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#### **President's Message**

I want to extend gratitude and a large thank you to Willa Renken, for putting together the 2010 budget. The budget was approved at the April board meeting and will be presented at the April General meeting.

Once again thank you to everyone who had a hand in helping the 2010 Show be a record breaker! Please remember to keep tumbling rocks and making grab bags. The bags were almost sold out Saturday night with only a few left for early birds on Sunday morning.

Phil Neuhoff has been working on the scholarship application. The Board approved September 30 as the new deadline to coincide better with student schedules and colleges. The scholarship has not been awarded for the last couple of years and it is worth \$500! If you know of a geology student who could use \$500 please encourage them to apply.

Two years ago Charles Osgood presented the idea of a "rockhound" license plate. It is now a reality. Charles and the Board have been working on promoting the sells of the plate. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or would like to help with volunteering, please contact Charles. There is plenty of work to do! Charles has done an outstanding job, please show your support of our hobby and interests.

We have missed Chuck McCreath as he has been absent for the last couple of months due to knee surgeries. Please be mindful of he and his wife Shirley in your thoughts and prayers. Chuck reports that so far he has been doing well.

If you know of anyone who is ill or needs cheering up please let Arlene Bailey, our Sunshine Lady, know.

Welcome to the many new members and guest that have joined lately. We are always excited to see new faces and hope you enjoy what the club has to offer. Please inquire about the field trips, workshops, and ROLE program. Also, please visit the clubs outstanding website for information about the club, schedules, and great photos.

Jason Madsen President

#### MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING + APRIL 6, 2010

Jason Madsen called meeting to order at 7:35.

Board members and officers present were Kathy Griffin, Brent Stewart, Dan Phillips, Twila Gallaher, Ed Moser Rick Corbett, Willa Renken, Jason Madsen Phil Neuhoff, and Joe Nielson. Chuck McCreath was excused.

Guests were Marge Conley, Linda Philips, and Jim Clinton.

A motion was made by Willa Renken to accept the minutes as printed in the Grindings. Phil Neuhoff seconded the motion and it was carried.

Secretary's report – No report.

Treasurer's report – Kathy Griffin reported on the balances and disbursements. There was a question about a bill form Lock-A-Way storage and Kathy will research the issue.

Federation report – No report as Chuck was excused. Jason Madsen and Willa Renken brieflydiscussed the AFMS drawing for their endowment fund.

#### Committee Reports

2010 Budget – Willa Reken presented the 2010 budget. Phil Neuhoff made a motion to accept the 2010 budget as it was presented. Rick Corbett seconded the motion and the motion was carried. A unanimous thank you was given to Willa for her efforts and diligence to put the budget together.

Workshop – Willa reported that there will be a workshop this month. She also asked the board to consider possibilities on how the club can extend the workshop budget so that it can be sufficient enough to cover expenses, some equipment repairs and maintenance.

Field Trip – Ed Moser reported that the field trip to the Queenstone and Wangdoodle claims went well. Many people found small pieces of queen-

stone, and several small pieced of opal. A few of the opal pieces had some red fire.

Program – Brent Stewart reported that he will be showing panels of morrisonite, plume agate, and sagenite, He will also discuss how to make a cab panels for the program at the next meeting.

Scholarship – Phil Neuhoff lead a discussion on finalizing a deadline for the scholarship that would better coincide with students' schedules. A motion was made by Willa Renken to adjust the scholarship deadline to September 30. Brent Stewart seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Editor – Willa Renken mention that newsletter submission are due by Sunday.

Building Fund – Jason Madsen led a unanimous thank you to Joe Nielson for his diligence and efforts as the Building Fund Chair. At Joe's request he resigned. Jason Madsen appointed Jim Clinton, and congratulated and thanked Jim for accepting the chair.

License – Charles Osgood reported that the club still has not received a bill for the DOT. Charles also led a discussion on poster to promote the plate, and letters to appeal to other clubs and businesses for them to promote the plate.

Hospitality – Dan and Linda Philips will be taking over for Myrtle and Jack Trevithick as the Hospitality chair.

Any other chairs that need time

#### **Old Business**

Charlie Smith finalized the decision to have next years show end at 6:00 pm.

At some of the members request Jim Da Silva is looking possible alternative places for the banquet.

#### **New Business**

Marge Conley presented the option of having new ribbons made up for the Show Exhibitors, Host, Dealers, and Demonstrators. A motion was

made by Rick Corbett to have new ribbons made up, Willa Renken seconded, and the motion carried.

#### Membership applications

Applications were received and reviewed by Jason Madsen. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the applicants as members, Twila Gallaher seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jason Madsen Acting Secretary

#### MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING + MARCH 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Jason Madsen at 7:40 pm.

