

Grindings

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We are almost at the end of the year already and the weather has chased most of us inside. I hope everyone had a nice, relaxing Thanksgiving holiday. I would like to thank the Board for electing me to a second term as President. I have a goal to improve my meeting skills and try to keep things flowing more smoothly. Most of the committee chair people have agreed to serve for another year, with the exception of the Field Trip Chairperson. Brent has been doing this, however being the Workshop chairperson, as well as the Annual Show Chairman, will be quite enough for him to keep up with. Anyone who is interested in leading our field trips, please contact me for more information.

It is time for the Project of the Year competition this month. The Junior Rattlers are encouraged to enter any project that they have worked on this year, too. Entries are displayed on a front table at the general meeting with voting before the break. Please see page 6 for the specifics on entries. It is a good chance to show what you have been creating with your pretty rocks.

Tickets for January's Banquet will be available at the general meeting this month. See page 6 for information. After this meeting tickets will only be available at Stewart's Gem Shop.

This year's Scholarship was awarded to Oz Monnroy. He is a senior at Boise State majoring in Geology. A program to hear about his work will be arranged for early next year.

The open house for the Workshop went very well. There were about twenty or so people that attended. It was hard to count as some folks left and others arrived. Everyone was impressed with the final product and excited to get going. The first workshop was held a week later on Saturday. A notice was sent out since through email it was not clear at the meeting when the first working day would be. Thanks go to Phil Worley, Greg Sandmeyer and Brent Stewart for taking the time to help out those who came to learn. We will be signing up other members who would be interested in training to help as instructors. Additional information will be available as it is set up. It will take everyone to keep things going, so please consider getting involved.

I would like to thank Christina Anderton and Ed Moser for conducting our auction last month. It was very successful as well as being good fun. We will also be having an auction this month concentrating on finished pieces that folks can use for gifts. Please bring any donations you can.

It is again time to think about the Annual Show. Sign-up sheets will be available at the general meeting. We need to start getting folks signed up so it doesn't come down to the last minute. Remember, we can only accommodate a few "floaters". We really need to know who will be where at what time, so please sign up early to pick your preferred date and time.

Coming up in January we will be getting together to fill the Grab Bags. We will be meeting at the Church of the Brethren on Cole Rd. (our regular meeting place) on January 14th, 9:00 am. Prizes for Grab Bag sewing and Rock Tumbling will be announced after final counts have been made. The pattern for the grab bags is also included in this issue for those who need it, page 6.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, President

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 15th, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Dana Robinson at 7:38 pm.

Barbara Wanner led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Door prize winners drawn by Rick Corbett for juniors and adults.

Tina Fredericks drew winners for the building fund raffle.

Dana Robinson **welcomed new members and guests** who stood and introduced themselves.

Dana R. asked for any corrections to the meeting minutes from last month. Finding no corrections necessary, Christina A. proposed a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Grindings. Motion was seconded by Twila G. Members voted, motion passed.

Ed M. and the **juniors evening program** will be a look at material on dinosaurs.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: given by Christina A.: mail was picked up, no new magazines

TREASURER'S REPORT: given by Barbara W.: Banquet tickets will be on sale in December (members \$15.00 non-members \$25.00). The meal this year will include salad bar, choice of entree, and a dessert bar. No host bar for beverage.

FEDERATION REPORT: given by Linda B.: Remember to save stamps for cancer research and bring them in to Linda. AFMS is accepting Rockhound of the Year entries.

WORKSHOP REPORT: given by Brent S.: An open house will be held on Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 pm offering an opportunity to check out the new shop located next door to Stewarts Gem Shop. Refreshments will be offered. In the future, the workshop will be open for operation in the evening (6:30 pm to 9:00 pm) the Thursday after the general meeting and on the Saturday after the field trip (10:00 am to 2:00 pm). A fee structure will be established once the expenses have been determined. Shop use is limited to members of IGC as a teaching/learning resource. Members may invite non-members to encourage new membership.

