


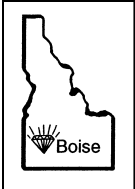
# Grindings

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## President's Message

Happy holidays! December is always a busy month, but I hope everyone can find time in their schedule to take advantage of club activities. We will have a special guest at the meeting, our scholarship winner Danielle Terhaar who will talk to us about her research at Boise State. There will also be an auction that night, which is a great chance to finish up Christmas shopping for those special people in your life. On the 20th and 21st, the Renken's will be hosting a open workshop from 10 -5 for those wanting to get some last minute cabs finished. Chili will be provided, but please feel free to bring finger foods to share.

Speaking of the auction this month, I hope everyone will be generous both in donating items for the auction and in bidding. The auction proceeds are used to offset the cost of the club's annual banquet in January. Banquet tickets will be available for sale at this month's meeting and afterwards at Stewart's Gem Shop. Tickets are \$17 for members and \$34 for non-members.

The December meeting is also the time for voting on project of the year. It is always a treat to see the wonderful handiwork of club members. Bring your submissions to the meeting; voting will take place during the business portion of the meeting so be sure to get there early.

I would like to congratulate our newly elected members of the Board of Directors Sandy Blodgett, David Douglas, and Cheryl Peterson. We look forward to working with you and welcome new ideas and energy you will bring to the club. I would also like to thank Charles McCreath, Phil Worley, and Melodee Worley for their service on the board.

*Phil Neuhoﬀ*  
*President*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING  
November 18, 2014**

Our meeting was called to order by President Phil Neuhoﬀ at 7:15pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carl Woodland.

We had 1 guest with us for the evening.

Junior door prizes were drawn for 2 lucky winners. Adult door prizes were drawn for 9 winners.

There were no Building Fund prizes drawn for, Chris was absent. Feel better soon.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" was by Phil Worley and 2nded by Twila G.

Our Juniors will be studying about Volcanos, and to make a volcano kit erupt.

Secretary report, there was nothing new to pass on.

Banquet Tickets will be on sale at our December 16. Menu choices, as well as prices will be on the tickets.

It will be held at the Red Lion Downtowner.

Treasurers report, "DUES ARE NOW DUE."

Our program was to be given by our scholarship recipient, but due to the bad weather, it was cancelled. But our President stepped up, with a presentation about jade. And places it can be found. Thanks Phil.

Elections were held for voting by members present.

The 1 year board position will be filled by Phil N.

The 3 year openings will be filled by David Douglas, Cheryl Peterson, and Sandy Blodgett. Congrats to everyone.

Field trips, suggestions to Brent Stewart or Aaron Wanner, would be most welcomed.

It's the time of the year to submit your "Project of the Year" items. At this upcoming general meeting.

Applications for showcases, for the February 2015 event, will be available soon.

At this time Secretary and Building fund positions are going to be available. Anyone interested please let any officer or board member know.

The Library is open for returning or checking out items. Refreshments were served and an auction happened.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Melodee Worley - Secretary*

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>

**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!**

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
Board Meeting  
December 2, 2014**

Our meeting was called to order at 7:15pm. Present officers and board members were Phil N., Dana R., Barb W., Brent S., Phil W., Melodee W., Deana A., Charles M., Willa R., and David Douglas. Ed Moser was excused due to a family emergency. Guests present were Shirley M., and Doug R.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" was by Phil W. and 2nded by Charles M.

There was nothing to report from the **Secretary or Treasurer.**

There was nothing new from the **Federation.**

**License plates**, Deana A. stated she sent a letter to Gov. Otter, regarding our sales dilemma. She was quite surprised to get such a quick response. There were some suggestions made of what we can do, she's planning on placing an ad in the Statesman and other information sources.

Brent S. wanted to share with the club, a recent newsletter from "Collecting Bag" the **Richmond Gem and Mineral Society**. A member of their club came with us on our Spring field trip to Beacon Hill.

The **program** this meeting, will be by our Scholarship recipient Danielle Terhaar.

We'll be having an **auction**, so donations would be most appreciated. Folks please be generous with your items and bidding.

**Juniors "BRING YOUR FOLDERS."**

We'll be having our two-day **workshop** for Christmas creations. on December 20-21, from 10am to 5pm. Instructors needed.

