


Grindings

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President's Message

I hope everyone is having a great summer and has had ample chance to get out and collect. We have been pretty lucky with the fire season so far. I just returned from a camping and collecting trip in the Klamath Mountains of Oregon and was reminded of just how bad things can be as all of the Cascades were filled with smoke from a series of fires in Oregon and California. Be careful and have fun.

It was great seeing everyone at the picnic last month. Remember that this month's meeting will be a picnic as well on August 19 at 6:30 PM in the Old Timers Shelter at Ann Morrison Park. Note that the picnic starts at 6:30 as there was some confusion last month. Please bring a dish to share, table service, and items for the auction. The club will provide drinks and ice cream treats. There will be an auction after we eat.

This month there will be a field trip to Carey, Idaho for agates and petrified wood. The trip will be an overnight for those who choose to camp instead of driving back four hours after collecting. Details on the trip can be found elsewhere in the Grindings.

Phil Neuhoﬀ, President



Jackson &
Sarah in
Josephine
Creek, Klamath
Mountains,
Oregon

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING July 21st, 2015

Our general meeting was called to order at 6:35pm, by President Phil Neuhoft.

Linda Barlow (editor) gave the meals blessing.

There was a small group this evening. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful food and ability to visit with everyone.

We had a few visitors and new members attending this evening.

Junior prizes were drawn for 4 lucky winners, adult prizes for 3 winners, and Building Fund for 3 winners.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" was by Linda Barlow and seconded by Cheryl Link.

Secretaries report, I collected the mail. Passed it out accordingly. I showed our new table coverings, that I ordered in colors of Blue, Red (replacing yellow) and white. They are polyester, flame retardant and washable or dry cleanable.

Treasurers report Barb had nothing new.

Federation report from Charles.

Federation Fieldtrip 2015 September 16-21 2015

I have been busy communicating back and forth with many of the local field trip leaders in the Oregon, Idaho area. The consensus is that the fire danger is extremely high this year due to the late spring rains and tall grasses. Because of this danger, I am postponing the NFMS Field trip on July 3-6, to September 16-21. We are definitely planning a great trip in September with more side trips than was first planned. We are also looking into some other camp sites that will accommodate more people.

I apologize for any inconvenience this will cause.

**Thanks for understanding,
Warren**

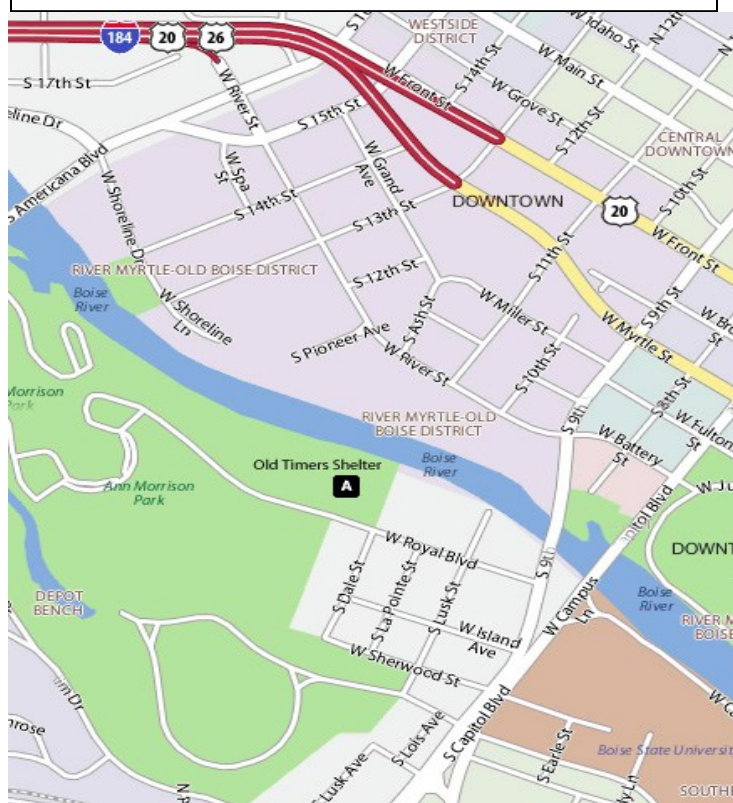
**Warren Rood
NFMS President**

There was no new business.

