


# Grindings

*Idaho Gem Club, Inc.*

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## President's Message

This August is definitely better than last year. The trip to Dismal Swamp was fun, but not very productive this year. About 10 cars caravanned out to the site. This month's trip will be an overnighter up to Emerald Creek. See details on page 7. This is the last field trip that has been scheduled. Information for September and October will be available soon.

Other events this last July were the NWFM and AFMS meetings and the Agate Expo. Linda Barlow, our Federation Director, enjoyed the annual meeting in Albany. Several other club members were in attendance as well. Apparently there was quite a lively discussion about the Endowment Fund. See her report on page 6. Brent and Aaron were at the Agate Expo in Cedarburg, Wisconsin. Our cases were rented to this show and everything has worked out fine. Any damage has been repaired, so they are all ready for our show. It sounds like it was a great show.

The Board has been informed that our wonderful treasurer, Barb Wanner, is ready to turn over her responsibilities to a new treasurer and move on to other adventures. We sincerely appreciate all of the work Barb has done for the club in the last 3 years. She has agreed to stick around for a bit until we can get a replacement. Anyone interested in the position is encouraged to speak to me or any of the other Board members. It is very rewarding to take part in the general business of running your club.

For the Annual Show, Cheryl Link has generously offered to be committee chairperson for the showcases and the black light room showcases. She will be accepting applications soon. We will keep you posted. If you submit your application to her in email she can pencil you in and let you know where your case will be located before show time. Applications will also be taken at the meetings.

And, lastly, is another reminder to keep sewing and tumbling for the Grab Bag competitions. I have only received about 20 bags so far, and I'm not sure how many tumbled stones Gene Alvey has received. Time will go quickly from now until the show, so don't delay!

The meeting for this month is at Ann Morrison Park, same place, same time as July. See details on page 5. Bring some good rock for the auction, then take home new things for your collection. Hope to see you there

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Dana Robinson, President*

## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING JULY 19TH, 2016

President Dana Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm

Rick Corbett drew door prize winners for both kids and adults.

Dana **welcomes guests** and new members.

Finding no necessary changes to the minutes of previous meeting, \_\_\_\_\_ proposed a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Grindings. Willa Renken seconded the motion. Members voted, motion passed.

**Secretary report:** none

**Treasurer report:** none

**Federation report:** Linda Barlow reviewed upcoming dates for the annual AFMS and the NFMS meetings.

The evenings **program** potluck picnic dinner at 6:30 p.m. with an auction of donated material and items to follow. Thanks to all members who donated material for auction, Stewarts Gem Shop for the digging tool and to Sandy Blodgett for the showcases. Next month's general meeting will also be a potluck picnic followed by an auction.

**Field trip report:** Day trip to Dismal Swamp this coming Saturday for smokey quartz and topaz. Meet outside Featherville at 8 am Saturday morning, depart at 8:30 am. The August field trip is an overnight trip to Emerald Creek for garnets.

**R.O.L.E Report:** none

**Workshop Report** provided by Brent Stewart. Paint and electrical done. Still needs trim and finishing work, floors sealed, hang lights, install workbenches, and bring in equipment. A/C and heat unit installation at later time. As a personal contribution Brent plans to have signage made and ready for grand opening which should be soon. Thank you, Brent.

**Old Business:** Regarding a community involvement project for the club, Dana R. is looking into the Adopt a Highway program. Assuming a suitable segment of highway for the club to maintain is available Dana would like to know general consensus from club members and will conduct a survey of interest in an upcoming issue of the Grindings. \*Additional suggestions for a project include assisting in the recovery of land burned by wildfires.

**New Business:** None.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Followed by auction.

## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD Meeting AUGUST 2ND, 2016

President Dana Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Present: Dana Robinson, Willa Renken, Deana Ashton, Christina Anderton, Barbara Wanner, Linda Barlow, Cheryl Peterson, Brent Stewart, Ed Moser and Twila Gallaher. Absent: David Douglas and Sandy Blodgett

Finding no necessary changes to the minutes of last months board meeting, Willa Renken proposed a motion to accept the minutes of last month meeting as printed in the grindings. Twila Gallaher seconded the motion. Board members voted, motion passed.