OLD BUSINESS: Board Member Elections – Four positions were voted on this evening. Board nominations are current Board Members Ed Moser, Dana Robinson, and Willa Renkin. The Board also nominated Johnathon Barnett to replace Dave Douglas and serve his remaining one year. Bios for Willa R. and Dana R. available in the November issue of the Grindings with Johnathon B. providing a brief introduction before voting. Dana R. asked for any nominations to run from the floor. There being no additional nominations Willa R. made a motion to close nominations from the floor. Twila G. seconded the motion. Members voted and motion passed. Willa R. then made a motion to accept, by a vote of acclimation, the slate of officers as presented. Twila G. seconded the motion. Members voted, motion passed.

The program this evening will be refreshments and an auction following the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD Meeting DECEMBER 6th, 2016

Called to order by President Dana Robinson at 7:30 pm.

Present: Ed Moser, Cheryl Peterson, Twila Gallaher, Barbara Wanner, Willa Renkin, Deanna Ashton, Brent Stewart, Sandy Blodgett, Phil Neuhof, Dana Robinson and Christina Aderton.

Absent: Linda Barlow, David Douglas.

After determining no corrections were needed to the minutes of the last meeting a motion was made to accept the minutes of last month's Board meeting as printed in the Grindings. Motion was seconded. Board members voted, motion passed.

Treasurer report given by Barbara W.: Due to a conflict in scheduling, Barbara notified the Board Members she may not be able to attend meetings in the future. While she plans to continue handling her duties as treasurer until after the show and will help train a new treasurer to take over Barbara urges the Board to designate a suitable replacement for her.

Federation report: No formal report.

Sandy B. brought up one item from the Federation newsletter for discussion by suggesting the IGC become a member of the ALAA rather than individuals from IGC. While we need to remain informed on issues, joining as a Club may jeopardize our non profit status due to lobbyist activities and support of political candidates. This suggestion needs to be looked into and will require further discussion.

Secretary report given by Christina A.: mail has been picked up and will be delivered to Dana R. before Friday. Lifetime member certs requested last month are ready and will be delivered to Willa R. at general meeting. The auction after the last meeting went very well. Over \$300 was made which will be turned over to the treasurer as soon as possible. The annual report of officers required by Idaho Sec. of State before Nov 30, 2016 was filed October 6, 2016 by unknown persons. I plan to look into this further to verify this along with the info requested by the IGC lawyer. Ed M. reports attendance at the **juniors meeting** is down due to school year and the time of the meeting. No clear remedy for this was established as this is an ongoing problem. Ed plans to continue the juniors meeting for those who are interested.

The evening program for the **December general meeting** will include the Project of the Year selection and another auction to defer the cost of the annual banquet.

Workshop report: Due to Christmas and New Year holidays this month the shop will be open on Saturday, December 17 (instead of December 31) from 10-2 and on Thursday, December 22 from 6-9. Saturday will be the traditional x-mas workshop this year so be sure to bring a festive attitude, gift projects to work on and snacks for sharing. Volunteers to supervise the use of equipment and assist with projects are needed. Contact Brent S. if you are available to help out. Remember, the workshop won't work without the involvement of members.

Several additional details need further attention:

- 1) shop will need a first aid kit and a fire extinguisher,
- 2) Deanna A. has compiled a binder of info (to be kept in the shop) about the ROLE program, sign in logs, rules/regs/guidelines regarding operation, liability waiver forms, etc. Which will need to be completed and maintained,
- 3) volunteers need to be identified and trained to supervise operations,
- 4) a shop budget needs to be formalized.

Scholarship report: Scholarship chairperson, Phil Neuhof, informed the Board a second application submitted via mail was received. Both applications were reviewed and after some discussion determined to be equally worthy of receiving the scholarship being awarded. Various points of view were expressed and discussed. After some debate, Deanna A. proposed a motion to award both applicants a \$500 scholarship. Motion was seconded by Twila G. Board voted, motion was not passed. Sandy B. then proposed a motion that this year's scholarship be awarded to the first application reviewed by the Board. Motion was seconded by Phil Neuhof. Board members voted and motion passed. Recipient will be notified and Scholarship will be presented to the individual at a date to be determined.

