


Grindings

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President's Message

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to resigning Officers, Board members, and Committee Chairs for their hard work and dedication. Also congratulations to the new Officers, Board members, and Committee Chairs.

Thank you to the Banquet Committee for their work! The January Banquet was a wonderful evening with good food and enjoyable company. Thank you to Eugene Stewart for being the MC yet once again. Eugene does a nice job and has been the Banquet MC for many years.

Our annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, & Fossil Show is scheduled for February 25th – 26th, 2012 at the Expo Idaho Fairgrounds. On February 23rd we will need help at our storage facility (Lockaway Storage) to load trucks and trailers. If you have a truck or trailer we can use, please bring either or both. On February 24th starting at 8 am we will begin setting up for the Show at the fairgrounds. Tear down of the show will start at 5 pm. at the close of the Show on February 26th. Also there are many other tables that need volunteers so if you are able to help please sign up. There will be sign up sheets at the February meeting for set up, take down, and for helping at the various tables. This is a great opportunity to show off our club so please participate and spread the word.

There are still a few regular display cases and black light display cases up for grabs. This is a terrific way to show off your work and/or collections. Contact Twila Gallaher for applications.

The program for the February meeting will be Gene Stewart doing a presentation on setting up display cases, balancing items so they do not look too crowded, proper use of lighting, and other helpful tips.

A very special Thank you to Heather Madsen from the entire Stewart Family for the fantastic painting that she painted of Dudley and Alberta Stewart out rock hunting back in the 1930's. It will be on display at Stewart's Gem Shop so come by and enjoy.

It's that time of year again for the Tucson Gem Show. I will be down for the Show and I will be on the search for new and fun items, so stay tuned. It is always a treat to be around so many wonderful rocks and gems all in one central location.

Brent Stewart
President

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING January 17th, 2012

Commencement of the Annual Banquet for the Idaho Gem Club at the Owyhee Plaza Ballroom began at 6:00pm starting with cocktails, and dinner at 7:00pm. Members and guests were welcomed by our Host and Master of Ceremonies, Gene Stewart, along with introductions of the head table: present were Melodee Worley, Tony & Kathy Griffin, Gene & Alice Stewart, Gia Eilers, a very special guest of our President Brent Stewart, and Charles & Shirley McCreath.

The blessing of our meal was given by member Rev. Chris Blickfeldt. While awaiting dinner to be served door prize tickets were drawn for by Gene Stewart. The winners were: Charlene Corbett and Charles Os-good. The prizes were donated by Stewarts Gem Shop and we were advised they were pieces of polished Labradorite. The polished jade bowls, used as centerpieces on members tables, were provided by Dan Conley, were given away for the drawn number of 2.

A special welcome was given to First-time attendees and New members. Our attendance for the evening was approximately 96. It was mentioned we had acquired approximately : 112 new members in 2011. Gene Stewart mentioned the Idaho Gem Club license plates. New plate sales of 111 and renewals of 137. Earnings to the club equaling \$8000.00.

Marriage Anniversary congratulations to Charles & Shirley McCreath of 57yrs and Roy & Patsy Bethel of 66yrs.

Gene Stewart introduced the Past presidents. They were Patsy Bethel, Gene Stewart, Charles McCreath, Chris Blickfeldt, Willa Renken, Ron Ridenour, Marge Conley, Cathy Parsons, Tony Griffin, Jason Madsen, and Brent Stewart.

A moment of silence to honor members who have passed in 2011, Mike Wadsworth age 58, Mida Cook and Laura Coleman both at age 91yrs.

NW Federation report: Charles McCreath mentioned the up and coming Tri-cities Show. From May 18th-20th. He mentioned the numerous show and convention activities that will be happening. For additional information go to : www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com or contact cataldoevelyn@yahoo.com or larryhulstrom@live.com.

The Project of the year Award was presented to Willa Renken and Jim Story, for a beautiful, joint Opal project. The Junior Project of the Year was presented to Tenaya Madsen for her beautiful cabochons. Both projects to be displayed at the Idaho Gem Club Show February 25 & 26, 2012.

The meeting was turned over to President Brent Stewart. He asked Jason and Heather to come to the head table for a special presentation to Gene and Alice Stewart. A picture of very special members of the Stewart family out rockhounding back in the 1930's.