**Old business:** Banquet tix will be on sale December 16. Menu choices will be Prime Rib, Salmon, Chicken Breast Florentine, and a Vegetarian Plate. Member prices are \$17.00 and non-member \$34.00. At the time of purchase you must decide for dessert of either Apple Pie or Chocolate Cake. A motion was made to set and confirm these prices by Dana R. and 2nded by Willa R.

Info update about our **new Workshop location**, Brent S. and Phillip S. are looking into some possible places and pricing. More to come in the future.

At this time we've also decided to raise our **Admission prices** from \$3 to \$5. After a discussion, a motion to amend the pricing from \$3 to \$4 instead. Motion to accept by Willa R. and 2nded by Charles M. We're going to be looking into donations for additional raffles at our show this 2015. Besides the normal hourly raffles for door prizes.

Phil N. said that we are in need of a new Building Fund person, Chris is having to step down. We're sorry to see him go. Meridian Library is wanting to invite anyone to speak, Phil will contact them about days and times.

At this time a motion to nominate Phil N. to continue as President for 2015. By Willa R. and 2nded by David Douglas.

Phil N. said he had some positions to fill, Treasurer (Barb W.) accepted to continue. Secretary (Melodee W.) I was going to step down, but decided to continue for another year. Charles M. is going to remain as our Federation Director.

We had 1 new membership application, a motion to accept was by Willa R. and 2nded by Dana R.

We adjourned at 8:30pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Melodee Worley - Secretary*

This month we will have our annual **Christmas Workshop**. It will be December 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 5pm both days.

The club will furnish chili and soup if you would like to bring finger foods we will have a great time cabbng gabbing and sharing some down home companionship.

I will need instructors to come out and help with the instruction for those who are new at cutting the stones. Please consider helping me out with your workshop.

The address is 12843 S Five Mile Rd off of Cloverdale and Kuna Rd. Remember five mile dead ends so you can only get here off of Kuna road. I look forward to seeing you all here.

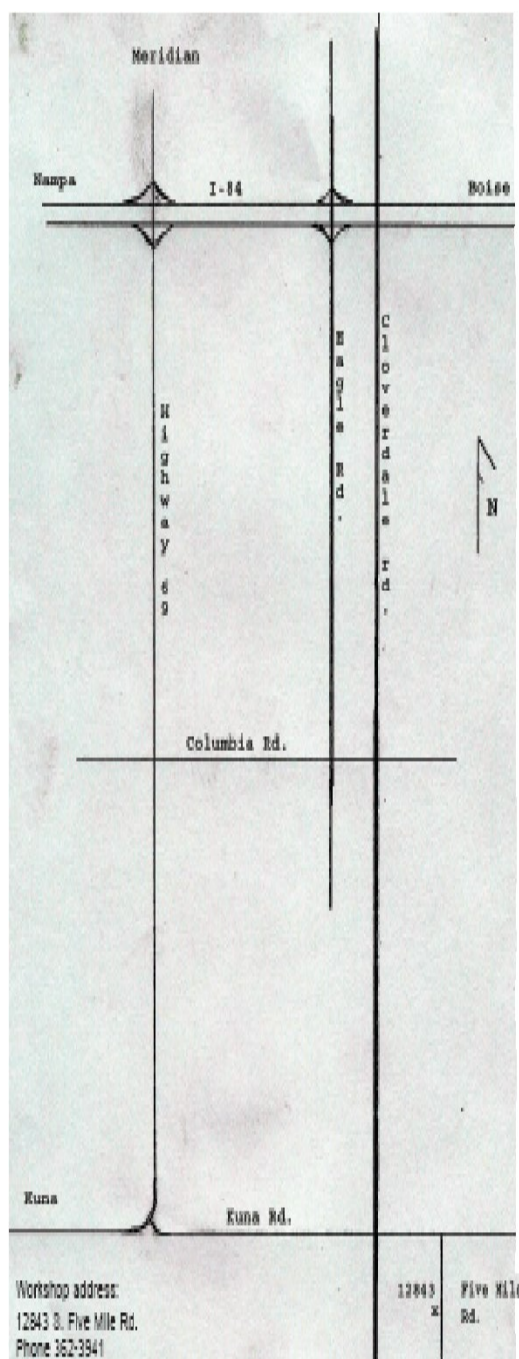
Willa Renken

IGC workshop Chairman

### Welcome New Members

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Rocky Rattlers

Juniors need to bring their folders to the meeting this month



November 1953

President Beckwith introduced the following new members of the club: Mr & Mrs Waterhouse, Mr and Mrs Silliman and Jane Beckwith.

