


Grindings

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President's Message

February is Show Time!

We've had our fun Banquet to bring in the New Year. Now it's time to get the excitement going for the annual show. Help is needed in many areas, and working at the show is a great way to get to know your fellow club members. This is your opportunity to really get involved and help make the show a success. We have quite a few positions open at the front ticket table. Linda Barlow has agreed to be the chairperson. Please step up and help her fill positions. 4 people are needed for each 2 hour shift. Sign-up sheets will be on the back table during the general meeting. On Thursday, 2-25-26 at 1:00pm, volunteers are needed to load trucks and trailers at Lock-Away Storage, 5246 West Chinden Blvd, Garden City (between Kent Ln. & 52st, next to Maverick Station). Then on Friday morning, 2/26/16 everyone will meet at the Expo Building at 8:00 am for show set-up. We will need everyone to pitch in to make the show a success. The more the merrier!

The program for this month's general meeting will be a demonstration on setting up a display case. Get your case application in to Aaron Wanner now and show off your treasures and discoveries.

It is also time to sign up for the Refreshment Committee. We are going to try using an alphabetical system to spread things out and give everyone a chance to pitch in (see the January issue of the Grindings). Each month will need three to four people to bring snacks and door prizes. The club will furnish drinks. One person per group acts as chairperson; just call the other committee members to remind them the week before the meeting.

I am looking forward to serving as your president for this year. It promises to be an exciting time with a new workshop area in process and other ideas for improvements. Stay tuned . . .

Respectfully

Dana Robinson, President

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING January 19th, 2016

January Meeting was the Banquet for the Installation of 2016 Officers and Board held at Red Lion in downtown Boise. Gene Stewart welcomed everyone and introduced the head table including Phil Neuhooff, Dana Robinson, Ed and Deanna Moser, Eugene and Alice Stewart, Brent and Gia Stewart and Sandy and Judy Blodgett.

The blessing was given by Chris Blickfelt.

Gene offered congratulations to Charles and Shirley McCreath for 60 years of marriage and to Roy and Patsy Bethel for 70 years of marriage.

Charles McCreath was recognized for 17 years of service as Federation Director. Past Presidents were recognized. Those in attendance for the first time and guests were welcomed.

Those present were reminded of the NFMS show in Albany, Oregon on July 29-31, coinciding with the AFMS meeting Thursday, July 28th.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of several members who passed in 2015: Hilda Ashton, Charlie Phillips and Ron Bailey.

Project of the Year Award recipient, Racene Ashton Priest, was recognized.

Brent Stewart presented two R.O.L.E. awards, Aaron Wanner for apprentice, and Rick Corbet for professional.

Phil Neuhooff, President for 2015 was introduced and presided at the business meeting:

A motion to accept the meeting minutes as printed in the January Grindings was made by Linda Barlow and seconded by Ed Moser. Motion passed.

The upcoming Show, February 27-28, was discussed. Volunteers are needed for:

(1) January 30th @ 8 am @ Church of the Brethren to stuff grab bags,

(2) February 25th @ 1pm at Lock-a-way storage to pick up equipment,

(3) February 26th @ 8am for setup @ the Expo for the Gem Show, and

(4) February 28th @ Expo @ 5pm to tear down the show.

Details regarding the Larry Gebert segment from Channel 7 was discussed.

Reminder that there are still cases available (contact Aaron Wanner) and there will be Adult & Junior awards for display cases. Phil reflected on the past year urging members to strengthen the Club in the future by remaining active and supporting activities.

Life members were thanked and new life members were recognized.

Gene presented Phil with a hammer in appreciation for his service as President.

The 2016 Officers inducted to office included:

President:	Dana Robinson	Board of Directors:
1st Vice President:	Willa Renken	Dana Robinson
2nd Vice President:	Deana Ashton	Willa Renken
Secretary:	Christine Anderton	Deana Ashton
Treasurer:	Barbara Wanner	Sandy Blodgett
Federation Director:	Linda Barlow	David Douglas
Librarian:	Melodee Worley	Twila Gallagher
Historian:	Marge Conley	Ed Moser
		Cheryl Peterson
		Brent Stewart

New President Dana Robinson was presented with opal and jade items of office by Gene Stewart.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christina Anderton, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB Board Meeting February 2nd, 2016

President Dana Robinson opened meeting at 7:36

Present: Twila Gallagher, David Douglas, Ed Moser, Linda Barlow, Willa Renken, Dana Robinson, Deana Ashton and Christine Anderton.

