


# Grindings

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## President's Message

November is here and leaves are everywhere. We are busy like Santa's workshop here in the store getting people's projects ready for Christmas.

November is the month to elect Board Members. The nominees' biographies are included in this newsletter. Please read through them so you can be acquainted with those that you feel will best serve your club and interests. This is the best way for you to have a say in your club, so take time to read through the Nominations.

November and December's program will be an auction. November's auction is typically rough specimens, and December's auction is typically finished items. If you feel that you have some nice items to donate please let Brent Stewart know and bring your items to the meeting. We have had a lot of fun at these auctions and great ideas for Holiday gifts. The proceeds from the auction go towards offsetting individual's cost at the annual banquet.

All the information and details about the banquet will be in next month's newsletter.

A nice big thanks to Phillip Worley for being our field trip coordinator. Phil has done a remarkable job for our club.

The club will not have a workshop for the month of November, however, in December we will hold a workshop two nights on the 21st and 22nd. There will be a chili feed so please bring goodies that work with chili.

I hope all is going well on the progress for those of you that want to enter a "Project of the Year". You do not need me to tell you that December is quickly approaching! If you have not started yet there is still some time left and I encourage you to participate.

Please keep tumbling rocks, sewing grab bags, and preparing your prizes for the annual show coming up in February. Chairmen should be getting sign up sheets prepared, and there will be plenty of opportunity for everyone to lend a hand in helping the show to be another success!

Also, a reminder that dues are due, so please get your dues into Barb Wanner, our Treasurer, as soon as possible.

I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving Day!

*Brent Stewart*  
*President*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING  
September 17, 2013**

**President Brent Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.**

**Jaden Wanner, one of our Junior members, led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**We had several visiting families. There were several new members also present for this meeting.**

**Adult door prizes were drawn for 34 lucky winners.**

**Junior door prizes were given out to 7 lucky winners.**

**The building Fund drawing was for 3 lucky winners.**

**A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" was made by Willa Renken and seconded by Jim Clinton, the motion carried.**

**Secretary report---I've received some flyers for some upcoming shows in Washington and Oregon. I'll have them at the Greeters Table. We've received several bank statements, and deposits; I've passed them along to our Treasurer.**

**Treasurer's report--- Barbara spoke of balances and disbursements.**

**Junior's report--- Ed spoke about Sand Dollars and what he had in store for the Juniors this evening. Sand Dollars being given to the Juniors tonight were donated by Marge Conley. Thank You Marge.**

**Ed also introduced a special guest that will be joining our club, Mr. Bill Anderson; he inquired if members would be interested in learning about Sand Dollars? It was pretty unanimous among members and so our next program, in October will be about Sand Dol-**

**lars.**

**Library report—I have three new Rock and Gem Magazines. A special thanks to Joe Neilson for allowing me the opportunity to purchase some books he had acquired, for our library. I have a list of all the books in our library for anyone to see. The library will be open at our break.**

**Workshop report-- Willa said there would a workshop this Thursday, the 19th, from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. She needs experienced members as instructors, and Marge will be available to help with wire-wrapping. Gold and silver wire is a fee of \$10.00 and copper is free. So bring your kids out and have a great time. Willa will have a fire going for hotdogs and s'mores.**

**License plates report--18 plates were sold last month. Maps are going out to all Elementary Schools in Idaho. Deana is hoping to schedule a box folding and stuffing party; information will be forthcoming.**

**Program tonight is about "Sapphires". Phil Neuhoft spoke about Scholarships and is trying to get applicants. Additional maps are for sale to members, for \$20.00 each. Phil also has UV lights available for \$95.00.**

**There was no old or new business at this time.**

**Refreshments were served at 8:16pm and the Library was available.**

**The Meeting adjourned after 9pm.**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Melodee Worley—Secretary*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
Board Meeting  
October 1, 2013**

President Brent Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Officers and Board members present were as follows---Willa Renken, Barbara Wanner, Phil Neuhoﬀ, Charles McCreath, Barb Carey, Deana Ashton, and Phil Worley. Melodee Worley and Jim Clinton were excused.