Old business, folks continue tumbling for grab bags, anyone creating crafts or getting items for the wheel of fortune anything is very appreciated. Charles has donated tumbling material for anyone needing it.

Clean up occurred and the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. A small auction happened for donated items.

Respectfully submitted, Melodee Worley - Secretary



Map To Picnic

The July and August meetings are both picnics. They will be held at the Old Timers Shelter at the East end of Ann Morrison Park. If you drive from 9th Street turn right on Royal Blvd. and shortly after entering the park turn into the parking lot on your right and you will see the shelter next to the River. If driving from the south turn left on Ann Morrison drive then turn right on Lusk St then left on Royal Blvd. and go to the parking lot. The picnic begins at 6:30 p.m. and is a potluck. Bring your favorite dish, plates, and silverware. The club will provide soft drinks and ice cream.

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
Board Meeting
August 4th, 2015**

Our meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President, Willa R., due to President Phil Neuhoﬀ being absent this evening at 7:30pm.

Present this evening were Willa R., David D., Melodee W., Charles M., Ed M., Brent S., Dana R., Cheryl P., and Deana A. Excused for the evening were Phil N., Barb W. and Sandy B.

Guests for the evening were Shirley M., Doug R. and Linda B.

My secretaries report was advising of mail pick-up and a new Rock and Gem Magazine for the library.

Treasurers report was sent to Willa R. and she went over the information.

Federation report from Charles M., here's the info.

It is time to start planning for 2016, the Multi federation trips will be in conjunction with the 2016 AFMS show in Albany, Oregon, July 29th - 31st. Two days later more trips will begin from Prineville, Oregon. We plan to have 4-6 trips per day, more if needed, leaving in all directions. Thunder eggs, petrified wood, jaspers and agates will be on the menu. We will have a balance of free and fee sites for 4-5 days.

The base camp will be at the Crook County Fairgrounds in Prineville, Oregon. Camping with water and electricity, dump station and motels are in town. Potlucks are planned and I working on having some programs, Lots of collecting and get together fun
Watch for further updates.

Doug True dtruefossils12@yahoo.com

He also wanted folks, with access to the internet to check out 3 pages of the "New Fossil Collecting Rules." The website is <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-17/pdf/2015-08483.pdf>.

This next General Meeting will be at the Old Timers Shelter, in Ann Morrison Park, at 6:30pm. It's a potluck dinner, each person needs to provide their own place setting. The club will provide drinks and ice cream treats.

Juniors nothing to report.

Folks anyone who wants to share pictures of their field trip with the club or their own experience, is welcome to send them to Linda Barlow (editor) and she'll include them in the newsletter or email them to members for sharing.

Old business: back in September 2014, one of our members, Phil Stephenson brought a request to the club, to borrow showcases for an upcoming Agate Symposium in Wisconsin, July 2016. Brent S. stated that Phil has a drawn up contract for the showcases. The board will be seeing it at the next board meeting.

New business, anyone heading out on a field trip with the club or for a personal trip, it might be a great idea to carry along a first aide kit. Linda B. (editor) is going to be signing up for a writing membership. She'll be reimbursed for the cost.

There were no new membership applications.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted Melodee Worley - Secretary

Idaho Gem Club Field Trips 2015

CAREY FIELD TRIP

When: Aug 22nd-23rd

What: We'll be collecting agate and petrified wood.

This trip will also have a demonstration on scouting your hunting area. This is a over night camping trip.

Camping is rough with no restrooms or showers.

Where: 7:00 am meet at fair grounds on the left in Carey

7:30 am Travel to collecting area. All vehicles OK.

Equipment needed: Rock hammer, chisel, shovel, bag or bucket for specimen collected, appropriate clothing for the weather and location, lunch, water, fuel, and any items you need for your personal use. Don't forget your EYE PROTECTION! Food and drinking water.

Other equipment you may need: Sledge hammer, rock bar, pry bar, and a spray bottle with water.

Carey is about 4hrs. from Boise.

