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October President's Message

Happily, fall is upon us! Gone are the dog days of summer! What a hot one it has been. My two favorite times of the year spring and fall. Our field trip to Graveyard Point this month should be wonderful. You will be meeting Robert at the Extra Mile at the junction of Hwy 55 & 95 at 8am leaving at 8:30am on October 22. As a reminder, we are in need of a new Fieldtrip leader and Asst so if you can help your fellow rock hounds Please volunteer. If we have no one, volunteer there will be no trips next year. I can only do so much after all this is your club. These positions are not hard and they really do make our club strong, but we are only as strong as our members allow.



This month's program is on the different jaspers in Central Oregon. I am looking forward to hearing all about them. We commend Roxanne for her efforts in finding interesting information for us. She has done an outstanding job! On that note as she will be taking over as Treasurer, we will need a volunteer to take on Vice President in the coming year. If you can help me out with this position please let me know.

As we roll forward to November keep in mind that it will be our Annual Auction. These items should be geared towards Christmas and can be anything rock related or not. We always have a good time with this event and wonderful gifts are for the bidding.

Kim is busy taking memberships this month so be prepared to renew yours. She will also be selling tickets for the Christmas Banquet that will be on December 21st. It will be a good time with wonderful food and sharing the adventures that you have had over the year.

I know that it may seem that I am always wanting volunteers but you are who we most depend on. Remember what has drawn you to this club, step up and be a growing part of it. Your reward is the wonderful friends, awesome memories and all the support that we can offer you! We want everyone to succeed and look forward to our meetings and events.

I look forward to seeing you on October 19th at 7pm. If you have a slab or two to share, we will be having a slab drawing this month. Till then keep on rockin'.

-Willa Renken OGMS President

General Meeting Minutes—September 21, 2022

The September OGMS General Meeting was called to order by **President Willa Renken** at 7:05pm at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Bldg., Room 103. A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by Ed Moser, Roxanne Franklin seconded, the motion passed.

Roxanne advised the group that the presentation by Howard Emry was cancelled due to a flat tire on the way to the meeting. Howard will give his talk on a later date. Roxanne conducted a silent auction for the membership.

Visitors and new members were invited to introduce themselves to the group by Willa... they were welcomed to OGMS.

Secretary: Chris Deveau reported that the Post Office return receipt for the OGMS claim paperwork from Oregon State BLM was given to David Schmidt. Two memberships were passed to Kim Bashford, Membership. One returned newsletter had the address corrected and was forwarded to the member. The new NW Federation Membership book was received. A payment for the 2023 Show was given to Show Chair, Paul Deveau.

Vice President: Roxanne Franklin reminded everyone to contact her if you want to share your 'FAVORITE' and make a presentation at the meetings.

Treasurer: Debbie Lawrence listed all deposits and payments made from the club accounts.

Show Chair: Paul Deveau reported that he is in touch with all the vendors for our 2023 Show. March 2023 will be here soon... please contact Paul to volunteer to help.

Federation Chair: Ed Moser reminded us to keep saving stamps... (cancelled or not). The stamps are collected and delivered to the Federation to be sold to stamp collectors... the funds raised by the sale of the stamps are then donated for breast cancer research. Ed will be attending the Federation meeting at the end of the month.

Please remember to contact **Sunshine Chair: Jewels Haines** if you know of a member that needs a little 'SUNSHINE' sent their way.

Membership Chair: Kim Bashford advised that October is membership month, please pay your dues to her. If you haven't received your nametag, club patches... get with Kim.

Field Trip Chair: Robert Murphey said the September trip is scheduled for the Blue Egg Claim on Saturday, 24 September 2022. Meet at the Homedale Park by the tank at 8:00 am and leave at 8:30. A high clearance vehicle or 4-wheel drive is highly recommended... bring digging tools (the best stuff is down about 3 feet). The fire danger is high, so watch where you park. Robert also reminded us that the Boise Club has invited OGMS to their Beacon Hill Claim for a field trip on Saturday and Sunday, the 1st and 2nd of October. Willa and Doug are leading this field trip. Do NOT go into the claim without them... we travel over private property. They will meet at the Ontario, Oregon rest stop at 8:00 am, leaving as a caravan at 8:30 for the claim.