Absent: Brent Stewart and Sandy Blodgett, Barbara Wanner.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed in The Grindings by Willa Renken, second by Ed Moser.

No secretary report tonight - Christine Anderson being brought up to speed as to her new secretary duties. We will be making sure she has key to post office box.

Treasurer report: Barbara Wanner absent tonight but did leave the statement of accounts to go over.

Dealer fees appear to be paid up for the show. Discussed balances and disbursements.

NW Federation Report: Linda Barlow discussed the July Federation Meeting and mentioned display case forms are on the website.

NFMS Junior Achievement Awards were also discussed for our Rocky Rattlers participation.

Refreshments for February following the new alphabetical format:

Lynn Davis agreed to do refreshments and provide door prizes.

Dana Dancer and Christina Anderton have agreed to help Lynn.

Refreshment duties should be shared and not laid upon one person.

Typically one person does punch and one does cookies and another door prizes. Please refer to the refreshment section of the Grindings for details.

February General Meeting program will be Display Case Design and Set Up. Brent Stewart will demonstrate for adults AND Juniors how to put a case together. We want Juniors to get involved and have a showcase featuring their favorite part of rock hounding, fossils, science or related subjects. Aaron and Brent are giving out awards for Junior and Adult display cases during the Gem Show. Ed Moser encourages the youth to join the general meeting during the program and hopes some of our junior members get ideas they would like to create for case entries. There is an opening for a voting delegate to represent our club with the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

The grab bag committee met and filled 491 bags. It is critical that we address the shortage of tumbled rock at the next meeting with a full board present.

After some discussion about the show progress, it was decided the program for March will be Rock Tumbling 101. There will be a rock tumbling demonstration. The steps will be explained. Grit and polish will be explained. Any member who wishes to learn about proper steps in tumbling rocks should plan on attending March meeting. The Gem Club provides grit to Gene Alvey to give out to members. We will be explaining the tumbling program further at the March general meeting.

There was one new membership application approved.

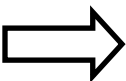
Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm

Deana Ashton

2nd Vice President

2016 OFFICER & BOARD INSTALLATION BANQUET

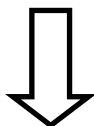
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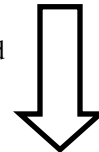
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2014 & 2015
president



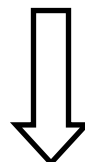
New Life
Time
Members



Newly Installed
2016 Officers
& Board
Members



Gene Stewart
Presents Dana
Robinson, new
President with
Opal & Jade



IDAHO GEM CLUB PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY : SHOWCASE DESIGN & SET-UP**DATE:** February 16, 2016**PLACE:** Church of the Brethren**TIME:** 7:30 pm

There will be a demonstration by Brent Stewart on how to assemble an award winning display case !

Our Gem Show next month is your opportunity to show off your treasures and creativity. Brent and Aaron encourage everyone to reserve a show case and put some thought into assembly. They will be judging cases for prizes if you would like to enter. Come listen to their suggestions and sign up with AARON WANNER for a Gem Show Display Case!

We have cancelled our pre-dawn plans for Western Town on Feb. 12, 2016! Thankfully, Channel 7 has changed the format for Larry Gebert's coverage. They are now pre-filming the segments that he will feature during his live show. This allows us to stay in bed and film the Gem Show Preview at a time more convenient!

At this time, we have this covered by filming at a location that doesn't require set-up and I have asked Marge Conley to be on hand with her wire-wrapped jewelry. We will feature cabochon making and other lapidary projects. If you wish to participate and be present to show a lapidary project or take part in the featured highlights promoting Gem Show, please call Deana Ashton at [208-794-5628](tel:208-794-5628) or email gemdigger2014@outlook.com

FEBRUARY: GEM SHOW PREPARATIONS, NEED**VOLUTEERS TO LOAD DISPLAY CASES****DATE/TIME:** February 25th @ 1pm**PLACE:** LOCKAWAY STORAGE, 5642 West Chinden Blvd, Garden City, Idaho**FEBRUARY: GEM SHOW PREPARATIONS, VOLUTEERS NEEDED FOR EXPO SITE****DATE/TIME:** February 26th @ 8 am**PLACE:** Expo Building, 5610 Glenwood St, Boise**FEBRUARY: IDAHO GEM SHOW****DATE/TIME:** February 26th, 10-6

February 27th, 10-5

PLACE: Expo Idaho, 5610 Glenwood St., Boise**2015 Gem Show Chairmen**

Grab Bags—Barb Warnner 794-9474

Garne Table--Dana Robinson 343-0487

Wheel of Fortune—Melody Worley 890-6834

Ticket Sales—Janet French

Hostess Table—Ed Moser 340-8060

Silent Auction—Cheryl Link 375-5360

Showcases—Aaron Wanner 794-9474

Building Fund—David Douglas 559-7216

Demonstrators—Willa Renken 362-3941

Call the above chairmen and get signed up for a time slot.