The **Agate Expo donated \$500 to the Idaho Gem Club Scholarship Fund** as a Thank You for loaning display cases for their Expo. The display cases were safely returned, many with new glass!

**New signature cards** for the bank have been requested and should be in the mail.

**Federation Report:** Linda Barlow shared a recap of the recent AFMS and NFMS meetings she attended in Albany, OR. See page 6 of August Grindings under NFMS for full report.

**Field trip report** provided by Brent Stewart: Approximately ten vehicles met for the trip to Dismal Swamp. Although not a lot of material was found (one member found a decent size topaz near the cars) everyone had a good time looking for Smokey quartz and topaz. The upcoming trip to Emerald Creek for garnets promises to be a good one as well. This location near Moscow, Idaho is an overnight trip with a 6 hour drive and will have a \$10 per person dig fee. Travel plans and more details will be available at the general meeting.

Two items discussed regarding field trips; it was suggested that just getting the group to the proper location isn't enough. With so many new members, more effort needs to be made explaining where, how, and what to look for and some one-on-one help getting started. No one should be going home disappointed. Brent agreed and said he plans to spend more time making sure everyone is on the right track on future outings. That being said, Brent could use a little help making this happen. With larger groups of often less experienced rockhounds in the field needing guidance we need some of the more experienced members to lend a hand. Increased participation from those members with knowledge and experience to share is essential to the success of our field trip program. If anyone is able to help out in this area, has any suggestions, or maybe wants to take the lead on a specific trip contact, Brent at Stewart's Gem Shop and help educate the next generation of rockhounds.

**Workshop progress report:** Brent said the new shop is basically ready. Construction is complete and all that is left is to bring in the workbenches and set up equipment. Some adjustment to the budget may be necessary as expenses are tallied and the final cost calculated. Final figures will be available for review soon. With the workshop nearly complete there was some concerns expressed about the plans for utilizing this resource. Various issues were discussed and the next steps in the process identified. All agreed more discussion will be necessary as a plan for managing the shop is developed but everyone is excited and looking forward to the grand opening.

After several years of excellent service to IGC in the position of **Treasurer**, **Barbara Wanner** indicated she intends to **step down** from office next spring. She plans to remain involved through the 2017 show season, train her replacement and ensure a smooth transfer of office. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the club. Dana asked board members to begin thinking about a possible replacement for this office and other positions coming up for election this Fall.

Several **new member applications** were reviewed. Willa Renken motioned those applicants be accepted for membership. Twila Gallaher seconded the motion. Board members voted and motion was passed. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Anderton, Secretary*

## **Application**

### ***Earth Science Scholarship***

### ***Awarded by the Idaho Gem Club, Inc.***

**Description:** The Idaho Gem Club, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit organization devoted to promoting “the interests of its members in mineralogy, geology, gemology, the art of lapidary and kindred arts and sciences” is offering a \$500 scholarship for to help defray the educational costs for a local undergraduate Earth science student (see eligibility criteria below).

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be a full time, undergraduate student majoring or minoring in Earth science (including geology, geophysics, and earth science education) at a two- or four year college or university in the Treasure Valley region of Idaho during the 2016-2017 school year. Although not required, preference may be given to Idaho residents.

**Terms of acceptance:** The funds provided through this scholarship are to be used solely for the purpose of meeting the costs of undergraduate education, including tuition, books or materials, or field camp fees. Awardees are requested to visit a general meeting of the Idaho Gem Club, Inc. to give a short 15-20 minute presentation on an Earth science topic of general interest to our members.

**Instructions:** Please fill out in full the two page application form on the following pages. Note that as part of the application, a 1-2 page essay is required in addition to the information requested in the application. Applicants must have their application endorsed (via signature) by an Earth science faculty member at the institution they are attending during the 2016-2017 academic year. Completed applications should be **received by September 30, 2016** either by email (pneuhoff@yahoo.com) or at the following address:

**Scholarship chair person**

**Idaho Gem Club Inc., P.O. Box 8443, Boise, Idaho 83707- 8443**

#### **APPLICATION ESSAY\*:**

The Idaho Gem Club, Inc. was formed for purposes that included promoting “the interests of its members in mineralogy, geology, gemology, the art of lapidary and kindred arts and sciences.” Please write a 1-2 page essay describing your career goals, and how it will benefit the public good through application of your education in earth science to education, natural resource development and stewardship, hazard evaluation, or similar pursuits as a professional.

