

Grindings

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February is here and it's time to get ready for our yearly show. There was a good turnout for the Grab Bag Stuffing Party. I want to thank everyone who joined in helping get things ready for the show. Your time and efforts and much appreciated. I would also like to congratulate the winners of the tumbling and grab bag competitions. Jim Witt came in first place with 299 lbs of tumbled stones, and John Benedict is in second with 160 lbs. For sewing grab bags, Belle Witt completed a whopping 1,005 bags and Cheryl Peterson was second with 600 bags. We were able to double our filled bags this year with a final total of 1,770 bags for the show. We will award the prizes at this month's meeting.

We had a good banquet this year. It was nice to see everyone get out for a nice meal and some fun conversation. Many thanks to our own Jonathan Barnett, who provided us with wonderful piano music. Thanks are also in order for our Banquet Committee Chairpersons, Deana Ashton and Barb Wanner, as well as the folks who came early and helped set up the tables. Not to overlook anyone, thanks must be given to Brent Stewart for procuring the great selenium towers for the table prizes. The winners were very happy indeed.

The Gem Show is at the top of the agenda this month. Since the weather has been so nasty this winter, many of our members haven't been to a meeting to sign up for the show. The board has decided to recruit the show chairpersons to phone our membership to ask for volunteers. We hope to fill most of our time slots for each table by our next meeting so I encourage everyone to step up and get involved. This is really a fun event and if we all get involved everyone will have extra time to browse and visit, as well.

We need to fill a couple of very important positions for the club. Barb Wanner has resigned the treasurer position. If you have any kind of experience balancing a checkbook, you would qualify. Please see me, the president, or Willa Renken, 1st vice president if you are interested. Secondly, Brent Stewart has changed his position from field trip chairperson to the workshop chairperson. If you would like to learn about great rock hounding locations and are willing to lead our field trip groups, get in touch with any of our board members. This is a very important position if we are to have field trips. Some locations are only accessible if we go as a group. New members are especially encouraged to get involved with the business of the club. It is important to keep things evolving for an ever changing and more exciting club. **WE NEED YOU!!**

Remember that we will need all hands on deck to put our show together and make it even better than before. We will meet at Lock-Away Storage by the Expo on Chinden, Thursday at 1:00 p.m. It usually takes a couple of hours to get everything loaded in the trucks. Then on Friday morning, bright and early at 8:00 a.m. we meet at the Expo for set-up. Parking passes will be available at the February meeting for those working the show and helping with set-up. We will not be having a Thursday workshop this month due to this event.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, President

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 17TH, 2017

Minutes not received prior to publication.

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD Meeting JANUARY 3rd, 2017

Minutes not received prior to publication

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Article not received prior to publication

Welcome New Members

1. Andy & Janie Patrick, Boise
2. David & Carol Hines, Boise
3. Mike Dome, Boise
4. Lee & Kristina Unterseher, Boise
5. Randy & Jodie Harrison, Boise
6. Devon & Becky Koyle, Boise
7. Mark Ruiz, Boise

JUNIOR RATTLERS

1. Timber & Lochlan Patrick, Boise
2. Quincy Unterseher, Boise
3. Jackson Morton, Boise

Workshop Report

NO WORKSHOP THIS MONTH
DUE TO GEM SHOW
TRUCK LOADING ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017
@ 1PM



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS @ JANUARY BANQUET



2017 Board of Directors



2017 Idaho Gem Club Officers



2017 PAST PRESIDENTS

NOTICES

Hi,

I commit lapidary on beautiful slabs here in CA. I love sharing my hobby with others, so I've started a blog called www.LapidaryWhisperer.com I'm hoping that some of your members might enjoy my blog and the community for lapidary lovers I'm building.

If possible, would you please put the message below in an upcoming newsletter and encourage members to share with people who might be interested.

Best, Donna Albrecht

Lapidary Lovers – a blog just for us!

Lapidary lovers now have a blog just for us! www.LapidaryWhisperer.com has just come online and I hope you will check it out. It's an online community for lapidary lovers where I'll post a new blog entry every other Wednesday.

