


# Grindings

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## President's Message

It's hard to believe that it has only been two weeks since our gem show. Thank you to everyone who put so much time and effort into making this year's show a resounding success. Attendance was up, proceeds were up, and it seemed like everyone attending and working the show had a great time. We had record numbers help with loading up for the show, our grab bags were stuffed in record time, and lots of people helped to set up the show. I would like to extend special thanks to the skeleton crew that stayed to the end Sunday night to pack up and load the storage unit, as well as Doug Renken (without whom no one would remember how to set up and take down the show), Aaron Wanner who led a lot of the setup and is taking care of case repairs after the show, Brent Stewart who did a first class job in his first year as show chairman, and our treasurer Barb Wanner who burned the midnight oil keeping track of finances for the show.

I don't know about the rest of the club members, but I am starting to get Spring fever. Despite the rain, some of our favorite spots in the Owyhee's are accessible and we are planning a March field trip. Spring rock hunting can be a lot of fun, with no snakes to worry about and fresh material from winter runoff. Please be safe and avoid driving in wet areas as this only leads to degradation of backcountry roads.

We have gotten a few responses to the survey in last month's Grindings and I hope that more of you will take the opportunity to advise the board on what you would like to see the club do. The survey is reprinted in this month's Grindings as well (page 6).

Those who attended the February meeting will notice that we are changing the meeting format up a bit. My main goal is to have the meetings be more about talking about rocks, lapidary, and related subjects while still addressing the business we need to do. Our Second Vice President Deana Ashton has been working hard to get an informative and interesting set of programs together that will now be presented during the meeting.

*Phil Neuhoff*

*President*

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

President Phil Neuhoﬀ called our meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Brent Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Several guests were present from the ID Gold Prospectors Club.

Junior door prizes were drawn for 6 lucky winners.

Adult prizes were drawn for 16 winners.

Building Fund prizes were drawn for 3 winners.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" was by Brent Stewart and seconded by Twila Gallaher.

Secretary's report, I recently had Lifetime Member cards made. Anyone needing such a card, see our Treasurer, Barb Wanner. I've received flyers for an upcoming show, Yakima Rock & Mineral Club, 53rd Parade of Gems. They're show is April 12, 10am to 6pm and April 13 from 10am to 4pm. Lodging information is available and anyone wanting to have a display case, I have applications; deadline for display cases is March 25.

Junior's report, Ed said the Juniors would be doing a blacklight study of specimens that fluoresce.

Treasurer's report, Barb spoke of balances and disbursements. She has receipts and member cards available at the "greet" table. Any remaining will be mailed to members.

Federation report, Charles wants to urge members planning on attending the NFMS in Hermiston, OR to make reservations for hotel/motels. There will be events before and during the NFMS Hermiston Event.

At this time Brent Stewart and Willa Renken were asked to take the floor. The Board of Directors decided to recognize Charlie Smith, for his long years of service as our Show Chairman. Many "Thanks" to Charlie. We contacted Jason Madsen, to make a special knife; the blade is Damascus Steel, the handle is Australian Banksia Pod tree, and the box is made of Australian Jarrah Wood. For some who didn't know the Jarrah Wood it is a cousin to the Eucalyptus tree.

Many "Thanks" to Jason for his beautiful workmanship.

Our program was given by Brent Stewart. "How to Create a Display Case." He spoke about considering colors for liners, based on what you are showcasing.

ROLE program, our club recognizes individuals for their work in cabochon making; Rick Corbett was recognized at our January Banquet.

Deana Ashton spoke to members for future refreshment committees and for additional help.

Field trip report, Brent Stewart and Aaron Wanner will be heading up this chair for the club. Their plans are to try working 2 field trips in a month. They're currently working on a schedule and will let us know in the future.

Workshop report, there will be no workshops till April, latest in May.

The Grab bag stuffing went great, we stuffed 1269. There was more than enough help and we finished in record time.