Our business meeting commenced and a motion was made to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" with one important correction to the spelling of a new members last name from Gia Ilers to Gia Eilers. The motion was carried to accept by Willa Renken and seconded by Bill Belknap.

Secretaries report: No report.

Treasurers report: Kathy Griffin reported on balances and disbursements.

Juniors report: Ed Moser wanting to remind juniors to bring folders to February meeting. He mentioned a special project to be discussed with

the juniors.

President Brent Stewart reflected on his recruiting of new members. He thanked and rewarded Tony & Kathy Griffin with a gift-certificate for dinner out for all their appreciated hard work. He also thanked all the Board members for their past years hard work.

Brent mentioned our Grab Bag stuffing party on Saturday January 21st at 9am at the Church of the Brethren. In charge of the party is Mikes Jones and Laura Lindsay. Bags will still be appreciated but most important tumbled rock is needed. Laura will have refreshments on Saturday and sign-up sheets for the Grab bag, Wheel of Fortune, Garnet dig, the Meet and greet area, and the Silent Auction tables. She will have these same sign up sheets available at our February meeting on the 21st.

Anyone interested in having a display case should contact Twila Gal-laher. Anyone doing so will receive a special gift handmade by our own Jason Madsen.

President Brent Stewart turned the meeting back to Gene Stewart. Gene recognized our Lifetime members. Roy & Patsy Bethel, Chris & Peggy Blickfeldt, Charles & Shirley McCreath, Charlie & Helen Smith, Marion Phillips, Clarence & Betty Trebickock, Mattie Clay, Al & Hilda Larson, Gene & Alice Stewart, Marge Conley, Lynn Davis, Mike & Sue Witschen. There are no new Lifetime members at this time.

Gene Stewart recognized Brent's numerous trips and personal accomplishments for this past year. We as club members are quite proud and rightly so.

Gene Stewart presided over the Installation of the New Officers and Board members for 2012.

President: Brent Stewart

1st Vice President: Willa Renken

2nd Vice President: Phil Neuhooff

Rick Corbett

Ed Moser

Jim Clinton

Phillip Worley

Secretary: Melodee Worley

Treasurer: Kathy Griffin

Federation Director: Charles McCreath

Librarian: Melodee Worley

Historian: Patsy Bethel



A special thanks to our Banquet Committee: Jim DaSilva and Charles & Shirley McCreath.

There was another last mention about the up and coming Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show. Flyers are available from Stewart's Gem Shop.

Our 2nd Vice President Phil Neuhooff addressed members for the February refreshment committee volunteers: Rick Corbett, 383-9930 and Valerie Lasur, 510-326-4228.

Gene Stewart passed on the Presidents Opal and Jade gavel to President Brent Stewart. In closing past presidents were asked to meet for a final picture. The meeting was adjourned.

I'm including a special mention about our Grab bag stuffing party, this past Saturday the 21st of January. We had approx 24 members arrive to help out. We have plenty of cloth bags but between now and the

*Respectfully submitted,
Melodee Worley
Secretary*

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB**Board Meeting
February 7, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by 1st Vice President, Willa Renken.

Board members present were: Willa Renken, Phil Neuhoﬀ, Jim Clinton, Ed Moser, Phil Worley, Rick Corbett, , and Deana Ashton.

Officers present: Kathy Griﬃn, Melodee Worley, and Charles McCreath.

Guests present: Shirley McCreath

Secretaries report: Nothing available at this time.
Minutes were accepted as printed in "The Grindings", motion made by Phil Neuhoﬀ and seconded by Deana Ashton.

Treasures report: Kathy discussed deposits and disbursements of our clubs accounts. She handed out information for viewing.

Federation report:

Charles spoke about the Tri-cities Show coming up in May. There could be Federation representatives at our Gem Club Show this month. They may be selling tickets to the Tri-cities Show and he is strongly suggesting using checks for the purchase of tickets not cash. There may also be some upcoming voting on some changes to Federation policies and procedures, Chuck McCreath will keep us posted on those details. Chuck also strongly suggests if anyone is going to the Tri-cities Show, they will want to be making reservations ASAP, due to numerous events going on at that time and the rising costs of lodging or availability of lodging.