Yes, rocks and slabs whisper and tell me what they want to be, then I commit lapidary on them to bring out their stories.

I'd love to hear what you think about the blog. Please write me directly at Donna@LapidaryWhisperer.com or directly on the blog. Let's enjoy this wonderful art and craft together!

Your Lapidary Whisperer, Donna Albrecht

Members, Non-members, clubs, etc. can advertise in the Grindings Newsletter. This service is provided to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and is encouraged by the NFMS. The only criteria for the ad is that it be hobby related (e.g. rocks, equipment, grit, shows, etc.).

Ads for the Grindings Newsletter are \$15
2" x 4" (business card size)

Member notices are exempt from above charge.

**DISCOVERY CENTER, BOISE, ID
DINOSAUR EXHIBIT
COPROLITES
BY STEWART'S GEM SHOP**



The president also enlarged once more the California Coastal National Monument, which was established by President Bill Clinton and expanded by Obama in 2014, and the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, another Clinton monument, by roughly 42,000 acres in Oregon and 5,000 in California. Many environmentalists and scientists had argued the two protected areas needed a wider buffer to guard against the future effects of climate change.

Adding six sites to the California coastal one will make it more accessible, said Conservation Lands Foundation Executive Director Brian O'Donnell, who added that Americans will celebrate these sites "for generations."

The president has used the Antiquities Act frequently to safeguard vast stretches of habitat in the West...

NFMS CLUBS SHOW SCHEDULE

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@fimt.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
 Astor Colville WA , Bill Allen 509 936 2446 sagostore2@charter.net

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 collmal1@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
 leave a message, Cell daytime 509-9103484, marthams@q.com

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
 Sue Woodman 541 672 3486 rocksandhorses3@gmail.com

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 Center Ravalli
 County Fairgrounds 100 Old Corvallis Road Hamilton MT, Steve Vieth, 406 381 7597 viethsteve88@gmail.com**

2017 GEM SHOW CHAIRPERSONS

Show Chairperson: Brent Stewart 342-1151/863-9336

Assistant Show Chairperson: Doug Renken

362-3941/890-1633

Basket Raffle: Deana Ashton 794-5628

Black Light Room: Cheryl Link 375-5360

Credentials: Cheryl Peterson 887-5363

Demonstrators: Willa Renken 362-3941

Garnet Dig Table: Dana Robinson 345-3823

Grab Bags: Melodee Worley 890-6834

Hostess Table: Tina Frederick 353-0220

Ed Moser until 12 Sunday

Publicity: Stewart's Gem Shop, Doug Renken, &
Deana Ashton,

Scholarship: Phil Neuhoff 939-4508

Setup Chairperson: Doug Renken 362-3941/890-1633

Showcases: Cheryl Link 375-5360

Silent Auction: Cheryl Link 375-5360

Ticket Sales: Linda Barlow 724-3309

Wheel of Fortune: Melody Worley 890-6834

Call the above chairmen and get signed up for a time slot.**Your help is greatly appreciated.**We need **ALL AVAILABLE HELP** to set up and take down the show.

THURSDAY, February 23rd at 1:00 pm we will meet at Lock away Storage: 5246 W. Chinden Blvd in Garden City to load up everything for the show.

FRIDAY, February 24th at 8:00 am we will meet at the Expo Idaho at 5610 Glenwood, Boise to set up.

SUNDAY, February 26th shortly after 5 pm, Take down and a trip back to the storage unit will begin **SHOW CHAIRMAN: Brent Stewart. Contact @ Stewart's Gem Shop @ 208-342-1151**
or his cell @ 208-863-9336

This is your club and the Gem Show is the money maker for the year. We are well known throughout the Northwest and America for our show! It is how we have the field trips, workshop and all its tools. So commit to your club and share the workload making it easier for all and quickly done. See you there!

