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November President's Message



Hello all hope this finds everyone well. I can't believe our year has gone by so fast. November is always a fun month for our club as it has the Annual Auction. This year will be another stellar one and Ed is looking forward to auctioning off all the wonderful donations that will be available to you on the 16th. If you have something that you could donate that would make a good Christmas present, we would welcome the donation. This event helps to offset our Banquet costs and offers our members a chance to fill out their Christmas lists. Be sure to come early so you can look through the items that will be up for bid. Roxanne is going to put some parcels together from the donations she has received so there will be lots of fun things to tempt you with again this year.

If you haven't bought your Christmas Banquet ticket this will be one of the last times to do that. Our Christmas celebration will be at the Elks Lodge in Nampa again this year. The Elks did such a wonderful job of providing delicious food last year, and their venue was so spacious and lovely that the Board felt we wanted to do it again this year. The dinner will be on December 21st and the No-Host bar will start at 6pm and we will eat at 7pm. It will be a beef and ham dinner with scalloped potatoes, green beans and dessert of spice cake and cheesecake with 'homemade' berry sauce. The cost is \$9.00 for members (the other half is paid by OGMS) and \$18.00 for non-members. We will be having a gift exchange again this year so if you want to participate please bring a gift. The gift cost is a \$20 maximum and needs to be wrapped. Please designate male, female, or either on the gift. Denise Stringer will be making the table favors and as always they will be lovely. This is one of the few times we get to visit and have some fun so please get ahold of Kim and get your tickets purchased. I hope to see you all there.

Because we will be having the Auction this month, there will be no slab drawing. I look forward to seeing you all on November 16, 2022 at the Boone Science Bldg. in Caldwell. The meeting starts at 7pm. See you then!

-Willa Renken OGMS President

General Meeting Minutes—October 19, 2022

President, Willa Renken called the October OGMS General Meeting to order at 07:10pm at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Bldg., Room 103. The motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by Roxanne Franklin, Ed Moser seconded, motion passed. Willa gave a rousing welcome to all visitors and new members.

Vice President, Roxanne Franklin presented Mr. Don Hilderbrand of Wasco, Oregon. He gave a very interesting presentation via the internet regarding his China Hollow, Oregon jasper and agate claims. Beautiful specimens, thank you, Don!

Secretary, Chris Deveau visited the PO Box several times this month, receiving five membership payments that were given to Membership Chair, Kim Bashford; one vendor payment for our 2023 Rock Show that was given to Show Chair, Paul Deveau; and a notice from the State of Oregon of a technical review meeting regarding a goldmine in Malheur County that was shared with the membership.

Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence summarized the OGMS accounts.

Show Chair, Paul Deveau advised the group that the 2023 contract with the O'Connor Fieldhouse for our show is being prepared (keep thinking how you can volunteer)! He reminded everyone to be thinking about a theme for our 2023 show... we'll vote on it at the November General Meeting.

Assistant Show Chair, Karen Davis explained that Middleton High School is teaching a Geology and Rocks of Idaho class. She is working with the Science teacher and librarian at the Middleton High School to have samples of Idaho rock and gems for the school that can be checked out of the library for the science classes. If you have good specimens that you could give for that project, please contact Karen. Thanks, Karen, for your OGMS community service!

Federation Director, Ed Moser represented OGMS at the NW Federation meeting in Hillsboro, Oregon. He took all the stamps we have been collecting over the past two years (four banana boxes full). The stamps are sold by the Federation, to stamp collectors, to raise funds for breast cancer research... so please continue to save your stamps (cancelled or not) and bring them to Ed.

Membership Chair, Kim Bashford is collecting membership payments. October is the month to pay your dues. Also, if you haven't picked up your name tag, please contact Kim... she has it ready for you.

Field Trip Chair, Robert Murphy advised that we had a great turn out for the Blue Egg claim. It was a beautiful day, and everyone got some nice specimens! The last field trip of the 2022 season will be to Graveyard Point on Saturday, 22 October 2022... at the Extra Mile/Chevron truck stop at the Hwy 55/95 junction west of Marsing... meet at 8:00am, leave at 8:30am. There is a 50% chance of rain, so it could be cancelled, but Robert will be there to confirm.