#### **Note to applicants:**

The scholarship will be awarded at one of the Club’s regular monthly meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month. We are asking the recipient to present a short program (relating to earth science) at a meeting. Would you be willing to do this\*? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SIGNATURE**

By signing this application, you certify that the above is true and correct. Also, you certify that you will use Idaho Gem Club Inc. Scholarship funds only for the purpose of defraying the cost of attending an institution of higher education (i.e., tuition, books, etc.)

Student Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

I know the above student and certify that they are an earth science student in good standing and endorse their application.

Signature of faculty sponsor\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**IDAHO GEM CLUB, INC.****FREE APPLICATION FOR  
EARTH SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Idaho Gem Club Inc. is offering a \$500 scholarship for any full time college or university student majoring in Geology, Geophysics, or Earth Science Education.

Applications must be filled out and either emailed (pneuhoff@yahoo.com) or returned to:

**Scholarship chair person**  
**Idaho Gem Club Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 8443**  
**Boise, Idaho 83707- 8443**

before September 30, 2016 to be eligible for the scholarship. Scholarship forms can be obtained in the Geology department or Financial Aid offices or on the web at <http://www.idahogemclub.com>

{Please type or print legibly; asterisk (\*) indicates required information}

**PERSONAL DATA**

Name\*:

Address\*:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a resident of Idaho\*? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a member of a gem or mineral club\*? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes give name and location\*:

\_\_\_\_\_

College or University Attending\*:

\_\_\_\_\_

Class Level (e.g., Sophomore, Junior, etc.) in 2016-2017\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s) and Minor(s)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Department(s)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Current G.P.A.\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and department of Faculty member sponsoring application \_\_\_\_\_



## IDAHO GEM CLUB PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### August 16, 2016 ANNUAL PICNIC & AUCTION

The August meeting is a picnic. It is 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.

#### **PICNIC REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (ALL WHOSE LAST NAMES BEGIN L-Z ARE ON THE COMMITTEE THIS MONTH)**

##### **GUIDELINES**

1. Have tables covered with paper obtained from Deana Ashton 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

**PLEASE COME EARLY TO SET UP AND STAY  
LATE TO CLEAN UP!**



## Auction

### After the 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.

# NFMS NEWS

## NFMS 2016 ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

By Linda Barlow, IGC Federation Director

Per NFMS Credentials Chairman, Dale Walker, if a delegate/alternate forgets their credentials and attends the meeting, provision is made at each meeting by special membership vote to allow those delegates voting privileges. This was observed at the 2016 meeting.

Upcoming Annual Meetings:

2017, May 19-21: in Hamilton, Montana jointly by Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society & Hellgate Mineral Society

2017 AFMS annual meeting will be in Ventura, California

2018, April 13-15: in Yakima, Washington by Yakima Rock & Mineral Club

2019, (no date): in Idaho Falls, Idaho by Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society

Directory Chairperson, Carol Willey, requested "if a student is listed, do not list their phone number. If student is in a family group, it is the member's option." It is also important to include the junior rock club members in the listing. This is so that if they submit articles or display cases for NFMS judging, they will qualify for AFMS and have to be listed as a member".

It is suggested that the clubs have a yearbook which can be used as a club record and can be displayed at rock and mineral shows for the public to see what the club/society does. This is an educational tool. This was discussed as a function of the historian as that person keeps the club records.

NFMS Endowment Fund was discussed at the annual meeting. The Fund was developed with the specific purpose to alleviate raising the NFMS dues for members which has not been done in past 19 years. The Endowment Fund committee requested direction with a motion to allow developing criteria for giving out future monies to profit or non-profits. Extensive discussion included Ed Moser of IGC pointing out that the general membership has not had a chance to know or discuss this proposal. The motion did not pass.

