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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by DANA

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November is going to be a busy month. First we will have the **BOARD ELECTIONS** to fill three positions. The nominees were presented at the last general meeting. See their biographies on page 6.

Also in November is the **FINAL DRAWING** for the **large ammonite fossil**. I hope everyone has been buying their tickets the last couple of months. This large specimen will be a great addition to anyone's collection. We will also be having an auction at the end of this month's meeting to help offset the Banquet costs. Please bring any slabs or specimens you can donate. This is a great time to get some material for making Christmas items.

The **FIELD TRIP** to the Queenstone claim had mixed results. Everyone expecting to see new material after the area had burned found that all of the rocks were blackened as well. It was a challenge to identify material. This month will be an indoor field trip. The Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History has a large collection. It is located on the campus of the College of Idaho in the Boone Science Building. See the map on page ??? for directions. We will meet at the museum. Cullen will have more details available at the General Meeting.

There will not be a regular **WORKSHOP** in November as the normal day falls on Thanksgiving this year. The workshop will still be held on **Saturday, December 2, from 10 am to 2 pm**. Juniors are encouraged to come by and see how it all works.

After 10 years of service **Ed Moser is stepping down** from leading the Rocky Rattlers group. I would like to extend everyone's thanks to Ed for all of his hard work. He won't be physically going anywhere, thankfully, so we will still have a valuable resource for help in identifying our finds.

Janelle Wintersteen, who has been working with Ed and Coyote Short for some time, has volunteered to be our **new Juniors chairperson**. If you have any suggestions for junior programs, she would be glad to discuss them with you. Thanks for stepping up Janelle!

I would also like to **thank Ron and Jean Dingley** for a large donation of material for the silent auction table at the show. There are about 30 buckets of material of all kinds. We also received another box of items for the Wheel of Fortune from **Patsy Bethel**. Thank you to all who graciously donate to our club.

Don't forget that December is Project of the Month. I hope you have been working on something fantastic to share with us. And, as always, keep those sewing machines and tumblers rolling!



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

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Janelle Wintersteen.

President Dana R. welcomed guests and new members. There were no corrections to the minutes as printed in the Grindings. Willa made a motion to accept the minutes, Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary Report: none.

Treasurer Report: The new Rock & Gem magazines will be in the Library for next month.

Federation Report:

Director, Linda Barlow, will be going to the Mid-Year NFMS meeting, in Lewiston on October 21.

There are 5 positions available with the NFMS; if anyone is interested, contact Linda for information

The Sage Grouse issue is being reopened for consideration.

This may relax some of the restrictions for collecting in our favorite areas.

The NFMS is encouraging everyone to get involved in the various competitions, such as Rockhound of the Year, making Yearbooks of our activities of past year, and by writing articles for the various publications (AFMS and NFMS).

The AFMS meeting will be in Raleigh, NC this year, April 6, 7, & 8, 2018. This year, NFMS 80th anniversary, will be hosted by Yakima, WA club, April 27-29, 2018.

Juniors Report: Rocky Rattlers will be joining Janelle next month for a program on the Mohs Hardness Scale for minerals. We also received a donation of specimens for the Juniors from Patsy Bethel.

Library Report: Melodee Worley reported that the Library will be updated/rearranged this month. There is also an idea for enlarging the cabinet that will be discussed and presented when more details are in place.

Field Trip Report: Cullen Anderson reported that the field trip last month to Texas Springs went great with 18 people attending. This month the field trip will be postponed a week to October 28. He is leading everyone to the Queenstone claim and Sandy Blodgett will be assisting. The group will meet at the Ion Station at the corner of Hwys 55 and 95 at 8:30 am, leaving at 9 am.

Workshop Report: Brent was absent this month and will not be able to do a workshop this week. Cullen updated us on the next workshop on October 28. Folks can do the field trip or the workshop.

Nominating Committee: Chairperson, Twila Gallaher, presented the three members that were nominated by the Board for this year's board positions: Cullen Anderson, Sandy Blodgett, & Cheryl Peterson. She encouraged anyone interested to contact her. Each person will need to write a short biography for the Grindings.

Scholarship Applications: There have not been any scholarship applications received this year. We want to encourage any students of the Earth Sciences to apply.