Brent Stewart led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of many guests tonight! Welcome! Dick Corbett, Tom Langford, Barbara and George Shearer, Joe Betx, Frank and Isaac Bailargeon, Dan and Diane Stevens, Rene Auly, Bill and Caryn Scanlan, Judy Goldberg, Neal Milliron, Jeff and Marty Cappe, The Denton Family, Nancy Nichols, Rob Greener, Phillip and Melodee Wesley, Amy and Nathan Brasley, Llinda Harder, Vern Tunnell, and Bill Murphy.

Door Rrizes were won by Ed Moser, Sandy Blodgett, Cayn Schanlon, Dick Corbett, Jim Jenks, Heather Madsen, Amy Brasley, Michael George, Shellye Lindsay, and Carl Schmitz.

Kids prizes were won by Alan Jerge, Cameron Betz, Hailey Madsen, Kylee Madsen, and Isaac Baillargeon.

During the show we received many new membership applications, they were reviewed at the Board meeting and approved. New members are Delores Dewayne, Terry and Marcy Belcoe, Jerry and Jane Smart, David and Carol Smith, Jim and

Barb Wilson, Ron and Pam Mawson, and Arene Ciely

Secretary's report – The club receive lots of newsletters and an issue of Rock and Gem magazine. The materials were added to the library.

Treasure's Report – Kathy Griffin was excused and a report on the balances and disbursements was given by Tony Griffin. He also discussed that the show had record attendance for 2010.

#### Committee Reports

ROLE – Ron Bailey expressed that the program is gaining interest. He explained details of the program and its benefit to members.

Field Trip – Tony Griffin reported that Ed Moser will be leading the field trip for Saturday. The group will be going to the Queenstone and Wangdoodle claims for jasper and opal.

Librarian Report – Valerie Estabrook reported that the library is open and running smooth. She encouraged suggestions for new materials. Mrytle Trevithick turned over the guest book log which holds names dating back to 1996 to Valerie to add to the library.

Junior's Report – Ed Moser reported that the kids were busy in the back room learning about volcanoes. There was a donation of tourmaline specimens and they will be passed out to the Juniors. He cautioned to use care when handling them due to sharp edges.

Show Report – Doug Renken reported that the show went very well. There was great attendance. He thanked everyone for their help and support. He also reminded the club that now is the time to start preparing for next years show by tumbling rock, making grab bags, maintaining equipment, and working out ideas.

Editor's Report – Doug Renken reported that the newsletters will be late due to Alpha Graphics

changing their email address which caused a delay in receiving and printing the newsletter.

License Plate Committee- Jason Madsen announced that Charles Osgood was appointed as the License Plate Chair. Charles did and excellent presentation on the concept of the plate. He expressed that he appreciates help and volunteers to promote the sells of the plate.

Workshop – Willa Renken reviewed the workshop program to newcomers. She encouraged all who wish to attend to show up. There will be hotdogs and marshmallows. Marge Conley will be giving a class on wire wrapping. It was mentioned that if you are interested in wire wrapping to bring your own tools if you have them. Willa asked that people help clean up afterward.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

There was 15 minute break for refreshment. Then Brent Stewart led a program on cutting rocks with diamond tools.

Respectfully submitted, Deana Ashton Secretary

#### MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING + FEBRUARY 16, 2010

General meeting called to order at 7:30

Kevin Watson recited Pledge of Allegiance Door prizes won by Ed Moser, Ron Coolbaugh, Clarence Beursmeyer, Gary Scott, Steve Allen

Youth Prize won by Alan Jerger

Marge Conley accepted minutes as printed in "Grindings" with Phil Neuhoff excused, second by Richard Clark. Motion accepted.

Belle Witt took notes as Secretary was tardy due to work.

Treasurers report discussed disbursements and balances.

Chuck McCreath reported September 17,18,19 is the Oregon Show- They are having a case competition. A meeting was held. Hotel B can be reached at 503-648-3500 for reservations of the rooms secured at \$69.00.

Ron Bailey encouraged participation in the ROLE program.

Tony and Rick proposed several dates and ideas for Field Trips. May 22 for Haystack Butte Jasper and August 21st for mahogany jasper/craters.

Librarian Valerie Estabrooke reported that March 6,7 from 10am to 6pm the Owyhee Gem Club Show is held at O'Conner Field House in Caldwell.

Ed Moser suggested making a visit to the Caldwell Library to view exhibit of rocks and mineral specimens. He asked for volunteers to help make critters at the show we have coming up.

