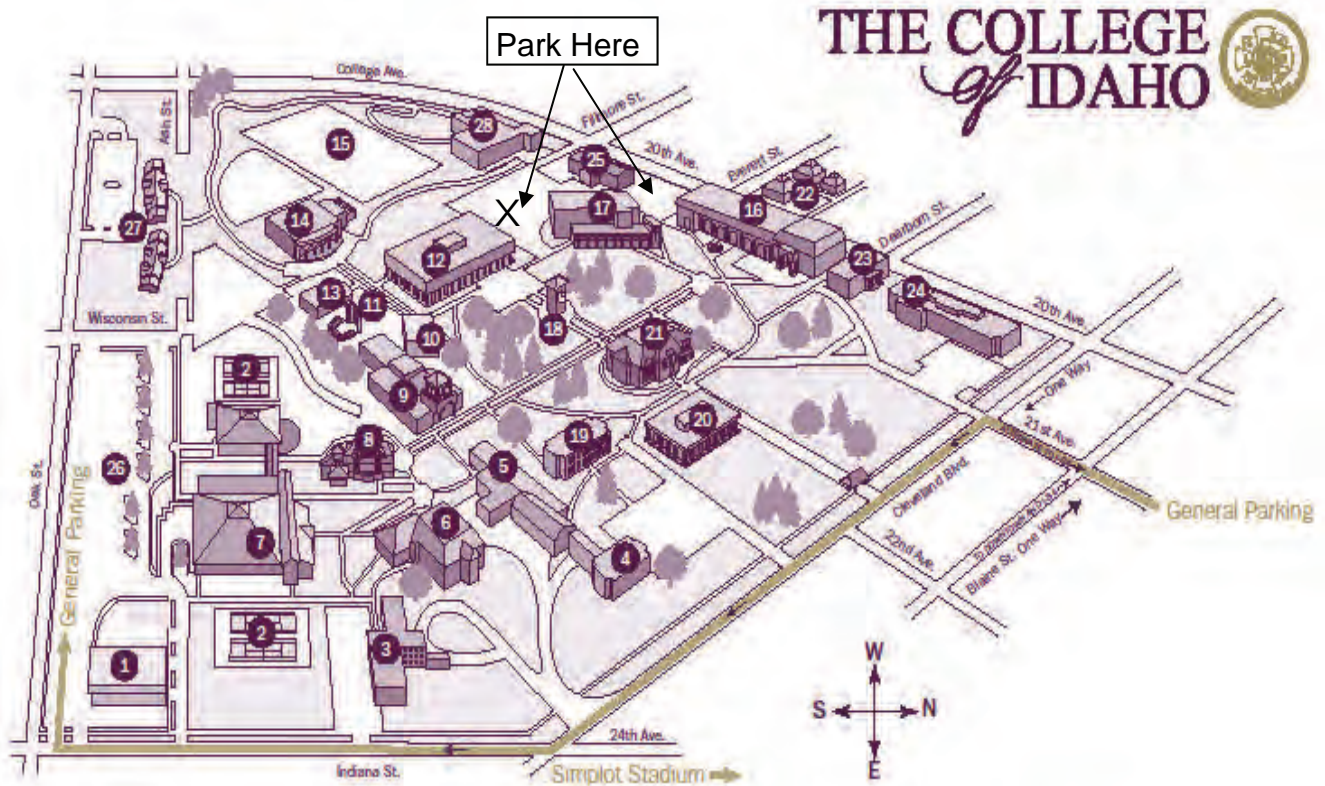
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 Federation Director – Ed Moser  
 Field Trip Chairman – Ithel Kildow  
 Assistant Field Trip Chairmen – David Schmidt  
 Show Chairman – Susan Beattie  
 Assistant Show Chairman—Darell Ehlers  
 Bulletin Editor—Denise Stringer

## The General Meetings are back at the College of Idaho

**The November 18th meeting will be in the Langroise Center for Performing and Fine Arts.**

On the map below, the location is Building 16.  
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.