If you would like more information, please come to our Gem Club Meeting.

Call our Field Trip Chairman:

Aaron Wanner @ 208-794-9474 cell phone or

Email: aaronwanner@gmail.com

Or Brent Stewart @208-863-9336

Hi Y'all - We are back home from our trip to Glass Buttes.

We have not been there for about 15 years, so it was like meeting an old friend. A few of the Idaho Gem Club members were there as well. Many rock hounds have raked over the area since we were there last time and it was a challenge to find some large pieces of Obsidian.

We did find 4 large pieces, but in each case, they were too frail to dig them out.

Judy took one of the Idaho Gem Club trip leaders (Aaron) to the site with the best rock and they proceeded to excavate the site the next day.

Shown below are a few of the photos of that dig.



The rocks in the foreground had surrounded the large piece. They are also quality pieces.



It took a truck to pull the rock from its mooring. Even then, it was a struggle.



A real "back-breaker". The weight of this rock was estimated at 150 to 200 pounds.



A close-up view of the main rock. By the way, more large pieces remained in the hole.



Note the shape of this piece of Obsidian. Not all are round in appearance.



A crack developed in the rock. This developed an opportunity to eventually lift the rock.



A final lift into the truck. These guys have amazing strength



Elsewhere, a classic Obsidian flow. Obsidian rock here can be measured in hundreds of tons.

NFMS NEWS

NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT 2015 By Lamar Tilgner Tis the time of year that we have all been waiting for. The 12th annual Northwest Rockhound Retreat is just around the corner and most of us can hardly wait for it to happen. We will be continuing with our 8 Regular Workshops this year, Lapidary, Silversmithing, Casting, Intarsia, Faceting, Wire wrapping, Beading, and Doublets & Triplets. This year we will be having a preview of things to come in an evening program on Chain Mailing. It will be put on by Chris Sorenson. We are still looking to get Knapping in but will continue to try to get schedules together so it can happen. We are continuing with our great group of instructors so you can count on getting the type of instructions that will expand your pleasure. Thirty people are registered so if you want in do not wait too long. Registration is a first come, first served situation based upon the post mark date on your registration. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Retreat on Labor Day Week

Federation Field Trip September 16 – 21 So Start Packing! Four experienced local field trip leaders from the Owyhee area will lead us to several nice locations where we will find burnt wood, colorful wood, moss agate, plume agate, jasper and blue opalized thunder eggs. We will be traveling to Graveyard Point, Succor Creek, Grassy Mountain and Hoodoo Basin. Wednesday September 16 is a travel day. Wednesday night will be registration and sign up time for the different trips. Thursday through Sunday we will run one or two field trips each day. Thursday night we will have a large potluck, Friday night a rock swap, so bring extra food and swap material. You could leave Sunday night or Monday morning. More details will follow in the next edition.

“Lapidary of the Month” Articles Sought for Rock & Gem Magazine By Jim Brace-Thompson, Rock & Gem Contributing Author Rock & Gem is the officially sponsored hobby magazine of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies—our official magazine! They and Senior Consulting Editor Bob Jones have done much to promote rockhounding and rock clubs like those to which you and I belong. As you may know, I’m a regular contributing author, as well, mostly with articles for their “Rock & Gem Kids” section. Recently, Rock & Gem Managing Editor Lynn Varon has asked my help soliciting articles from within the ranks of the regional and national Federations for their “Lapidary of the Month” feature. “Lapidary of the Month” is usually the very first article appearing in each issue of the magazine. In it, a lapidary artist (amateur or professional) describes a relatively simple project with a photo and step-by-step procedures for others to follow. For an example, see page 8 of the July 2015 issue. We would like to encourage you to write such a contribution! Here are the specifications: ☐ A 500-word description telling step-by-step how you crafted your lapidary project from start to finish, saved as a document file. ☐ At least one close-up digital color photograph of the finished project (with camera set for high resolution, i.e., 300 dpi at 4 inches by 5 inches, minimum). ☐ Send your document file and digital photo (.tif or .jpg) as attachments in an email to editor@rockngem.com with the subject line “Lapidary of the Month.” ☐ Include your name and a street address (not a PO Box) for prize delivery should your entry be selected for publication. (Only winners will be notified.) Authors of articles selected to appear in “Lapidary of the Month” receive a two-speed Dremel Model 200 N/40 MultiPro kit and a wall plaque in recognition of their creativity and craftsmanship. (Thus the need for a street address.) For questions or further submission details, please contact Lynn Varon at Rock & Gem, 5235 Mission Oaks Blvd. #201, Camarillo, CA93012, phone (972) 448-4626, email editor@rockngem.com. Here’s to good projects and good writing—and to seeing you as a Lapidary of the Month!