DISPLAY CASE APPLICATION FOR 2017
IDAHO GEM CLUB ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW

NAME: _____

NUMBER:() _____

ADDRESS: _____

CLUB MEMBER: _____ NON-MEMBER: _____

NUMBER OF CASES: _____ CLUBS: _____ OWN: _____

BLACK LIGHT _____ REGULAR _____

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 : CHERYL LINK @ 6421 Bermuda Dr., Boise 83709 or @ next general meeting

CASE SET UP: FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2017 AFTER 1:00P.M.SHOW DATES: 25th-26th FEBRUARY 2017CLEAN AND PACK UP: 26th FEBRUARY 2017 5:00 P.M.CHERYL LINK: clink@micron.com or clink.5.link@gmail.com

AFMS NEWS

AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

- I will respect both private & public property & will do no collecting on privately owned land w/o the owner's permission.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands & will observe them.
- I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind—fences, signs, buildings.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires in designated or safe places only & will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material—matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material & will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation & undertake to utilize fully & well the materials I have collected & will recycle y surplus for the pleasure & benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) & will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field trip leaders & those in designated authority in al collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational & scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate & protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the “Golden Rule”, will use “Good Outdoor Manners” & will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature & Public “image” of rockhounds everywhere.

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!**

NFMS NEWS

- NFMS ANNUAL MEETING AND SHOW @ HAMILTON, MT. MAY 19-21, 2017. Case applications due 4/19/2017.
- NFMS WWEBMASTER SUBMISSIONS DUE VIA WEBSITE.
- BULLETIN EDITORS CONTEST: NOTICE THE REVISIONS IN THE GRINDINGS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE AFMS GUIDELINES FOR BULLETINS. ALSO REQUESTING ARTICLE BY MEMBERS ON EDUCATION, HOBBY RELATED, HINTS & TIPS, BOOK REVIEWS, & HUMOR.
- AFMS/CFMS SHOW & CONVENTIONS IS June 9-11, 2017 @ VENTURA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY SHOW, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA
- ROCK & GEM MAGAZINE IS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY AFMS AS OUR HOBBY MAGAZINE. See article below.
- IDAHO GEM SHOW IS IN THE NFMS SCHEDULE NOW!
- ROCK HOUNDING ON PUBLIC LAND: NFMS ENCOURAGES READING AFMS CODE OF ETHICS (SEE COLUMN TO LEFT)
- PROPOSAL CHANGES FOR FOSSIL HUNTING.
- LAPIDARY SOCIETIES ARE BEING ATTACKED BY INTERNET THIEVES. THEY ARE HACKING INTO EMAILS OF PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS ASKING FOR CHECKS TO BE SENT FOR BILLS NOT GENERATED BY THE CLUB. THIS REQUIRES THE PRESIDENT AND TREASURERS TO BE IN CONTACT ABOUT ALL CHECKS IF ONLY ONE SIGNATURE REQUIRED ON THE CHECKS. IDAHO GEM SOCIETY HAS PREVENTION IN PLACE AS ALL OUR CHECKS REQUIRE DOUBLE SIGNATURES.

Lynn Varon, Managing Editor of Rock & Gem, needs your assistance! Rock & Gem is the officially endorsed hobby Magazine of the AFMS. That means it is our magazine! In order to better serve their lapidary readers, Rock & Gem intends to increase the number of articles devoted to the lapidary arts & jewelry making. Members of the AFS-affiliated clubs may wish to share their expertise in cabochon cutting & polishing, gemstone carving, soapstone carving, rock sculpture in general, beading of all kinds, intarsia, inlay & mosaics, sphere making, bead making & drilling, flat-lapping, scrimshaw, wire-wrapping, chain maille, fused glass, polymer clay & PMC, silver-&goldsmithing, lost wax casting, faceting, & other techniques that are of interest to today's lapidary hobbyist. Lynn would value article submissions &/or recommendations of experts whom she could approach to contribute articles. To read Rock & Gem's writers guidelines, visit www.rockngem.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/2017-RG-guidelines.pdf. Contact Lynn @ editor@rockngem.com.



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 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 21ST, 2017:
GEM SHOW PREPARATION
DOOR PRIZES
BUILDING FUND RAFFLE PRIZES

FEBRUARY 23RD, 2017
WORKSHOP IS LOADING TRUCKS, see below

GEM SHOW PREPARATION:

Plenty to do if can't lift!