Warren Rood, NFMS past president, has taken over the NW Rockhound Retreat d/t Lamar Tilgner being laid up from broken leg.

NFMS OFFICERS 2016-2017:

PRESIDENT: JIM BOSLEY, Idaho Falls

1<sup>ST</sup> VP: KEITH FACKRELL, Utah

2<sup>ND</sup> VP: RONNA WATKINS, Yakima, Washington

SECRETARY: JUDI ALLISON, Montana

TREASURER: LYLE, VOGELPOHL, Seattle, Washington

Public Lands Advisor: Bed Odum

Historian: Linda Barlow, IGC Editor & Federation Director  
Safety chairperson, Tanya Sonner, suggested all clubs have updated First Aid Kit for all club events including field trips, meetings, and workshops.

AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION provides each year 2 worthy graduates from NFMS a scholarship worth \$4000 each. These winners were announced as Mr. Conner Toth (pursuing a Masters degree in Geology @ Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Wa.) & Ms. Jamie Hansen (pursuing a Masters degree in Geology at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Wa.)

Darrell Watkins, NFMS Slide/Video Librarian is person to contact by IGC to get them for education and programs.

IGC supplied a large bag of stamps for NFMS cancer benefit donations. Linda Barlow, IGC Federation Director, delivered them to Chuck Sonner NFMS Stamps Chairman.

Webmaster Competition Awards were given out at the meeting by Cheri George. Brad Larson from the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society in Caldwell won 5<sup>th</sup> place in the AFMS competition and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in NFMS competition for his club website.

## SHOW SCHEDULES:

**September 10 & 11** Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4 Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association Vern Burton Community Ctr., 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 10 & 11** Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5 Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society Walla Walla Cnty Frgrnds Community Cntr Bldg., 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla WA Keith Bacus, 509 529 1248 1829 Howard St Walla Walla WA 99362

**September 17 & 18** Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 The Southern Washington Mineralogical Society Castle Rock Fairgrounds, 120 Fair Lane SW Corner of Highway 411 and Cowlitz River Castle Rock WA Nicole Doiron 360 785 4417 raknad@q.com

**October 22 & 23** 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 ksandhorses3@gmail.com or Eileen Paul 541.672.5229 [headpatch@mydfn.net](mailto:headpatch@mydfn.net)

**October 22 & 23** Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 Bellevue Rock Club Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish PKWY SE, Bellevue, WA Bruce Himko bellevuerockclub@comcast.net PO Box 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009

**November 12 & 13** Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 Skagit Rock & Gem Club Sedro Woolley Comm Center, 703 Pacific Street Sedro Woolley, WA Debbie Frank skagitrockandgem@gmail.com PO Box 244 Mount Vernon WA 98273

"THE BEST EVER SUMMARY CHART OF  
FEDERAL LAW PERTAINING TO  
RECREATIONAL ROCKHOUDING"

Www.GatorGirlRocks  
American Rockhounding Law  
2016 GGR Federal Law Summary Table.pdf

## Save Stamps For Cancer Research

Cut at least 1/4 inch margin around the stamps.  
You can turn them into Linda Barlow, NFMS  
Director, at our next meeting. THANK YOU!