With the Board Member elections settled at the last general meeting the Board of Directors will need to elect a President. After determining Dana R. Was interest in continuing to serve as President Willa R. made a motion to nominate Dana R. for the office of President. The motion was seconded by Sandy B. Board voted, motion passed. Sandy B. agreed to be the alternate for Federation Director. Madame President indicated the appointed positions of office will remain the same, with the exception of Treasurer. Potential candidates were discussed however, with no suitable replacement agreed on. Willa R. proposed a motion to table the issue of Treasurer for consideration another day. Sandy B. seconded the motion. Board members voted, motion passed. Dana R. will continue her search for a suitable candidate for Treasurer.

Brent S. notified the Board of his intent to step down from his role as **Field Trip Chairperson** asking that a replacement be appointed before next season.

Timberline High School has provided photos and info on several pieces of lapidary equipment for sale. A flyer with the details will be available at the December meeting.

With our **2017 Show** just around the corner (last weekend in February)....

1. It's time to start thinking about volunteering to man a booth. Sign up lists will be out at the December meeting.
2. Donations for the basket raffle table are needed. Contact Brent S. for details on how this booth works.
3. The final days of both the grab bag contest and the rock polishing contest are here. January 14, 2017 will be your last chance to turn in polished rocks or grab bags. Both are needed badly so push hard the last few weeks.
4. Start thinking about your case displays and what you can do to get involved!

Several items regarding the January banquet to mention....

1. The info for the MC needs to be compiled and ready for the next Board meeting so Gene has time to prepare.
2. The list of lifetime members to be recognized and of members who have passed needs to be pulled. Several members will be recognized for their generous contributions to the IGC. Willa R. plans to follow up with this.

Six new membership applications were reviewed. Ed M. proposed a motion to accept those applications. Sandy B seconded the motion. Board members voted, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Christina Aderton, Secretary*

NFMS CLUBS SHOW SCHEDULE

Feb. 11 & 12 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun - 9 – 4, Whidbey Island Gem Club , Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE Jerome Oak Harbor WA
Keith Ludemann 360 675 1837 rock9@whidbey.net

Feb. 24, 25, & 26 Fri – 9:00 – 5:00 Sat – 9:00 – 5:00 Sun – 9:00 – 5:00, Oregon Agate and Mineral Society
OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry) 1945 SE Water Avenue Portland OR
Sonia Watt justonemorerock@yahoo.com 2372 SE 46th Avenue, Portland OR 97215

March 4 & 5 Sat – 10 - 6 Sun – 10 - 5, Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society, Field House 2200 Blaine Caldwell, Idaho
Darell Ehlers 208-674-1213 ddehlers@fmtc.com

March 11 & 12 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4, Magic Valley Gem Club, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, 215 Fair Avenue, File, ID
Shirley or Rocky Metts, 208 423 4827 rmetts@magicvalleygemclub.org

March 11 & 12 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 9 – 5, NW Montana RockChucks, Northwest Montana Frgrnds, 265 North Meridian Road, Kalispell MT ,
Lloyd Fager oldgrayelf@sbcglobal.net 608 436 0780

March 17 & 18 Fri – 8:30 – 6 Sat – 9 – 5, Panorama Gem and Mineral Club, Colville Fairground, Colville Ag and Trade Center, 317 West
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March 18 & 19 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5, Hellgate Mineral Society, Hilton Garden Inn 3720 North Reserve St. Missoula MT
Bob Riggs 406 543 3667 robert.riggs3@gmail.com

March 25 & 26 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5, Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Club, Bloedel Donovan Community Center 2214 Electric Avenue Bel-
lingham WA, Lori Nettles, 360 961 7873 lorinhardy@yahoo.com Club website – www.mtbakerrockclub.org

March 24 - 26 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

April 1 & 2 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5, Sweet Home Rock and Mineral Society, Sweet Home High School Gym 1641 Long Street Sweet
Home OR , – Joe Cota 541 451 2740, or Ed Anderson 541 944 2124 ela4rocks@gmail.com PO Box 2279 Lebanon OR 97355