New members: Karen Beers, Barbara Davenport, Wayne & Winnie Snowball, Nicole Baron and family, and Nathan Nagy and family. The motion to accept these new members was made by Ed Moser and seconded by Phil Worley.

Field trips: Phil Worley mentioned having trips in planning stages, of course weather permitting. Our 1st trip will be to our Queenstone claim on March 24, 2012.

Juniors report: Juniors needing to bring their notebooks to the meeting on the 21st of March. Any junior wanting to do a display case would need to contact Twila at 853-6703.

Ed Moser also mentioned a proposal about a junior's field trip in May, to the Dry Creek/Hidden Springs area in the Boise foothills. Juniors along with parents and other volunteers will be needed on this trip. It was also mentioned to go to Shell Hill for Apache tears. Further information will be available in the future at upcoming meetings.

Workshop report: Willa stated the new saw has been delivered. Willa and Doug are quite busy this time of the year. They are working on updating power sources for the new saw and hoping to have it working when our workshops resume.

Fund raising report: Jim Clinton will have hats available at the show. The hats come in two colors; one hat is faded blue and khaki, and the other is bright blue; the cost per hat will be \$15.00. Jim will be setting up his IGC items available for sale at the Grab bag, Wheel of Fortune, and Kids craft table. Tickets for the door prizes will be selling for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00; the tickets will be available at the show.

This general meeting, coming up on the 21st, Laura Lindsay will have sign up sheets for the Garnet table, Wheel of Fortune, Grab bags, Silent auction, and the Kids craft table. We are also hoping for some additional tumbled rock to increase our grab bags, if anyone has any

tumbled rock please contact Mike Jones or Laura Lindsay.

Scholarship applicants: Phil Neuhoﬀ mentioned several applicants have applied and with Jason Madsen's input they have decided the scholarship winner to be our own Ben Nunez.

At this upcoming meeting the Program topic will be "How to set up a display case."

Phil Neuhoﬀ, on a recent trip to Tucson, had a chance to speak to the owner of the Spencer Opal Mine; the owner mentioned they will be open this summer. Phil has also mentioned seeing a new type of fluorescent lamp and will try to have a sample available at the meeting for people to see.

1st Vice president, Willa Renken, adjourned the meeting at 8:36pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Melodee Worley
Secretary*



2012 Annual Rock & Gem Show

The annual show is fast approaching the dates are Feb 25th & 26th. We will load the trucks and trailers starting at 1pm on Thursday the 23rd at Lock Away Storage on Chinden, east of and just before you get to the Fairgrounds on the North side of Chinden.

Set up at the fairgrounds will start at 8am on Friday the 24th. We need all the help we can get for table set up, skirting, and putting the display case up. There is a job that everyone can help with.

There are a lot of things that the club needs volunteers to help with during the show. All the chairmen will have sign up sheets at the next club meeting.

After the show closes at 5pm Sunday night again we can use all the help possible to put things away. For the past several years we have been done by 8:30 with every ones good help.

Hopefully we will see everyone there helping. This is the clubs largest fund raiser and helps make possible all the fun things we do throughout the coming year.

I can be reached for any questions or comments from the 15th of Jan to the 18th of Feb at 208 315 1004.

Thanks for all the support and help. I think we will have the best show ever.
Charlie Smith 2012 Show Chairman, picture above.

Jewelry Tips

Setting bezels on stones with corners

When bezel setting a cab that has rather sharp corners, have you ever had problems pushing the metal down at the corners? It's a common problem often causing a wrinkle in your bezel and a grimace on your face.

In order for a bezel to capture the stone, the top edge of the bezel must be compressed and become shorter to lay down onto the stone. With a round or oval stone this naturally happens as you push and burnish the bezel. But when setting a stone with corners, the tendency is to push the long sides of the bezel down first. No compression occurs along the sides, and all excess metal is left at the corners. Compressing everything there is difficult. Often the only way to remove the extra metal at the corner is to make a saw cut and fold the two sides in to touch.

