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President's Message

It is that time of year again to announce that Dues are due. There has been some discussion by the board to raise dues next year to keep up with the costs of printing and mailing the newsletters and paying the Federations dues. One thing that members can do to help keep expenses of the club down is to have the Grinding sent to you electronically. Please give this some consideration and let Doug Renken know if you would prefer the Grinding sent via email, instead of regular post. For the current year, until October 2011, dues will remain the same.

The Project of the Year contest is coming up in December. This is a terrific opportunity for you to share your talents and ambitions with the rest of the club, as well as receive some recognition. The project can be any media, as long as it is related to earth science or lapidary. Something new for this year is that the club will have two categories for the Project of the year, one for the adults, and one for the juniors. The projects will be voted on by the general membership and the winner will receive a plaque that they get to keep for a year. The project will also be displayed at the annual show in a case.

Phil Neuhoﬀ has done an outstanding job revamping and promoting the scholarship. As a result, we received two qualifying applicants this year. The deadline for the application was September 30, but if you or anyone you know of are interested, then you can submit an application for next year. Because the club did not have any eligible applicants to award the scholarship to for the last few years the Board decided to award two applicants this year. Sunny Thomas and Keisha Tomaszewski will receive a \$500 scholarship to go towards their earth science and geology related degrees pending a short presentation related to their studies to the general membership at an upcoming meeting!

The Federation's Junior Rock hound of the Year was awarded to Tenaya Madsen last month by Rick Bower. I would like to offer my congratulations to her! For the upcoming year the Northwest Federation is encouraging any Juniors to apply for the award in the year 2011. Rick Bower accepted the Junior's chair for the Federation and we look forward to working with him to promote and support the Junior's program.

At the request of some members, and from the Board, Jim Da Silva has been investigating alternatives for places to host the annual banquet. The Board voted on having the upcoming banquet at Louie's Italian Restaurant in Meridian instead of the Owyhee Plaza.

Just a reminder to keep working on grab bags and tumbled rocks for the annual show in February. We sell through them every year.

An additional reminder that there will be auctions in November and December for the meeting programs. I encourage members to bring in donations for the auctions. The November auction is typically a general auction including rough, slabs, tools, equipment, and miscellaneous, and the December auction is typically finished items, making it an opportunity to pick up some thoughtful holiday gifts.

Jason Madsen
President

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING • OCTOBER 5, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Jason Madsen at 7:32 pm. All Board members present with Shirley McCreath, Dan Phillips and Jim DiSilva in attendance.

Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes as reported in the Grindings, Deana Ashton seconded the motion, motion carried.

Secretary's report: Reviewed mail and newsletters received. Kathy Griffin turned over her IGC mailbox key to Deana Ashton. IGC received a thank you card from Diane Stevens for her flowers sent to her by the Sunshine Committee. Various newsletters were received and the three Rock and Gem magazines for previous 3 months are received.

Treasurer's report: Kathy reviewed the club financial overview. Balances/deposit and Bills to be paid were reviewed. Willa will be ordering new wheels for the equipment and using some funds for this order.

NW Federation report: Chuck McCreath reported that the election for 2nd Vice President of the NWF was won by Kathy Moedl. The Federation show for 2011 has an exciting change. The 2011 show will be Youth Sponsored, the youth will promote the show, collect money at the door, set up the display cases they create, and put on the whole show- with adult supervision. Since the Youth Program receives all profits from this show, this is an excellent opportunity for all Youth to present the knowledge they have received from involvement with the Federation. This show will be held in Chehalis, WA in July, 2011. The NW Federation show date for 2012 has been set for May 18-20, 2012 in Kennewick, WA.

Field Trip report: The trip to Carey was a success- 6 vehicles made the run and specimens were found by all who attended. Twila Gallagher and Charles Osgood attended the trip to Dismal Swamp and had a good time as well. The IGC field trip for October will be to Succor Creek and this will be a combined trip with the Owyhee Club following us to claim. More details to follow.