April 7, 8, & 9 Fri – 9-6 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4 , Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society, Golden Spike Event Center Weber County
Fairgrounds 1000 N 1200 W Ogden UT 88440 , Deborah Blake 385 205 9187 gemshow@goldenspikegem.org

April 8 – 9 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 - 6 , Maplewood Rock and Gem Club, Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196th ST SW, Ed-
monds WA , Mary Ann Collins, 206 714 3922 collma1@comcast.net

April 22 & 23 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4, Yakima Rock and Mineral Club, Central Washington State Fair Grounds Modern Living Building
1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima WA 98901 , Marti Sondgeroth, 2013 S 41st Ave., Yakima, WA 98903, Phone evenings 509-248-6401
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April 22 & 23 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4, Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA
Mary Lou Omstead, 509 783 2798 PO Box 6652 Kennewick WA 99336 ,

April 22 & 23 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5, Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society, Idaho Falls Recreation Center, Corner of Memorial Drive
and B Street, Idaho Falls, ID , Nicole Strong 208 768 7953 nicolek_hansen@hotmail.com or Gerry Gibeault 208 589 0736 PO Box
2362 Idaho Falls ID 83403

April 28- 30 Fri – 10 – 5 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4, Mt Hood Rock Club Jackson Armory 6255 NE Cornfoot Road Portland OR 97218
Wayne King mhrdc@gmail.com 503 284 7195 www.mthoodrockclub.com

April 29 & 30 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5, West Seattle Rock Club , Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40th Avenue SW Seattle WA
Diane Christensen diane@purns.org 206 582 2267 www.westseattlerockclub.org

May 6 & 7 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5, Everett Rock and Gem Club, Everett Community College Walt Price Student Fitness Center, 2206
Tower Street Everett WA, Fritz Mack 425 232 0809 PO Box 1615 Everett WA 98206 Website: www.everettrockclub.com

May 6 & 7 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4, Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club, Douglas County Fairgrounds, I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg OR
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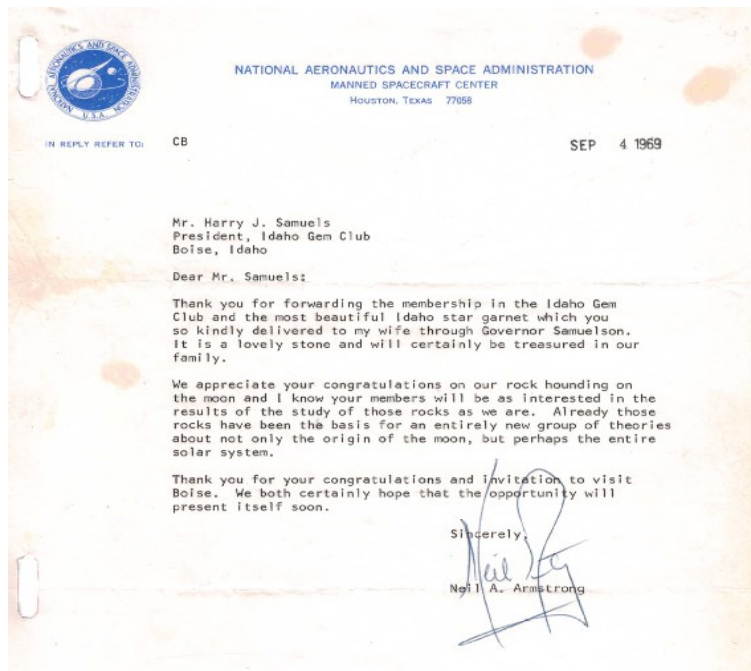
May 6 & 7 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4, Billings Gem and Mineral Club, Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium 1125 Broadwater Avenue Billings MT
Doug True dtruefossils12@yahoo.com 406 670 0506

May 13 & 14 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4, Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society, Hermiston Conference Center, 415 Highway 395 South,
Hermiston OR, Mike Filarski, 541 571 2593 stonemorlin1@netscape.net

May 19 - 21 2017 NFMS Show Fri, Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4, Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society, First Interstate **PAGE 3**
Ravalli County Fairgrounds 100 Old Corvallis Road Hamilton MT, Steve Vieth, 406 381 7597 viethsteve88@gmail.com