Unfinished Business:

Kim Bashford is selling tickets for the OGMS Christmas Party. It will be held at the Nampa Elks Club, 1116 1st Street South, Nampa, Idaho. It will be 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. The cost is \$9.00 for members (the other half is paid by OGMS) and \$18.00 for non-members. It will be held in lieu of our December meeting on Wednesday, 21 December 2022. This a fun event... please come join in!

New Business:

- The October General Meeting will include voting for all officers of OGMS. If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please let Willa know for the election.
- Get ready for the annual fundraiser auction at the November meeting. 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.

Please bring your slabs to the next General Meeting – there will be a slab drawing!

New member, Trina Bristow won the door prize... gloves and knee pads, given by Paul Deveau, who won in June. The OGMS Board Meeting will be held at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn Street, Caldwell, Idaho, on Monday, 26 September 2022 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Deveau



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.

October Meeting:

Elections for Board members



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

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Board of Directors—Candidates for Election

The annual elections for the Board of Directors will take place at the October general meeting. Elections take place for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Federation Director, Field Trip Chair, Field Trip Chair Assistant, Show Chair, Show Chair Assistant, Newsletter Editor, and Membership.

If you are interested in running for a position, please contact Willa Renken or any Board member.

Other positions that are appointed are:

Historian, Sunshine, Webmaster, Roadside Clean-Up

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.

OGMS Field Trips—2022

Oct 22nd: Graveyard Point for agate and jasper

- Meet @ Extra Mile / Chevron (Hwy 55&95)
- Meet @ 8 a.m. – leave @ 8:30 a.m.

Hello All, hope everyone had a great year out there rock hounding. As the season for club trips comes to a close we have one more trip scheduled for October 22nd out to Graveyard Point for some moss agate. We will be meeting just outside Marsing at the Extra Mile gas station located on the corner of Hwy 55/95 around the back at 8AM leaving at 8:30 AM.

For further information, Contact Robert (208)590-1848 or Dale (208)283-7990

Sept 24th Field Trip—Blue Egg Claim for Blue Opal Thunder Eggs

Our trip out to the Blue Egg Club Claim was good and bad. The bad was that most people missed the last turn down to the claim which led to one getting a flat and others not having enough gas to make the return trip back to claim. I want to stress how important it is to follow directions and wait for the person behind you to be in site before making a turn. For those remaining people who did make it to the claim, a lot of great eggs were dug and everyone appeared to be having a great time. Digging was going on till 4PM which was a first that we stayed out so long. To me that means it was a success overall.



I want to remind everyone that this is Dale and I's last year leading trips and we need volunteers to step up if we are going to have a trip leader for next year.

I want to thank everyone who donated funds to Dale and I over the last year to help out with fuel costs and such. It was a pleasure to lead everyone and make new friends over the last four seasons and hope to see everyone again next year for future outings.

Thank You, Robert and Dale.



Photo Credit: Magali Lechenne

October Birthdays

1	Stacia Hardy
1	Celia Quignon
2	Vicki Voss
6	Dawn Oxley
7	Cheryl Sharp
8	Paul Ferris
10	Alan Ballinger
11	Will Eason
11	Barbara Kerbs
11	Vickie Wise
14	Kerry Thomas
14	Marilyn Troyer
16	Angela Anderson
16	Betty Brown
16	Harry Erichson
16	Craig Holladay
16	Scott Powell
16	John Wright
18	Jody Ford
18	Daryl Hood
18	Christine Newman
19	Terry Goodall
20	Bill Sawyer
21	Stanley Grove
21	Sherman Kester
23	Cindy Hendrix
23	Randy Robin
25	Cassandra Murdock
26	Joy Harris
26	Robert Murphey
26	Bill Todd
26	Dennis Waller
28	Don Ferreira
28	Lucas Sudweeks
29	Sandi Johnson
29	Brad Larson
29	Andi Real
30	Michelle Murray
30	Dan Stevens

October Anniversaries

11	Jay & Kim Erb
12	Kenneth & Joyce Christensen
12	Frederick & Rebecca Freeman
25	John & Camille Akin
19	Scott & Patti Powell
31	Michael & Christina Munster

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—September 26, 2022

The OGMS Board Meeting was called to order by **President, Willa Renken** at 7:00pm at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho. Kim Bashford made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Roxanne Franklin seconded the motion; motion passed.

