



# "Owyhee Gem"



## Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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### October President's Message

Hello! Aare you ready for fall? It would seem it is here and soon we will be wondering where this year has gone again. This month is our annual elections so if you were contemplating running for an office here is your chance. We do have a full slate for the next year but you can always be nominated from the floor for any position. The other point of voting is your dues need to be paid up in order to vote, so Kathi Larson will be taking dues on that night.

Several things have come about since last we met. The first being our meeting place. We have found a nicer environment for our meetings since several of the members expressed issues with the smoke and the room being way too small for all of us to sit comfortably. We will be meeting at the Best Western across from the Sage Truck Stop. Take exit #29 head west and behind Burger King you will see the Best Western. When you come through the doors you will be directed to our meeting room. I am hoping this will work out much better for all of us and I look forward to seeing you all there. The meeting will begin at 7:30pm on October 15th.

This month's refreshments will be provided by the singles and as it is October traditionally we have had doughnuts and cider. Ruth and Jim will be bringing the cider so if those of you who are singles could please bring goodies I know we will all be most appreciative. As you all know my favorite part is the popcorn balls so I always look forward to October.

I have secured the room for the Christmas party at Orphan Annie's for December. The cost will be a total of \$15.50 so your half will be \$7.75 each except the life members and the club will pick up their costs. If you are in need of a ride for the party just let one of us know and we will see to it that you are included. This is one of the fun times that we get to share with each other so no one should be left out. We will let you know who to give your money to at the meeting and who will have the signup sheet so we can provide the restaurant with a head count.

This month's field trip will be to our "Big Egg" claim for the digging of thunder eggs. We will be meeting at the Marsing Park just as you cross the Snake River at 7:30am leave about 8am. Ithel will have more information for you at the meeting.

Susan says the grab bag sew off is coming along nicely. There has been about 1500 bags turned in so far. If you are wanting a beautiful new sphere keep on sewing as the person with the most gets the grand prize. This really helps with the bags we fill each year for the show as it takes about 1000 each year. If you need material let me know and we can come up with some for you. I am not much for sewing so really commend those of you who are. Keep up the good work and don't forget we will need more trinkets for the wheel of gems and sand dig. Thanks again for all you do without your efforts we would not have as great a club as we do!!!

On that note I look forward to seeing you all there on October 15th at the Best Western take exit #29 then turn west on Franklin and on your left will be the Hotel at 908 Specht Ave, Caldwell. See you there!!!

-Willa Renken, OGMS President

**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES      September 17, 2014**

**GENERAL MEETING:** The meeting was held at the Elk's Lodge in Caldwell and called to order by President Willa Renken. Willa asked if there were any additions or corrections to the 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 Dixie Lair 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion carried. Willa welcomed everyone to the new building and thanked everyone for attending. Guests stood and introduced themselves.

**PROGRAM:** Allen Young gave a presentation regarding some of the regulations on BLM land. He had useful information on mining and current laws.

**SECRETARY:** A flier was read on the Jarbidge Proposed Resource Management Plan. A thank you card was read from Sylvia and Bill Foreman. And an invitation to Ensley's rock sale on October 10 & 11.

**TREASURER:** Janie gave a report on expenses and deposits made.

**SHOW CHAIR:** Not able to attend.

**FEDERATION CHAIR:** Ed gave us a report on the stamp sales at the Federation Show this year. He reported the Federation Show next year will be held in Ogden, Utah on April 10 – 12, 2015.

**SUNSHINE:** RoseMary sent out many 'I miss you' cards to club members and a thank you to Suzanne for being the refreshment chair.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Kathi Larson is accepting dues for next year. She introduced two new members from Boise. A motion was made by Ed Mosier to accept the new members into the club and seconded by Darrell Ehlers. The motion carried.

**FIELD TRIP:** Ithel had sign-up sheets for people attending the road clean up on October 4. Meet at the boat ramp in Walters Ferry at 7:30. They will head out at 8 and there will be a field trip after the clean-up. The field trip will be a weekend trip to McDermott. There will be a spot for everyone to dry camp if they wish. There are also motel rooms available in McDermott and a camp ground with hook ups. Meet at the Ion gas station at 6:30 and caravan out if you would like, or meet there. There is a helmet law in Oregon. Just a reminder if you will be using your 4-wheeler. Also, DON'T LICK THE ROCKS!