Having Fun: **Juniors Activities** “Spotlight on Juniors” Articles Requested for Rock & Gem Kids By Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS & CFMS Juniors Program Chair I write monthly articles for the “Rock & Gem Kids” section of Rock & Gem magazine. Most often, these introduce kids to a mineral or fossil or to some interesting aspect of rocks (gemstone lore, official state rocks and fossils, minerals with special effects like asterism or fluorescence, etc.). But I’ve also run several articles about especially outstanding juniors. I’d like to do more such profiles but despite various calls in the past, no one has sent me suggestions recently. Do you have a kid in your society who is “rock crazy” and over-the-top enthusiastic? Please contact me with names and details about kids who deserve special recognition as inspirational role models for other kids, and I’ll be happy to do a write-up on them for “Rock & Gem Kids.” A great starting point might be any kids that your local society has named “Junior Rockhound of the Year” via the regional and national Federations’ member recognition programs or kids who have won any other Federation or school-sponsored awards related to our hobby, such as kids who have earned trophies in competitive exhibiting or who have participated in a local science fair. I’ll need enough details that will allow me to craft an article ranging 250 to 300 words. What is the junior member’s name and what club or society is s/he affiliated with? What especially noteworthy accomplishments has s/he notched up related to our hobby? How might this child serve as a role model to others? See page 43 of the July 2015 issue of Rock & Gem for an example with the article entitled “Spotlight on Juniors: Liliya Starts a Rock Club!” In addition to info about the kids you nominate, I’ll need a couple of photos, preferably showing the kids engaged with the hobby. These should be digital color photographs with camera set for high resolution (i.e., 300 dpi at 4 inches by 5 inches, minimum). As with any photos of children intended for publication, I will need a photo permission and release form signed by the parent or guardian. For further information—and to get a copy of the photo release form—please contact me at jbraceth@roadrunner.com. That’s the email address, as well, for sending info about your outstanding junior and for sending photos and release forms as electronic attachments. Here’s to recognizing our very best and most enthusiastic juniors and to acknowledging their efforts in a hobby that’s fun!

NFMS Organizational Meeting Notice: October 9th, 2015 10 am – Noon

Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals 26385 NW Groveland Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124

(Details will be coming up in later NFMS Newsletters)

ALAA NEWS

The AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION (ALAA) is a 501(c)(4) organization. Its purpose is to promote and ensure the right of amateur hobby fossil and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public lands managers. Your annual individual/couple membership fee is \$25 which helps support their activities. Club membership is \$50 per year. Send to Treasurer, P.O. Box 54398, San Jose, CA 95154. Make checks payable to: American Lands Access Assn. Applications can be downloaded at: www.amlands.org on the left side of the page. For more information contact: Shirley Leeson, President at: president@amlands.org or P.O. Box 23, Tendoy, ID 83468

SO MUCH FEDERAL CONTROL OF THE WEST IS NOT ONLY UNFAIR, IT IS FAILING OUR STATES AND OUR NATION

The Problem

- Record-setting catastrophic wildfires — burning up millions of animals, emitting carcinogenic pollutants into our air, and destroying wildlife habitat and watersheds — are the result of decades of dysfunctional federal bureaucracy.
- Locking up access to our nation's abundant resources has needlessly placed America at the mercy of foreign powers for essential materials, such as timber and rare earth minerals vital to national defense, renewable energy, and electronics technologies.
- Federal policies are stifling the economic opportunity of western communities and requiring citizens in the East to pay for it. This is undermining every State's independence and flies in the face of our system of liberty and self-government.