Unfinished Business:

- Come for the auction at the November General Meeting. It is a fundraiser to help defray the cost of our annual Christmas Banquet. Auction items are geared toward Christmas... you can donate gift-oriented items for the fundraiser and get 'your' shopping done at the same time! The funds raised help defray the cost of the Christmas Banquet, so bring LOTS of money! -

- The OGMS Christmas Banquet is coming soon. Kim Bashford is selling tickets. The cost is \$9.00 for members (the other half is paid by OGMS) and \$18.00 for non-members. It will be held at the Nampa Elks Club, 1116 1st Street South, Nampa, Idaho. It is a beef and ham dinner with scalloped potatoes, green beans and dessert of spice cake and cheesecake with 'special' berry sauce. There will be a no-host bar available at 6:30pm and dinner at 7:00pm. It will be held in lieu of our December meeting on Wednesday, 21 December 2022

- There will be a gift exchange at the Christmas Banquet (\$20.00 limit). If you want to join in, bring a wrapped gift, designated as male, female or either. We need volunteers to help with the set up and tear down... be at the Elks at 5:30pm to help... thank you very much. This a fun event... please come join in!

- Denise Stringer will be doing the decorations for the Christmas party- thanks Denise, they are ALWAYS so cute!

New Business:

Member, Ted Diehr has volunteered to coordinate our road cleanup. That will come in the spring. Thank you so much, Ted.

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Elections were held for OGMS officers. They are, as follows:

- **President - Willa Renken**
- **Vice President**
- **Secretary - Chris Deveau**
- **Treasurer - Roxanne Franklin**
- **Membership Chair – Kim Bashford**
- **Federation Chair - Ed Moser**
- **Show Chair – Paul Deveau**
- **Assistant Show Chairs – Karen and Brian Davis**
- **Newsletter Editor – Denise Stringer**
- **Field Trip Chair - John Wright**
- **Assistant Field Trip-Ray, Trina, Ted, Red**

Roxanne Franklin made the motion to accept the officers as presented; Ed Moser seconded; the motion was passed by the unanimous vote of the membership.

We still need a Vice President. That position provides the presentations/programs that we enjoy at the General Meetings. Also, the Vice President can hold the meetings if the President is not available. If you are interested, please contact Willa or any other Board Member... our club runs on volunteerism... everyone would love to have you!

The slab drawing was held. Really nice slabs... thanks to all for sharing with the group.

Roxanne held a silent auction with more items from the donated collections.

Debbie Mitchell won the door prize that was provide by Trina Bristow, who won at the September meeting. She received a flashlight, safety glasses, and bags of 'Hershey's' and 'Reese's' - great stuff! If you want to take part in the 'door prize', just sign up on the attendance/door prize sheet (Chris has it). The winner provides the prize for next month's winner.

The OGMS Board Meeting will be held on Monday, 31 October 2022 at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn Street, Caldwell Idaho at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary

Vice-President's Corner—Roxanne Franklin

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Monthly Meeting Topic

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact me: Roxanne Franklin (208) 577-7095, rocksfrank22@gmail.com

"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 Roxanne.



Field Trip Chair—Robert Murphey

Assistant Field Trip Chair—Dale Rawson



Robert Murphey
(208) 590-1848

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.



Dale Rawson
(208) 283-7990

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.

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
(208) 340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com

Website:
[Northwest Federation Mineralogical Society](#)

OGMS Donates to Middleton High School Science Department

Exciting news! In September, three boxes of rocks & minerals were donated to the Middleton High School Science Dept. on behalf of OGMS!

Included in the boxes were igneous, metamorphic & sedimentary rocks along with 29 mineral specimen. The boxes were barcoded and entered into the checkout system of the high school library so science teachers could check them out. Barcoding the boxes helps keep track of the donations and gives accountability to the library to ensure that the rocks stay at the high school.

This year Middleton High has added a class to the science curriculum titled "The Geology of Idaho" that is being taught by geologist/teacher Shauna Wise who was very excited about the donation as she had very few rocks from Idaho in her cabinets. She has about 60 students in her classes and is looking for field trip ideas, which creates a bit of a challenge, as many of our field trips locations do not accommodate school buses.

She was very grateful for our donation and we will continue to add to it as several club members have informed me they have Idaho rocks that I didn't include in the boxes. This is a great club and I appreciate all those who want to help the community as much as I do!

Respectively submitted by Karen Davis, OGMS Assistant Show Chair



Mark Your Calendar!

Christmas Banquet—Wednesday, December 21st

6:30 p.m.—Social Hour, 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Nampa Elks—1116 1st St. S, Nampa, ID 83651

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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.

November Birthdays

- 1 Hildy Langewis
- 3 Jim Trenkel
- 4 Debbie Mitchell
- 6 Shirley Neville
- 12 Joan Hamilton
- 13 Linda Coble
- 13 Bonnie Coiner
- 14 Eric Fontinelle
- 15 Kenneth Christensen
- 15 Diane Rahn
- 15 Valerie Tucker
- 18 Spencer Wood
- 19 Nathan Carpenter
- 20 Tamie Kennedy
- 22 Kim Erb
- 23 Misty Joyner
- 23 Kenny Murdock
- 24 Alta Doersch
- 25 John Braga
- 25 Mary Eberle
- 25 Jeff Worhen
- 27 Jody Atwood
- 28 Kim Bashford
- 30 Thelma Barnett

November Anniversaries

- 7 Robert & Marilyn Troyer
- 10 Garry & Donna Scholtz
- 20 Douglass Peterson & Martha Lane
- 24 Daryl & Carolyn Hood
- 30 Red & Kathi Larson

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

Newsletter Editor

If you have articles or information for the newsletter, please submit to 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.

