

Grindings

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President's Message

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Happy New Year!

Things are getting going for the New Year. The Banquet is coming up on Tuesday, January 17. If you haven't purchased your tickets, they are available at Stewarts Gem Shop until Friday, January 13th. I hope to see everyone there. We will be installing the Board Members and Officers.

Before the banquet we will be doing our Grab Bag Stuffing Party at the Church of the Brethren on Cole (our regular meeting place). It is this Saturday, January 14th. We will do a final count on the Bag Sewing Competition as well as the final weights of tumbled stone for that competition. This table is one of the most popular at the show, so we need to have quite a large stock to make it through both days. Melodee will have snacks for us, but bring what you would like for beverages.

Show time is right around the corner, as well. There is a list of committee chairs on page 5. Please contact them if you have any questions about the various activities. The Sign Up Sheets will be at the Banquet and the next general meeting. Please sign up for the various tables so we can have name tags made up for everyone. There is also a case display application on page 5. It can be filled out and emailed to Cheryl Link. It is also available on the web site for anyone who wants to download it. You can mail or email it to Cheryl Link, clink@micron.com, or 6421 Bermuda Dr., Boise, ID 83709.

See you at the Banquet.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dana Robinson, President*

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 20th, 2017

General Meeting December 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Dana Robinson at 7:40 pm.

After leading the members in the Pledge of Allegiance, Dana welcomed new members and guests.

Rick Corbett drew door prize winners. There was no building fund raffle this month.

Finding no corrections necessary to the minutes of the last general meeting Willa Renkin proposed a motion to accept the minutes of last months meeting as printed in the Grindings. The motion was seconded by Ed Moser. The members voted, motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer, Barbara Wanner, absent& no report .

FEDERATION REPORT by Linda Barlow: NFMS reminds clubs to utilize social media to encourage growth.

LIBRARY REPORT by Melodee Worley: Still no Rock & Gem subscription. The issue is being looked into and will hopefully get resolved soon.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT by Chair, Phil Neuhooff, took the floor to introduce the recipient of this year's scholarship. BSU Geology student, Oz Monnroy, was awarded \$500 to assist with educational expenses his senior year. After an informative presentation on the identification of a sample of metamorphic material from the Humbolt Range photographs for the historian were taken as Phil presented Oz with a check for \$500.



WORKSHOP REPORT by Brent Stewart: Getting good feedback from new members after the first couple workshop sessions. Several volunteers have been available helping out and things are going well. Details of operation are getting ironed out as items come up. The big saw will be brought into town probably in the next few weeks. The workshop will be a great way for the club to encourage youth involvement and increase membership.

Brent also shared an interesting bit of news for those interested in fossils and dinosaurs. **The Discovery Center** will be borrowing some dino eggs and other material from Stewart's Gem Shop to go on display with Sue the T-Rex. "Coming Soon". For more details contact the Discovery Center or Brent Stewart.

Willa R. pointed out that the **grab bag and rock tumbling contests** are coming to a close. January 14 will be the last day to turn in bags and rock to be counted towards the prizes. Push hard these last few weeks as both bags and rocks are needed badly.

Flyers with pictures and descriptions of **equipment for sale** by Timberline High School are available from Dana R. if anyone is interested.

Dana R. reviewed the various **show chairpersons** for the 2017 Show in February. **Sign up sheets** are on the back table to volunteer for the show. We need the time slots assigned with a volunteer so please sign up soon.

December is the month we select the Project of the Year. We have three entries this year displayed on the front table. After a short break to check out the entries and vote, the **Project of the Year was awarded to Rick Corbett** for his beautiful collection of Cabochons. Rick's name will go on the plaque for 2017 and will be honored at the banquet in January. Congratulations, Rick!

The **December auction** was held right after the meeting. Members stuck around for refreshments and took care of some of their holiday shopping. Proceeds are going to help support the banquet next month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Auction followed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Christina Aderton, Secretary*

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

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

Present: Dana Robinson, Doug and Willa Renkin, Deana Ashton, Brent Stewart, Twila Gallaher, Cheryl Peterson and Christina Anderton. Absent: Barbara Wanner, Linda Barlow, David Douglas, Ed Moser and Sandy Blodgett.

No Treasurer report.

No Federation report. (Dana took care of the Federation dues and paperwork)

Secretary report by Christine A.: Mail has been picked up and will be delivered to Dana R. this weekend. Three Lifetime Member Certificates have been printed and will be added to the ones for this year. Lights for the table favors on the banquet tables have been purchase and given to Dana R..

Dana R. noticed the volume didn't get changed on the last edition of the Grindings.