Juniors report: Ed Moser reported that the youth will need to bring folders to the general meeting and the workbook and papers they have been working on.

Editor's report: Doug needs all submissions for newsletter received by this Friday for deadline. It was again recommended that anyone who has an email set up to receive the club newsletter via email to save the expenses and time consuming work of printing and mailing the Grindings. Please update any changes to your addresses to cut down on expense of return mail.

License Plate Report: Charles Osgood discussed the promoting he has been doing for the Gem State Plate- and reports the figures are down. We will not make the 3,000 plate requirement in 3 years at the rate we are going now.

Charles has been to many festivals and had only a few helpers to pass out the plate information. He encouraged all members to embrace the concept of the Gem State Plate and help spread the word about the excellent educational benefit it directly provides for the K-6 schoolchildren. Charles and Deana will proceed with a t-shirt order featuring the license plate as requested by many members. We will have the Gem State Plates available for the November meetings. This will help promote the program a bit. Chuck McCreath suggested that the IGC join forces with the 3 other Earth Science related license plate programs to share advertising expenses and help each other promote our plates. There is statewide coverage for the 3 other plates. We did receive some media coverage- thanks to the generosity of Stewarts Gem Shop and family. The plate looked great in The Idaho Statesman and hopefully with some increased attraction we can get the plate sales up. Please volunteer to help Charles distribute the placards and cards and posters he had printed for advertisement. Let's help spread news about the Gem State Plate. If we do not get the sales increased we risk losing the program by falling short of the required 3,000 plates to be ordered by 3 yrs. It is too large a task for one man to do! This is going to increase awareness of Idaho's beautiful Gems, and help increase our Club awareness. Most important, the proceeds from the license plate are going to the school programs in Earth Science and Lapidary for Kindergarten thru 6th Grade level. We may see the purchase of lapidary equipment or funding for special field trips come from the money generated by plate sales, so let's help Charles out and sell some plates!! Also- 25% of the club members who won special plates in the raffle held last fall have not turned in applications with DMV to order plates. If you won a plate in the raffle and do not intend to purchase the plate, please let Charles know this so he can designate the numbered plates to someone who does want one.

Workshop report: Willa reports the workshop will be held this month- special feature: The Stewart's Gem Shop family- Gene and Brent will be teaching a special class on processing a Star Garnet from rough stone to a beautiful cut gem! How lucky we are as a club to have Gemologists provide hands on training for the State gemstone! This workshop will be star garnets only and no cabochons will be cut. As a courtesy, we will not be running the saws and genies in workshop to give the attention to the Stewarts class. There will be a limit on class size so everyone gets time to complete the workshop project. If a successful turnout- they may hold another class later. IF YOU SIGN UP FOR SPECIAL WORKSHOP- SHOW UP FOR WORKSHOP!! It isn't fair to other members to block a space in the class and then not show up. Please be courteous and if you cannot attend- call Willa and let her know so she can get the 15 person limit filled! A sign up sheet will be available at the general meeting October 26th. Willa also will be ordering new wheels for 6 machines very soon and can use help assembling the new wheels on equipment. Please let her know if you can help her update our club equipment!

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT: Phil Neuhoﬀ had exciting news! This year we have 2 qualified candidates for the \$500.00 scholarship awarded by Idaho Gem Club to students interested in Lapidary, Earth Sciences. One candidate has an environmental studies goal and the second candidate is

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seeking a degree in Earth Science Education! The previous two years have not yielded a qualified candidate for the scholarship money. Twila Gallagher made a motion to award two \$500.00 scholarships this year to the 2 qualified candidates provided they present the Club a presentation at an upcoming meeting. This uses the \$500.00 from last years fund and gives both candidates some financial help with their scholastic goals. Call to vote was given by Willa Renken and the Board made a unanimous vote to approve the use of \$500.00 last years scholarship fund and the \$500.00 fund for this year to the scholarship candidates/winners. Phil Neuhoﬀ will report more on this later. Thanks to Phil for updating the application for the scholarship which provided us two successful student opportunities for education goals.