Board Meeting Minutes—October 31, 2022

The **OGMS October Board Meeting** was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho at 7:10pm. Ed Moser motioned to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter, Kim Bashford seconded, motion carried.

Chris Deveau, Secretary reported that OGMS received one returned newsletter (Chris to follow with Denise); a design plan from Idaho Dept of Transportation for the I-84 corridor in Caldwell; and seven memberships that were given to Membership Chair, Kim Bashford.

Roxanne Franklin, outgoing Vice President will add donated rock specimens to the November auction.

Roxanne Franklin, incoming Treasurer has received records from outgoing Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence. She wrote two checks for reimbursements and one payment to the ARC for processing the newsletters.

Paul Deveau, Show Chair gave two vendor payments for the 2023 show to Roxanne, Treasurer for deposit. Paul has checked with our insurance provider regarding our liability policies. He also confirmed with the Board that the price paid for a 5-gallon bucket of nicely polished rock for the Wheel of Gems and Grab Bags is \$120.00.

Ed Moser, Federation Director corrected the number of boxes that he took to the NW Federation meeting in September to 3 banana boxes and 1 apple box full of stamps. He thanks EVERYONE who donated stamps for resale by the Federation. The funds raised go for breast cancer research. Please continue to bring stamps to Ed... for next year. Ed requested a list of members from OGMS that have passed during the past two years that will be given to the NW Federation for recognition. Kim will help him with that. Ed also advised the Board that he will fill the display case at the Caldwell Public Library during the months of December and January and Howard Emry will take care of them in February. Thank you both for representing OGMS in the community and sharing your wonderful collections!

Denise Stringer, Newsletter Editor would like all articles by 4 November 2022.

Kim Bashford, Membership Chair submitted five new memberships to the Board. They include: **Liz David; Jeff Worthen and Evelyn Passett; Rhonda and Jeff Voth; Logan, Adam and Liz Voth; Ethan Helmer and family**. Ed Moser made a motion to approve the new members, Roxanne Franklin seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Welcome to the OGMS family to one and all!

John Wright, Field Trip Chair advised that Robert Murphey is helping prepare a list of potential sites for our 2023 field trips. John will have the 2023 Field Trip list ready in time for the 2023 Rock Show. He also shared that Karen Davis will host a get together for the Field Trip Chairs. Thanks Karen!

Unfinished Business:

Ed Moser will be the auctioneer at the November General Meeting auction with Roxanne and Willa assisting him. Please bring your Christmas gift-oriented auction items for the auction and lots of money to get your Christmas shopping done!

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Continued from page 7**New Business:**

Roxanne Franklin agreed to become the Treasurer for OGMS as of 1 October 2022. She was officially voted into the position at the General Meeting on 19 October 2022.

The Board voted to have Willa send a gift to all the Life Members.

The Board voted to not accept the renewal of a membership due to ethics issues and conflict of interest problems with that member.

There will be no slab drawing at the November nor December General Meetings due to the auction and Banquet.

The November General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16 November 2022 at the College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho, Boone Science Bldg., Room 103 at 7:00pm.

The November Board Meeting will be held on 28 November 2022 at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn Street, Caldwell, Idaho at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 08:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Deveau, Secretary

Show Chair—Paul Deveau

Co-Assistant Show Chairs: Karen and Brian Davis

**2023 Show Dates: "OGMS", March 4 and 5
O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho**

Time is growing near to really focus on our up-and-coming gem show in March 2023. Please be thinking for a catchy name for the show, it's used to help promote the event.

We all know that OGMS needs to replenish good material for the SILENT AUCTION, GRAB BAGS with polished-tumbled rock, (to include tiny rock for the SAND DIG)...

Tom Rogers has recently supplied us with two five-gallon buckets of tumbled material. Tom also donated several buckets of slabs for the Silent Auction, as well as much needed items for the Wheel of Gems and the Sand Dig...

Rulon Allred is hard at work creating enough rock critters for our up-and-coming Show. Darlene Emry has volunteered to create critters as well... much appreciated... Thanks Guys

The O'Connor Field House is always in reserve for the next OGMS show... the event contract for 2023 is now being compiled and will be signed in short order.

Remember, help us with that perfect name for our up-and-coming, 2023 ROCK & GEM SHOW... also looking for helpful hints and tips to improve our event...