Mr Dodds informed us that he was offering to sell his rock material for 10 cents per pound, as they have sold their house.

Due to uncertain weather conditions, the Directors had decided that we should stay close to an oiled highway on the next field trip. The caravan would leave the Statehouse next Sunday at 8:00 AM and do some exploring near the State line on the ION highway.

Mr Whipple exhibited a beautiful piece of iris agate which he had cut from material found on the field trip to Hog Creek.

Mr Beckwith showed the members some Bloodstone which we should be able to find on the next field trip.

In Loving Memory Of Days Gone By  
Marge Conley - Historian

#### REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE FOR DECEMBER

**HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE!!**  
ALL MEMBERS PLEASE BRING A GOODIE BAG, OF ABOUT A DOZEN COOKIES OR CANDIES. THESE WILL BE SET ON A TABLE. AT BREAK TIME, WE WILL EXCHANGE. IF YOU BROUGHT A BAG, TAKE A BAG! CAN BE COOKIES, CANDIES, COAL, WHATEVER YOU WISH TO SHARE! ALSO, BRING A SMALL PLATE OF THE GOODIES TO SET ON REFRESHMENT COUNTER TO BE SHARED WITH MEMBERS AS WELL AS YOUR GOODIE EXCHANGE BAG.

SO, EVERYONE PLEASE PARTICIPATE. LET'S HAVE A FUN HOLIDAY BREAK!

\*\*\* I want to thank all the members who regularly show up early and stay late in effort to set up chairs and tables before and after meetings. You are simply the best!!\*\*\*\*

## December General Meeting Program:

2014 Idaho gem Club scholarship recipient Dannielle Terhaar from Boise State University will speak about her research in isotope geochemistry. This will be a great opportunity to learn about cutting edge geology research happening at Boise State.

Also, we will have an auction to help offset our annual Christmas Party expenses!

#### 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.

**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

If you have any old vintage or recent rock hounding films, slides, photos, stories, please, contact Deana Ashton! I am gathering them for the club banquet, so I need to get them as soon as possible. I would like to have a slide show play while we have our dinner together! call 208-794-5628, Deana Ashton. Thank you!

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

## DECEMBER

12/1 Joella Brown  
 12/1 Bill Murphy  
 12/3 Tom Duke  
 12/3 Cheryl Lawson  
 12/4 Jack Trevithick  
 12/4 Tenya Madsen  
 12/7 Diana Cryer  
 12/7 Pete Peterson  
 12/8 Lillie Rogers  
 12/9 John Sandmeyer  
 12/10 Joan Alvey  
 12/10 Cheryl Link  
 12/10 Laura Carrico  
 12/11 Bill Jordan  
 12/11 Michael George  
 12/12 Easton Soule  
 Anderson  
 12/14 Harold Holloway  
 12/15 Rochell Shearer  
 12/16 Kerri Chipman  
 12/16 Conner Ingle  
 12/17 David Alderton  
 12/18 Dan Phillips  
 12/18 Michael Snyder  
 12/19 Robert Burns  
 12/19 Doug Renken  
 12/19 Shirley  
 Murphy  
 12/21 Dee Hanes  
 12/23 Joe Nielson  
 12/23 Christi Hogle  
 12/25 Thomas Langford  
 12/27 Fred Friel  
 12/28 Nolan Crowe  
 12/30 Tony Griffin

December Birthstones  
 Faceted - Blue Zircon  
 Cabochon - Turquoise



## JANUARY

1/3 Helen Dillion  
 1/5 Becky Gibson  
 1/7 Amy Brasley  
 1/8 Ronald Ridenour  
 1/8 Nikki Griffith  
 1/8 Paul Derig  
 1/10 Wayne Larsen  
 1/11 Terry Tomberlin  
 1/11 Ron Bailey  
 1/11 Makensie Denton  
 1/11 Meagan McNeel  
 1/11 Shelley Shearer  
 1/12 Deborah Shaffer  
 1/12 Stephanie Potter  
 1/12 Erin Snyder  
 1/13 Don Drobny  
 1/15 Arlene Bailey  
 1/18 Kevin Kelly  
 1/19 Alex Wilcox  
 1/20 Chuck Goertzen  
 1/20 Randy Lee  
 1/20 Koraeve Koen  
 1/22 Mary Ostrander  
 1/24 Richard Renkamp  
 1/26 Noah Loewen  
 1/27 John Chaplik  
 1/29 Marion Phillips  
 1/30 Chris Halberstrabt

January Birthstones  
 Faceted - Garnet  
 Cabochon - Star Garnet



## Dates To Remember

## GENERAL MEETING

3rd. Tuesday of every month  
 19 August 2014  
 Old Timer's Shelter  
 Ann Morrison Park  
 Royal Blvd.  
 Picnic starts at 6:30 p.m.