Secretary, Chris Deveau received one new membership which was given to Kim Bashford.

Vice President, Roxanne Franklin advised that Don Hildebrand, owner of the China Hollow Mine will be making a ZOOM presentation regarding the jasper found at his mine in Oregon at the October General meeting.

Treasurer, Debbie Lawrence was unavailable for the meeting.

Show Chair, Paul Deveau advised that we need a theme for the 2023 show... be thinking of a good one and we'll be voting on that at the next meeting.

Federation Chair, Ed Moser was not at the Board meeting, but will be going to the NW Federation meeting at the end of September.

Membership, Kim Bashford presented four new memberships to the board: **Trina Bristow and Irina Rutledge; Chip and Cheryl Sharp; Kathiey and Mark Powers; and Rick and Vicki Voss.** Roxanne Franklin made the motion to accept all the new members, Kim Bashford seconded, the motion carried. **We would like to welcome you all to OGMS!**

Field Trip Chair, Robert Murphey was unavailable for the meeting but shared that the Blue Egg Field Trip had a great turn out! This season's last field trip will be 22 October 2022 to Graveyard Point. We'll meet at the Gem Stop/Chevron west of Marsing, Hwy 55/Hwy95 at 8:00am and leaving at 8:30. Also, Doug and Willa Renken will be leading an Idaho Gem Club field trip to Beacon Hill on the 1st and 2nd of October 2022... meeting at the Ontario Oregon rest stop at the border at 8:00am and leaving at 8:30. (This trip goes through private property so wait for Doug and Willa-DO NOT GO WITHOUT THEM!)

Unfinished Business: The OGMS Christmas Party will be held on 21 December 2022 at the Nampa Elks Club, 1116 1st Street South, Nampa, Idaho. 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. There will be a no-host bar. It will be held in place of our December meeting on Wednesday, 21 December 2022, starting at 6:00pm. This a fun event... please come join in!

Elections will be held at the October General meeting. Please contact Willa if you would like to become a Board member... we still need members to step up and help with the operation of the club.

There will be the annual Christmas fundraiser auction at the November General meeting on 16 November 2022.

New Business:

Ted Diehr has agreed to become the Road Cleanup Coordinator. We will be scheduling the cleanup next spring.

Assistant Show Chair Karen Davis is presenting three big boxes of rocks as a donation from OGMS to the Middleton High School Library that will be able to be checked out by the teachers.

This year they are teaching a class on Geology and Rocks of Idaho.

Thank you, Karen, for representing OGMS in the community!

The October General meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19 October 2022 at the College of Idaho, Boone Science Bldg., Room 103 at 7:00pm.

The October Board Meeting will be held on Monday, 31 October 2022

at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn, Caldwell, Idaho at 7:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 08:30pm.

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 upcoming gem show in March 2023.

Please be thinking for a catchy name for the show. We'll be voting on it at the next meeting.

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)... How can you help ?

The 2022 show has depleted our supply of rock-critters for the WHEEL-OF-GEMS... if you feel you have a little time you can donate, please contact me or any of the directors... let's see how creative we can be. Darlene Emry will be helping to create some good ones, along with Rulon.

Keep in mind, OGMS pays **\$120.00** for a five-gallon bucket of nicely, tumbled material.

Remember, help us with that perfect name for our upcoming, 2023 ROCK & GEM SHOW.

We are also looking for helpful hints and tips to improve our event.

See you at the next meeting.

"STAY HAPPY & BE SAFE"



LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SHOW!