YESTERYEAR

Hello Gang –
 Sorry I have been absent, I went back to July 20, 1969 to observe Neil Armstrongs moonwalk and got stuck when the flux capacitor on the De-Lorean went out. Fortunately I was able to locate Dr. Emmett Brown and with a little help from an electrical storm we were able to get me home. The moon landing was an amazing event to watch. The view of earth from the moon was spectacular. At 8:56 pm MTN Neil took his first steps outside the ship. While it was a small step for man and a giant leap for mankind, it was an exciting walk for rock hounds around the world. As promised here is the letter to the Idaho Gem Club from astronaut Neil Armstrong!
 As always, Tina



Lialh Fail Stone, Hill of Tara, Boyne Valley, Republic of Ireland. This is the "Stone of Destiny", an ancient fertility symbol and inauguration stone of the High Kings.

Idaho Gem Club Member Field Trips



Sandy Blodgett field trip to Vail, Oregon in November! Cowboy bringing cows down from pastures. NO WHERE TO GO!



Linda Barlow in Republic of Ireland at Drombeg Stone Circle, 2nd Century BC. (above). Pre-Christian Stone Idols in Calcragh Cemetery, Boa Island, Lower lough Erne, Northern Ireland (below). Republic of Ireland (near left). Beehive houses, Dingle Peninsula, Republic of Ireland (far left). HOW ABOUT THESE STONES!



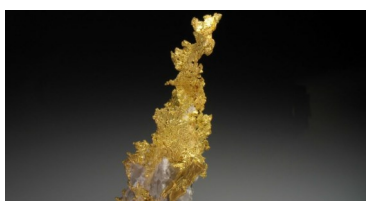
NOTICE: YEARLY IDAHO GEM CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES. NOW IS THE TIME TO PAY FOR YOUR PRIVILEGE OF RECEIVING THE GRINDINGS, USING THE WORKSHOP, AND GOING ON FIELD TRIPS. PAYING YOUR YEARLY IDAHO GEM CLUB YEARLY DUES SAVES MANY HOURS OF TAKING YOUR NAME OFF THE ROLLS AND THEN PUTTING THEM BACK ON WHEN YOU DO PAY. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIMELY SUPPORT.

There were gold specimens stolen this weekend at the West Coast Gem and Mineral Show.

If you see them, offered, please help!! See detail Attachments
SPECIAL ALERT!!!! \$10,000 REWARD

"This past weekend we were working a show at the Holiday Inn in Santa Ana, California (West Coast Gem and Mineral Show). Our show space is a separate meeting room (Irvine Room) which we set up on Thursday. A hotel maintenance man installed a new lock on the only door and gave us what he said were "the only keys (4)" to the room. We left at 6pm on Saturday, November 12 and returned at 8:30 am Sunday morning, November 13. The door was LOCKED and Wayne used his key to open as usual. Sometime during the night the room was entered (no signs of forced entry at the door or windows) and approximately 60 small to miniature gold specimens were stolen from a locked display case on a table. We had taken all of the larger golds home with us each night. The labels were left behind and nothing else in the room was disturbed, except for my new Mac Book Pro which was also taken. We believe this is an 'inside job' at the hotel and the specimens will no doubt be sent off to a refiner for meltdown to recover the gold value. We estimate that the most they are likely to get would be \$8,000 - \$10,000 since these were all well crystallized specimens and not

much weight. There are a dozen of the new Brazilian golds, and the rest are from the Oriental Mine and the Eagle's Nest Mine. We did the one thing we should not have done and that was trusting that the locks and roaming security would protect us - lesson learned at a very high cost. We are offering a reward for information leading to the return of the specimens. Contact Dona at dona@kristalle.com for more information on the police case number, police contact, etc. Should anyone be offered these specimens, please try to take possession of them, detain the individual, get names if possible and call the police immediately. We are still working on the 'inside job' theory because we cannot imagine that a member of our collecting community would be so evil, but perhaps that is another lesson we will learn. Thanks to all of you over the years who have given us such pleasure and support - that means more than any loss we have now." Thank you for your support.