DATE: **February 23,**

LOAD TRUCKS from storage facility.

TIME: 1:00 pm

PLACE: Lock Away Storage,
5610 West Chinden Blvd., Garden City

DATE: **February 24th UNLOAD & SETUP**

Plenty to do if you can't lift

TIME: 8am until set up completed

PLACE: Expo Idaho, 5610 Glenwood, Boise
(corner of Chinden & Glenwood)

IDAHO GEM CLUB SHOW:

DATE: **February 25 & 26**

TIME: Saturday, 10-6; Sunday 10-5

PLACE: IDAHO EXPO, 5610 W. Chinden Blvd., Boise

DATE: **February 26th TAKE DOWN,**
LOAD & UNLOAD TRAILER AND TRUCKS

Help needed even if you can't lift

TIME: 5PM until completed



JUNIOR RATTTLERS:
FEBRUARY 21ST;
Ed learn how to display your
rock collection. Rattlers are
encouraged to do an entry for
the Gem Show

**REMEMBER TO BRING
YOUR FOLDERS**

Idaho Gem Club Member Field Trips

Rocks donated and tumbled from members personal
field trips for the Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show!



2017 GEM SHOW- GRAB BAG STUFFING FUN



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 and door prizes 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

SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

Please let me know if you are aware of any of our members having surgery, an illness, or just in need of cheer. We all can use some good cheer! We try and keep in touch with all our members, and I apologize if we have overlooked any member who has lost a loved one. Please let us know if we can help in any way. Contact Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628 or any Idaho Gem Club Board Member/officer.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND ANY GEM CLUB FUNCTIONS BUT ARE UNABLE TO DRIVE, CALL ME! WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET YOU THERE!

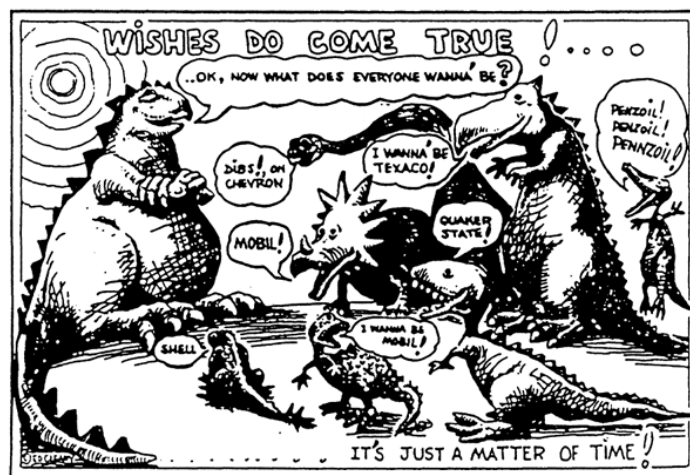
Deana- 208-794-5628

TIME IS TICKING SAVE OUR ROCKHOUDING SITES

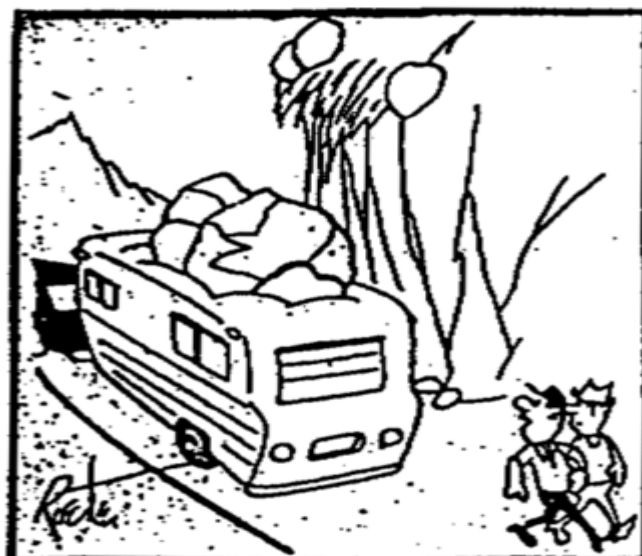
SAVE FOSSIL COLLECTING

Help Protect Science, Education & Amateur Paleontology
(<https://www.savefossilcollecting.org>)

See
HOW TO COMMENT
&
WHAT'S SO BAD



From The Boondocker 5&6/92
via T-Town Rockhound 6/98



"Rockhounds, I'd assume."