Folks don't forget loading of show materials, at Lock-a-Way storage, 1pm, February 20; Set up 8 am at the Idaho Expo Building on February 21.

Sign up sheets are available for several locations in need of helpers. Postcards have been mailed to those that requested reminders of our show.

Old business, none.

New business, President Phil Neuhoﬀ, is wanting club members to fill out his questionnaires; he wants to know interests and suggestions from everyone.

The Library was open at refreshment time. Our meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Melodee Worley - Secretary*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
Board Meeting  
March 4, 2014**

President Phil Neuhoff called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Officers/Board members present were, Phil Neuhoff, Willa Renken, Deana Ashton, Barb Wanner, Melodee Worley, Charles McCreath, Brent Stewart, Barb Carey, Dana Robinson, Phil Worley, and Ed Moser.

Guests present were Shirley McCreath and Doug Renken.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" was made by Willa Renken and seconded by Ed Moser.

Treasurer's report, Barb went over balances and disbursements.

Secretary's report, I sent information to Tony Griffin to update members name information.

I've included Yakima Show information in my previous notes.

I sent a "thank you" card to the Riverside Elementary School, I apologized for not knowing about their pin trading event until after it occurred. I did ask them to keep us informed for future events.

Federation report, Charles has made his reservations for the Hermiston Event. When he received his receipt for his reservations, the hotel/motel he's staying at sent him camping information. I'll have additional copies available at our next General Meeting.

Junior's report, Ed says, "**BRING YOUR FOLDERS**". There's talk of panning for gold, that can be done outside, when the weather gets warmer. He'll keep the Juniors posted.

Our program for the evening will be about "Gold Prospecting". It'll be given by Bill & Barb Carey.

License plate report, Deana said sales for the past month was 30 plates/renewals. Brent Stewart and Charles Osgood, recently attended a "buy Idaho" event. They did some lobbying about our plates, and explained what the money is available for.

Deana will be working with the Idaho DMV to learn where plate sales are occurring.

Field trips report, Brent Stewart said he's hoping to get out to Graveyard Point. Of course, keep in mind weather permitting.

Workshops are on hold for now. Willa will advise us of when they'll get started once again.

Over the next few months Brent Stewart will be working with Janet French and Bill & Barb Carey, to get Chair locations finalized and assigned for next years Show.

Old business, Phil Neuhoff said that Jean Dingley is wanting to head up the "ROLE Program". Thank you Jean, we know you'll do a great job.

Barb Carey is getting our Idaho Gem Club meeting information added to community calendars, in the area.

New business, we're considering eliminating the kids craft table and creating a bigger area for the "Garnet Dig". To reduce our cookbook inventory, we'll be giving some away. I (Melodee) am going to be looking into new cloth bunting for the (Board Meeting— continued on page 4)

*Respectfully submitted,  
Melodee Worley—Secretary*

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yellow, blue, and white tables we cover at this time with plastic.

I guess you could say the "Big" news is that Brent Stewart and Aaron Wanner are looking into a new location for our "workshops" to be held in. More information will be passed along when known.

Barb Carey has a special request from the local "Kiwanis" club for a speaker who is knowledgeable about geology; Phil Neuhoﬀ will be contacting them for the date and time.

Membership applications, there were 21 and 1 renewal. A motion to accept these applications was by Ed Moser and seconded by Deana Ashton.

Our board meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

### **Tumbled Rock For our Annual Show**

A grateful "Thank You" is in order for those who have tumbled and donated their polished rock for our "grab bags". If you are not aware, grit replacement is available for those who have polished then donated rock for the purpose of our "grab bags".

Gene Alvey is in charge of disbursing grit and collecting polished rock. How this works: you will make the initial purchase of grit, polish the rock, and then turn the rock over to Gene at which time Gene will weigh your rock and give you a predetermined per pound amount of replacement grit. You can contact Gene at 208-440-3067.