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 Gem Club Field Trips 2016

August 20 and 21

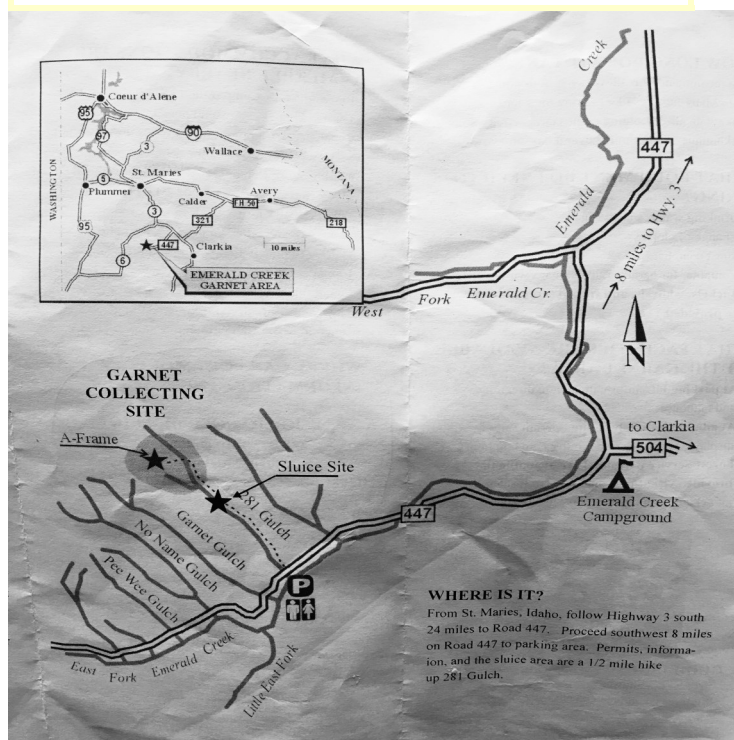
I will be leaving on Saturday August 20. Planning on being in the parking lot area around 12:30, and will dig the rest of the day. On Sunday I plan on digging in the morning and leaving around 2:00pm.

Cost is \$10.00 a day for adults and \$5.00 a day for children. They supply the screens, shovels and buckets. You will need good gloves, hat, water, food and sunscreen. Oh, and remember bug spray.

Camping will be at the emerald creek campground. Not sure on the price, but shouldn't be too expensive.

This should be a fun trip and plan on getting dirty. Trip is a 6 hour drive and about 300 miles.

Brent Stewart, 208-863-9336



**DRILLING A STONE:** One of the things my students often ask to do is drill a hole through a piece of gemstone. The usual thought is to get a diamond drill, but I've been disappointed with them. I think the reason is that the tip of the drill is just pivoting in the hole and fails to cut well. When it looks like the drill isn't cutting, the tendency is to push with more force. The drill gets hot, and the diamond grit falls off.

A much better approach is to use a core drill. This is a small hollow tube with a coating of diamond grit at the business end. The diamonds easily carve out a circular arc without undue pressure or heat buildup.

# NOTICES

**LIBRARY:** New Rock & Gem Magazine. Check out at September meeting at church. From Melodee

Hello Gang, I am looking for club photos. It is for a project. I really really need to find a photo of the original members, but any and all, old and new, photos are desired. If you have any notes about the photos such as who they are, the date, where, etc.... that would be fabulous!! Originals will be scanned and returned to you. Electronic copies are great too. You can send them to my email address: [tinafred007@hotmail.com](mailto:tinafred007@hotmail.com) or you can reach me on my cell at [208-353-0220](tel:208-353-0220). Thanks. Tina Fredericks

Attention club members: I am a legal Notary for the State of Idaho, my current commission does not expire until 12/24/2018. My services are free for all club members, their friends and family. I can be reached at [\(208\) 353-0220](tel:208-353-0220). 'Tina Fredericks

## Bench Tips

"Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" and "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry" are available on Amazon [www.BradSmithJewelry.com](http://www.BradSmithJewelry.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 !







*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY*

**AUGUST**

8/1 Alice Shriver  
8/7 Ron Alexander  
8/7 Gene Thompson  
8/10 Dan Conley  
8/11 Michael Gartman  
8/11 Eric Rayburn  
8/14 Alexis Clark  
8/20 Eli Price  
8/24 Mitchell Smith  
8/24 Fred Hodges  
8/27 Christine Neuhoﬀ  
8/28 Mettie Clay  
8/28 Ronal Dingley

**Faceted: Peridot****Cabochon:****Jade or****Sardonyx****SEPTEMBER**

9/2 William Wheeler  
9/2 Bob Ruppert  
9/4 Roy Bethel  
9/4 Denise Bowlin  
9/8 Robert Rainey  
9/14 Sarah Gambassi  
9/14 Aaron Wanner Jr  
9/16 Dana Robinson  
9/16 Robin Solt  
9/17 Dale Durbin  
9/20 Clarence Trebilcock  
9/20 Randy Whipple  
9/23 Daini Carlson  
9/24 Melodee Worley  
9/26 Larry Rudley