If you want a smooth bezel all around the corners, the simple solution is set the corners of the bezel first. Then push in and burnish the sides. In this way the necessary compression is distributed along the length of all sides and not forced to occur at the corners. With the corners set first, the top edge of the bezel can easily be compressed along the sides.

INEXPENSIVE ELECTRIC WAX PEN

You can make your own wax pen from a small soldering iron plugged into a light dimmer switch for heat control. Both components are easily found at Radio Shack, a big hardware store or at Harbor Freight.

For an example of the dimmer and soldering iron, see www.harborfreight.com items # 43060 and # 47887

Look for a soldering iron of around 25-30 watts. File the tip to the shape you prefer or even better get a soldering iron with replaceable tips. Then you can make several tip shapes for different tasks. Set the dimmer control just hot enough to melt the wax without producing any smoke.

Acknowledgement to be included with each publication:

More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at

groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/

or

[facebook.com/BenchTips](https://www.facebook.com/BenchTips)

Welcome New Members

Nicole Baron
Michiel Bugher & Liam Baron
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Boise, Idaho 83702

Karen Beers & Barbara Davenport
2355 N. Haskett St.
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Nathan Nagy
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Wayne & Winnie Snowball
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Rock Show Pics



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CHECK OUT THE CLUB WEBSITE!
www.idahogemclub.com



3D Mineral Documentary Project Accepted for Crowd Support

"MineralCollecting.org Presents: Minerals - A 3D HD Journey" was recently approved by the team at Kickstarter.com, a crowd funding website, and we're offering some fun rewards in exchange for contributions toward getting this important project funded.

My name is John Adam Barwood and I'm a long time collector and enthusiast. I used to run MineralCollecting.org and I've started rebuilding the website to focus on creating a documentary video series about gems, minerals and mineral collecting.

We have until March 6th at 11:01 PM EST to raise \$4000 for the project. Kickstarter is an all or nothing project funding site so we need to reach the mark to get funded. It's quick and easy and we're in dire need of backers! You can contribute toward this project by visiting the project page online by typing the URL address below into your browser's address bar and every dollars count! (continued at top of next column)

A variety of payment methods are accepted and no charges are collected unless/ until the project reaches it's goal before March 6th.

Please check out our backer rewards and consider supporting a great project. All contributions are sincerely appreciated!

"'MineralCollecting.org Presents' is a comprehensive 3D HD documentary video series journeying across the globe and deep into the ground to discover and document gems and minerals. From the ground to the museum, viewers come along for the fun, laughs, beauty and breathtaking earthly creations."

Project page, more info, and to make donations:

Kickstarter.com/projects/1119735507/mineralcollectingorg-presents-minerals-a-3d-hd-jou

Our project video submission on YouTube: Youtube.com/watch?v=8KO5Q0TCMVI

Follow the project on Facebook: Facebook.com/pages/MineralCollectingorg-Presents-Minerals-A-3D-HD-Journey/161332313969650

Follow the project on Twitter: Twitter.com/#!/Minerals3DHD

Watch for the new launch: MineralCollecting.Org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY


Belated—JANUARY

1/19 Greg Biebel
1/23 Gena Grissom
1/25 Alice Stewart

FEBRUARY

2/1 Charles Osgood
2/1 Maria Snyder
2/3 Winnie Snowball
2/4 Andrew Davies
2/10/39 The Idaho Gem Club
2/10 Kim Williams
2/10 Hailey Madsen
2/11 Rick Corbett
2/11 John Skene
2/11 Jim Storey
2/13 Terry Potter
2/14 Betty Metzger
2/16 Kylee Madsen
2/16 Shawn Blades
2/20 Jackson Neuhoff
2/22 Aaron Wanner
2/23 Jim Clinton
2/25 Deanna Moser
2/26 Rodney Sharp

February Birthstones

Faceted — Amethyst
Cabochon — Onyx

MARCH

3/5 Gene Alvey
3/6 Jean Dingley
3/6 Jason Madsen
3/7 Judy Blodgett
3/7 Ronald Dingley
3/13 Barbara Wanner
3/15 Dave Webster
3/18 Vicki Bickford
3/19 Eve Gimmel
3/19 Tanra Snodgrass
3/20 Evea Jackson
3/22 Andrew Housh
3/28 Edward Blondin
3/28 Larry Friend
3/28 Gene Stewart
3/30 Diana Harshman
3/30 Heather Madsen

March Birthstones

Faceted - Aquamarine
Cabochon - Bloodstone

If your birthday is not listed please call me. There are quite a few membership records that don't have the birthdays listed, that is where I get your birthday, email, and phone numbers. I send maps periodically, if you have not been receiving maps for field trips, please let me know and I will add your email to my list of those wanting GPS coordinates and maps. They come in an Adobe PDF format.