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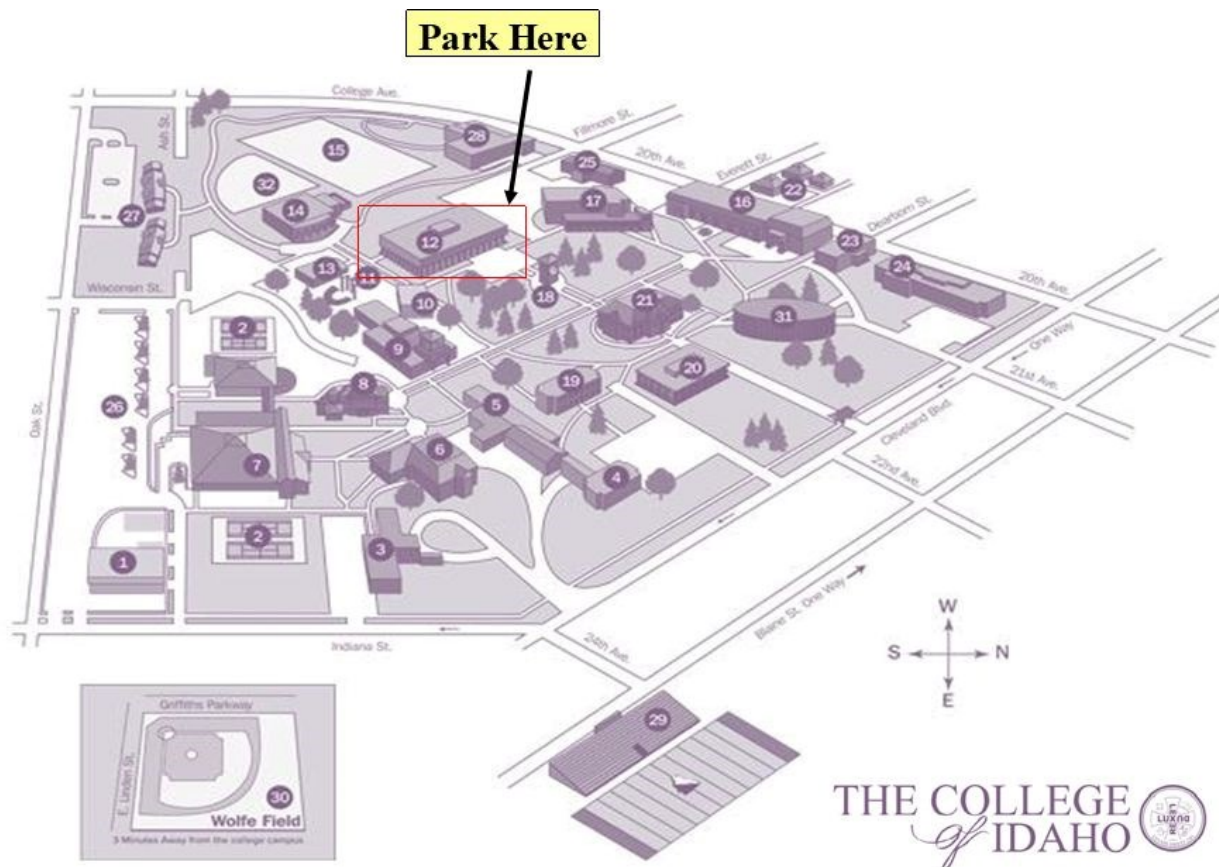
October General Meeting

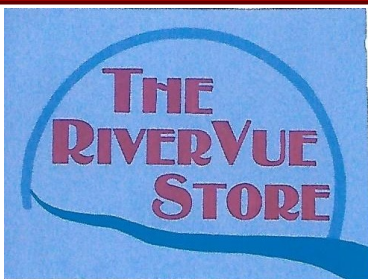
The October 19th General Meeting will be in the Boone Science Hall at the College of Idaho, Room 103 at 7 p.m.

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!





Stone from Arizona

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

Stone from Australia

Noreena
 Mookite

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Membership—Kim Bashford

We are accepting payment of 2023 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:

Kim Bashford, Membership Director
 P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053
 Phone: (208) 454-7287 Email: kmcewan1957@msn.com

Welcome New Members!

**Trina Bristow and
 Irina Rutledge;
 Chip and Cheryl
 Sharp; Kathiey
 and Mark Powers;
 and Rick and Vicki
 Voss.**



OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES Year: 2023

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

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

FIRST NAME(s): _____

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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/>