From Sooner Rockologist 11/96
via T-Town Rockhound 2/98 & others



FEBRUARY

02/01 Charles Osgood
 02/07 Cora Wheeler
 02/10 Kim Williams
 02/10 Hailey Madsen
 02/10 Brent Reedy
 02/10 Brandon Vincent
 02/11 Jim Storey
 02/13 Arlene Purchase
 02/13 Evette Syverson
 02/14 Rowen Lancaster
 02/15 Ron White
 02/16 Kylee Madsen
 02/16 Pat Budge
 02/17 Timber Patrick
 02/19 Kitty Bryner
 02/19 Chris Hebert
 02/19 Linda Rose
 02/20 Jackson Neuhoff
 02/23 Addison Syverson
 02/23 Jim Clinton
 02/25 Deanna Moser
 02/25 Randy Brown
 02/28 Sharon Alexander
 02/28 Daisy Garner

FACETED: AMETHYST



CABOCHON: ONYX



MARCH

03/01 Susie Justice
 03/03 Karen Sass
 03/05 Jason Madsen
 03/07 Judy Blodgett
 03/10 JD Lancaster
 03/13 Barbara Wanner
 03/13 Cyndy Schmidt
 03/14 Bryce Pielstick
 03/14 Jason Sheehan
 03/18 Kathleen Fawcett
 03/18 Carl Woodland
 03/18 Robin Brown-Miller
 03/19 Natalie Douglass
 03/19 Jeane Gonzalez
 03/21 Kelley Sass
 03/22 Theresa Burris
 03/23 Phillip Worley
 03/23 Mike "Red"
 Lovette
 03/28 Gene Stewart
 03/30 Heather Madsen
 03/30 Jerine Smith

FACETED: AQUAMARINE



CABOCHON: BLOOD-STONE



Bench Tips

See all Brad's jewelry books at
Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith
www.BradSmithJewelry.com

ADJUSTABLE CHUCK FOR DREMELS

Many of us have a Dremel motor tool to use at home or when out to a class or workshop. The one thing that makes this tool much more productive is the addition of one inexpensive option, an adjustable chuck.

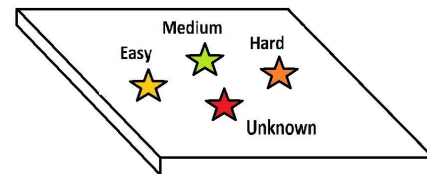
The basic motor tool as sold typically comes with a collet chuck. This means you have to use a wrench to change every tool bit, you have to switch collets to use different shaft sizes (3/32 or 1/8 inch bits), and you can't use ordinary drills at all - only the special ones that have a 3/32 shaft.

A simple and inexpensive (\$12) adjustable chuck solves all of this. It's available in most large local hardware stores or



IDENTIFYING UNMARKED SOLDERS

There are plenty of ways to mark your sheet or wire solders, but suppose you forget and have a couple that you can't identify. The answer is to compare the melting temperature of the unknown with that of a known solder. What I do is take a thick scrap of copper or nickel and arrange several solders on it. Ideally, I have a sample of easy, medium and hard known solders surrounding the unknown solder. Then I heat the plate from the bottom and watch the order in which the solders melt.



HAPPY
 VALENTINES
 DAY



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



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GENERAL MEETING
3rd. Tuesday of every month

BOARD MEETING:
1st. Tuesday of every month
Church of the Brethren
2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
ALL Meetings Start at 7:30 p.m.

P.O. Box 8443	JUSTICK
<div> <div></div> <div> Mountain View Church of the Brethren 2823 N. Cole Road </div> </div>	COLE
NORTHVIEW	
FAIRVIEW	