**Faceted:  
Sapphire****Cabochon:  
Lapis Lazuli****METAPHYSICAL PROPERTIES  
OF STONES & CRYSTALS****PERIDOT  
(Chrysolite or Olivine)**

**Type:** Crystallizes in the form of masses, grains, & Prismatic crystals, sometimes flattened

**Color:** Olive green, yellowish-green, honey, red, brownish

**Source:** US, Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Russia, Sri Lanka, Canary Islands

**Astrological Associations:** Virgo, Leo, Scorpio, Sagittarius

**Vibration #5, 6, & 7**

**Chakra:** Heart & Solar Plexus -cleanses and stimulates

**Qualities:** It is known as the “feel better” stone because it emits a warm & friendly energy. It can magnify inner aspects of any situation or circumstance. Regulates cycles in one’s life (physical, mental, emotional, intellectual, & life). Provides shield of protection around the body. Acts as tonic to strengthen & regenerate body.

**JADE**

**Type:** Form of jadeite, transvaal jade, nephrite, & bowenite

**Color:** Green, orange, brown, blue, blue-green, cream, lavender, red, white

**Source:** US, China, Italy, Myanmar, Russia, Middle East

**Astrological Associations:** Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Libra

**Vibration # 11**

**Qualities:** It is known as a “dream stone” (by releasing suppressed emotions) & as a “stone of fidelity” by bringing realization to one’s potential & devotion to one’s purpose. In the Mayan culture it was revered as the “Sovereign of Harmony” by facilitating peace within (physically, emotionally, & intellectually) & in the materialistic world. It brings accord to environment,, transmutes negativity, & instills resourcefulness. It is “sacred stone” to primitive tribes allowing access to spiritual worlds.

**SARDONYX**

**Type:** An onyx with bands of carnelian

**Color:** Black, red, brown, clear

**Source:** Brazil, India, Russia, Asia Minor

**Astrological Associations:** Aries

**Vibration # 3**

**Qualities:** Refer to Carnelian qualities last month. It is known as the “stone of virtue” by stimulates & propagates virtuous conduct. Brings happiness in marriage. Can be used to attract friends, fortune, and encourage self-control. Prevents crime when gridded around house and garden. This stone supplements will-power & strengthens character. Alleviates depression and overcomes hesitancy.

Color qualities: Black absorbs negativity. Brown grounds energy. Clear purifies. Red stimulates.

Above information gleaned from THE CRYSTAL HEALER by Philip Permmtt, THE CRYSTAL BIBLE by Judy Hall, & LOVE IS IN THE EARTH by Melody



## YESTERYEAR

Hello Gang,

It's that time again to get into The Way Back Machine. The question is not where but when shall we go to??

### August 14, 1942

The Meeting of the Idaho Gem Club was called to order by the President Mr. E.E. Walden. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$57.60.

The President read a Federation letter from Don Major, President of the Northwest Mineralogical Society. In this letter it was stated that by a vote of 20 – 1 it was decided that the convention to be held in Boise be frozen for the duration of the war. Also some suggestions were made in which to carry on during the war period. A suggestion was made for an exchange of rocks between the societies.

The meeting was adjourned early for a tour of the homes of three of the members:

At D.E. Miller's were exhibits one of the finest collections of Indian arrowheads in Boise

Ray Hearne's collection was really too beautiful to describe, he also had a wonderful exhibit of rough and polished material. Of special interest was a Covington Lap that he had had on display.

At E. E. Walden's the members saw so very many things. He had polished work set in brooches, rings and pendants and many others were ready to be set.

We all returned to our homes feeling that a delightful and profitable evening had been spent. A large number were present which we estimated about 50 persons. 9 new members were added to the roll.

### Also on this day:

A huge number of Hitler's troops attacked Stalingrad and German submarines were engaged in a three day battle with British convoys. The British reported that their aircraft carrier, "Eagle" was destroyed. In western Greece American bombers attacked a Nazi warship.

A massive burst of cosmic rays is detected by instruments in London

Clark Gable enlists for combat as a private in the Army Air Force.

Bambi opened in movie theaters across America.