It takes us all making a commitment in order for the work-

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

We encourage member participation in bringing cookies snacks and beverages to share during break at general meetings. We ask you to provide 8-10 dozen cookies or snacks for approximately 50-70 people. That can be vegie trays, breads, any other treats. Usually 2 people sign up for the month to share the duty. We ask for 10 adult and 10 youth door prizes which are wrapped in a bag. Usually minerals or rocks or slabs. Please consider taking on one month this year to help out! Club provides coffee service and paper plates napkins and cups.

We will be taking a vote to see if members would like to try the refreshment duty assignment used un Ogden Golden Spike Club which Linda will further explain. It is a fun way to get involved with club.

Members whose last name begins with letter listed below, are asked to bring after meeting snacks for the month indicated. The club will provide liquid refreshment.

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

Gem club members:

I am needing some "treasures" for this years Treasure Dig activity at the Gem Show. Looking for smaller tumbled stones or mini slabs or gemstones rough or polished. People loved the variety of buried items and bought several bags. It made the event alot of fun!

Last year was the 1st year of the Treasure Dig and we made over \$500 for the Building Fund. With our new Workshop coming I'm hoping to double the Treasure Dig revenue this year.

If you have anything you'd like to contribute please call Deana Ashton at [208-794-5628](tel:208-794-5628) and I will pick up. Thank you for your generosity!!

If you'd like to volunteer for helping the Treasure Dig at the Gem Show, please call [208-794-5628](tel:208-794-5628) Deana and I will gladly put your name in for a time slot! Thanks!

DISPLAY CASE APPLICATION FOR
2016
IDAHO GEM CLUB ANNUAL GEM &
MINERAL SHOW

NAME: _____

NUMBER: __ (____) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CLUB MEMBER: _____

NON-MEMBER: _____

NUMBER OF CASES: _____

CLUBS: _____ OWN: _____

MATERIAL IN CASES: _____

INSIDE DIMENSIONS OF CLUB CASES ARE 46.5" WIDE BY 22.5" DEEP
BY 22.5 HIGH

LINERS AND ***LOCKS*** WILL NOT BE PROVIDED (**BRING YOUR OWN**)
RETURN HARD COPY TO AARON WANNER @ STEWART'S GEM SHOP OR @ NEXT
GENERAL MEETING

CASE SET UP: FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2016 AFTER 1:00P.M.

SHOW DATES: 27TH-28TH FEBRUARY 2016

CLEAN AND PACK UP: 28TH FEBRUARY 2016 5:00 P.M.

AARON WANNER: 208-794-9474

ALAA NEWS

I will never forget the first time I ever heard the phrase "transfer of public lands". It was 2012. Ken (Ivory) and I were getting ready in the morning for work (It's OK...I'm his wife) and he announced, "I know what bill I'm going to run this year. I'm going to tell the federal government that they have to transfer the title to our public lands, which they were supposed to do when we became a state." "Cool!", I replied, not really knowing what public land was, why the federal government had it, or why we would want it back. In all honesty, I didn't really have much interest in it at the time. I was more interested in getting the kids and I out the door on time. Little did I know that this one bill would change our lives...forever.

I had no idea that over the next four years the bill would pass, county commissioners from western states would start the American Lands Council and ask Ken to be the founding President. I didn't know that he would give up his law practice to educate as far and wide about the principles of federalism and state sovereignty as he could. How could I have realized that states all over the nation would have passed legislation and supporting resolutions to help bring about the transfer of public lands, or that it would become one of the hottest topics for local and national election debates? Who knew that this bill that was originally laughed at and scorned by federal bureaucrats, would now have them spending many millions of dollars trying to attack and discredit TPL supporters in a frantic effort to retain control over the West? I never could have known that countless leaders throughout the country would now be carrying forward the work of this movement as a unified team. However, I *can* tell you that Ken and I feel tremendously honored to be on this journey with you, and to work along side such outstanding people.