Guests present were Doug Renken.

Secretary's report-- none was available due to Melodee being out of town.

Treasurer's report-- Barbara spoke of balances and disbursements. The application for February's show has been given to Brent, our Show Chairman.

Federation report--- Charles made mention that the Owyhee and Idaho Clubs haven't sent information about their shows at this time to the NFMS. The NFMS is in the process of creating an early bird list. The Hermiston Show next year is soon going to be upon us, Charles will have information about lodging in the future. Carey, MT will be having a show July 31-August 3. He'll get more details out when possible. Doug True will be leading it. There's a Mid-year meeting on April 26-27. This meeting will establish by laws and operating procedures. No one has ever been sent in the past.

Juniors report---Ed wants all juniors "TO BRING THEIR FOLDERS". The Sand Dollar program was a great success; Ed even had a few adults join. Handouts as well as sand dollars were given to the juniors. This month's program will be about sand dollars and their legend; you can find legend of the sand dollar on the internet. Some materials were donated to him.

License plate scholarship program--Phil Neuhoﬀ stated the deadline for applicants was September 30. We've received three applications for consideration. Maps are selling well; twenty five were sold and there are still maps available at \$20 each. Half the money from sales goes to the Scholarship fund. Phil will be appointing a special committee to decide which applicant will receive the scholarship, to further their studies in Geology/Earth Sciences.

Workshop report--- Willa said there would be a workshop on October 17th. Volunteers will be needed for instructing and clean up.

Old business-- Barb Carey is helping Brent with nominations for Officer and Board member openings. Willa is interested in continuing an officer, but Jim Clinton is stepping down as a board member. Ed Moser wants to see if anyone would be interested in taking over with our Junior's program. Ed wants to continue as a board member.

New business--the maps we've recently sent out to Elementary schools, has won "the Best State Survey of the Year Award". The press release mentioned the fundraising we are doing. Andy is looking into laminating costs.

Willa wants to know how the congressional representative angle is going? It seems the State is discriminating; they are lumping several plates together, we want to get our plate into this, so anyone in the group might be able to make their sales numbers. Our plans are to be very aggressive with the help of a representative, Charles Osgood, Phil Neuhoﬀ, Brent Stewart, and Mr. Hendrick. The same type of plan that got the maps out to schools, Facebook and other media being worked on as well.

A map stuffing party has been held and maps are out for delivery. The number of Elementary schools was wrong so we were short, but more mailing boxes and maps will be going out soon. It came to the board's attention some schools may not want the maps. It has been decided to send the maps to all schools, giving the school the option to return the map if not wanted.

We had one new member application it was approved for membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Melodee Worley--Secretary*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING  
October 15, 2013**

President Brent Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

He asked Andy Housh to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

We has several guests and new members present this evening.

Junior door prizes-- there were 9 lucky winners.

Adult door prizes-- there were 33 lucky winners.

Building Fund drawing-- there were 4 lucky winners.

There was no motion made to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" due to the Secretary notes being submitted late.

Secretaries report-- As usual I received several bank statements, renewal of dues from members.

Due to the notes from our recent Board Meeting not making printing in time, I'll highlight a few things discussed: Jim Clinton's position on the board is going to be open. Willa wants to continue as 1st Vice president.

A map stuffing party happened and all maps have been mailed. Deana, as well as others are working with several people to submit legislation for our plate sales. The Club will be advised of any new information.

Scholarship applications have been received. 3 applicants will be considered and Phil will get a committee together to make the final decision.

Treasurer's report-- Barb spoke of balances and disbursements.

Federation report-- Charles mentioned the upcoming Hermiston Annual Meeting of the NFMS and motel/hotel information will be printed in

the "Grindings" in the December Newsletter.

Junior's report-- Ed wants any Junior who didn't get sand dollars at the last meeting, to get one now. Be sure to pick up the information on their legend.

Workshop report-- Willa will be needing help this workshop, due to Doug being out of town; It will be from 6:30pm to 9:30pm.