**WEBMASTER:** Brad Larson will update the website with all of the new information.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Willa let us know the Christmas party is coming up and gave some options. A straw poll was taken and Orphan Annie's was the decided place to have the party on December 17. Mary Fitzpatrick volunteered to make table decorations. We will have a \$10 White Elephant gift exchange and there will be a no host bar at 6:30, dinner at 7. The board meeting will be held at 703 Kimball Ave in Caldwell.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nancy Farrell thanked everyone who helped and purchased rocks at the Ensley's rock sale. All club members will receive half off admission to the Ensley's dinosaur museum the month of October.

We had our slab drawing. Nancy Farrell won the door prize.

Dan and Diane brought a cake to celebrate their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Meeting adjourned 9:10



## **Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society**

### **- October Field Trip**

**Big Egg Claim—Thunder Eggs**

**October 18, 2014**

**Meet at the Marsing Park just as you  
cross the Snake River**

**at 7:30 a.m., leave about 8 a.m.**

**The site is approximately 15 miles from Marsing.**



Useful items to bring: bucket/canvas bag, shovel, pick, rock hammer, gloves, appropriate clothing, first-aid kit, sunscreen, drinking water, lunch and snacks.

For field trip information, call:

Ithel Kildow (208) 455-7960 or Gene Alvey (208) 440-3067

\*All field trips are subject to change depending on weather and road conditions.



### **Road Clean-Up: October 4th, 2014**

**The road clean up went good and we had  
ten members show up.**

**Thanks to the people that helped out!**

**We need someone to take over for next year.**

**Please let Ithel or Willa know if you are  
interested in helping out.**

### October Birthstone—Opal

October's birthstone treats the eye to an explosion of shimmering colors. The Opal derives its name from the Latin word "opalus," meaning precious jewel. Prized for its unique ability to refract and reflect specific wavelengths of light, the Opal was called "Cupid Paederos" by the Romans, meaning a child beautiful as love.



Ancient monarchs treasured Opals, both for their beauty and for their presumed protective powers. They were set into crowns and worn in necklaces to ward off evil and to protect the eyesight. These gemstones were also ground and ingested for their healing properties and to ward off nightmares.

The Opal dates back to prehistoric times. It is a non-crystallized silica, which is a mineral found near the earth's surface in areas where ancient geothermal hot springs once existed. As the hot springs dried up, layers of the silica, combined with water, were deposited into the cracks and cavities of the bedrock, forming Opal. This gemstone actually contains up to 30% water, so it must be protected from heat or harsh chemicals, both of which will cause drying and may lead to cracking and loss of iridescence. Opal must also be guarded from blows, since it is relatively soft and breaks easily.

**Alternate Birthstone:** An alternate birthstone for October is Pink Tourmaline.

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



#### October Birthdays

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| 1  | Celia Quignon     |
| 4  | Mayo Hand         |
| 10 | Sharlene McCaslin |
| 12 | Dibrell Stowell   |
| 13 | Dennis Fulk       |
| 16 | Pat Erichson      |
| 16 | Dee Huntley       |
| 16 | Amanda McConnell  |
| 19 | Terry Goodell     |
| 21 | Pat McConnell     |
| 21 | Lafe Sackett      |
| 23 | David Sturm       |
| 26 | Dennis Waller     |
| 29 | Brad Larson       |
| 30 | Aubrey Kopp       |
| 30 | Charles Murphy    |
| 30 | Dan Stevens       |



#### October Anniversaries

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| 7 | Gene & Joan Alvey |
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Visit this site for some great information for kids  
(and grownups)!

<http://www.rockhoundkids.com>

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](mailto: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

## 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

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

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150 club members,  
plus online visitors.

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



**OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY Board Minutes****September 29, 2014**

The meeting was held at the H&R Block building on Kimball Ave in Caldwell and called to order by President Willa Renken at 7 pm. Willa asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Board Minutes as printed in the newsletter. Hearing none she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Pauline Prather made the motion and Ithel Kildow 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the motion carried.

**SECRETARY:** I will not be present for the Board Meeting in October and need a volunteer.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Nancy reported there will be no presentation at the October meeting due to elections.

**TREASURER:** Janie had nothing to report.

**SHOW CHAIRMAN:** Susan reported there has been between 1200 and 1300 grab bags made and already donated for the show. Club members are also responding with donations for the Wheel of Gems. She also has volunteers for all of the venue chairs.

**FEDERATION CHAIR:** Ed wants to remind club members to be mindful of the laws when traveling out of state to collect specimens. Some states require a permit to collect. Also continue to save your stamps.