NOTICE: Timberline High School Rockhounding Club

The THS Rockhounding Club is selling some of their equipment. Some pieces have been donated to them and they aren't needed. Proceeds will be used to acquire equipment that is needed. Flyers with details and pictures are available at Stewart's and at the next general meeting. For more information, please contact Greg Sandmeyer at sandmeyer@cablone.net.

ALAA NEWS

ALAA (American Lands Access Association) will have the following two activities at Quartzsite, AZ during the 2017 QIA Show. If you are planning to go to Quartzsite in January, please plan to attend these activities. Especially, the Clean-Up has been contributing to build a strong and great relationship with the BLM.

ALAA OPEN MEETING AT QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA

DATE: January 20 (Fri), 2017

TIME: 7 pm (MST)

PLACE: The new Quartzsite Community Center Hwy 95 North, Right on Chandler to end of road 465 Plymouth Road

FIFTH ANNUAL ALAA-BLM CLEAN-UP AT QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA

DATE: January 22 (Sun), 2017

TIME: 8 am to 11 am (MST)

PLACE: Gold Nugget Rd. off Ramp (I-10 Exit 26, East of Quartzsite)

Save Stamps For Cancer Research

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



Welcome New Members

IDAHO GEM CLUB PROGRAM SCHEDULE

December is Project of the Year:

The project of the year is a chance for people to show off what they have made during this last year. Show others what you have done with your creativity. Projects are displayed and voted on anonymously at the meeting and the one person who has the most popular project will have their name engraved on a plaque and get to showcase their project at our show in February. Juniors are also encouraged to submit their projects as there is a separate award for them. So bring your projects for other to admire and be inspired by to the December Meeting.

DECEMBER PROGRAM: INCLUDES COOKIE EXCHANGE WITH ALL MEMBERS PARTICIPATING (see last page for Refreshment Committee guidelines)

Holiday Christmas Party:

DATE: Saturday, December 17, 2016

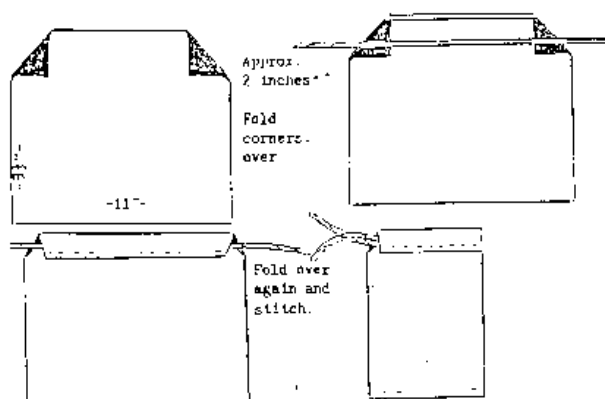
PLACE: Gem Club Workshop,
2620 W. Idaho St., Boise, ID

TIME: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

We have just had our Board meeting and time is short for getting together to celebrate the Holidays. We would like to have a Holiday Workshop Party on December 17th at the club workshop. As we have in the past, the club will provide chili and soup. You may bring a dish to share if you would like. Pull out your ugly holiday sweaters and join us for some seasonal cheer!

Please put out a call to any fellow members who don't have email so they may join in, too.

FILL GRAB BAGS: See attached pattern page



DATE: January 14, 2017

TIME: 9am until filled and counted!

PRIZE AWARDS: after final counts.

JANUARY PROGRAM:

Banquet @ Red Lion Downtowner

DATE: January 17th, 2017

TIME: 7pm to 10pm

TICKETS: available at December Meeting & at Stewart's Gem Shop



Idaho Gem Club Banquet 2017

 **Red Lion Boise Downtowner**
1800 Fairview, Boise

Tuesday January 17, 2016

6:30 pm no-host cocktail reception

7:00 pm dinner served

Club members: \$15.00

Non-members: \$25.00



❖ Beef Tenderloin

Herb crusted and served with cabernet sauce and roasted garlic

❖ Char-Grilled Northwest Salmon

Smoky char-grilled and basted with **garlic** pinot grigio butter

❖ Chicken Florentine

Breast of chicken surrounding smoked ham and aged Swiss cheese, topped with moray crème sauce

❖ Vegetarian Entrée

Portobello mushroom cap filled with hummus, pepper jack cheese, layered with sliced zucchini, tomato, artichoke heart, and served on greens.