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| 1 Facilities Department                 | 11 Centennial Amphitheater                     | 19 Finney Hall                                       |
| 2 Tennis Courts                         | 12 William Judson Boone Hall / Orms J. Smith   | 20 N.L. Teneiling Library                            |
| 3 Anderson Hall                         | Museum, Whitzenberger Planetarium              | 21 Sterry Hall                                       |
| 4 Simplot Hall                          | Harold M. Tucker Herbarium                     | 22 President's Residence                             |
| 5 Simplot Dining Hall                   | 13 Coveil Hall                                 | 23 Voorhees Hall                                     |
| 6 Kathryn Alberson International Center | 14 McCain Student Center                       | 24 Hayman Hall                                       |
| 7 J.A. Albertson Activities Center      | 15 Symms Athletic Field                        | 25 West Hall; Center for Physician Assistant Studies |
| 8 Blazhley Hall / Rosenthal Art Gallery | 16 Langroise Center for Performing & Fine Arts | 26 Special Events Parking                            |
| 9 Hendren Hall / Office of Admission    | 17 Jewett Auditorium & Chapel                  | 27 The Village Apartments                            |
| 10 Strahorn Hall                        | 18 Morrison Quadrangle & Clock Tower           | 28 Mary Holly Athletics Center                       |

**Upcoming Events**

**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society November Meeting**

**November 18, 2015—7:30 p.m.**

**Location:** College of Idaho, Langroise Center for Performing and Fine Arts

Annual Auction—bring your checkbook and something to auction off!

**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society December Meeting**

**December 16, 2015.**

**Location:** Orphan Annie's, 801 Everett St, Caldwell

6:30 p.m.—No-Host Bar

7:00 p.m.—Dinner

\$8.00 for members, \$16.00 for non-members

Bring a gift for the gift exchange (men's, women's, or general).

<p><b>November 7-8</b> Sat 9-5 Sun 10-5</p>	<p>Annual Fall Show Maplewood Rock &amp; Gem Club</p>	<p><a href="#">Maplewood Rock Club Clubhouse</a> <a href="#">8802 196th Street SW</a> <a href="#">Edmonds, WA 98026</a></p>	<p>Don Wilcox <a href="tel:2062261868">206 226 1868</a>  <a href="mailto:tundrafox@earthlink.net">tundrafox@earthlink.net</a></p>
<p><b>December 5-6</b> Sat 9-6 Sun 10-5</p>	<p>MRGC Winter Bazaar Maplewood Rock and Gem Club</p>	<p><a href="#">Maplewood Clubhouse</a> <a href="#">8802 196th St. SW</a> <a href="#">Edmonds, WA</a></p>	<p>Mike Collins <a href="tel:2067146861">206 714 6861</a></p>

For more show info, go to: <http://amfed.org/nfms/ShowsJulDec.asp>



I would like to thank everyone who participated in the roadside cleanup on Halloween! Mother Nature took a break and gave us a beautiful Fall day to work with. After the cleanup, our options were a little limited with all the rain and burned off areas, so we headed out to Reynolds Creek to look for petrified wood. The recent rains exposed some nice pieces and made the dirt soft for digging and scratching around. I would like to thank the members again who joined us on the hill in our efforts to make that stretch of road a little more pleasant to travel. After all, it looks out over our favorite stomping grounds, the Owyhees. I look forward to doing it again in the Spring!

Larry Beattie



### November—Annual Auction

Our annual auction will take place at the November general meeting on November 18, 2015.

Bring an item to auction off. It does not need to be rock related, but rocks are always nice! Art, household items, rock tools, jewelry, treats, etc.

The money raised from this auction will help pay for the holiday dinner in December.

Remember to bring your checkbooks/cash, because you will want to buy something!



### 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.



The dates of the Northwest Federation Field trip have been rescheduled to Sept. 16—21, due to fire hazards. More information will be provided as those dates get closer.

-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/>



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 7:30 P.M. at the College of Idaho, 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!