Editor Doug Renken discussed show set-up schedule. He offered parking passes to members who are to participate in set-up, working and tear down.

In March we should hold a wire wrap workshop. A limit to class attendees is suggested as it is easier on instructors. Willa needs volunteers to assist members in workshops. Doug will not be available. An idea of a chain making workshop was suggested.

Tumbled rocks are needed for grab bags.

License Plate Committee- a discussion of advertising ideas will take place at the board meeting. Any ideas you may have please contact Charles Osgood. Funding for ads is on agenda.

Joe reports the sweatshirts are here and he will have ready for show.

Respectfully submitted, Deana Ashton Secretary





### Reynold's Creek Wood (Pass The Bug Spray, Please!)

When the wood bug bites, and I don't mean a tick, it's time to head out, to old Reynold's Crick!

Fifty miles from Boise, it's an easy trip, high desert country, with a landing strip!

So, pack your gear and let's head out the door, there's a lot of desert, for us to explore.

We'll head for Murphy go in the back way, the scenery is gorgeous, no matter the day.

We'll park at the bottom and hike up the hill, cresting the ridge - what a beautiful thrill!
Ranches all scattered, in the valley below, cows milling around, in the sun's warm glow.

A word about critters, you've entered their home, where spiders, ticks, ants, and scorpions roam!

So, take a minute to put yourself at ease, and remember the phrase, "Pass the bug spray, please!"

Let's start down the hill, find a place to dig, think petrified wood, and think ever so big! A melodious clink, means you've done good, so lift up your shovel, and check it for wood.

Reynold's creek wood is a cinnamon color, with shades of orange and even some yeller! It takes a good polish and tumbles just great, Reynold's Creek wood is really first rate!

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# BIRTHDAY

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	APRIL		MAY
4/2	Sherri Potts	5/2	Frank Masley
4/3	Bill Marsh	5/2	Marshall Robbins
4/3	Marcy Belcoe	5/5	Deb Butte
4/3	Hannah Denton	5/6	Richard Clark
4/8	Phyllis Marsh	5/6 5/7	Jeremy Schuster
4/8	Ann Brasley	5/7 5/14	Larry Arnold Carl Woodland
4/10	Douglas Williams	5/15	Dick Corbett
4/11	Frank Baillargeon	5/16	Mike Witschen
4/12	Nathaniel Loewen	5/18	Gerri Whitlach
4/12	Joyce Murray	5/19	Twila Gallaher
4/13	Rick Olmstead	5/20	Camille Ridenour
4/13	Edwin Moser	5/21	Amy Watson
4/15	Dorothy Snowball	5/21	Nathan Brasley
4/17	Jim Da Silva	5/22 5/22	Janice Egner
4/22	Willa Renken	5/24	Larry Odell Deanna Holloway
4/24	Neil Potts	5/24	Mary Ridley
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April Birthstones Faceted — Diamond Cabochon — Rock Crystal

Terry Belcoe

Kyleigh Jackson

4/26 Vern Boyd

4/27 Linda Harder

4/27

4/28

May Birthstones
Faceted — Emerald
Cabochon —
Chrysophrase

5/31 Aleea Ingle

Chelsey Griffith

Chuck Fawcett

Joan Dethlefs

Mike Egner

### **Upcoming Show**

Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society
45th ANNUAL
Gem & Mineral SHOW
APRIL 2010
17th. 10am - 6pm
18th. 10am - 5pm
Idaho Falls Recreation Center
B Street
Idaho Falls, Idaho
Adults - \$2.00

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

# **GENERAL MEETING:**3rd. Tuesday of every month

April 20, 2010 Church of the Brethren 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

### BOARD MEETING: 1st. Tuesday of every month

May 4, 2010 Church of the Brethren 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

# April Refreshment Committee

Chair: Deb Shaffer 871-8830 Kerri Chipman 871-8830 Cheryl Link 375-5360 Phil Neuhoff 939-4508

#### REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

Need approximately 15 dozen cookies. Wrapped door prizes are also needed. Arrive early enough to set up the chairs. The chairperson brings the coffee urn, coffee, punch, cream, sugar, cups and napkins. Afterward, put meeting tables & chairs away, clean kitchen and sweep the room. Gather and take all the trash with you. Don't forget it is the responsibility of the chair for the coming month to pick up the coffeepot, take it home and bring it the next meeting.

### May Refreshment Committee

Chair: Twila Gallaher 853-6703 Liana Rodden 631-7700 Jonathan Barnett 869-5164 Terry Tomberlin 343-7506

## Idaho Gem Club April Field Trip

Hooker Creek & Mahogany Dendrites: petrified wood & jasper

**When:** April 24th; meet between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. We will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Where to meet: Kmart parking lot on Karcher Rd (Highway 55). We will caravan from Kmart or you can meet us at ION Truck Stop or Hooker Creek if you know the way.