All the above entrees include salad bar (except vegetarian), vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee or cold/hot tea.

Dessert: ASSORTED

After the December club meeting, tickets will **ONLY** be available for purchase at **Stewart's Gem Shop**, 2618 West Idaho Street, Boise (Phone 208-342-1151).

To guarantee the choice of an entrée, **tickets must be purchased by end of day January 13, 2017.**



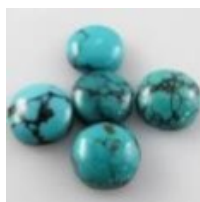
*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*

DECEMBER

12/01 Tracie Zalucha
12/02 Chery Clark
Lawson
12/02 Tracey Holmes
12/03 David Schmidt
12/04 Shannon Tharp
12/04 Tenaya Madsen
12/04 Sidney Matus
12/06 Rick Corbett
12/06 Don Martin
12/08 Lillie Rogers
12/09 John Sandmeyer
12/09 Roxann Johnson
12/09 JT Etter
12/10 Cheryl Link
12/10 Joan Alvey
12/11 Ron Gambassi
12/11 Michael George
12/13 Mark Fisher
12/13 Richard Vick
12/15 Cris Wheeler
12/16 Kory Syverson
12/17 Carolyn Whipple
12/18 Debbie Allen
12/19 Doug Renken
12/22 Michael
Montgomery
12/25 Jan Johnson
12/25 Rock Madsen
12/26 Mary Ruppert
12/27 Kim Madsen
12/29 Darci Rainey

JANUARY

01/01 JoAnn Ferro
01/03 Helen Dillion
01/04 David Dore
01/08 Teresa Nebeker
01/09 Julie Mayer
01/11 Terry Tomberlin
01/19 Cole Etter
01/20 Chuck Goertzen
01/23 Tom Zalucha
01/25 Alice Stewart
01/27 John Chaplik
01/28 Justice Graybeal
01/29 Marion Phillips

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Flying off the handle is never good, particularly if it's a hammer head. The traditional way to tighten a loose hammer head is a bit of work with wedges, but if the head is basically secure, there's a fast and easy way to tighten a loose head for about 50 cents - superglue.



Simply put a couple drops in from the handle side, let it set up, and then a few drops from the top side. Be sure to get the thin super glue, not gel. It penetrates better. Packages of two superglues are usually available at the 99 cent store.

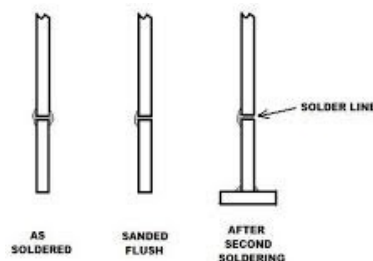
Note that this is only a safe practice if the hammer head is just a little loose but is basically secured onto the handle. Gluing is not a fix for a hammer head that has come off the handle or is at risk of coming off.