Tony Griffin



Rides needed

There are some club members that would like to attend our meetings, but are unable to attend due to problems with vehicles or no vehicle. If you are aware of someone with this problem please let us know so we can arrange a ride for them with someone that lives near them.

Dates To Remember

BOARD MEETING:

1st. Tuesday of every month
February 7th 2012

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

GENERAL MEETING

3rd. Tuesday of every month
February 21, 2012

Church of the Brethren
2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

February Refreshment Committee Chair:

Chairman: Rick Corbett, 383-9930
Valerie Lasur, 510-326-4228.

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.

March Refreshment Committee Chair:

To be arranged

Show Host Volunteer needed

Before the show we need to make sure we have help (same as other sites 3-4 folks for 2 hour periods). Set up stations for collecting ticket stubs, make sure we have plenty of pens and pencils, set out door prizes in locked case after gathering them from each vendor (need a list of vendors to make sure all are asked.) - I wish the folks that sent out the contracts would add this to their form and ask them to have it ready when it's requested= have to go back and forth because some vendors don't get there until just before the doors open and too busy to go back most of the time. Set out cookbook display and display other clubs' shows, etc.

We need 30 door prizes if we want to give them every half hour but also need to take names, addresses and phone numbers of winners to provide to Expo Id - and the "old" tickets dumped once the number (s) picked [but kept to the end of the show for the cathedral drawing], announce winners of the door prizes and lost and found, headlights left on, etc., answer questions including what type of rock [or find someone who can], about vendors, collecting, etc. Provide membership apps, collect fees and collect dues from current members; sell cookbooks.

From Cathy Parsons who has, for years, accomplished this task unfailingly and with great care! Thank you Cathy!



**Rocky Rattlers
Juniors need to bring their folders
to the meeting this month**

Rocky Rattlers

Please call Twila Gallaher @853-6703 to reserve a display case to show off your interests and collections of Earth Science material you have collected for our Annual Rock & Gem Show on February 25th & 26th, 2012

Parents

We need your help at the craft tables, garnet dig, and any other table you are interested in volunteering at during the show. Two and four hour shifts would be very helpful.

YESTER YEAR

June 1969

The 1968 Show was discussed, more cases were needed and also a place for the show that was larger. The Fish and Game Building was considered for the meetings.

Larry Young of the BLM will lead an exploring trip into the Bruneau River country on July 13th. Some wood was found.

The report on the Garnet hunt at Emerald Creek was about 60 pounds of Garnets was found in the meadow and another 50 pounds in the hills.

The next field trip will be to Beacon Hill, the Pot Luck dinner in the Park has been changed to 7:00 pm as several members could not make it at 6:30. A letter of thanks was sent to the BLM for the trip to Crutcher's Crossing

The next field trip is to Shell Mountain for Petrified wood. October's trip is going to be to Succor Creek. President Don Forbes thanked Dudley Stewart for the repair work done on the Presidents Opal.

The secretary of the Campus School wrote complaining about how the meeting left their room. It was suggested that she attend the next meeting and show us what we are doing wrong.

Rocky Joe reported that he had sold his mine and it would no longer be open for collecting. It was called "The Long Hair Mine". (I think this was the one going up to his thunder egg mine as the next time we went in to the main mine there were fences on both sides