With that introduction, I am pleased to share with you the announcement that ALC has appointed a new CEO, someone who many of you already know. Someone who, like Ken -- and most of you -- is not afraid to stand boldly for truth in the face of the slander that will surely be flung her way. Ken & I thank you for your continued support and tireless efforts to support the Transfer of Public Lands to all willing western states. We ask you to join us in supporting and welcoming Senator Jennifer Fielder as the new CEO of the American Lands Council!

Sincerely,
Becky Ivory, Dir. of Communications

SOUTH JORDAN, UT --Montana State [Senator Jennifer Fielder](#) has been selected to head up the leading national non-profit organization that has been working to transfer federally controlled public lands to the States. Formed in 2012 by county commissioners, the American Lands Council (ALC) recently asked Fielder to step up as part of a transition plan which has founding President and Utah State Representative Ken Ivory taking on the role of director of the "Free The Lands" Project with Federalism In Action (FIA).

According to ALC Chairman Doug Heaton, the transition is a win-win. "Representative Ivory is an incredibly talented and dedicated man," Heaton said. "It was his vision and tireless work that got legislation passed in 2012, fleshed out the legal arguments, and took the idea from a small town dream to a bona fide national movement. We are really pleased with how many elected officials, resource experts, and civic organizations now support the transfer of public lands to willing States."

Ivory said Fielder's proven leadership on land management issues combined with a professional background in recreation planning, community enhancement projects, and decades of business administration make her a great choice for the job. "Senator Fielder is genuinely committed to improving public land management and revitalizing depressed communities. She has a tremendous knowledge of the issues and is a great choice to carry on the important mission of the American Lands Council." Ivory will continue to serve on ALC's Executive Committee on a voluntary basis. His new role with FIA will allow him to reach broader national audiences. According to ALC Chairman Doug Heaton, the transition is a win-win. "Representative Ivory is an incredibly talented and dedicated man," Heaton said. "It was his vision and tireless work that got legislation passed in 2012, fleshed out the legal arguments, and took the idea from a small town dream to a bona fide national movement. We are really pleased with how many elected officials, resource experts, and civic organizations now support the transfer of public lands to willing States."

Fielder graciously accepted the added duties because the Montana legislature won't be convening this year and she feels better public land management is vital for her district, state, and the nation as a whole. "I love the outdoors and have been passionate about taking good care of our environment my whole life. Like most people, I want to see a balance that restores common sense in how our lands and resources are managed. When local citizens and public officials who know the ground best are given a real voice in land management decisions, we tend to get better results. We all want a healthy environment, and safe, vibrant communities with abundant outdoor recreation opportunities. Under federal control we are seeing just the opposite."

Fielder, who chaired Montana's study of federal land management in 2013, says Washington DC's top-down management style has adversely impacted the environment and people all over the West. "Freeing our public lands from distant, unaccountable federal bureaucracies will permit us to tend our public lands much more effectively," Fielder said. "It will also alleviate the growing number of conflicts we are seeing between federal land managers and local citizens. I have no doubt States can do a much better job of managing our public lands. We already do."

A recent legal analysis prepared by Utah's Commission on the Stewardship of Public Lands concluded that the U.S. has no constitutional authority to permanently control the public lands inside a state, or to treat some states differently than others. Presently the federal government controls over half of the land in the western States. Utah's legislative commission recently voted to move ahead with preparations to take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

FIA is a nonprofit public charity that educates on principles of local control, financial stability, and the proper balance between state and national governments. ALC is a member-supported organization, which works on improving access, health, and productivity of public lands through increasing local stewardship.

For more information on either organization, visit www.FederalismInAction.org. or www.AmericanLandsCouncil.org.

NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule

Feb. 27 & 28 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 Idaho Gem Club Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood Street Boise ID 83714 Brent Steward 208 342 1151 rocksbybrent@gmail.com

March 4 & 5 Fri – 8:30 – 6 Sat – 9 – 5 Panorama Gem and Mineral Club Stevens County, Fairgrounds, Columbia Avenue, Colville WA Bill Allen 509 935 8779 or 509 936 2446 sa-gostore2@plix.com

March 5 & 6 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 9807

March 12-13 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 12 - 13 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 Rock and Arrowhead Club Klamath Co. Fairgrounds 3531 South 6th Street Klamath Falls OR Marv Stump 541 882 8341 POB 1803 Klamath Falls OR 97601 Garwin Carlson 541 882 8276

March 18 - 20 Fri, Sat – 10 – 7 Sun – 10 – 5 Timpanogos Gem and Mineral Society Spanish Fork Fair Grounds 475 South Main Street Spanish Fork, UT Karl Powell 801 319 6115 timpanogosrock@gmail.com

March 19-20 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 Hellgate Mineral Society Hilton Garden Inn 2730 North Reserve St. Missoula MT Bob Riggs 406 543 3667 robert.riggs3@gmail.com

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

March 26 - 27 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Club Bloedel Donovan Comm. Ctr., 2214 Electric Avenue, Bellingham WA Lori Nettles 360 961 7873 lorinhardy@yahoo.com www.mtbakerrockclub.org

March 26 - 27 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

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

April 9 & 10 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society Idaho Falls Recreation Ctr, Corner of Memorial Drive and B Street, Idaho Falls ID Dave Gunderson 208 523 2355 or Kevin Landon 208 357 3847 PO Box 2362 Idaho Falls ID

April 16 & 17 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 - 24 Fri & Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 Mt Hood Rock Club W.P. Jackson Armory, 6255 NE Cornfoot Road, Portland OR 97218 [NOTE LOCATION CHANGE] Wayne King mhreshow@gmail.com 503 284 7195

April 23 & 24 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5 West Seattle Rock Club Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40th Avenue SW Seattle WA Diane Christensen diane@purms.org 206 439 3606 www.westseattlerockclub.org

April 30 - May 1 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 Everett Rock and Gem Club Everett Com. College, Walt Price Student Fitness Center, 2206 Tower Street, Everett WA Fritz Mack 425 232 0809 rockngemmack1@gmail.com PO Box 1615 Everett WA 98206

May 7 & 8 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club Douglas County Fairgrounds, I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg OR Sue Woodman 541 672 3486 rocksandhorses3@gmail.com or Eileen Paul 541 672 5229 beadpatch@mydfn.net

May 7 & 8 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 Billings Gem and Mineral Club Al Bedoo Shrine, Aud., 1125 Broadway Ave, Billings MT Doug True dtruefossils12@yahoo.com 406 670 0506

June 3- 5 Fri, Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5 Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club Swiss Park 9205 198th Avenue East Bonney Lake WA 98390 Nancy LeMay bees2knees@att.net 253 347 0794 info@puyallupgemclub.org

July 29-31 Fri, Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4 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

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 9

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 Pr inville, 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

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President George Hamilton called the meeting to order.

Bob Kincaid, Field trip chairman, reported on the field trips last month to Carey and Graveyard Point.

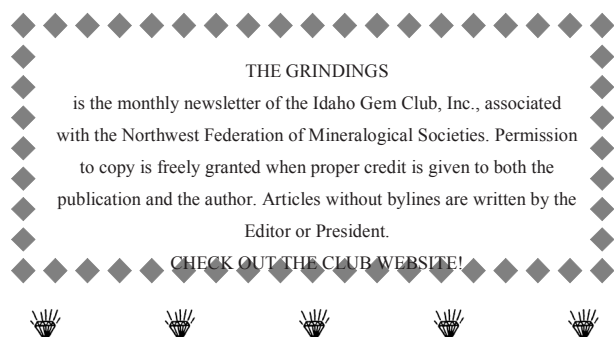
A 2 day trip on June 19 -20 will be to Jordan Craters.

Ralph Tuttle reported that while at the Sunstone area, he visited with the Tec Rock Club of Beaverton, Ore. They made arrangements for our clubs to exchange field trips.

Everett Endreus reported that our 1977 show date has been confirmed for February 12 - 13

In Loving Memory Of Days Gone By

Marge Conley - Historian



Welcome New Members

1. Tina Frederick, Boise



Bench Tips

"Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" and "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry" are available on Amazon www.BradSmithJewelry.com

USE YOUR THUMB

When using multiple bits in a Foredom, we often have to deal with several different shaft sizes - the usual 3/32 inch burs, the larger 1/8 inch shafts sizes and of course the many different sizes of drills. For some reason I really dislike having to turn the key multiple times to open or close the jaws of the handpiece chuck.

So I have two ways to speed up that task. For opening up the jaws, I just remember "four", the number of turns I have to make to open the chuck just enough from the 3/32 bur shaft size to the larger 1/8 bur shaft size.