How to get there: travel West on I-84 to Exit 33A, the new Nampa Highway 55 exit. Travel West on Highway 55 through Marsing to the Intersection of Hwy 55 and Hwy 95. We will stop at the ION Truck Stop to meet other rock hounds, we will leave here at 9:10 a.m. Go south onto Highway 95, travel into Oregon to the sign that says Jordan Craters (about milepost 12). There is a dirt road on the east side across from the Jordan Craters sign. This is the entrance to Hooker Creek. After lunch we will go west on Jordan Craters road until we reach the collection area, approximately twenty five miles. Drive time is about one half hour from the Ion Truck Stop to Hooker Creek and one hour to the Mahogany Dendrites from Hooker Creek. A high clearance vehicle with good tires is required for the last half mile at the Mahogany Dendrite dig, this last half mile can and will tear up soft side tires. There is parking before this last descent, you can ride with someone that has room or take the short hike into the collection area.

**Equipment needed:** rock hammer, chisel, shovel, safety glasses, appropriate clothing for the weather and location, food for the time you will be there, water, full tank of gas, and any items you need for your personal use. It is tick season, so bring tick spray or wipes! If you would like more information, please come to our Gem Club meeting. April 20th, 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Church of the Brethren 2823 N. Cole Rd. or Call our Field Trip Chairman

Tony Griffin
Field Trip Chairman
467-9286 home phone
250-3857 cell phone.

Email: tonygriffin@heritagewifi.com

### **Equipment for sale**

For Sale: Highland Park 24 "Rock saw New BD -303s segmented blade 15 gal. Oil Rails show a little to no wear Runs excellent \$1600.00

For Sale: Highland Park 10" Rock saw BD 303Pro continuous rim blade, 95%+ New bearings on arbor New ½ hp farm duty motor Vise bored and bushed, new guide rod Increased oil capacity form 1 qt. To 5 qt. 2 speed feed Locking casters Runs excellent \$400.00

For Sale: Covington large sphere maker 6+ pairs of cups
Locking casters
Runs excellent
\$500.00

Mary Bonnee 208-585-2771 bonnercll@yahoo.com

# Sunshine Lady

Arlene Bailey is the club sunshine lady. Her job is to send some cheer to members who are ill or just need

some cheering up. But she needs your help in doing this job. If you know of someone who has been recently ill let her know so she can send them a card. Her phone number is 562-8030. Thank you in advance for your help.

Welcome New Member

Frank & Isaal Baillergeon 4483 N. Datton Boise, ID 83704-2825 (208) 919-0947

Bill Murphy 9635 W. Malad St. Boise, ID 83709-3534 (208) 321-2775

Robert Roberts 2100 E. Maryland Ave. Nampa, ID 83686-6244 (208) 906-9771

Dick Corbett 1303 Maple St. Meridian, ID 83642-1973 (208) 888-4378

Tim Brown 4363 S. Pony Ave. Boise, ID 83709-5576 (208) 559-3925

Gary Hendriksen & Shellye Lindsay 12705 W. Mercedes Ct. Boise, ID 83713-0526 (208) 571-6228

> Neal Milliron 2624 W. Idaho St. Boise, ID 83702-4731 (208) 353-3014

Connie Canon 9986 Rosecroft Apt. 101 Boise, ID 83704–5076 (208) 830–8892 Larry & Amy Brasley 8690 S. Eagle Rd. Meridian, ID 83642-7218 (208) 888-3486

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Larry & Carla Arnold 2284 Ridge Point Way Boise, ID 83712-8519 (208) 867-6727

George & Barbara Shearer 4222 Meriwether Dr. Boise, ID 83705-5032 (208) 345-2873

# ROCK and MINERAL IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOPS

# The IDAHO MUSEUM of MINING and GEOLOGY

is sponsoring two Identification workshops again this year, taught by Coyote Short and Lois McDonald.

Tentatively, the first (MINERAL IDENTIFI-CATION) workshop will be Sunday, June 6, 2010.

The second class (ROCK and MINERAL IDENTIFICATION) workshop is scheduled for Sunday, August 15 (not the 22nd as previously announced in the IMMG activity calendar).

Class sizes will be limited. To reserve a space and obtain further information, call Lois McDonald, 713-2061.

# Yesteryear January 1960

Dan Black was nominated for president by the board and confirmed in a short meeting before the Banquet at Hill House. There was no report on the Banquet.