Several Banquet related items were discussed:

- Banquet chair, Deana Ashton, will be purchasing the nuts and the mints for the place settings. (the paper cups are in storage and will be located)
- Volunteers to help set up the tables for the banquet will be needed the evening of the event at about 5:30 pm.
- Eight lights have been purchased for the table favors. Christine A. will pick up a few more to be sure of having enough.
- Brent S. plans to ask Johnathon Barnett to provide entertainment for the evening.
- The sequence and details provided to Gene Stewart for the banquet agenda was reviewed and updated. Brent will revise the outline and make sure Gene has what he needs to direct the evening.
- Various names were suggested and discussed to occupy seating at the head table. Seating at the head table is reserved with the remaining tables and seats open.
- The only Lifetime Members this year are Doug and Willa Renken who will not be able to attend the banquet. Recognition will be postponed until next year.
- Details were discussed and finalized regarding plans to recognize several members.

2017 Show items discussed:

- The workshop on January 19th will be on setting up a display case for the show.
- Volunteers will be needed on February 23rd to help load the truck. If interested in helping meet at the storage at 1 pm. Contact Brent S. if additional details are needed.

Dana R. confirmed that Willa R. will be filing the taxes for the club this year and will be doing the audit. Willa assured Board Members she plans to have the annual audit completed by the time the tax return is filed and will provide a written report with the tax return.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Christina Anderton, Secretary*

NOTICES

LIBRARIAN: Obtained the Rock & Gem Magazine subscription is for 3 years. Check out at February Meeting



Timberline High School equipment for sale. See Dana Robinson for pictures and contacting information (see page 1 sidebar).



By Ernston Barnhart - via Rock Buster News 3/01
via Golden Spike News 8/01

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
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 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
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

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 after 1pm 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

NFMS NEWS

Social media are web-based and mobile technologies that allow individuals and organizations to view, create and share information, ideas, and other forms of expression via virtual communities and networks. The gem and mineral societies need to create online information to inform younger members of upcoming meetings and activities. Social media provides the opportunity for the society to provide education and instructional material to their members. This will attract the attention of the readers and encourage them be a part of us. This provides an inexpensive method to pass information to your member and to the public in general. Some examples of social media that could benefit you society are the following:

Facebook is a free social networking website that allows registered users to create profiles, upload photos and video, send messages and keep in touch with friends, family and colleagues.

Twitter is a free microblogging service that allows registered members to broadcast short posts called tweets. Twitter members can broadcast tweets and follow other users' tweets by using multiple platforms and devices. Twitter allows other people to keep up with important events; stay connected with their peers, and can contribute in various ways throughout social media.

YouTube is a frequently used social media tool in the classroom. Students can watch videos, answer questions, and discuss content. Additionally, students can create videos to share with others.

Blogs are a regularly updated website or web page, typically one run by an individual or small group that is written in an informal or conversational style

Communications today are very different than it was a decade or two ago when access to data was limited to newsprint, radio and TV. The Internet has altered not only how we get information but also how we express ourselves. Digital technology is re-wiring our brains and reshaping how we communicate. As organizations with aging members it is incumbent on us to look to future and it is clear that we need to use social media to inform, teach, recruit and retain new and younger members. I encourage you to make social media a part of your society's information and education plans.

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!**



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>

Welcome New Members

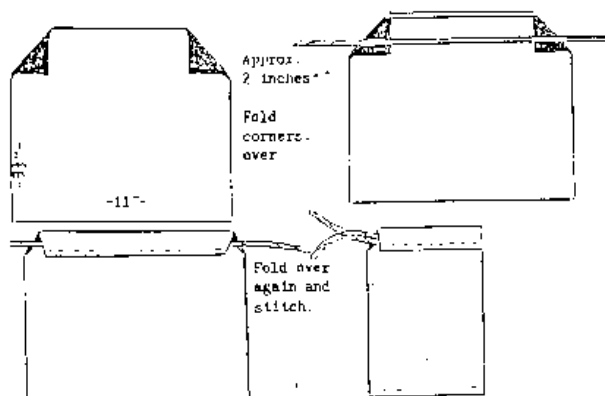
IDAHO GEM CLUB PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FILL GRAB BAGS: See attached pattern page below

DATE: January 14, 2017 at church

TIME: 8-12 or until filled and counted!

Snacks provided, Bring your own drinks.



PRIZE AWARDS: after final counts.

JANUARY PROGRAM:

Banquet @ Red Lion Downtowner (see page 8)

DATE: January 17th, 2017

TIME: 7pm to 10pm

TICKETS: available at Stewart's Gem Shop until January 13 (date need to have count for Red Lion)

WORKSHOP:

DATE: January 19th, 2017

TIME: 7-9pm

PLACE: 2620 W. Idaho St., Boise
Across from Stewart's Gem Shop
BRING YOUR OWN WATER AND SNACKS



JUNIOR RATTTLERS:

YOU ARE WELCOME AT THE INSTALLATION BANQUET

FEBRUARY 21, 2016
Learn to to set up showcase.
Parents welcome to sit in on demonstration.
Junior Display cases will have separate awards from adults

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR FOLDERS

GEM SHOW PREPARATION:

Plenty to do if can't lift!