Show report: Twila asked if anyone has begun to consider the case favors and if the Show committee chairmen had been confirmed. The show is coming up- so be thinking of ideas.

BANQUET REPORT!!! Jim DiSilva reported his menu options and pricing for four restaurant/bar venues he has extensively researched for our annual banquet in January. The IGC Board voted on the choice of Louie's Italian Restaurant in Meridian to host our banquet. We will have a report with details to follow. Thanks Jim for the hard work and time spent to offer the club options for this event.

New Business: It is Election time! If you are interested in serving as a Board Member for the Idaho Gem Club- contact Brent Stewart, the IGC 2nd VP and Nominee Chairperson. Rick Corbett and Phil Neuhoﬀ were appointed by Jason Madsen to assist Brent in Nominee selections. We will have three Board Members end their terms this year, Ed Moser, Twila Gallaher and Willa Renken. A short introduction/biography should be prepared by any candidate to be printed in The Grindings so club members can make a choice.

Brent Stewart will show a 20 minute long video on Morrisonite after the general meeting intermission. This features Jake Jakobitz who was recently featured in Rock and Gem Magazine. Jake is from the Treasure Valley. Morrisonite is collected from the Owyhee Canyon Rim and has become rare. Please plan on staying around after the General Meeting to see this special video. Brent also presented Jason Madsen a \$150.00 gift certificate to give to Tenaya Madsen for her acclaimed recognition recently for her rock hound projects and awards.

Chuck McCreath - NW Federation wants to collect the emails of members to process newsletters more efficiently. If you have an email address- please give it to Doug to add to membership roster and let him know if you wish to receive our club news via email. Chuck has modified the club application form to update information and include email addresses. The board will review IGC Member applications at next months meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Deana Ashton

Secretary

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING • SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

Jason Madsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The pledge of alliance was led by Phil Neuhoﬀ.

Guest were introduced and welcomed.

Door prizes were presented by Linda and Dan Philips. Each of the youth received a door prize as well.

The building fund prize prize was presented by Jim Clinton.

There were no changes to the minutes as printed in the Grindings.

Secretary's report – No report.

Treasurer's report – Kathy Griffin reported on the balances and disbursements.

Federation report – Chuck McCreath reported on the Federation show. Nancy Moedl was elected second vice president. Three new clubs joined the Federation.

Committee Reports

Field trip – Rick Corbett reported on the upcoming field trip to Carey, Idaho to collect agate. He also reported that the trip to Silver City was a blast!

Librarian – No report.

Juniors – Ed Moser reported on the Federation Junior Rock hound of the Year and introduced Rick Bower as the new Junior's chair for the Federation. Rick then presented Tenaya Madsen with the award. Tenaya read her biography to the club.

Sunshine – Arlene Bailey reported on several members of the club that were having health issues. They included Jim Dillion was having knee surgery, Ron Coolbaugh was going through a hip replacement, Diane Stevens was having a knee surgery, and Tom Rogers was having eye surgery.

Workshop – There will not be a workshop for September.

Brent Stewart led the program with a discussion of his trip to the Denver show.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Madsen

Acting Secretary

**Idaho and “The Gem State”
Go Together on the Plate**



**Support our excellent statewide educational programs by
purchasing your “Gem State Plate”**

Scholarship Committee Report

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2010 Idaho Gem Club Scholarship, which is awarded annually to outstanding earth science students at local colleges. This year's recipients are Keisha Tomaszewski and Sunny Thomas. Keisha is a Geophysics major at BSU and Sunny is an Earth Science Education major at BSU. Look for both Keisha and Sunny to visit us at a meeting in the near future to receive their scholarships and tell us about their studies.

Phil Neuhoﬀ



“Whangdoodle bird sighted in Greenland! Photo taken at Egi, West Greenland by Phil Neuhoﬀ.”

ROCK'N FUNNIES



September Field Trip Report Carey, Idaho

This was an interesting if not unusual field trip. We had hoped to find some more Carey moss or lace. The "access yes" area that was productive for us last year was closed off this year. The rancher allowed vehicles in to a certain point, from that point on it was foot traffic only and about two miles was a little far to walk even for moss or lace agate.