Lifetime Members: Willa Renken recognized the lifetime members who were in attendance at the meeting tonight. Jim Dillion,

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 3rd, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Rochelle Eytchison, Linda Barlow, Brent Stewart, Christine Anderton, Willa Renken, Twila Gallaher, Duane Winterroth, Ed Moser, Cullen Anderson, Sandy Blodgett, Dana Robinson

Excused: Cheryl Peterson, Deana Ashton

Guests: Deanna Moser and Janelle Wintersteen

There were no changes to the minutes as printed in the Grindings. Ed made a motion to accept the minutes, Sandy seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Montana Gem pulled out of the show this year, Brent has a replacement dealer, and the money will be refunded to Montana Gem. Rochelle had questions about taxable items. The Board requested that she contact the Tax Commission and get the clarification in writing.

Federation Director Report: Linda had several items from the mid-year meeting. Three of the five chairperson positions have been filled. A show set-up manual was distributed to the IGC Board to review. Members can contact Linda for a copy to review. Questions were answered about hosting a NFMS show and thoughts shared about creative ideas to make a show successful. The NFMS collected postage stamps have been used to fund materials for making knitted breast prosthetics after mastectomies by Seattle Club.

Juniors Report: Because of personal obligations, Ed Moser resigned as the Juniors chairperson. Janelle and Coyote will be stepping up. Janelle expressed her admiration for Ed's involvement with the group. Discussion continues on developing Juniors involvement with the club. A Juniors workshop will be held in November (see page 5). The whole Board expressed appreciation for all of Ed's time and efforts with our junior club.

Field Trip Report: Cullen updated the Board on the conditions at the Queenstone claim: everything was pretty charred, making identification difficult. The November field trip will be to the Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History in Caldwell on the 25th. The meeting time will be announced after Cullen

makes arrangements with the College of Idaho.

Workshop Report: Brent discussed the November workshop being cancelled due to Thanksgiving. There will be a workshop on the regular **Saturday, December 2nd**, with kids encouraged to attend. He also discussed having a two-day workshop in December on the 16th and 17th for a Christmas Party. Willa suggested that Brent get a port-a-potty for that weekend. Chili and soup will be provided by the club with members bringing pot luck dishes. Times will be 10 am to 5 pm on both days.

Scholarship Report: Dana has been in contact with Phil Neuhooff and there have been no scholarship applications this year.

Program: The program for this month will be an auction to offset banquet costs.

Elections: Willa reviewed the official steps needed for electing board members. Twila nominated three people for the Board to review: Sandy Blodgett, Cheryl Peterson, and Cullen Anderson. Ed made a motion to accept the nominations as presented. Willa seconded the motion, the motion passed. The Ballot will be presented to the membership at the general meeting and the floor will be opened for any other nominations.

Banquet Report: Deana is working on a new venue, the Riverside Hotel. She wants to know what the budget will be to make menu selections. She also needs to get with her decorating committee to give them instructions, as well as getting the table favors. Sandy will get in touch with her to get the details in place.

Old Business:

Linda asked about getting a schedule made up for the meeting programs and field trips for the year to put in the Grindings.

Willa has found a P.A. style system with a microphone at Costco for \$150. Based on Willa's recommendation, Sandy made a motion to purchase the unit for meetings. Ed seconded and the motion passed.

New Business:

Sandy updated everyone on the claims affected by the wildfires. The Queenstone claim is charred, making it difficult to identify material. At Graveyard Point he found a new wide gravel road all the way to Succor Creek. He's not sure what they are doing that for. The area is also overrun with tumbleweeds, causing a wildfire danger. He plans to investigate the problem further.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

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!

If you know of any members in need of cheer or to request flowers be sent, and to inform us of illnesses and those who have passed on, please contact Deana Ashton at [208-794-5628](tel:208-794-5628).

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

1. **Gene Stewart** recovering from knee surgery,
1. **Cheryl Peterson** recovering from knee surgery
2. **Deana Ashton** whose mother passed this past month.

We love our members. We bless and wish them well with their recovery and grieving process.

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 dozen cookies or snacks and drinks/ juice. 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.*

The basic duties of refreshment committee includes chair set up, cleanup and take down. Please come early and remain late to assist with these.