Library report-- I've received a new Rock & Gem Magazine. The library will be open at refreshment time.

Scholarship Fund-- Phil Neuhooff advised the club of how money is raised for the "Scholarships" that we give; it is raised by selling maps and UV lights.

Tonight's program will be given by Ed Moser on Sand Dollars and their Legend. The next two months will be our auctions. Donations of raw and finished items will be accepted. The money raised from the Auctions goes towards funding our "Annual Banquet".

License plate report-- Deana confirmed that all maps have been sent to every Elementary School in the state of Idaho.

Refreshments break.

The meeting adjourned after 9pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Melodee Worley-- Secretary*



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

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
Board Meeting  
November 5, 2013**

**President Brent Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.**

**Board members present were Willa Renken, Jim Clinton, Phil Worley, Melodee Worley, Phil Neuhoﬀ, and Deana Ashton. Barb Carey and Ed Moser were excused for the evening.**

**Officers present were Barb Wanner, Charles McCreath, and Melodee Worley.**

**Guests present were Shirley McCreath, Doug Renken, and Charles Osgood.**

**Secretaries report---** I received several bank statements, two returned newsletters, and membership dues. I advised the Board of sending in our updated Officers and Board Members information to the Secretary of State on October 8, 2013. I also received two magazine subscriptions. I'll have them available for members to give me their input, whether to give them a try.

**Treasurer's report---** Barb spoke of balance and disbursements. We also receiving deposits from Dealers for our ID Gem Club Show.

**Federation report--** Charles said he had nothing new from NFMS. He did have information from the American Federation about a field trip for Fossil Collection in Montana.

**See page 10 for:  
Multi-Federation Field Trip – Make Plans to Attend NOW!  
by Doug True, Field Trip Chair**

**No programs are scheduled for the next 2 months. Auctions will be happening. Anyone with raw or finished items is welcome to donate.**

**Junior's report---** Ed wasn't present, so as al-

**ways "BRING YOUR FOLDERS".**

**No workshop will be scheduled for this month. But we will be having our December workshop. On December 21 and 22, from 10-5pm. This will give members and their guests an opportunity to make Christmas items. Soups will be provided and all are welcome to bring favorite goodies to share. So come out and enjoy the day and fellowship with us.**

**Old business--** Barb Carey who is Chairman for elections wasn't present. She did however pass along her nominees for positions currently open. She confirmed with Willa Renken and Ed Moser, that they would like to continue as board members. However Jim Clinton will be stepping down, and the new nominee is Dana Robinson. I, (Melodee Worley), on behalf of Barb Carey, am submitting these nominees. A motion was made to accept the ballot by Phil Neuhoﬀ and seconded by Phil Worley; the motion carried. Bios will be submitted to our editor to be seen in this months "Grindings".

**New business---** I (Melodee Worley), am needing to find 1 or 2 persons to Chair the Grab Bags and Wheel of Fortune, for our upcoming show in February 2014. Anyone currently tumbling rock, keep those tumblers going, a date will be arranged for the Grab bag stuffing.

**License plate report--** Deana had gotten information at our last general meeting that people were being told our plates weren't available. She has spoken to several of the license branches, and hasn't found any problems. Any other issues please let Deana know.

**We had two new member applications. A motion to accept was by Willa Renken and seconded by Phil Neuhoﬀ; the motion carried.**



## Welcome New Members

**Bill Anderson**  
**1916 E. Linden #2**  
**Caldwell, ID 83605**  
**Phone 208-919-3507**

**Rex Flegel & Jackie Salyer**  
**Nicholas Salyer, and Timothy Flegel.**  
**11615 W. Palm Dr.**  
**Boise, ID 83713**  
**Phone 208-863-8540**

**Brian & Laura Ensign**  
**James**  
**6963 Bluebird Dr.**  
**Boise, ID 83714**  
**Phone 214-797-8214**

### 385+million-year-old-forest-discovered

<http://gizmodo.com/5889326/astonishing-385+million-year-old-forest-discovered-under-a-quarry-in-the-catskills>

This is the [second fossilized forest](#) that has stunned researchers this month, and it's also the oldest. It's 385 million years old, from the time when the earth's first forests appeared. And it was all buried beneath a quarry in Upstate New York.