After our first stop above the reservoir, that didn't produce much this year, we split up into groups going to two collection areas. On the east side of the road across from the reservoir we did find a lot of nice pieces of the white agate with some tube agate, but mostly the banded agate. Some pieces were as big as a fist or slightly larger, but mostly smaller pieces. Some brown or gold jasper and agate was found along Cold Springs Creek and High Five Creek where the road crosses the bridge from Little Wood Reservoir on the way to Muldoon Summit.

All of the locations I had planned on stopping were made with exception of the one closed off by Mr. Peavey, the rancher. Mr. Peavey lives in the two story log house at the entrance to his property where the road to the "access yes" area is located. I am hoping the area is closed off because of hunting season and Mr. Peavey's fear for his cattle being shot by hunters. It may be possible for him to let us into his property during non-hunting season times if we ask nicely. I'm not sure what his answer will be, but it is worth the time to check with him for the quality of Carey moss and lace found on his ranch.

There were seventeen adult members, one junior member; seven adult guests and two junior guests for a total of twenty seven attendees on this interesting trip. We were privileged to have quite a few members of the Magic Valley Rock Club to talk with and share locations of interest in this area.

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**OCTOBER**

10/03 Phil Romans
 10/4 Gina Gartman
 10/6 Dick Reed
 10/8 Todd Jackson
 10/8 David Schmitz
 10/9 Cindy Woolsey
 10/12 Tess Cryer
 10/13 Larry Tomberlin
 10/13 Bo Romans
 10/14 Rebekah Jackson
 10/15 Megan Griffith
 10/15 Bob Chen
 10/22 Jim Dillion
 10/22 Betty Trebilcock
 10/22 Bryce Dethlefs
 10/23 Samantha Ingle
 10/26 Lois McDonald
 10/26 Christopher Griffin
 10/28 Sue Clark
 10/28 Allan Young
 10/28 Leslie Brown
 10/29 Sandy Johnson
 10/30 Chuck Murphy

October Birthstones
Faceted — Tourmaline
Cabochon — Opal

Editor Note: If your birthday was not listed last year then I do not have it on my list. I do apologize but if you would like it listed give me your name and birthday and I will make sure it is listed.

NOVEMBER

11/1 Peggy Dean
 11/4 Sue Olson
 11/6 Tom Menten
 11/6 Jaden Wanner
 11/7 Peggy Blickfeldt
 11/7 Christopher Brewer
 11/7 Larry McConnell
 11/8 Caryn Scanlon
 11/10 Valicity Koen
 11/11 Jim Kirschbaum
 11/14 Robert Burns
 11/14 Cherrel Thomas
 11/15 Joe Betz
 11/19 Steve Ostrander
 11/20 Anna Picano
 11/21 Gary Hanes
 11/22 Christa Wakefield
 11/22 Ricky Renkamp
 11/23 Marge Conley
 11/24 Gary Smith
 11/25 Ava Cryer
 11/26 Phil Neuhooff
 11/26 Rick Denton
 11/27 Jim Ingle
 11/28 Amanda Loewen
 11/28 Robert Hoffman
 11/28 Diane Perkins
 11/28 Tom Shearer
 11/29 Ferman Ansel
 11/29 Debbie Griffith

November Birthstones
Faceted-Topaz or Citrine
Cabochon — Amber

DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING:**

3rd. Tuesday of every month

October 19, 2010

Church of the Brethren

2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho

Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEETING:

1st. Tuesday of every month

November 2, 2010

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Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

October Refreshment Committee

Chair: Jean Dingley 867-9892

Myrtle Trevithick 376-4293

Gina Gartman 562-1330

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.

November Refreshment Committee

Chair: Mark Ruiz 954-1013

Cheryl Link 375-5360

Chuck Crowe 412-3987

Idaho Gem Club October Field Trip

Field Trip to Three Fingers Butte area of Leslie Gulch for petrified wood and thunder eggs.