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

IDAHO GEM CLUB (IGC) CALENDAR

November 21: General Meeting
 November 23: Thanksgiving, NO WORKSHOP
 November 25: Field Trip: Orma J. Smith Museum
 December 2: Workshop for Junior Rattlers, 10-2
 December 5: IGC Board Meeting, 7:30
 December 16: Christmas Party Workshop, 10-5
 December 17: Christmas Party Workshop, 10-5



NOTICES

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.).

2" x 4" (business card size): Non-members \$15, Member notices are \$5.

4" X 6" AD (1/4 page): Non-members \$30, Members \$10 Payable to Idaho Gem Club.

Give monies to Treasurer & AD to Editor

FOR SALE

COMPLETE LAPIDARY SHOP & SUPPLIES: \$2000

Leleand True, 208-854-1432, ltrue6055@gmail.com

14" dia. Highland Park Diamond Saw w/motor

6" dia. Lortone Diamond Trim Saw w/motor

2 Diamond spare saw blades 12" & 14"

2 arbors w/separate motors, handles 4 grinding & polishing wheels. Lapidarist has choice to use 3" or 8" dia. Grinding/polishing wheel.

Assorted used belts (100- 600 grit)

2 boxes new 3" sanding belts (220 & 600 grit)

1-3" polishing belt

2-1" & 6" Carborundum grinding wheels w/3 spares (100 & 220 grit)

1-1 1/4 x6" dia. Felt final polishing wheel w/1 spare felt wheel

1-lot spare used 3" polishing belts (1000, 600, 440, & 220 grit)

1-1 1/4 "x8" dia. Shaping wheel (100 grit)

2-flat Chrisolite grinding/shaping discs (100 & 600 grit)

1-Tumble polisher w/motor & 2 rolling chambers

2-adjustable working lights

6 each plastic templates

Small cabinet

Small hand vice

Wax melting pot w/assorted dop sticks

Special clamp for holding stones & sawing slabs

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

By
Brent Stewart

THURSDAY after General Meeting (usually 3rd Thursday), NOVEMBER 16th

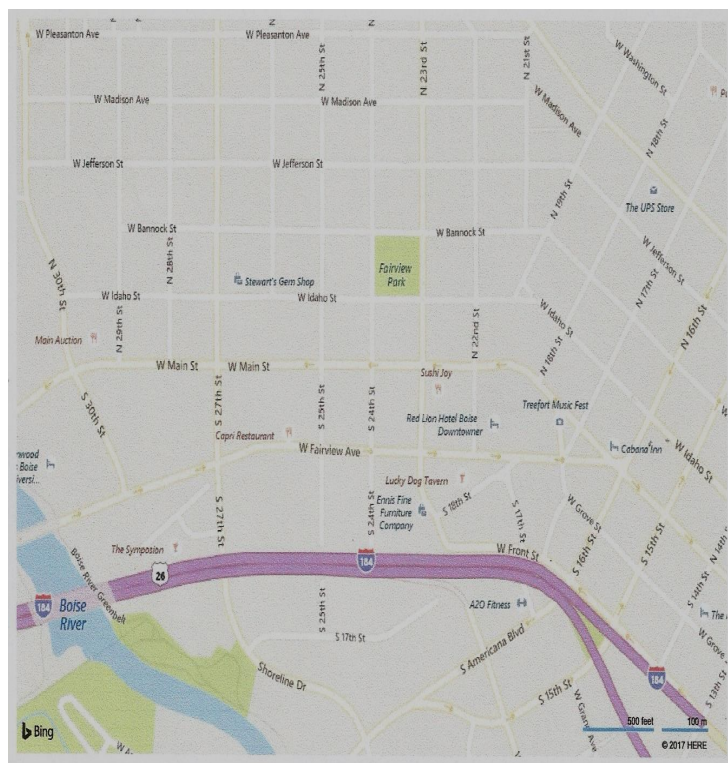
SATURDAY (Saturday after General Meeting is Thanksgiving Weekend. Moved to following Saturday): DECEMBER 2, 10-2 FOR JUNIOR RATTTLERS

Helpers available for selecting stones, cutting and sawing stones, preparing stone for cabochon: size selecting, cutting, grinding, polishing, finishing.

Wrapping needs prior notification.

Cost for cutting and wrapping wire.

