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October President's Message

Happy Halloween everyone. It's officially membership renewal and election month. We are missing two positions on the directors. Vice President and Asst Field Trip leader. If you would like to fill either of these positions, please reach out to either a board member or officer and let us know.

Come prepared to renew your membership because should we need to hold a vote you will need to be current on your dues in order to vote.

This month's program will be on Red Oak. Ted Diehr will present it. I look forward to hearing what Ted has in store for us.

John has us, weather permitting, going to the Pink Plume claim for the last field trip of the year. He will be meeting you at 8am leaving at 8:30am from the corner of Hwy 201 & Owyhee Ave at the little store there. More information will be available at the meeting.

We have a number of old tables up for sale if you are interested. They will be \$50 each. If you want, one or more reach out to Dale so he can arrange for you to come over and pick them up.

The Board wants to thank Guy **DiTorrice** for his help in restoring the eggs we were given. Along with all the wonderful information, he put together for us. You truly rock Guy!

We will be having a slab draw this month. Therefore, if you have a spare slab or two we would welcome them as the money goes towards our annual banquet.

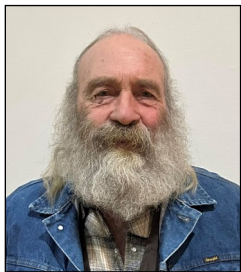
The Board wants to thank Kim Bashford for stepping up and joining the Elks so we can continue using their facility for our Christmas Banquet. This club truly appreciates all you do for us. Thank You Kim!!

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting. October 15th at 7pm in the Boone Science Bldg.

Willa Renken OGMS President.



Field Trip Report —John Wright



USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING ON YOUR FIELD 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.

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. Check with the Field Trip Chair before you go.
- 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.

For further information contact John Wright at 208-571-6873 or David Korn at 208-250-7739



2025 OGMS Field Trip Schedule

October 18—Pink Plume Claim—Pink Plume Agate

Meet at Owyhee Junction Hwy 201 and Owyhee Ave, at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:30 a.m.



Vice-President's Corner—Sue Cassidy

"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 Sue at (603) 548-8822, pypnhot@comcast.net



Sue Cassidy

Monthly Meeting Topics

If you have an idea for a presentation or information session, please contact Sue.

October: Ted Diehr, Topic: "Red Oak"

November 20, 2024: Annual Silent Auction

December 2024: Christmas Banquet and Party

General Meetings at The College of Idaho — October 15, 2025

Caldwell, Idaho—Boone Science Hall (#12 on map below), Room 103 at 7:00 p.m.



Fall Road Side Clean-Up- Saturday, October 11, 2025— Led by Ted Diehr

Thanks for everyone who helped with this event! See you in the spring!



Photos by
Miranda



Show Report

2025 Show Dates: March 7 & 8, 2026

"Grab your picks in 2026"

O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, Idaho

Be thinking about how you can participate in the 2026 show.

Signup sheets will be out at the Christmas Party



SHOW COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Sue Cassidy

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Silent Auction - Please be thinking about collecting rock for the silent auction as you are out and about rockhounding. This is an important part of the show and attendees really love it and we go through a lot of it!

Tumbled Stone – Remember, we pay \$125 per 5 gallon bucket of nice tumbled stone! We will need some for the show.

If anyone is good at designing posters, we would appreciate the help. We have been challenged to "step up our game" on our posters by the O'Connor field house.

More Roadside cleanup photos following the Oct 11th, 2025 Outing

Photos by Miranda



General Meeting — September 17, 2025

The September 2025 General Meeting of the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by OGMS president, Willa Renken at 7:05 pm on 09/17/25 at Caldwell Idaho's College of Idaho in rm #203 of the Boone Science Bldg.

Willa called for a motion to accept the last meeting's minutes to be accepted as printed in the OGMS news letter. Kim bashford made the motion to accept the minutes. Darrell E seconded the motion. All the members were in favor, there was no further discussion and the motion passed.



Chris Merrell-Rawson

Secretary's Report – Chris Rawson announced and distributed the mail.

Vice President – Sue Cassidy announced that Ted will be talking on Red Oak for next months program presentation.

Treasurer Report – Ken discussed previous months club expenses, claim fees, CD's and bonds. He stated that OGMS is still solvent.

Federation Report – Ed M announced that the next Federation meeting will be held in Missoula Montana. He also stated that the Federation is in need of a new treasurer. Anyone interested should contact Judy E. He finished up with "Keep saving those postage stamps".

Field Trip Chair – John Wright announced the upcoming field trip is at the Blue Egg Claim. Participants will need a high clearance vehicle. Meet-up is in Homedale.

Show Chair – Sue announced that we still need tumbled rock donations for the grab bags and rough rock donations for the silent auction.

Membership– Kim announced that three new membership applications were in the mail & membership renewals for current members are due next month. Please renew promptly.

Old Business – Steve Narkus announced current and new activities for the Junior Geologists.