The State House requested a case of petrified wood and they would supply the case. Members were asked to bring in specimens of rough and polished wood.

The February show broke even financially and Mr. Root thanked those that helped in making the show a success. There was to be a potluck dinner at the next meeting. Members with last names beginning with A or B were asked to bring display material for the next meeting.

The field trip was on Sat. and Sun. to the Whangdoodle mine and assessment work was completed.

A three day Field Trip to Bruneau Canyon was planned for May. The Waldrons who had recently retired and were moving to California scheduled the April field trip to their rock pile and after the April meeting all had a chance to fill their rock bags.

The trip to the Morrisonite claim was planned for the Declaration Day weekend. It was reported that unknown parties had been on the claim. A committee was appointed to take the necessary steps to protect it.

Patsy Bethel Historian

#### FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for articles is the board meeting, if it needs to be typed. If the article is sent via email the deadline is the Saturday after the board meeting.

Phone: (208) 362-3941 E-mail: WLR\_DKR@MSN.COM My mailing Address is: Doug Renken 12843 S. Five Mile Rd. Kuna, ID 83634

### **Electronic Grindings**

Thanks to those who signed up for the elcrtronic Grindings. Not only does this save the club money it helps save me time putting on lables and postage. Currently it costs around \$1.70 per issue or \$20.40 per year to print and mail each newsletter.

If you would like to receive the Grindings newsletter through e-mail let me know. Please send an e-mail to WLR\_DKR@msn.com and I will add you to our e-mail list. The Grindings will be sent in PDF format.

#### SAVE STAMPS

Just a note to remind people to save their postage stamps to donate to the Federation. The stamps are sold and the proceeds are donated to cancer research. Cut at least 1/4 inch margin around the stamps. You can turn them into Chuck McCreath at our next meeting. THANK YOU!

#### "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 officer, 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", I 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.

#### THE GRINDINGS

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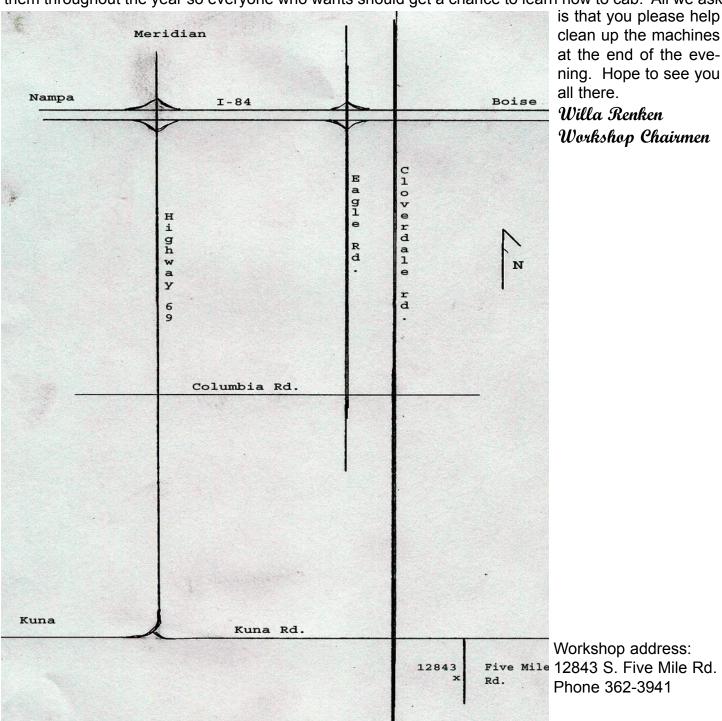






# **Workshop Report**

We will have anouther workshop this month. It will be Thursday April 22nd. The shop will be open at 6:30pm and run until 9:30pm. If you are interested please sign up at the meeting or call me at home. We also offer wire wrapping which carries a small charge for the wire. The address is 12843 S Five Mile Rd off of Kuna Rd. I will need instructors so please step forward and volunteer. It usually takes about five to seven depending on the interest. If you aren't able to make this month we will be having them throughout the year so everyone who wants should get a chance to learn how to cab. All we ask



The purpose of the Idaho USTICK Gem Club is to promote mutual, educational and scientific interests and benefits of its members in mineralogy, geology, gemology, the art of **Mountain View Church** lapidary and kindred arts and of the Brethren sciences. 2823 N. Cole Road **Dues:** \$12.00 per person **NORTHVIEW** The Whangdoodle Bird \$15.00 per couple (Often seen on field trips) \$17.50 per family **Subscription:** \$10.00 per year **General Meeting:** 3rd. Tuesday of each Month at 7:30 p.m. **FAIRVIEW** 



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