*In Loving Memory
Patsy Bethel*

Save Stamps For 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!**

2012 NFMS SHOW & CONVENTION**Kennewick, Washington****May 18, 19 & 20****Thursday - May 17th - 6:00 pm**

- **All Rockhounds Meet & Greet Potluck**

•**Friday, Saturday & Sunday - Show Opens 10:00 am**

- **125 Outstanding Collector Displays + Special Displays**
- **25 Gem, Jewelry, Fossil, Mineral & Equipment Vendors**
- **Fantastic Fluorescent Exhibit**
- **Kids Activities Extraordinaire**
- **Demonstrations of Intarsia, Sphere Making, Gold Panning, Knapping, Faceting, Cabochon Making, Chain Crocheting & More**
- **Paleologgers Corner Featuring Walt Wright**
- **Special Lectures by**
 - Dr. Steven Reidel, Washington State University Geologist**
 - Jack Powell, Washington State Geologist**
 - Bob Jackson, Rock Candy Mine & Spruce Ridge Claim**
 - Dick Pugh, Cascadia Meteorite Laboratory, Portland State University**
 - Stone rose Interpretive Center**
 - Garret Romaine, Author - Rockhounding Guides**

Sunday, May 20th - 7:00 am to 10:00 am

- **Outside Tailgating - NFMS Members Only**

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday - May 21, 22 & 23

- **Walt Wright Petrified Wood Seminar & Field Trip - \$80 per student**

On-Site Food Vendor**Breakfast - Saturday & Sunday - Den's Famous Breakfast Burritos or Biscuits & Gravy****Lunch - Friday, Saturday & Sunday - Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pulled Pork & More****Camping - \$15 per night - Electricity & Water****For more information www.lakesidegemandmineraldub.com****cataldoevelyn@yahoo.com****larryhulstrom@live.com**

**Idaho Gem Club
Proposed Field Trips 2012**

Hello, My name is Phil Worley , I will be the new Idaho Gem Club Field Trip Coordinator this year. Below is a list of dates and areas scheduled for hunts. As the season progresses there will be more information on that months trip. I am looking forward to the 2012 season, and hope that each of you can attend all or some of this years trips.

Idaho Gem Club 2012 Field Trip Guide

March 24, 2012 - Queenstone (Jasper)
 April 21, 2012 - Wang Doodle (Opal)
 May 19, 2012 - Graveyard Point (Plume Agate)
 June 23, 2012 - Rome (Snakeskin Agate)
 July 21, 2012 - Reynolds Creek (Petrified Wood)
 Aug. 25, 2012 - Succor Creek (Red Thunderegg)
 Sep. 22, 2012 - Carey (Tube & Lace Agate - Jasper)
 Oct. 20, 2012 - Texas Springs (Pink Limb Cast)
 2012 - Beacon Hill (Agate Nodule) date to be determined

We would like to get a trip to Emerald Creek for Star Garnet sometime early this summer.

All trips are subject to change due to weather conditions.

Happy Hounding

For Sale
 Lost Wax Casting Equipment—complete setup
 \$1200

RIO automatic melting furnace 3 kg - 3 crucibles
 5 cfm Robinair vacuum pump with large chamber
 Burn our furnace (inside diameter 6 1/4 " h by 9" O
 by 8 1/2" w

Centrifugal casting machine
 Stainless flasks, wax—sprue— patterns-etc., casting
 gloves, and more.

Dan Conley 375-8935

Hello fellow club members, as you know we have our annual Gem and Mineral show coming on the weekend of February 25th & 26th. As members we all need to do what we can to help.

We thank all of you who came to the grab bag stuffing and helped out, we filled 900 bags. Now I must ask all of you, if you have extra rock polished from buying grab bags from the past or from tumbling yourself, we need more rock to fill the bags we have empty. We can easily sell out all 900 grab bags on Saturday leaving an empty booth on Sunday. We have so many who return just for the grab bags and other tables like the garnet dig, it would be a shame not to have them. So if you have any polished rock to donate please contact Mike or I, so we can get the empty bags filled. I will also take any donations for the Wheel of Fortune and kids table.

We have sign up sheets for the Wheel of Fortune and Grab Bags and will be at the meeting so you can sign up to help at either of these tables. Also, I will have a sign up sheet for the Garnet table and Reception tables for anyone who will chair them and or want to work any of these tables.

This show is for all members to be proud of, so please all who can step up and help out, it takes a lot to make this show work from setting up, working it, and taking it all down. I am looking forward to a good show this year and will see you at the meeting.

Thank you,
 Laura Lindsay and Mike Jones

Federation & Other Clubs News More Dates to Remember

Just received this from the ALAA.