DATE: February 23, **LOAD TRAILERS 7 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

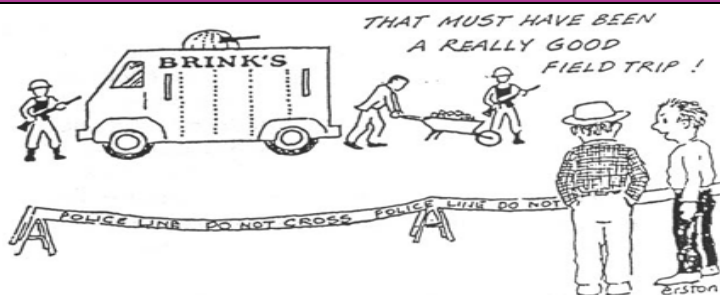
PLACE: IDAHO EXPO, 5610 W. Chinden Blvd., Boise

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

Help needed even if you can't lift

TIME: 5PM until completed

Idaho Gem Club Member Field Trips



Cartoon by Erston Barnhart
From Rockbuster News 2/99
via T-Town Rockhound 6/99

A FIELD TRIP IS A SOCIAL OCCASION



—Cartoon by Erston Barnhart in *Are We Having Fun Yet? An Irreverent but Affectionate Look at Rockhounds*

via Golden Spike News 11/01

Idaho Gem Club
Banquet 2017



Red Lion Boise Downtowner
1800 Fairview, Boise

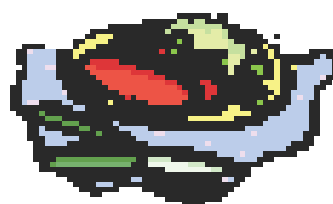
Tuesday January 17, 2016

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 baked 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 entrées 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.**

**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

FACTED: GARNET

History of Rockhounding
 Jose Santamaria



"You're darn right it's strang...
 I planted garnets!"

From Rock Rattler 8/94 via Roadrunner 8/94
 via The Barro Express 12/01

**CABOCHON:
STAR GARNET****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
 02/19 Kitty Bryner
 02/19 Chris Hebert
 02/19 Linda Roose
 02/20 Jackson Neuhooff
 02/23 Addison Syverson
 02/23 Jim Clinton
 02/25 Deanna Moser
 02/25 Randy Brown
 02/28 Sharon Alexander
 02/28 Daisy Garner

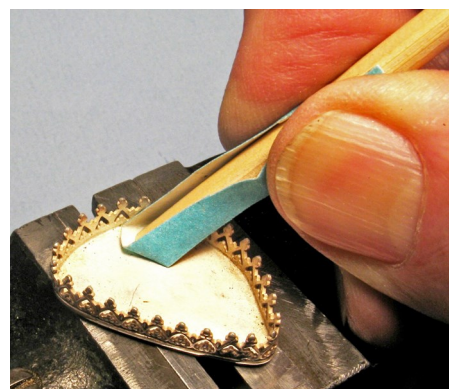
FACETED: AMETHYST**CABOCHON: ONYX****Bench Tips**

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

SANDING/POLISHING IN TIGHT PLACES

Often you'll need to sand or polish an area that's impossible to reach with even a small wheel on a flexshaft. Other times it might be the bottom of a pocket or inside bottom corner of a box that needs to be finished. One trick for these nit-picky jobs may be left over from your last Chinese dinner - a chopstick.

I've found quite a few uses for these in the shop. Prepare the tip by simply sawing it off at a 45 degree angle. Then apply whatever abrasive grit you will need for the job or hold a strip of sandpaper around the end. Loose grit can be held onto the tip with a bit of vaseline or oil. Tripoli or rouge can be just rubbed onto the end of the chopstick.

**OCHRE APPLICATOR**

Yellow ochre is used when you want to be sure the solder won't flow on an area of your piece while you're soldering another area. The only problem with ochre is coming up with a good way to store and apply it.

I use recycled nail polish bottles. They seal well and have a built-in brush applicator. Just clean them out with a little acetone or nail polish remover, and they're ready to go.



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.

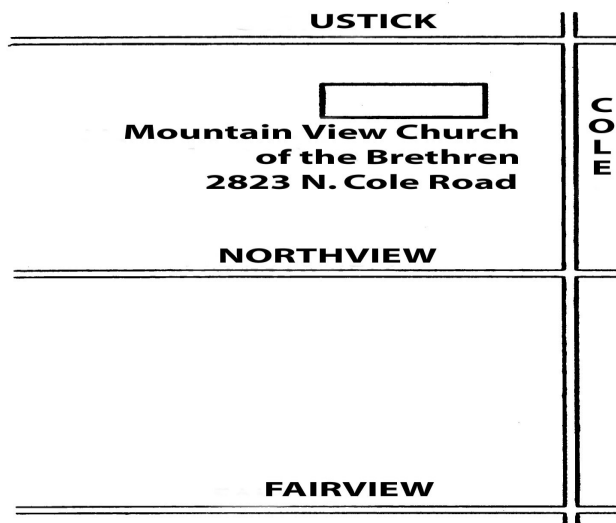
Members whose last name begins with letter listed below, are asked to bring after meeting snacks for the month indicated.

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
 Church of the Brethren
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
 ALL Meetings Start 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



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