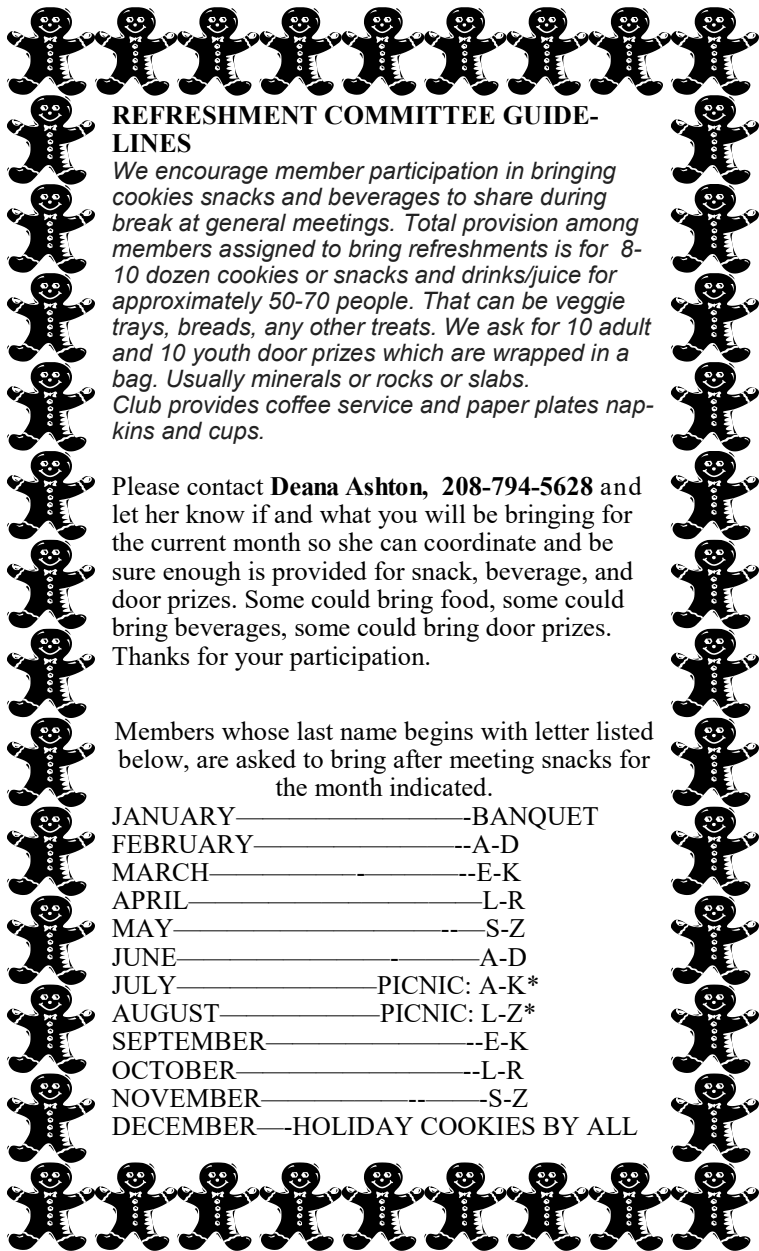
AVOIDING SOLDER LINES

After finishing a soldered joint on say a bezel, have you ever seen it reappear after you've soldered the bezel to a base plate? What's happening is that every time you heat a soldered piece to the temperature where solder flows, the liquid solder seeps a little more into the surrounding metal. This leaves a small furrow where the solder had been sanded off flush at the joint. To get rid of the furrow, you have to re-sand the joint area down to the bottom of the furrow.

To avoid this when I have another soldering operation to follow, I try to leave a little extra solder on my joints. For instance, when trimming off excess base plate from around a bezel, I leave a paper thickness of excess plate material whenever possible until I'm done with all soldering.

Of course, this isn't always possible as when a soldering operation will prevent you from gaining access to an area for final sanding and polishing. Coating the finished solder joint with ochre seems to help a bit but is not a complete solution.





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.

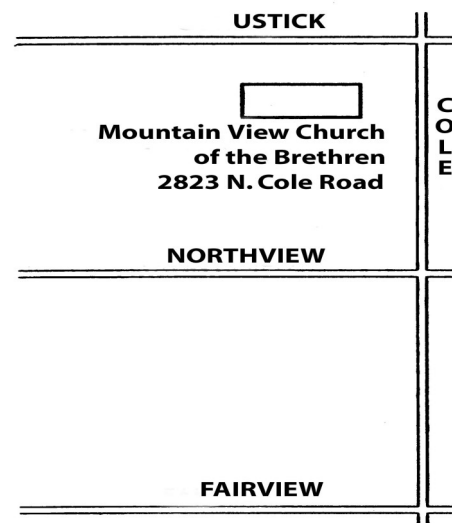
Please contact **Deana Ashton, 208-794-5628** and let her know if and what you will be bringing for the current month so she can coordinate and be sure enough is provided for snack, beverage, and door prizes. Some could bring food, some could bring beverages, some could bring door prizes. Thanks for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

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 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.



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