Scientists had found bits of evidence that these ancient trees existed during a 1920 excavation to build the nearby Gilboa Dam. But after they removed a few fossils, the quarry was filled back in with rock. Geologists from then on mostly relied on pieces preserved in a New York State Museum to study the ancient site. Seven years ago, scientists uncovered a complete tree in what's now called Gilboa Forest, and were ecstatic.

Now that they've uncovered the entire forest, they must be jumping out of their Carhartts.

"Personally, the chance to walk on that ancient forest floor, and to imagine the plants that I have been studying as fossils for more than 20 years standing alive in the positions marked by their bases, was a career highlight," said Dr. Chris Berry of the Cardiff School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, who led the re-

search.

In 2010, the quarry was once again excavated to work on the dam. Researchers tagged along with the construction company working on the project as well as the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. That's when the scientists spotted the original quarry floor, featuring well-preserved roots and positions of trunk bases.

Dr. Berry had 1,300 square meters cleaned off for investigation, and since then he and his colleagues have been mapping the positions of all the plant fossils. The researchers are publishing their findings in the March 1 issue of *Nature*.

They say the bases of the trees are spectacular bowl-shaped depressions up to two meters in diameter and are surrounded by thousands of roots. The trees they belonged to were about 33 feet tall, and likely resembled a palm tree or a tree fern. In the image below, orange markers indicate where trees were located, and Dr. Berry tells me the forest was actually about 200 trees denser but they "ran out of orange things."

The details they uncovered showed that this oldest forest was much more ecologically complex than they previously thought.

They found woody, six-inch-thick stems lying horizontally from a type of plant (the aneurophytalean progymnosperm) that was previously known to only have upright branches. They also found a large tree-shaped club moss, the type of tree that forms coal seams in young rock across Europe and North America.

"All this demonstrates that the 'oldest forest' at Gilboa was a lot more ecologically complex than we had suspected, and probably contained a lot more carbon locked up as wood than we previously knew about," Dr. Berry said in a statement. "This will enable more refined speculation about the way in which the evolution of forests changed the Earth." And hopefully also where we're headed. [[Nature](#)]

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

## NOVEMBER

11/1 Peggy Dean  
 11/5 Hauns Snyder  
 11/6 Jaden Wanner  
 11/7 Peggy Blickfeldt  
 11/7 Christopher Brewer  
 11/7 Brandon Chase  
 11/7 Larry McConnell  
 11/10 Chance Wilson  
 11/11 John Munson  
 11/12 Penny Dudley  
 11/13 Rick Bidwell  
 11/13 Daniel Brock  
 11/14 Dennis Woodbury  
 11/19 Jim Brock  
 11/19 Steve Ostrander  
 11/20 Natalie Bruner  
 11/20 Donna Ford  
 11/21 Gary Hanes  
 11/23 Marge Conley  
 11/23 Dakota Ford  
 11/24 Alta Seitz  
 11/26 Phil Neuhoff  
 11/26 Rick Denton  
 11/27 Gary Smith  
 11/28 George Carlson  
 11/28 Mary Munson

## DECEMBER

12/3 Bob Mayes  
 12/3 John Merritt  
 12/3 David Schmidt  
 12/4 Lorene Alley

12/4 Shannon T. Tharp  
 12/4 Jack Trevithick  
 12/4 Tenaya Madsen  
 12/6 Jason Hathaway  
 12/7 Chris Zeller  
 12/8 Lillie Rogers  
 12/9 John Sandmeyer  
 12/9 Beau Thornock  
 12/10 Joan Alvey  
 12/10 Cheryl Link  
 12/10 Dee Hanes  
 12/11 Scott Schuldenfre  
 12/11 Gia Ilers  
 12/15 Cris Wheeler  
 12/17 Carolyn Whipple  
 12/18 Dan Phillips  
 12/19 Robert Burns  
 12/19 Doug Renken  
 12/21 Dee Hanes  
 12/22 Stacie Brock  
 12/22 Steve Longbottom  
 12/22 PJ Suttle  
 12/23 Joe Nielson  
 12/23 Christi Hogle  
 12/25 Thomas Langford  
 12/26 Wesley Capps  
 12/26 Rory Miles  
 12/26 Mary Ruppert  
 12/27 Brian Gimmel  
 12/28 Carmen Becker  
 12/28 Nolan Crowe  
 12/29 Kelly Peneira  
 12/30 Tony Griffin