This doesn't just affect Oregonians—Some of us like beach agate collecting also. Hi Collection Protection Group, Take Action Now. All across the Country. I knew this was coming. Oregon Locals go to your Historical Societies and get pictures of rock shops. Send the State of Oregon a History Lesson with your emails. Attach Documentation of any family pictures or stories of Hunting Rocks in Oregon.


Sound the Alarms. Fight for the right to hunt rocks and fossils again.

Unite and Fight for Our Rights to Hunt Beach Souvenirs of all kinds. It is the time to start writing letters everybody that travels to the Oregon coast or hunts a single rock.

Write letters to:
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
Ocean Shores/Scenic Waterways
725 Summer St. NE, Suite C
Salem, OR 97301

NEW RULES ARE COMING THIS SPRING>
for a copy of the email contact Shirley Metts email was from Director Tim Woods via Shirley Leeson

Shirley Metts
208-423-4827
rnsmetts@centurylink.net
550 Main St. South
Kimberly, ID 83341



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 582-8030. Thank you in advance for your help.

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
58th Annual Rock & Gem Show
Location: O'Conner Field House
Canyon Co. Fairgrounds
2200 Blaine Caldwell, Idaho

Dates:

Saturday March 3rd, 2012 from 10am - 6pm
Sunday March 4th, 2012 from 10am - 5pm

Magic Valley Gem Club
61st Annual Rock & Gem Show

Location: Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer, ID

Dates:

Saturday, March 10, 2012 from 9:00 a.m.-6:00p.m.
Sunday, March 11, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Admission is \$2.00 per adult and children under 12 are free with paid adult.

We will be having door prizes, silent auctions, demonstrations, display cases full of goodies and much more.

Idaho Falls Mineral Society
Annual Rock Show
April 14th & 15th, 2012
More information available later.



Display Case Application

**Idaho Gem Club Annual Gem & Mineral Show
February 25 & 26 2012
Display Application**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Type of material and/or type or kind of display: _____

Number of cases: _____

Borrow a case _____ Will provide own case _____

Size of your case: _____

Inside Dimensions of club cases are 46.5" wide by 22.5" deep by 22.5" high

(Please note: Loaned cases do not have liners -- you need to bring your own.)

Show dates: Saturday, 25 February and Sunday, 26 February, 2012

Set-up: 3:00 P.M. Friday, 24 February, 2012

A maximum of 150 watts of lighting will be provided per case. Security is provided around the clock. However, no responsibility will be assumed by the Idaho Gem Club, Inc.

Application deadline is: Saturday, 21 February 2012

Mail application directly to: Twila Gallaher 208-853-6703 Or
8143 W. Prince Dr. tkgboise@cableone.net
Boise, ID 83714-2179

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Dues:

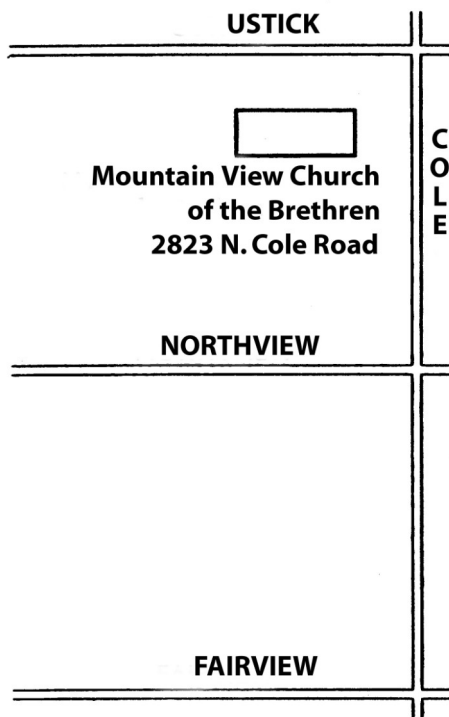
.....\$12.00 per person
\$15.00 per couple
\$17.50 per family

Subscription:

.....\$10.00 per year

General Meeting:

.....3rd. Tuesday of each
Month at 7:30 p.m.



The Whangdoodle Bird
(Often seen on field trips)



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