Above: Wildfires greater than 250 acres

THE FEDERAL FAULT LINE (unable to show picture)

The WEST: OVER 50% FEDERALLY CONTROLLED

The EAST: LESS THAN 5% FEDERALLY CONTROLLED

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"By nearly all accounts, our federal lands are in trouble, both in terms of fiscal performance and environmental stewardship."

— Property and Environmental Research Center (PERC), Bozeman, MT

Bench Tips

Get all 101 of Brad's bench tips in "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" on Amazon.com

CLUTTER: The more you work with jewelry, the more problems you have finding the piece of metal you need. My pieces of sheet were generally stored in various plastic bags, and the wire was in separate coils. Few were marked, so it often took me a while to locate that piece of 26 ga fine sheet I bought last year, especially since I usually take my supplies back and forth to classes.

A tip from a friend helped me organize everything. I bought an expanding file folder from the office supplies store (the kind that has 13 slots and a folding cover) and marked the tabs for each gauge of metal I use. Then I marked all my pieces of sheet with their gauge, put them in plastic bags, marked the gauge on the bag, and popped them into the folder. I usually store coils of wire loose in the folder, but they can also be bagged if you prefer. I use one tab for bezel wire and one for the odd, miscellaneous items.

The resulting folder is really convenient when I want to take my metal out to a class or workshop, and it's colorful enough for me to easily find in the clutter of the shop !

DRILLING A STONE

One of the things my students often ask to do is drill a hole

Core drills are readily available from lapidary and jewelry supply companies. They come in sizes as small as 1mm and are very reasonable in price. For instance, a 2mm diameter drill is about \$6.

Chuck up the core drill in a drill press, Dremel or Foredom and be sure to keep the drilling zone wet to cool the tool and to flush out debris. Also, if you're drilling a through hole, go very easy on the pressure as the drill is about to cut through. Otherwise you will usually chip off some of the stone surface around the hole.



Field Trip – 2016 By Doug True It is time to start planning for 2016, the Multi federation trips will be in conjunction with the 2016 **AFMS show in Albany, Oregon, July 29th - 31st** . Two days later more trips will begin from Prineville, Oregon. We plan to have 4 -6 trips per day, more if needed, leaving in all directions. Thunder eggs, petrified wood, jaspers and agates will be on the menu. We will have a balance of free and fee sites for 4-5 days. The base camp will be at the Crook County Fairgrounds in Prineville, Oregon. Camping with water and electricity, dump station and motels are in town. Potlucks are planned and I working on having some programs, Lots of collecting and get together fun Watch for further updates. Doug True dtruefossils12@yahoo.com

July 31 & Aug. 1-2 Fri & Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 Far West Lapidary & Gem Society North Bend Community Center, 2222 Broadway North Bend OR Don Innes 541 396 5722 doninnes.innes20@gmail.com

August 8 & 9 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5 Maplewood Rock and Gem Club Maplewood R&G Clubhouse, 8802 196th ST SW , Edmonds WA Bev Ryder 425 338 4184 FAMRYD@aol.com

August 14 - 16 Fri & Sat– 10 – 9 Sun – 10 – 6 Port Townsend Rock Club Jefferson County Fairgrnds., 4907 Landers St., Port Townsend WA Garnett Brooks 360 379 5531 garnett@email.com

September 12 & 13 Sat - 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5 Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society Walla Walla Frngds., Com. Cntr. Bldg., 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla WA Jack Edwards 509 529 3673 jcedwards1475@yahoo.com

September 12 & 13 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4 Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association Vern Burton Community Center, 308 East 4th Street Port Angeles WA Jennie Bourassa 360 681 0372 or Kathy Schriener 360 681 3811 PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382

September 19 & 20 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 Southern WA Mineralogical Society Castle Rock Fairgrounds 120 Fair Lane, Castle Rock WA Chuck Sonner chucksnnr@yahoo.com 360-785-3909.