## Dates To Remember

## GENERAL MEETING

3rd. Tuesday of every month

November 19, 2013

Church of the Brethren

2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho

Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

## BOARD MEETING:

1st. Tuesday of every month

December 3, 2013

Church of the Brethren

2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho

Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

## November Refreshment Committee

Chair: Dana Robinson 343-0487

Barb Carey 906-5968

Lynne Davis 344-0597

## 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 &amp; 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

## December Refreshment Committee

Chair: Heather Madsen 378-4666

Brent Stewart 863-9336

Barb Carey 906-5968

## THE GRINDINGS

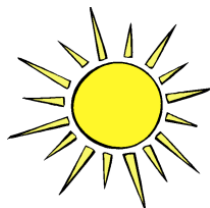
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[www.idahogemclub.com](http://www.idahogemclub.com)

**SUNSHINE LADY REPORT:**

Please let me know if you are aware of any of our members having surgery, an illness, or just in need of cheer. We all can use some good cheer! We try and keep in touch with all our members, and I apologize if we have overlooked any member who has lost a loved one. Please let us know if we can help in any way. Contact Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628 or any Idaho Gem Club Board Member/officer.



As a Private duty Hospice Care provider, and I am more than willing to offer respite care to any families in need of a break caring for their loved one who is preparing to pass on. It would be my pleasure to help out a family caregiver while they go catch a movie, take some time alone, make arrangements, care or themselves, whatever they need. I encourage you to call Deana at 208-794-5628. I will gladly help if I can.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND ANY GEM CLUB FUNCTIONS BUT ARE UNABLE TO DRIVE, CALL ME! WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET YOU THERE!**

Deana- 208-794-5628

**Two links for additional newsletters we receive as members of the rock club.**

NFMS—Newsletter available at:  
<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newsletters.asp>

AFMS—Newsletter available at:  
<http://amfed.org/news/default.htm>

Idaho Geologic Maps and UV Lights For Sale: Support the club's scholarship fund and get yourself some great tools for rock hunting. We will have two items for sale. The first is a great handheld 4W UV lamp that has long-wave, short-wave, and mid-wave output. The lamps come with a carrying case, telescoping magnetic handle, and a special fluorescent mineral sample, all for only \$95 (\$5 less than retail). We also have a limited quantity of copies of the new Geologic Map of Idaho available for purchase. This beautiful 36" by 48" map comes with a booklet and sells for \$20 (same as retail, but shipping would cost an additional \$9.32).

**YESTER YEAR****September 1972**

The field trip was to Succor Creek for fossils. Discussion was on how to have sanitation for the trips. Hal Harvey volunteered to check out the one Koppel's had.

Several area maps were passed out to the members for rockhounding. Al Larsen reported on the trip to Dismal Swamp.

It was suggested that members write their Congressman about use of the BLM lands, and the recommendations that trailers and campers be barred from the parks. The new Oregon law was read that required all trailers and campers to have sink drains to be hooked up to a water tank, or a five gallon bucket with a lid when parked, and that no water was to leak on the ground.

Members were asked to find areas that they would like to go to for future rock hunting.

The new trailer was enlarged by taking the sink out. Al Larson was given the sink faucet as he supplied the ground where it was parked.

**Summer 2013 Update**  
**Al Larson**

Some of the club members were checking in to making Blue Bird Box's to replace Al's that had been burned in the fire at Prairie. Al had to get his winter's wood in. At 91 he is doing good just to think of that. One of the Bird Clubs had already got the directions and had them made and ready to be put up. The problem is that the fire burned the fence posts and with all the problems the farmers have, the posts will probably not get up this year.