## BOARD MEETING:

1st. Tuesday of every month  
 2 September 2014  
 Church of the Brethren  
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho  
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

TURQUOISE has the healing qualities of protecting travelers local and across the world, your property, and keeping you safe from accidents. Wearing it will help you with public speaking and writing. It gets rid of pollution and allows you to see the beauty in everything. Turquoise is a multi-purpose healer for the body including muscles, circulation, lungs, throat, and the absorption of nutrients. I also helps with general malaise, arthritis, rheumatism, skeletal pain like backache, flu, allergies, asthma, bronchitis, breathing, tissue regeneration, weight gain, wind pains, headaches, whiplash, air sickness, cataracts, wounds, post-operative recovery, & stress related skin disorders (used as an elixir). It assists detoxification and alleviated the harmful effects of radiation.

Turquoise is good for emotional balance, meditation, spirit contact, all psychic abilities, astral travel, spirituality, peace of mind, and yin/yang balance. It offers mental and spiritual clarity to see your own path in life.



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## Bench Tips

### SAY NO TO OPTIVISORS - from Gary Strickland

Was having my annual vision-check last week and the light-bulb lit up: why not have my reading glasses made with bifocals that would magnify the same as the optivisors? So I asked the ophthalmologist if he could add around +2.00 diopters into bifocals.

He checked with his supervisor and came back all excited. They all agreed that was a great idea and even gave him a special device to measure how far I hold a jewelry piece from my eye, so they could get the focal distance exactly right. So if all goes well, no more sweaty bulky optivisors! Anyone else tried this?

Yes. I had what was called a stroke a few years ago. One of the lasting effects, even with corrective lenses (eyeglasses), unclear vision. In discussing this with my dentist, she related that her prescription is 2 1/2 magnification and suggested that for close work. Bingo. I can do lapidary and other work now without bulky magnification. Prescription glasses were superior to over-the-counter.

Many people use over-the-counter glass for close work/reading as they are cheap (99 cent store) and do not have insurance, like myself. As we age each eye can have different focus and do not line up correctly. An eye exam can provide a prescription and check for eye diseases like glaucoma. Shop around, I got 3 pair of reading glasses for \$70.00 at Ferris Optical. No tinting or other extras because I just use them for close work. I keep a pair at home, in the car and in the RV. Hope this helps some.

By Timothy Harned

### **PLEASE BRING AN ITEM TO DONATE TO THE AUCTION FOR DECEMBER'S MEETING!**

Typically, we like to have lots of finished jewelry or items at the December Auction.

However, if you have really cool mineral or gem specimen, bring it to donate for auction! A unique slab or two is a great idea as well! Thanks to the generous donation from Roy & Patsy Bethel we will have some of their neat specimens for auction as well. Our 2 day open house/workshop follows this meeting on December 20, 21st at the Renkens home. (directions in Grindings). Bring some spending money to purchase a project to finish at workshop OR! A SPECIAL GIFT FOR SOMEONE'S STOCKING!

### **PROJECT OF THE YEAR !**

**Juniors and adults, please bring that special project you have worked on and show off your creativity!**

**Enter in the contest for Project of the Year!  
Voting during General Meeting,**

**December 16th!**

**Project can be anything earth science related. Members will cast votes and at conclusion of meeting we will announce the winner. The winners name will be engraved on a special plaque.**

### **EARTH SCIENCE & LAPIDARY LICENSE PLATE REPORT!**

*This is a great chance for you to upgrade your vehicle registration!*

*And, it counts towards Christmas gift giving!! Your wife would have the biggest gemstones in the neighborhood if you put a few on her car!*

*Plus, you help the K-6 schools in your area with earth science funding generated from license plate sales.*

*PLEASE.....Help us achieve our goal and make our quota by Dec. 31st, 2014. **Last chance to show your support** and own the only license plate designated for geology education in the United States.*

**Many thanks to those of you who stepped up and ordered the license plate. Your support means a lot to us. And you really are helping Idaho science classrooms!**



**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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 of the Brethren  
 2823 N. Cole Road

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



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