LOCATION: see map below. It is located next to Stewart's Gem Shop on corner S. 27th St & W. Idaho St. Driveway is between Stewart's Shop and Brent's house on corner. Extra Parking is across W. Idaho St. or on street.



BIOGRAPHIES OF BOARD NOMINATIONS

I joined the Idaho Gem Club in 2014 having come from California where I became interested in lapidary through a club there. I have learned so much through the meetings, field trips, workshops, and knowledgeable people here in this club. I also enjoy wire wrapping my cabochons, beading and silversmithing. I am excited with the addition of the new workshop, classes and field trips and the continued growth of the Idaho Gem Club.

Cheryl Peterson

Sandy Blodgett Info for Board of Directors:
He has been a rockhound for 40 to 50 years in Oregon, California, Washington, Montana,, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Nevada, Colorado and Idaho.
Held officer positions in NFMS and Idaho Gem Club
Personal mining claims in Idaho and Oregon
Classes in silver work, Petrified wood ID
Helped geologists in mineral and rock ID
Lifetime member of Idaho Gem Club
Collaborated on Idaho Gem Club License Plate
Rock and Gem dealer AKA Judis Gems 40 years
Retired Captain Boise Fire Department

I am originally from North Dakota where rockhounding is not so prevalent as paleontology, but i always loved collecting interesting looking rocks for their colors and patterns. I have been with the club for about a year now and have really been enjoying the chance to fill in as field trip coordinator and learn the collecting spots in the nearby area. I would like to continue this role, if possible. Besides enjoying rocks and gems, i enjoy hiking/backpacking, photography, board games, and playing and listening to music. My career is in healthcare and i am currently a nurse manager for St Luke's Children's Clinics. I am married and my wife and I are active in our church.

Thanks,
Cullen Anderson

NOTICE: Dennis English wrote:

Hello, Can you let your club members know that Dale Huett, claim holder of the Amethyst Sage mine near Denio, NV will be hosting a fee dig at the mine starting Nov. 11.

For more information, contact me via email or all the details will be posted on our Facebook Group, Polka Dot Agate Miners page -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/304080900019767/>

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SAGE GROUSE POLICY SEEMS HEADED BACK TO SQUARE ONE!

By Scott Sonner, Associated Press

11.13.2017

Federal Scientists and land managers who've been crafting strategies to protect a ground-dwelling bird's habitat across the American West for nearly two decades are going back to the drawing board under a new Trump administration edict to reassess existing plans condemned by ranchers, miners, and energy developers.

Federal officials are wrapping up a series of public meetings with three sessions starting Tuesday in Utah ahead of a Nov. 27 cutoff for comment on Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's order last month to consider revisions to land management amendments for the greater sage grouse that were adopted under the Obama administration.

Zinke says he wants to make sure the amendments don't harm local economies in 11 Western states, including Idaho, and allow the states to have maximum control over the efforts within their borders.

Conservationists say it's a thinly veiled attempt to allow more livestock grazing and drilling, similar to Trump's efforts to roll back national monument designations, but on a much larger scale. They warn it could land the hen-sized bird on the endangered species list in 2020 when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is scheduled to review its 2015 decision not to list it.

"They appear to be dismantling the whole land-planning amendment system and starting over," said Patrick Donnelly, the Center for Biological Diversity's Nevada state director.

"It's revisionist history", he told a Fish and Wildlife Service official during a scoping meeting-turned-brainstorming session at a Sparks, Nevada, hotel-casino Wednesday night.

Instead of recording public testimony, agency officials marked up easel pads with lists of criticisms, concerns, and suggestions. About 80 participants moved between five breakout groups including "minerals", "livestock grazing", and "wildlife and vegetation."

They treaded familiar ground. Disagreement reigned over the size of protective buffer zones around grouse breeding grounds, states' role in setting federal policy, and whether cattle or wild horses cause more habitat degradation. There was general agreement that invasive cheat grass is fueling one of the biggest threats – catastrophic wildfires – but little consensus on what to do about it.

"I don't understand why we're starting all over again," shouted a man who briefly disrupted the meeting and refused to provide his name.