## **Welcome New Members**

Ed "Spud" Baxter &  
Wendy Youngblood  
3667 N. Collister Dr.  
Boise, Idaho 83703-3308  
353-8596

Jan & Randy Benson  
1401 Shady Ln  
Emmett, Idaho 83617-9123  
365-6002

Kris Berg  
5160 S. Apsley Pl.  
Boise, Idaho 83709-5174  
406-596-1447

Damon & Joanna Bork  
Harrison & Hudson  
Star, Idaho 83669  
484-2523

Randy Brown & Family  
Boise, Idaho 83709  
323-2655

Bob & Christie Dewey  
28313 Middle Rd 1  
Wilder, Idaho 83676-5323  
482-6539

Bob & Harlene Dodson  
3026 Lochsa Ave. N.  
Meridian, Idaho 83646-9000  
288-0575

Dan Goodwill  
2572 NE Rocket  
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83647-5869  
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2307 W. Grassy Branch Dr.  
Meridian, Idaho 83646-1594  
409-9590

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1926 S Teal Ln  
Boise, Idaho 83706-4050  
391-9633

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9954 W. Holt St.  
Boise, Idaho 83704-6516  
629-2157

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5613 Saddle St  
Boise, Idaho 83709-6424  
362-3159

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6221 Elmer ST  
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861-3187

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3780 W. Woodmont Dr.  
Meridian, Idaho 83646-1033  
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Boise, Idaho 83709-5719  
362-1277

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Jason  
2260 W. Cedar Grove St.  
Meridian, Idaho 83646-4680  
272-0553

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Boise, Idaho 83709-5165  
871-2638

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Boise, Idaho. 83703  
859-1814

Christine Peters  
12200 S. Hawk Haven Ave.  
Kuna, Idaho 83634-2687  
407-6558

Robert & Wilma Redman  
840 NE Union St.  
Mountain Home, Idaho 83647-  
1796  
598-0833

Ronel & Lynda Selbach  
1730 Par Ct.  
Mountain Home, Idaho  
83647-3804  
775-217-0217

Jonathan Wood  
10202 W. Brownstone Dr.  
Boise, Idaho 83709-5610  
914-8006

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

**MARCH**

3/2 Daniel Johnson  
 3-4 Jason Mayfield  
 3/5 Gene Alvey  
 3/6 Jean Dingley  
 3/6 Jason Madsen  
 3/6 William Seaman  
 3/7 Judy Blodgett  
 3/7 Ronald Dingley  
 3/13 Julie Folks  
 3/13 Cyndy Schmidt  
 3/13 Barbara Wanner  
 3/15 Hannah Chase  
 3/15 Dave Webster  
 3/16 Kyle Thornock  
 3/17 Aaron Chase  
 3/18 Vicki Bickford  
 3/18 Ivy Gomm  
 3/18 Christie Hale  
 3/19 Spud Baxter  
 3/19 Eve Gimmel  
 3/19 Jeane Gonzales  
 3/19 Tanra Snodgrass  
 3/20 Evea Jackson  
 3/22 Andrew Housh  
 3/23 Mike Lovette  
 3/25 David Ferguson  
 3/28 Edward Blondin  
 3/28 Larry Friend  
 3/28 Gene Stewart  
 3/28 Jacque Yandle  
 3/29 Roger Coates  
 3/30 Diana Harshman  
 3/30 Heather Madsen  
*March Birthstones*  
 Faceted - Aquamarine  
 Cabochon - Bloodstone