October 9, 10, & 11 Fri – 10 – 6 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Association Washington County Fair Complex 873 NE 34th Avenue Hillsboro OR 97124 L. Smith Portlandregional.DealerChair@gmail.co m Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Association PO Box 5401 Portland OR 97228

October 10 & 11 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5 Marysville Rock and Gem Club Totem Middle School Café., 7th Street and State Ave., Marysville WA Brian Murril 425 346 9313 bmurriel@aol.com

October 17 & 18 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 Hells Canyon Gem Club Nez Perce County Fair Building, 1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston ID Dan Cease 509 254 1720 rockmangem@q.com www.hellscanyongemclub.com

October 17 & 18 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society Hermiston Conference Center, Highway 395 South, Hermiston OR Mike Filarski, 541 571 2593 stonemorlin1@netscape.net

October 24 & 25 Sat – 9 - 6 Sun – 10 - 5 Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 Ne. 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013 Beth Heesacker, heesacker@coho.net, 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116

October 24 - 25 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 Bellevue Rock Club Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish Blvd SE, Bellevue WA Bruce Himko bellevuerockclub@comcast.net PO Box 1851 Bellevue WA 98009

November 7 & 8 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5 Maplewood Rock and Gem Club Maplewood R&G Clubhouse, 8802 196th ST SW, Edmonds WA Don Wilcox 206 226 1868 tundrafox@earthlink.net

December 5 & 6 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 - 5 Winter Bazaar Maplewood Rock and Gem Club Maplewood R&G Clubhouse, 8802 196th ST SW, Edmonds WA Mike Collins 206 714 6861

Feb. 13 - 14, 2016 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 9 – 4 Whidbey Island Gem Club Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE Jerome Street Oak Harbor WA Keith Ludemann 360 675 1837 rock9@whidbey.net

March 5 & 6, 2016 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 East KingCo Rock Club Pickering Barn 1730-10th Avenue NW Issaquah WA Cindy Smith cndysmith@gmail.com PO Box 2203, Redmond WA 98073

March 12-13, 2016 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4 Magic Valley Gem Club Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Merchant Building #1, 215 Fair Avenue, Filer ID Shirley or Rocky Metts 208 423 4827 rmetts@magicvalleygemclub.org

March 25-27, 2016 Fri – 10 – 6 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun 10 – 4 Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, N.604 Havana at Broadway Spokane WA Vonnie Dillon 509 951 8173 showchair@rockrollers.org

July 29-31, 2016 Willamette Agate and Mineral Society AFMS and NFMS MEETINGS Linn County Expo Center, Albany Oregon Janice Van Cura 541-753-2401 jvancura@peak.org , www.wamsi.org

YESTERYEAR

JUNE 1974

President Larson opened the meeting at 7:38 PM. Eleven guests were introduced by Roberta Elwell. Two members, Harold Hendron and Sharon Sullivan, are in the hospital. Raffle and Door prizes were given out. The next field trip will be to Fir Grove, in Camas County, on June 23. Eand Alice Stewart furnished the library display this month. Another show of hands was requested regarding hosting the 1975 Annual Northwest Federation Show, resulting in 18 for and 2 against. There were 5 displays in the Mini-Rock show. Shirley Neville issued an invitation to join the Owyhee Gen & Mineral Society of Caldwell on their trip to Haystack Butte on June 22, and to Three-mile Creek above Burgdorf on July 13 & 14. A Northwest Federation slide show was shown on Wyoming material.

In Loving Memory Of Days Gone By

Marge Conley - Historian

I invite our NFMS Juniors to contribute articles for the NFMS Newsletter. Write about a rockhounding trip you took, a rock museum that you visited, a favorite rock that you own, etc.
Email the articles to me at heesacker@coho.net.

Also as Grindings editor, I would like to invite our Jr. Rattlers to write for the Grindings. Pictures are welcome. Submission is due via email to barlow596@gmail.com by first Monday following Board Meetings (held first Tuesday of the month)

Welcome New Members

Remember to talk about the Idaho Gem Club to your friends and bring them to the meetings. Our annual picnic is a great way to introduce them under fun conditions.

Auction After the July/August Meeting

To help defray the costs of the annual banquet in January, the club's picnics in July and August, will host an auction after these meetings. Please donate specimens, gem rough, fossils, finished pieces, or other related materials that others would want. This is a great opportunity to add to your collections while supporting the club.