Nevada Farm Bureau Vice President Doug Busselman said research increasingly suggest properly regulated grazing reduces fire fuels. But he said existing policy is "taking a restrictive approach ... and then watching massive fires sweep across the landscape, setting up the process for expansion of cheat grass, then more fire." The U.S. House Natural Resources Committee heard the same thing last month from Idaho House Speaker Scott Bedke, a fifth-generation rancher who blames grazing restrictions for a wildfire that wiped out his family's winter grazing allotment this year. "In the process of placating anti-grazing activists, federal agencies have made the No. 1 threat to the greater sage grouse in Idaho worse," Bedke said.

Idaho Gov. Butch Otter, a Republican, filed one of the series of lawsuits aimed at blocking President Barack Obama's plans. Conversely, Republican Gov. Matt Mead of Wyoming, Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper of Colorado, and Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock of Montana have expressed concerns that altering existing plans could undermine efforts to prevent a listing. Nevada GOP Gov. Brian Sandoval also has cautioned against wholesale changes, although he applauded Zinke's recent **lifting of a temporary ban on new mining claims** across about 15,600 square miles adopted under Obama.

Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission Chairman Dan Vermillion said existing protections took a diverse group of stakeholders years to work out. "Those plans were essential to keeping sage grouse from coming endangered," he wrote in a Nov. 7 letter to Zinke. That's the message Karen Boeger delivered in Sparks. "We all duked it out on these plans," said Boeger, a retired teacher and member of the Nevada Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers who previously served on a Bureau of Land Management advisory board. "We've hardly gotten out of the chute. Let's give it a chance."

The bureau's acting deputy director, John Ruhs, understands the frustration. "A lot of folks have been engaged in this topic for a long time. Some have been at the table going back 15 years or more," said Ruhs, who's worked for the agency in Nevada, Oregon, Colorado, and Idaho.

Donnelly, who Arizona-based group has sued over failure to list hundreds of species, said the intent of the Obama amendments "was very clear: Prevent the listing of the sage grouse." That goal seems to have gotten lost, he said.

"We heard a lot about mineral withdrawals and local collaboration but all in the name of what?" Donnelly asked, "Are we still committed to conserving sage grouse, or is the intention to mine and drill every acre of the West? If

that's the case, we are plunging headlong toward listing the grouse."

NFMS NEWS

NFMS Organizational Mid-Year Meeting held
10/21/2017:

Vacant Chair Positions:

Bulletin Editor Aids Chair:	Remains unfilled
All American Awards:	Remains unfilled
Endowment Funds Chair:	Jack Edwards
Junior Chairperson:	Gayle Butler
PLAC (Public Lands Access):	Remains unfilled
(requesting attorney)	
Resolutions:	Audrey Vogelpohl

Manual: Guidelines for Hosting a Federation Show

The Manual was sent to all IGC Board Members via email prior to this meeting by Federation Director for review and comments. Items in red are new questions or rewording for clarification.

Operation Procedure changes proposed regarding Memorial Trophies given out for displays and that judges be reimbursed their show entrance fees.

-Linder Award for Junior Achievement: pen set given out for petrified wood. Junior Inventory lost with change in Junior Leaders therefore, sets no long exist.

-Darrell Dalton Award rescinded d/t the same winners repetitively.

Lauren Williams, ALAA VP & American Federation Scholarship Foundation President, discussed creative thinking for hosting a show:

-An awards banquet held in a tent,

-An award for the most flies in a display case

He also suggested "old folks who need trails where wheels can go" clubs for promoting involvement with government officials for rock hunting grounds.

Use of Endowment Funds for membership dues to NFMS had positive return with the WAMS Club. WAMS now reimburses their Field Trip Chairs and possible allowing additional trips.

Endowment Fund has shown 11% increase over past 11 months. Chairman, Jim Brain suggested clubs think about ways to spend the endowment funds for the benefit of the Federation.

NFMS Stamp Money used for "Knitted Knockers" has received a Thank You note. Large amount of fiber filled donated by Paul Heesacker.

NFMS Historian reported completed inventory of 22 pages.

Requested:

Duplicates be at Federation Show for Sale or Free to members, approved

Past President Book has information 2006-2017

missing, plans are to update,

Video of NFMS Donation to Smithsonian in 1941 of largest faceted Topaz be converted

to DVD, approved

Suggest all club members check with their employers for in-kind monies by their employers to designate to IGC or NFMS as non-profit organization.