When: Saturday Oct 23rd; meet between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. We will leave promptly at 8 a.m. The drive time is about two hours due to the gravel and dirt roads we will be traveling on.

Where to meet: Kmart parking lot on Karcher Rd (Highway 55). We will caravan from Kmart and meet anyone else that wants to go from Marsing at the Ion Gas Station (Ion Junction) at the corner of Highway 55 and Highway 95. Walt Barnett will be leaving Ion at 8 a.m. if you want to meet up with the Owyhee Club earlier and go with them. We will be about 45 minutes behind Walt.

How to get there: travel West on I-84 to Exit 33A, the new Highway 55 exit. Kmart is on the south side of I-84 across from Edwards Theatre on Karcher Road. Our route will take us south on Highway 95 to milepost 5 which is the Leslie Gulch turnoff onto McBride Creek Road; then to Succor Creek Road and right going past Leslie Gulch towards Negro Rock where we will turn off of Succor Creek Road and head towards Three Fingers Butte and the thunder egg beds. The last part of this trip will require a high clearance vehicle preferably with good tires.

Equipment needed: rock and sledge hammer, chisel, rock pick, 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. If you would like more information, please come to our Gem Club meeting. October 19th, 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Church of the Brethren 2833 N. Cole Rd. or Call our Field Trip Chairman

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October Program

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Brent Stewart

DUES ARE NOW DUE.

Rates are as follows:

***\$12.00 per person
\$15.00 per couple
\$17.50 per family***

***Dues are due by October 31 each year .
Please pay at the next meeting or send
them to
Kathy Griffin, Treasurer
P.O. box 8443
Boise, ID 83707-2443***

Help

I need pictures of the field trips, also who the pictures are of as I can't go on field trips anymore and the History Book is bare. It is nice too look back and see old friends and all that seems to get in is obituaries, which is sad.

*Patsy Bethel
Historian*

ROCKY TRAILS

"Our Members Adventures"

Since I have been trying to encourage members to submit articles of their rock hounding adventures with minimal success, I thought I might hopefully encourage your articles by putting in a recap of our recent trip to Montana. Cheryl Link joined Willa and me on this trip. We left Boise on a Friday evening heading to Canyon Ferry Lake out of Helena Montana. Our original intention was to drive part way Friday evening but after learning that The Helena club was having a field trip to their Sapphire claim on Saturday at 9:00 am, we decided that we could make the trip if we drove all the way to Helena Friday evening. We arrived at the Marina RV Park around 1:00 am. Saturday morning. With a few hours rest we joined up with our friends Curt and Jan Smith, who have a house on the Lake and were able to go with us. The field trip requires a boat as the claim is located across Hauser Lake. The Helena club had three members graciously shuttle people by boat to and from their claim. They also had screening and digging equipment setup on the claim for all to use. All that was required was to bring a bucket so you could haul some water up to the claim for the final screening. We spent the morning and part of the afternoon digging at the claim and found some small stones. There was one member on the trip who found a couple of very nice blue sapphires. According to this member he has been to the claim and not found any stones so he was due. On Sunday the five of us went digging quartz crystals at the Sally

Anne claim which is west of Helena in the mountains. Since the sun was shining it was brisk but beautiful ¾ mile hike into the digging area. Curt and I found a spot to dig and ended up getting a couple of quart bags of crystals. This is also a Helena club claim and you do need to be a member or a guest of a club member to dig at these claims. After spending the first few days in the Helena area Cheryl, Willa, and I drove to Glendive to look for Montana agate. The second day in Glendive it rained then turned to snow. But since we had a limited amount of time we found some rain gear and continued looking for agate. After spending a week with us Cheryl needed to return to work early so she drove home on her own from Glendive. So Willa and I drove back to Billings to spend a day south of town at Bear Canyon looking for fortification agate and trying our hand at fossil collecting. After that it was time for us to return home so we chose to take the scenic route through Yellowstone and the Grand Teton National Park. What a beautiful time of year to travel this way as the aspens and willows were providing a stunning show of yellow, gold, and orange to their final stage of the year. This gave us a colorful backdrop to the staggering Grand Teton Range. If you ever want to experience a feeling of awe this is one spectacle to behold. There wasn't as much wildlife as we had hoped to see but we were lucky enough to see a couple herds of Bison, a moose, some big bucks, antelope and a coyote. On our second night I even woke up to hear some elk bugling in the nearby forest. This was just another plus to our Montana adventure.