New Business – October we will be voting in new officers for the following President, Vice president, Sunshine Report, & OGMS Historian.

Kim Erb made a stand for both the Historian and Sunshine Report. She said after recovering from hand surgery September 26, she'll be ready to start. THANK YOU Kim!

We need field trip volunteers to help John Wright. David Korn, Ken Christensen, Don Dixon, and Cindy Woolsey volunteered. Thank you, you guys ROCK! (Pun intended).

Dale Rawson told OGMS members about an extraordinary donation/gift of actual dinosaur egg fossils, some casts, and dinosaur bones one of which is a very large dinosaur bone to the OGMS from Everett Ensley (Dick) from Marsing.

Dale also made a motion that the club donate one of the bones to John Wright for playing a vital role in transporting the egg and bone fossils from Everett to their current location. Karen Davis seconded the motion. All the members were in favor. There was no further discussion. The motion passed.

Cindy W announced that she and Don D will be having a rock sale on Oct 11 & 12 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and invited all OGMS members.

Ted Diehl announced that October 11th will be the next OGMS roadside clean-up. Meet at Walters Ferry 9:00 am. We'll take a trip to Don and Cindy's rock sale following the clean up activities.

SLAB DRAWING

Door Prize winner for September was Tom Rogers.

Adjourned 8:13

Board Meeting Minutes—September 29, 2025

Officers present: Willa Renken, Kim Bashford, Don Dixon, Edwin Moser, Ken Christensen, John Wright,
Guest/Members: Cindy Woolsy, Dale Rawson



September 2025 OGMS Board Meeting was called to order @ 7:03 p.m. by President Willa Renken in the Caldwell Public Library at 1010 Dearborn in Caldwell Idaho. Willa called for a motion to accept the previous board meeting minutes as printed in the OGMS news letter. John Wright made the motion to accept the minutes as printed and it was seconded by Ed Moser. All the board members were in favor, there was no further discussion and the motion to accept the minutes passed.

Secretary – Chris Rawson was not in attendance. Dale picked up the mail and distributed membership applications to Kim B.

Vice President – Ted Diehr will be talking about Red Oak during the program presentation at October's general meeting.

Treasurer – Ken Christensen – Ken announced the general meeting's slab drawing proceeds and that a newsletter payment was made.

Membership Chair - Kim Bashford - Kim made a motion to accept new members, Garry and Marjorie Davis. Ken C and Don D seconded her motion. All officers present were in favor, the motion passed and there was no further discussion.

Federation Chair – Ed Moser – Ed informed everyone present that funds in the Federation can also be used for Junior Geologists.

Editors Report- Deadline for submissions to the editor is the 4th day of each month.

Field Trip Chair – John Wright – "There were some good finds at the Blue Egg Claim" Next field trip is October 18 at the Pink Plume Claim. Meet-up at the Owyhee Junction at 8:00 am & leave as a group at 8:30.

Juniors- No report

Old Business – Dale Rawson made a motion for OGMS to purchase replacement part for the club's tumbler and the extended cost for restoration. Ed Moser seconded both motions. Officers present were all in favor. Both motions passed and there was no further discussion.

Dale announced status on trailers.

New Business – Membership renewals for current members are due in October.

We will also be voting for new OGMS Board members in October.

The old show tables are now for sale. Asking \$50 per table.

September 2025 OGMS Board meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Membership—Kim Bashford

We are accepting payment of 2026 dues

Due to the increasing costs for our club to provide the things we do for our members, we are having to raise our dues this year.

Memberships are as follows:

Family—\$25, Couple—\$20, Single—\$15, Child—\$5

Membership forms are available at every meeting and on the next page of this newsletter. Invite your "rockhound" friends to our next meeting!

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 meetings, 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 on the next page to:

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



Welcome
New
Members!

**Kyly & Paxton
Blanchard
Anne Bolla
CJ & Patty Mansfield
Garry & Marjorie Davis
Trent & Cecile Young**

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 the Northwest Federation Jr. Scholarship Fund. 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.

Website:
[Northwest
Federation
Mineralogical
Society](#)

October Birthdays

1	Chris Larson
1	Brian Willey
2	Robert Ingersoll
5	Joe Klug
7	Cal Fisher
10	Alan Ballinger
10	Jeannie Johnston
10	Cameron Sponseller
11	Will Eason
11	Vickie Wise
13	Kip Adams
14	Steve Oakes
14	Kerry Thomas
14	Marilyn Troyer
15	Garry Davis
15	Liz David
16	Dee Huntley
16	John Wright
18	Jody Ford
18	Daryl Hood
18	Christine Newman
19	Caleb Gans
20	Sadie Mendoza
21	Stanley Grove
25	CJ Mansfield
26	Dennis Waller
28	Don Ferreira
28	Lucas Sudweeks
29	Brad Larson
29	Sandi Johnson
30	Aubrey Kopp
30	Dan Stevens

October Anniversaries

10	Justin & Jamie Baker
11	Jay & Kim Erb
12	Kenneth & Joyce Christensen
20	Patrick & Janet Hanrahan



Newsletter Editor

If you have articles or information for the newsletter, please submit to
robert.murpheyogms@gmail.com

Sunshine Report



Hi, I am Kim Erb and I am your Sunshine Chair.