**HISTORIAN:** Pauline had no report.

**SUNSHINE:** RoseMary reported Myrt was in the hospital with vertigo and she will be sending a card.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dues are due in October. You can mail your membership renewal or turn it in at the meeting. Club dues need to be paid in order to vote in the election

**FIELD TRIP:** The October field trip will be to the Big Egg Claim. The site is approximately 15 miles from Marsing. Meet at the park by the river before you arrive in Marsing at 7:30 am and depart at 8.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Willa found and made reservations for the conference room at the Best Western Hotel in Caldwell for a new meeting place in November. All present agreed the Best Western would be a good centrally located meeting place and she is going to call to see if we can make a reservation there for the October meeting also.
- Willa made reservations for our Christmas party at Orphan Annie's on Kimball Ave. It will be held on December 17 with a no host bar at 6:30 and dinner at 7. Club members will pay \$7.75 for dinner. Bring a \$10 gift for the White Elephant gift exchange. There will be gifts for the lifetime members and donated grab bags for the kids.
- Red Larson volunteered to purchase and bag grit to sell at the Gem Show.
- The road clean-up will be Saturday October 4.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- With elections being held next month, everyone should think about running for an office.
- There was discussion about appointing or electing a person to be responsible for keeping paperwork filed yearly on our claims. This should be someone who is willing to keep the position for a while.
- There was discussion on getting a bid from UPS for the printing of the bulletin to make the mailing process easier.
- The single people in the club will be responsible for refreshments at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

### **Federation Director**

The stamps sold at the NFMS brought in \$14.00 a pound which 16 pounds were sold. These stamps had been separated to bring the most for the special stamps. The next NFMS Show will be held in Ogden, Ut. April 10-11-12, 2015, more to come later. SAVE YOUR STAMPS. The Stamp lady was VERY HAPPY with the old stamps and how they were separated. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP. The show was good.

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 State of Washington has closed the Lolo forest to collecting of Smoky Quartz, due to problems of persons not filling in the holes. Also, a permit is required for collecting on forest lands. Thanks to Bill Anderson for his help at the Caldwell Library, and to all that gave material for us to share with them, THANK YOU.

-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/>**



**2015 Show—We Will Rock You!**The venue chairs for the 2015 show are:

Myrt Alston—Chili Feed

Randy Whipple—Front Door

Jarri McClarin and Kathi Larson—Membership

Willa Renkin—Demonstrators

Pauline Prather—Historic Display

Joan Alvey—Grab Bags

Jody Atwood—Sand Dig

Red Larson—Silent Auction

Thelma Brown—Showcases

Denise Stringer—Wheel of Gems

Nancy Farrell—Special Display

Darell Ehlers—Advertising

Janie Ehlers—Show Banker

**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 October Meeting**

October 15, 2014—7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Best Western Hotel , Exit #29, 908 Specht Ave, Caldwell**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society October Field Trip**

October 18, 2014— Big Egg Claim

Meet at the Marsing Park just as you cross the Snake River at 7:30 a.m. leave about 8 a.m.

**Hells Canyon Gem Club Show—48th Annual Show**

October 18 &amp; 19, 2014

Nez Perce County Fair Building 1229 Burrell Avenue Lewiston, ID

Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.—5 p.m.

Gemstones, Carvings, &amp; Jewelry From Around the World

\$3.00 General Admission, Children 12 and under free with adult, students with ID card free

Displays, Demonstrations, Dealers, Rough Rock to Fine Jewelry, Kid's Corner, Rock Crafts

and Activities, Silent Auction, Great Bargains, Door Prizes, Grand Prize Drawing on Sunday,

Concessions—Rosie's Ribs

Contact: Linn Enger, 208-746-4957, engerocks@yahoo.com



## Membership Report

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

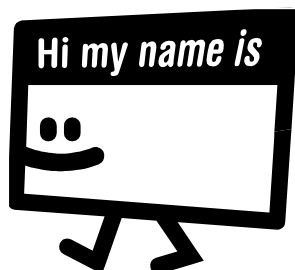
Any member needing a name badge, membership card, or patch, please call me so I can have them ready for you to pick up at the next meeting.

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.

### **DUES: Our dues are due this month!**

Fees are: Family \$20, Couple \$18, Single \$12, and Child (under 19) \$3.



I will be accepting payment for the 2015 dues at the October meeting or you can mail the form below to:  
PO Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053

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

### OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES      Year: 2015

Family \$20	Couple \$18	Single \$12	Child \$3
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LAST NAME: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ANNIV: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ BDAY: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
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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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