PICNIC

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

1. Have tables covered with paper obtained from Statesman and ready by 6:00 p.m.
 2. Bring door prizes
 3. Order ice cream and arrange for pickup.
 4. Serve ice cream
- When picnic is finished, clear all paper from tables and deposit all litter and debris in trash containers

Potluck Dinner

Ice cream and sodas provided
Bring your own plates and silverware



Rocky Rattlers

Juniors need to bring their folders to the meeting this month

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER

9/3 Gerard Niday
 9/3 Donald K. Clarke
 9/3 Suzanne Lewis
 9/4 Roy Bethel
 9/8 Robert Rainey
 9/11 Brian Reynolds
 9/11 Nijone Lockhart
 9/15 Ronald Mummey
 9/16 Dana Robinson
 9/16 Robin Solt
 9/17 Mark Stevens
 9/20 Annalies Clarke
 9/20 Clarence Trevilcock
 9/20 Randy Whipple
 9/24 Melodee Worley
 9/26 Brent Stewart
 BIRTHSTONES

Faceted: SAPPHIRE

Cabochon:
LAPIS LAZULINATURAL
SAPPHIRE:METAPHYSICAL PROPERTIES
OF STONES & CRYSTALS

GEM: SAPPHIRE

Astrological Associations: Virgo, Libra, Sagittarius

Chakra: brow (Third Eye)

Healing Qualities: Good for the fulfilment of ambitions, dreams, & goals. Brings intuition, joy, fun, & wisdom.

Physical: Stomach, heart, hormones, & glands. Helps aging, backache, bleeding, infection, nausea, boils, & glandular fever. Astringent.

Emotional/Spiritual: Balances emotions and controlling desires, assists accessing spiritual connections including guides, allows you to see beauty in everything. Helps alleviate depression, narrow-mindedness, & unhappiness. It is a "Record-keeper" crystal (makes it valuable for connecting to spiritual wisdom including the akashic records & astral travel). Star sapphires are potentiators.

GEM: LAPIS LAZULI

ASTROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION: Sagittarius

CHAKRA: brow (Third Eye)

HEALING QUALITIES: It makes you "feel better" by bringing vitality, wisdom, mental endurance, and creative expression. Promotes natural gifts & skills. Helps disorganization.

Physical: Used for the Immune System, Throat, thymus, Thyroid, Eustachian tube, repairing fractures & torn muscles, muscles, & bone marrow. Helps relieve insomnia, vertigo, dizziness, hearing loss, & skeletal pain (like backache). Used for assistance with detoxification.

Emotional/Spiritual: Assists relaxation, improve relationships, dreams, balance yin/yang, & all psychic abilities. Also helps relieve depression.

Above information gleaned from THE CRYSTAL HEALER by Philip Permmt



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Workshop Report
No Workshop this month

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

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!

Dates To Remember

GENERAL MEETING
3rd. Tuesday of every month

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.

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>

Here is a really good sight from NOAA on weather issues this summer.

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/summer_safety.html#.VaUvP2dFDcu

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:

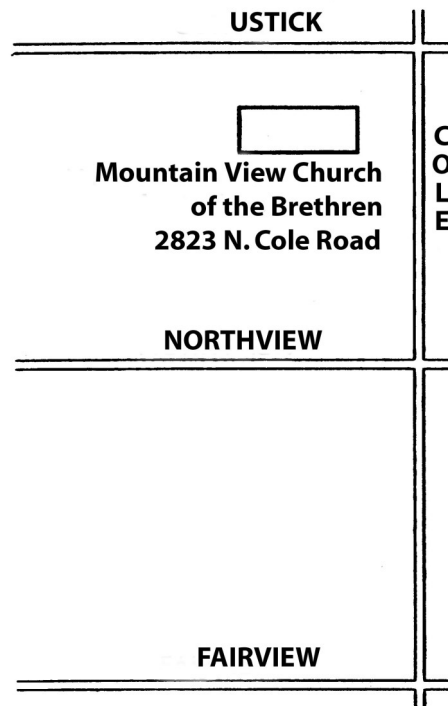
\$22.00 per person
\$25.00 per couple
\$28.00 per family

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)