On this day Anne Frank made an entry into her diary she wrote about what she had learned from the Van Pels family that had come later into the hiding place.

## 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](http://www.amlands.org) on the left side of the page.

Meeting was held July 30, 2016 at Linn County Fair & Expo Building @AFMS/NFMS Convention, Albany, Oregon.

Mike Hunerlach gave a presentation on **Access to our Federal Land through the Law**. He presented depiction of "WHO OWNS THE WEST?" Presenting the Federal Land as Percentage of the Total State Land Area from Federal Real Property Profile 2004. 50.2% of Idaho is owned by the federal government! Forest Service Rockhounding Prospecting web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/geology/> At the **AFMS meeting**, 7-30-2016, the 5th Regional VP representing CFMS presented "Getting Rockhounding Notices as a National Recreational Hobby." In it, she describes the issue of our collecting areas being high on the list of concerns to sustain our hobby. Her suggestions include good will and preparedness allows for smoother organization & planning when working with government agencies. I quote from her article: If you feel inclined and we hope you are, there are two bills of legislation recently introduced which are researching economic impacts of recreation, & we'd like Rockhounds & Rockhounding to be included in this project. All you need to do is send them an email asking them to please include the hobby of Rockhounding in their research of economic impacts of recreation, & mention a little history about your society. Most societies have an explanation of their purpose and history on their webpage or bulletin, and that would be a wonderful introduction to use. Please also send a copy of your correspondence to [canatmonuments@amlands.org](mailto:canatmonuments@amlands.org), so we keep a history of efforts. Thank you!" (The purpose of Idaho Gem Club is printed on the last page of this bulletin.)

Other sites to regarding these bills are:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/2219>

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/4665>

CURRENT OFFICERS: President: Doug True, Vice Pres: Lauren Williams, Secretary: Susy Martin, Treasurer: Frank Mulloney, & Membership: Ruth Hidalgo

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES**

*We encourage member participation in bringing cookies snacks and beverages to share during break at general meetings. Total provision among members assigned to bring refreshments is for 8-10 dozen cookies or snacks and drinks/juice for approximately 50-70 people. That can be veggie trays, breads, any other treats. We ask for 10 adult and 10 youth door prizes which are wrapped in a bag. Usually minerals or rocks or slabs.*

*Club provides coffee service and paper plates napkins and cups.*

Please contact **Deana Ashton, 208-794-5628** and let her know if and what you will be bringing for the current month so she can coordinate and be sure enough is provided for snack, beverage, and door prizes. Some could bring food, some could bring beverages, some could bring door prizes. Thanks for your participation.

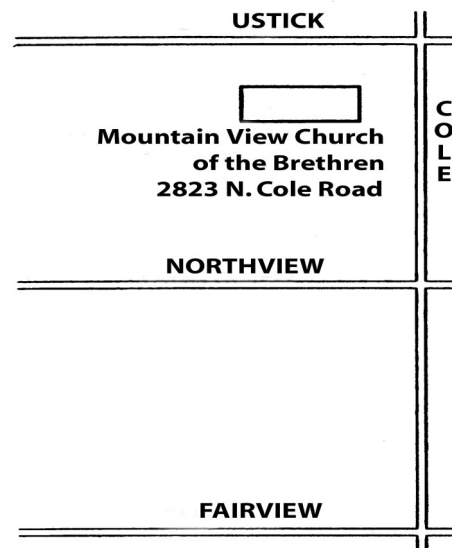
Members whose last name begins  
with letter listed below,  
are asked to bring after meeting snacks  
for the month indicated.

JANUARY	_____	-BANQUET
FEBRUARY	_____	--A-D
MARCH	_____	---E-K
APRIL	_____	----L-R
MAY	_____	-----S-Z
JUNE	_____	-----A-D
JULY	_____	PICNIC: A-K*
AUGUST	_____	PICNIC: L-Z*
SEPTEMBER	_____	---E-K
OCTOBER	_____	----L-R
NOVEMBER	_____	-----S-Z
DECEMBER	_____	-HOLIDAY COOKIES BY ALL



**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.



**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 per year

**General Meeting:**

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Month at 7:30 p.m.

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