Doug Renken



ROCK ESTATE SALE

In memoriam of Larry Crowley

3 years of sorting is finally done!!

TONS (literally) of rough rock ranging from 25 cents/lb to \$3.00/lb.

Material from Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Wyoming & Montana.

Hundreds of slabs, beginning at 25 cents each. and some Lapidary equipment

NOVEMBER 6, 2010 (Saturday) from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Cash Only. Bulk offers will be considered.

For directions, e-mail: naturallyrockin@gmail.com or call 208-793-3737 and leave msg.

Yesteryear April 1963

April's field trip was planned for a new site above Willow Creek on Saturday also planned was a trip to Sand (Strode) Basin for the next trip. It is 2 miles off the ION Highway. The Snake River Gem Club sent an announcement of a breakfast to be held in the Succor Creek Canyon and ask our Club to come. The club looked into purchasing the land that claims were on and found it was not eligible to make such a purchase directly. An announcement was made of a find of old guns beneath the Snake River near Swan Falls. The club was invited to help in discovering their origin. The August meeting was held at the Municipal Park and the Owyhee Gem Club is to be invited as guests. The next field trip would be to Dismal Swamp providing the road was passable. The BLM sent a notice to the club limiting the collec-

tion of petrified wood to 10 pounds per person per day. The secretary was directed to write a letter to the head of the BLM protesting this rule. The Owyhee County Assessor notified the club that the Whangdoodle claim had been filed on under the name of Red Hill. It was checked and there was no evidence of any work or corner stakes removed when checked.

Patsy Bethel
Historian

MINERAL IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP

Sponsored by
The IDAHO MUSEUM of MINING
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a Geo-Science Education Program

Thursday night, October 28, 6:30pm
Cynthia Mann School Library,
5401 W. Castle Dr., Boise.
(between Pierce Park & Collister)

Cost : \$10 IMMG Members,
\$15 non-members.

Bring identification supplies: streak plate,
jackknife, magnifying glass (loupe),
penny, glass chip, file (or nail), and
mineral book or buy supplies on site
at 20% off Gift Shop prices.
Some loaners available.

Students will receive a mineral box
with 15 specimens.

Teachers: Coyote Short and Lois
McDonald. Class size limited, call Lois
(713-2061) to reserve space and
obtain further information.

FROM THE EDITOR

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

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Electronic Grindings

Thanks to those who signed up for the elctronic 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!

**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.

"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.