For closing the jaws around a smaller shaft, there's a neat trick. Hold the new bit in the center of the open jaws of the chuck, put your thumb lightly onto the outer toothed collar of the chuck, and gently start up the Foredom. As the chuck turns, it will naturally tighten the jaws around the bur shaft or the drill bit. Then all you have to do is a final tightening with the key.



Thank you to Christina Anderson for stepping up as a new member and volunteering to be our secretary for this year, 2016. What a wonderful way to get to know your new Club Members and how it functions. We as members will give you help and understanding with your new position and help in any way we can as we have all been there as new members and appreciate all the older members who have educated us about rocks in their own unique way.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



FEBRUARY

2/1 Charles Osgood
2/10 Kim Williams
2/13 Evette Syverson
2/13 Arlene Purchase
2/14 Rowan Lancaster
2/19 Kitty Bryner
2/20 Jackson Neuhooff
2/22 Aaron Wanner
2/23 Addison Syverson
2/23 Jim Clinton
2/25 Deanna Moser
2/28 Sharon Alexander

Faceted:
AMETHYST



Cabuchon



ONYX

MARCH

3/1 Susie Justice
3/3 Karen Sass
3/6 Helen Dillion
3/7 Judy Blodgett
3/7 James Dillion
3/10 JD Lancaster
3/13 Barbara Wanner
3/13 Cyndy Schidt
3/18 Kathleen Fawcett
3/18 Carl Woodland
3/19 Rina Furuya
3/19 Jeane Gonzalez
3/21 Kelley Sass
3/22 Theresa Burris
3/23 Mike "Red" Lovertt
3/28 Gene Stewart
3/31 Jerine Smith

Faceted: **AQUAMARINE**



Cabuchon:
BLOODSTONE

METAPHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF STONES & CRYSTALS

GEM: AQUAMARINE

COLORS: Light blue to green variety of Beryl which crystalizes prismatically; can be vertically striated and terminate with small pyramidal faces

ASTROLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS: Gemini, Aries, & Pisces

CHAKRA: Throat

VIBRATION: #1

HEALING QUALITIES: "Stone of courage". counteracts forces of darkness (carried by sailors as talisman against drowning), .

Physical: Useful for thyroid and pituitary by regulating hormones & growth. Aids eyes, jaw, teeth, & stomach. Calms immune system reactions and autoimmune diseases. Pollutant protectant.

Emotional/spiritual: Balances chakras. Invokes tolerance of others. Removes extraneous thought. During meditation, it sharpens intuition & opens clairvoyance.

GEM: BLOODSTONE or GREEN JASPER, HELIOTROPE(w/red inclusions), or PLASMA(w/o red inclusions)

COLORS: Green quartz flecked with red or yellow jasper

ASTROLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS: Aries, Libra, Pisces

CHAKRA: Heart, base, naval, sacral

HEALING QUALITIES: "Blood cleanser", "Stone of Courage"

Physical: Neutralizes & eliminates toxins, Regulations of blood diseases, & revitalizer

Emotional/Spiritual: "Audible Oracle", Protector & Grounding Stone, Stimulates dreaming

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



Rocky Rattlers

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!

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.

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

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Dues:

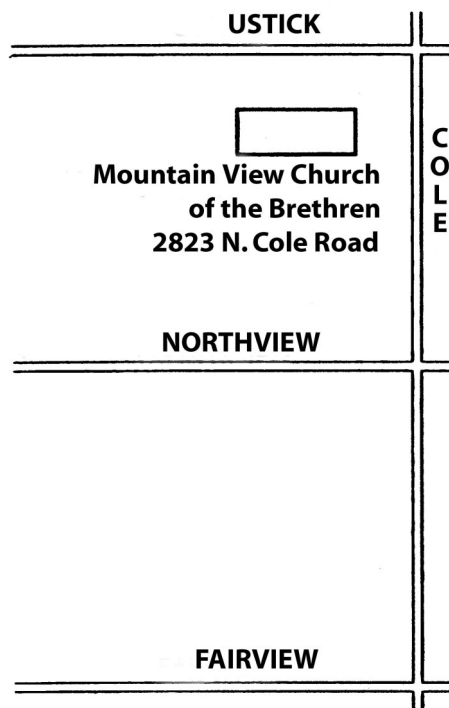
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The Whangdoodle Bird
(Often seen on field trips)