If you hear of anyone needing a get-well card or visit, please give me a call at (208) 202-8410.

kimzstones@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.

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To place an ad, please email:
robert.murheyogms@gmail.com

(Ads are subject to Board approval)

Have you carved your Pumpkin yet for Halloween? Many of us have a rotary tool in our tool box for carving rocks but did you know that using a Dremel can help with those fine details and carve some great images and designs on your pumpkins. There are many tutorials online and great carving ideas to help you get started.



Jefferson Rockhounds

Lifelong rockhound and collector of earthly treasures, now sharing our passion with fellow rock lovers. Please visit us at a local gun show (follow us on Facebook) and view our treasures at:

Boise: Antique World Mall 4544 Overland Rd.

Showcases 10, 11, & 12

Ontario OR: Vintage Rose, 204 S. Oregon St.

Vendor #41

Weiser ID: Station 30 Collectibles, 30 E. Commercial St.

Vendor #18

Here are just a few of the rocks we have on display:

Amazonite, Amethyst, Azurite, Carnelian, Chrysocolla, Jasper, Kyanite, Labradorite, Larimar, Lepidolite, Malachite, Moonstone, Obsidian, Petrified Wood, Quartz, Rhodochrosite, Ruby Zoisite, Seraphinite, Tiger Eye, Tourmaline, Unakite, and more!

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For more information call Steve Narkaus, (503) 931-9763, or email: Steve.OJGP@gmail.com

John Clement, brother of Tom Clement, wishes to thank everyone who has donated to make the Junior Geologist Program a success. Rest in peace, Tom.

You may still enroll to become a Junior Geologist. Cost is \$10 per year in addition to an OGMS family membership.



Steve Narkaus

OJGP UPDATE

September was a great month. We had a rock hunt in Gooding, Idaho. Thank you to Tony and Chris Funk for hosting our event and we will be returning in 2026.



October 4th was our Trilobite Fossil Event. My friend, Tom Allenby and I brought fossils from the Delta, Utah area. All Junior Geologists received their own Trilobite Fossil from the Wheeler Shale Unit. Junior Geologists toured the Orma J. Smith museum and then traveled to the Caldwell Public Library for a presentation and discussion on Trilobite Fossils given by Steve Narkaus.



2026 schedule is being prepared and will be announced in January.

Thank you Kim Erb for a great power point presentation.!!!

Reminder – anyone can sign up for the junior Geologist Program from ages 10-110. There are still a few seats available.

New Junior Geologists in September:

Gerald and Talya VanGils, George and Patty Davila, CJ and Patty Mansfield, Anne Bolla, and Kyly and Paxton Blanchard.

Thank you to everyone,

Steve Narkaus, Geologist

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY—2025 Membership Application**Rockhounds' Code of Ethics**

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material – matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

I have read and understand the Rockhounds' Code of Ethics: Signed _____

Family—\$25 Couple—\$20 Single—\$15 Child—\$5

(Please Print)

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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BDAY(s): First Name _____ Month _____ Day _____ / First Name _____ Month _____ Day _____

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Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
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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 - \$25.00 per year
Couples \$20.00 per year
Singles—\$15.00 per year
Children (under 19) - \$5.00 per year
Jr Geology Program—\$10 per year

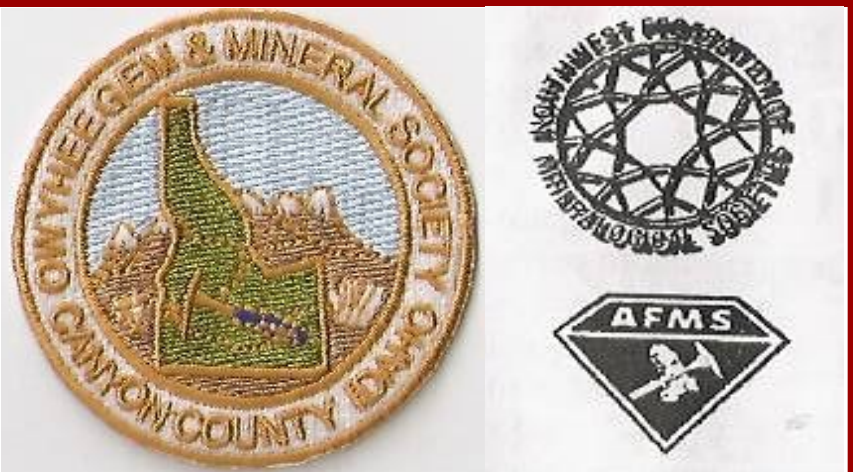
The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1938 at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho.

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 summer months 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/>