*In Loving Memory  
of Days Gone By  
Patsy Bethel—Historian*



## Idaho Gem Club Field Trip

### Field Trip Report for Texas Springs, Jackpot, Nevada

We had nine members on the trip, lot's of material was found. There were some real nice specimens brought back this year. Everyone had a wonderful time as usual. I would like to give a special thanks to Larry Beattie for leading the trip this year.

I would also like to personally thank those members who helped me through out the past couple years on the various field trips. Thanks.

This will be my last year as the Idaho Gem Club's Field Trip Coordinator. I hope that your future Field Trip Coordinator and your selves have as good a time as you and I have had, good luck and Happy Hounding. See ya in the field.

*Happy Hounding*  
*Phillip Worley*  
*Field Trip Coordinator*

### November & December Program:

November Program: The programs for November and December will be our traditional pre-Christmas auctions with proceeds helping to defray the cost of the January club banquet. The November auction generally features rough rock, mineral and fossil specimens, and the related items. The December auction is generally dedicated to finished jewelry, crafts and other items that would make good gifts during the holiday season. Please be generous in donating items to be auctioned and come prepared to bid on those must have items for your collection and gift list.

## Federation & Other Club News More Dates to Remember

Kitsap Mineral & Gem Society. November 23-24 from 10-5pm. Free admission. At the Presidents Hall on the Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Bremerton, WA. Email [www.kmgs.org](http://www.kmgs.org).

Inter-Regional Fieldtrip in Terry, MT. July 31, August 1-3, 2014. Email [dtruefossils12@yahoo.com](mailto:dtruefossils12@yahoo.com)2014

NFMS Rock & Gem Show & Convention. Hermiston Conference Center. August 15-16 from 10-6pm, and August 17 from 10-4pm.

There are only four months until our  
Annual Show in February.

Things you should be thinking about:

Finish polishing as much tumbled rock as you can;

Collect your specimens to donate for the Silent Auction;

Make cute items for the Wheel of Fortune (we need lots of them);

We need volunteers for all the booths, but specifically:

Chair for Ticket Sales (Thank you Bob & Debbie Burns for your help the last three years);

Show Host or Hostess— greet people as they come to the information booth and hand out membership applications and Show Info;

No  
Workshop  
In  
November  
See page 10  
December Workshop

**Federation & Other Club News  
More Dates to Remember**

## **Multi-Federation Field Trip – Make Plans to Attend NOW!**

by Doug True, Field Trip Chair

The town of Terry, Montana may be small, but they are planning on rolling out the red carpet for us as they host the AFMS 2014 Multi-Federation field trip gathering. The dates are July 31 - August 4, 2014, so mark your calendars and get ready to register! Terry is right in the middle of some of the best Montana rock hounding areas. We'll have numerous trips to the Gravel Bars on the Yellowstone River; productive areas that I've been hunting on annually for 40+ years. Many are accessed only through private property, but permissions have been granted. We'll be hunting for Montana agates, Jasper, Petrified Wood, fossil coral, stromatolites, and numerous other "oddities".

We'll have numerous trips into Montana fossil country to the Pierre and Bear Paw formation areas, and we'll collect ammonites, baculites, scaphites, nautiloids and many other shells (70-95 million years old) in the ancient sea bed areas. We are also working on trips to several areas where we can collect dinosaur fossils from the Hell Creek Formation. More information will be forthcoming as plans are solidified.

In addition, we'll have an opportunity to take a guided tour through the Eastern Montana Badlands - a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Start planning your collecting vacation now. Kids are welcome!!!! What could be better than four days in Eastern Montana with a chance of collecting wonderful material.

But wait, there's more....The town of Terry is

allowing us to use their 2 block city park for dry camping and other activities. We'll have pot luck dinners, a barbecue and much, much more.