All our vendors are on board and share our enthusiasm for a GREAT SHOW... PLEASE BE THINKING HOW YOU CAN FIT IN AND HELP MAKE OUR NEXT SHOW ONE OF THE BEST... WE REALLY NEED YOUR INPUT...



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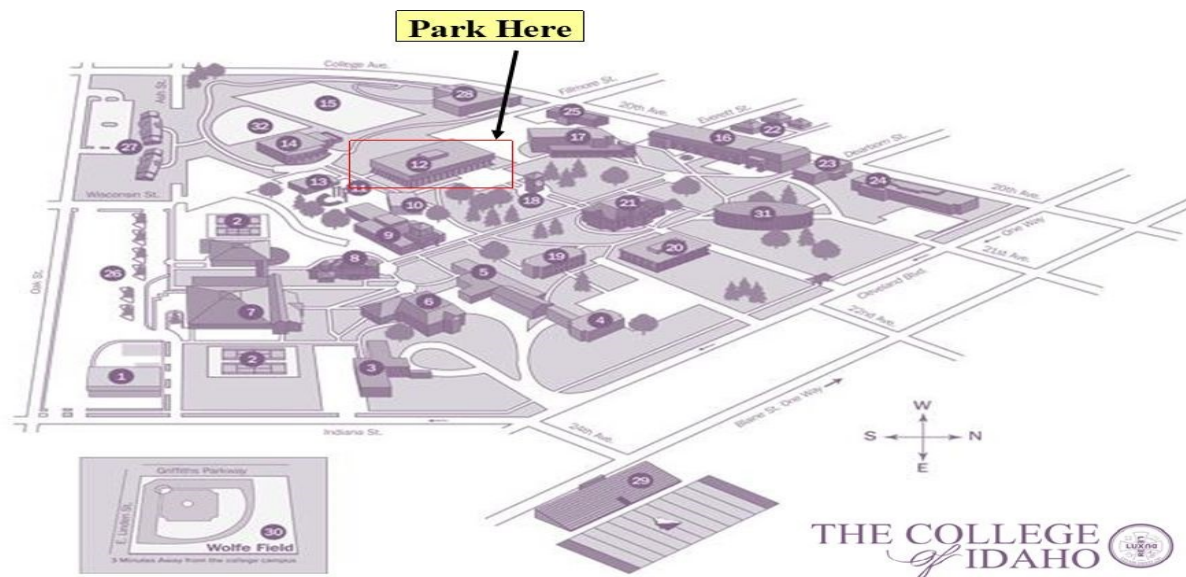
November General Meeting

The November 16th 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.

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag— Bring an unidentified rock and we'll help you figure out what it is!



November—Annual Auction

Our annual auction will take place at the general meeting on

November 16, 2022 at 7 p.m.

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, holiday presents, 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!



Stone from Arizona

Anderson Mine—Agate
Brenda—Agate & Jasper
Burro Creek—Pastelite & Agate

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Noreena
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Membership—Kim Bashford

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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!

Liz David;

Jeff Worthen and

Evelyn Passett;

Rhonda and Jeff

Voth; Logan, Adam

and Liz Voth;

Ethan Helmer and

family



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES				Year: 2023
Family	Couple	Single	Child	
\$20	\$18	\$12	\$3	

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

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ADDRESS: _____

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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

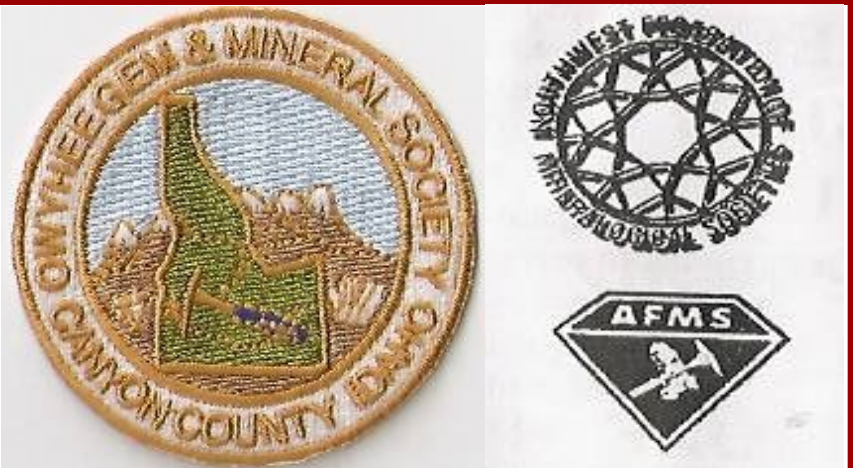
The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1938 at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho.

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/>