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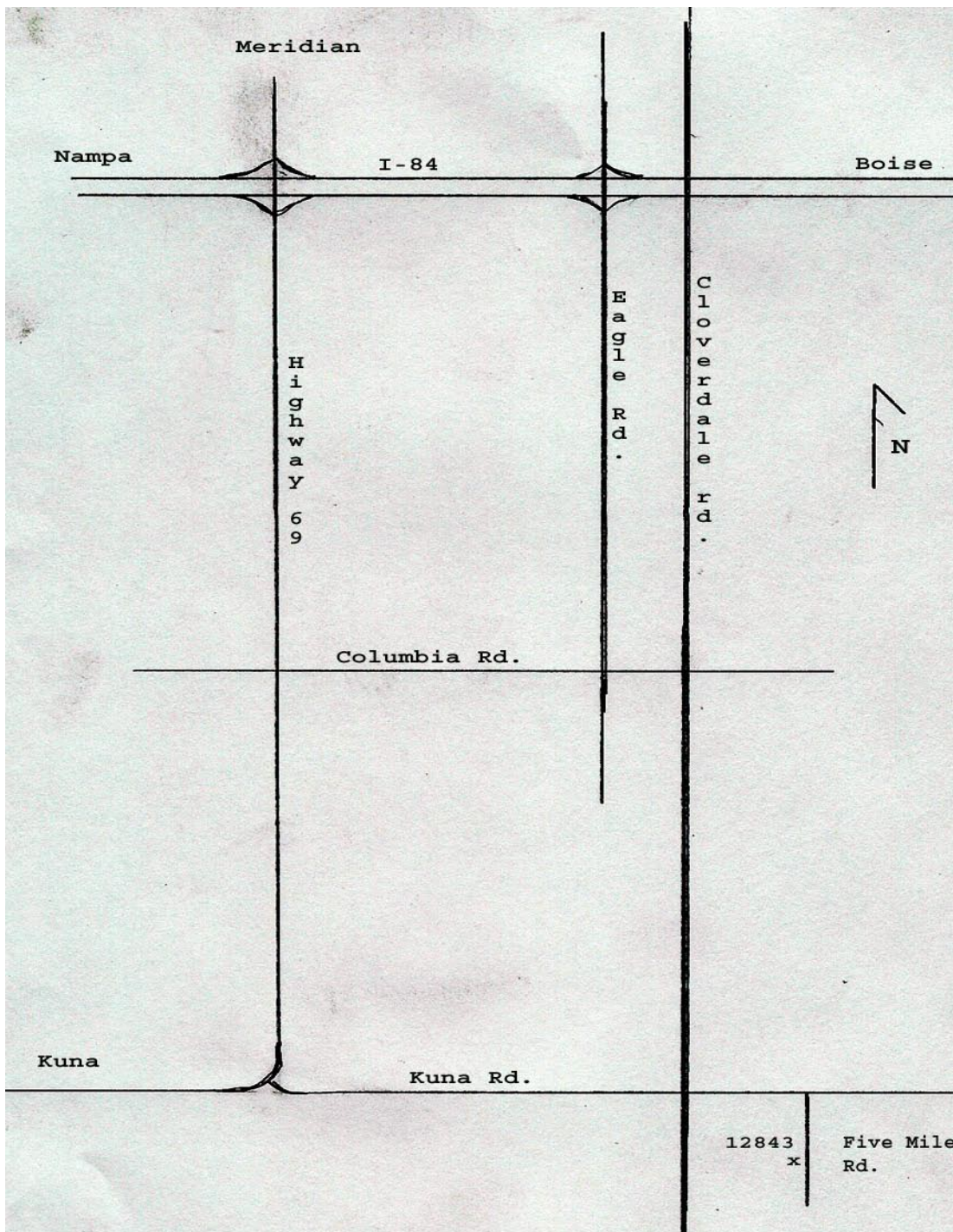


Workshop Report

This month's workshop is all about Star Garnets. Due to the intense process we will be limiting the size and scope of this workshop. There will be fifteen slots available so please contact me. Please make sure you can come before signing up as it is unfair to hold a slot from someone who could attend. Brent has assured me if there is enough interest that we could hold another workshop in the spring. If you want to come enjoy the fire and hotdogs you are more than welcome to do that but we will not be running the saws or wirewrapping as this just adds more noise to have to talk over while instructing. November will

be a regular workshop and open to all along with wirewrapping and availability of the big saws. As every year December is the big one where we open the shop up for Saturday and Sunday along with fingerfoods, chili, and fellowship. We hope you will make your plans accordingly and look forward to seeing you all.

Willa Renken
Workshop Chairman



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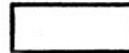
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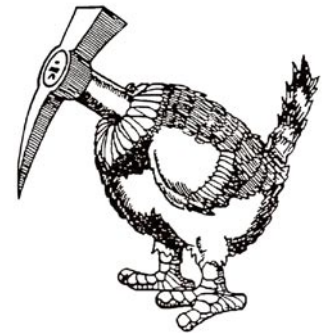


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The Whangdoodle Bird
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