For more information contact Doug True, Fieldtrip Chair, (406) 670-0506, or email <dtruefossils12@yahoo.com>

## **December Workshop**

Just a reminder in this month's newsletter, that we will be having our Annual Christmas Workshop on December 21st and 22nd again this year. The shop will be open at 10 am and run until 5 pm. All club members and guests are welcome to attend. The club will furnish the chili and soup if you could bring a favorite snack or dish to share that would be great.

There will be wire wrapping and cab making to be had by all. I will need folks to help with those who don't know how to make a cab so come prepared to share a little knowledge with our newer members and help me with over seeing your machines. I really enjoy December's workshop as it is a time to share and get to know more of you in our club. I hope you will all come and share in this activity so you get a chance to know your fellow rock hounds.

The address is 12843 S Five Mile Rd, Kuna ID and the phone number is 362-3941. See you there.

Willa Renken  
Workshop Chairman

## NOMINATIONS

The Board Member Nomination Committee is very pleased to present the following individuals for your consideration as Board members for January 2014 - December 2016 (three year terms). We believe these individuals represent great experience and knowledge about our fun and rewarding avocation! The nominees are: Willa Renken, Ed Moser and Dana Robinson.

### Willa Renken

I joined the Idaho Gem Club in 1996 and have enjoyed every minute with this club. We were very involved with the Field Trips, Safety Break, and our Annual Gem Show. I have served as Building Fund Chairman for 2 years and was elected to the Board in 1999, where I served as President for 4 years. During that time I supported the working and restoration of all our claims as well as instigating the resurrection of our junior's involvement. As a Board we were able to secure a beautiful new display tent for our Black light Room and purchased more lights to support the increased interest in it. I support the unification of our club and its members. In encouraging our club to fund a workshop and supporting the purchase of club equipment I have been better able to help our members learn how to create that desire which brought them to our great organization. I hope that with your support I will be able to serve as your representative for another 3 years.

### Ed Moser

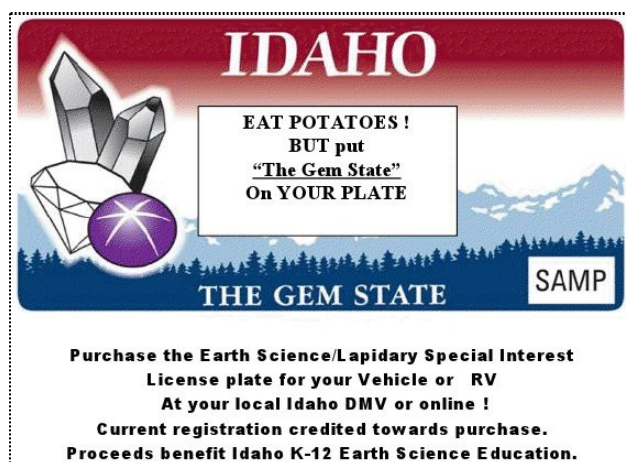
I have been in the Idaho Gem Club since 2006 and on the board the following year. That same year I joined the Owy-

hee Gem & Mineral. I've worked with the Rocky Rattlers since being a Board member. I enjoy going on the Field trips when I have time. I was able to be one of the five members on the Boards that helped with the passage of the License Plate. I've also enjoyed helping with our Rock Shows and sharing with others about our hobby. Thanks for all of the material that has been given the Youth in the past that they may learn about rocks. Sincerely, Ed Moser.

### Dana Robinson

Dana has been an active member of the Idaho Gem Club since June of 2000. She has always stepped forward to help and has finished all that she has been asked to do. Dana is a definite asset to our club, she has ideas that will benefit our growth and development.

**Nominations will also be taken from the general membership at our meeting on November 19th.**



**The purpose of the Idaho Gem Club is to promote mutual, educational and scientific interests and benefits of its members in mineralogy, geology, gemology, the art of lapidary and kindred arts and sciences.**

**Dues:**

.....\$17.00 per person  
 .....\$20.00 per couple  
 .....\$23.00 per family

**Subscription:**

.....\$10.00 per year

**General Meeting:**

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

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**The Whangdoodle Bird**  
(Often seen on field trips)



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