**APRIL**

4/1 Ryan Kinnaird  
 4/2 Eric L. Bale  
 4/2 Tom Hinkler  
 4/3 Karen Beers  
 4/3 Marcy Belcoe  
 4/3 Rochelle Smith  
 4/4 Jerry Adamson  
 4/8 Sherry Hederer  
 4/10 Douglas Williams  
 4/11 Marian Alvis  
 4/13 Tony Lamansky  
 4/13 Edwin Moser  
 4/13 Rick Olmstead  
 4/14 Linda Barlow  
 4/14 Liam Baron  
 4/15 Dorothy Snowball  
 4/17 Larry Lugar  
 4/17 Jim Da Silva  
 4/17 Jeanmarie McAvoyn  
 4/20 Dalina Chase  
 4/21 Katherine Luercher  
 4/22 Kevin Hale  
 4/22 Jean Longbottom  
 4/22 Willa Renken  
 4/23 Kevin Kinnaird  
 4/24 Sarah Chase  
 4/27 Terry Belcoe  
 4/28 Kyleigh Jackson  
 4/28 Pam Montgomery  
 4/28 Jim Yandle  
 4/29 Terry Folks  
 4/29 Dennis Montgomery  
*April Birthstones*  
 Faceted — Diamond  
 Cabochon — Rock  
 Crystal

**Dates To Remember****GENERAL MEETING**

3rd. Tuesday of every month  
 March 18, 2014

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

**BOARD MEETING:**

1st. Tuesday of every month  
 April 1, 2014

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

March 2014

Need Volunteers

**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

April 2014

Need Volunteers

**THE GRINDINGS**

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	Yes	No	Maybe	Comments
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**MEETINGS**

Do you regularly attend club meetings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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What would you change about our meetings to add interest and participation?

Are there any special programs or activities you would like to see at meetings?

**FIELD TRIPS**

Do you regularly attend club field trips?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Would you like to see more field trips offered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Do you have suggestions for Field Trip locations?

**WORKSHOP**

Have you used the club workshop and equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Would you use the workshop more if it were available more often?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Do you have any suggestions for the future of the workshop?

**JUNIORS**

Do you have children in the club?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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If so, do they participate in Rocky Rattlers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Do you have any comments or suggestions about the juniors program?

Please feel free to include any other comments, suggestions or ideas you have for improving our Idaho Gem Club on a separate page.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts. You may sign, or submit anonymously.

Please return this survey at the club meeting in February, mail to the club (Idaho Gem Club Survey Committee, PO Box 8443, Boise, ID 83707-2443) or by email to [pneuhoff@yahoo.com](mailto:pneuhoff@yahoo.com).

**SUNSHINE LADY!**

Mary I. Ridley, 73, of Garden City, died Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at a local hospital. Arrangements are under the direction of Accent Funeral Home, Meridian. 888-5833.

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!**

### Rocky Rattlers Program

The Jr. Rattlers will receive some materials and then be able to listen to the program on gold panning. They also may have a chance to do some gold panning outside if weather permits. Parents PLEASE be sure to have the youth to have coats for the weather.

### Idaho Gem Club General Meeting Program Schedule

March - GOLD PROSPECTING AND PANNING by Barbara and Bill Carey

April - CAVING! by Hester Mallonee 2013 IGC Scholarship Winner

May- ROCKHOUNDING 101 - Making the most of your field trip experience - tools/ techniques by Field trip Committee.

### YESTER YEAR

April 1973

At the Board Meeting final arrangements were made for the Annual Show.

The field trip will be to Hog Creek. An overnight trip the first weekend of May will be to the Carey Area.

The old club trailer sold for \$35.00.

There were 82 people at the Hog Creek field trip. The next field trip will be to Rome, Or. for snakeskin agates.

The overnight trip to Carey was a success, with 36 people and 4 dogs attending.

This month's overnight field trip will be to Burgdorf for sapphire crystals.

The antique car club invited anyone interested in putting a case in at their show was welcome. There were 6 cases at the Antique Car show.

The Board discussed having the show with the antique bottle club.

The Boise Public Library asked the club to put a case in there and change the material every 30 days. It was decided to put a case in the local library for one year.

The club is placing a culvert in the Beacon Hill road to keep it from washing out.

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

**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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**Rocky Rattlers**

Juniors need to bring their folders to  
 the meeting this month