AFMS Endowment Fund Raffle tickets are available; see your Federation Director.

2018 NFMS hosted in Yakima, WA. April 27-29, 2018.

Competitive display cases encouraged. Anyone wishing to help during show (especially security), please contact Ronna Watkins. Displays to look for at the show: Turner Collection, Two Medicine Di-



**Two links for additional newsletters
we
receive as members of the rock club.**

NFMS – Newsletter available at:
[http://www.amfed.org/nfms/
newsletters.asp](http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newsletters.asp)

AFMS – Newsletter available at:
<http://amfed.org/news/default.htm>

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 CLUBS SHOW SCHEDULE

November 11 & 12 @ Maplewood Rock & Gem Club House,
Sat. 9-5 & Sun. 10-5 8802 196th St. SW, Edmonds, WA
Contact Mary Ann Collins 206-714-3922 collma1@comcast.net



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

11/01 Max Ashby
 11/02 Bob Dunbar
 11/03 Duane Winterroth
 11/04 Mike Allen
 11/06 Jaden Wanner
 11/07 Peggy Blickfeldt
 11/07 Larry McConnell
 11/11 Cass Briggs
 11/14 Robert Burns
 11/18 Otto Yurke
 11/20 Mark Ruiz
 11/22 Gray Lancaster
 11/23 Marge Conley
 11/26 Mark Clary
 11/26 Phil Neuhoﬀ
 11/26 Barbara Olmstead
 11/27 Charles Smith
 11/28 Diane Perkins

FACETED: Topaz or Citrine

CABOCHON: Turquoise

DECEMBER

12/? Lisa Hovet
 12/02 Cheryl Lawson
 12/03 Steve Powell
 12/03 David Schmidt
 12/04 Dan Casey
 12/04 Sidney Matous
 12/04 Shannon T. Tharp
 12/05 Shanna Deal
 12/05 David Eliot
 12/08 Lillie Rogers
 12/09 Robert Redman
 12/10 Cheryl Link
 12/11 Gia Stewart
 12/13 Richard Vick
 12/14 Cody Ashby
 12/15 Cris Wheeler
 12/17 Carolyn Whipple
 12/18 Debbie Allen
 12/19 Bill Lutjens
 12/19 Doug Renken
 12/20 Marc Dominguez
 12/21 Jeanne Snyder
 12/22 Michael Montgomery
 12/23 Joleen Knigge
 12/23 Joe Nielson
 12/27 Todd Presley

Welcome New Members

ADULT:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Richard Ames | 6. Debora & Steve Powell |
| 2. Julie Bard | 7. Andrea & Bill Sawyer |
| 3. Roxanne & Bill Franklin | 8. Orion Sorensen |
| 4. Jenny Roe & Scott Smith | 9. Jason Strid & Misty Payne |
| 5. Nancy Smith | |

JUNIOR RATTLES: Henry Strid

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

Sandy Blodgett, and Philena and Gene Thompson.
Old Business: None discussed.

New Business:

Greg Sandmeyer, advisor for the Timberline Rock Club, is looking for people from the club to give presentations at their meetings. They meet every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 12 noon. If any members are interested in participating, contact Greg at sandmeyer@cableone.net or [208-345-1997](tel:208-345-1997).

Cheryl Lawson has submitted a new design for the club's show flyer. Anyone interested in submitting a new design should bring it to the next General Meeting so the Board can vote on it and then present all designs to the membership for a vote.

Program:

Cheryl Link gave a very informative program on Fluorescent Rocks and Minerals. She set up a sample display case and provided information on collecting, identifying and showing these materials.

Deana Ashton did a Halloween trivia contest and handed out prizes to those who gave correct answers.

Meeting adjourned for refreshments at 8:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING continued NOVEMBER 3rd, 2017

Rochelle has received an inquiry about our Sunstone claim. It will be forwarded to our claims committee chairperson, Cheryl Link. She also needed clarification for another report. Willa explained the office holders vs. directors distinction for the yearly report to the State.

Show planning issues were discussed, including: steamer for table coverings, dealer space schematics, dealer cases, black lights available for cases, and vendor payments. Show Committee Chairpersons need to be confirmed to print in Grindings and to get sign-up sheets going.

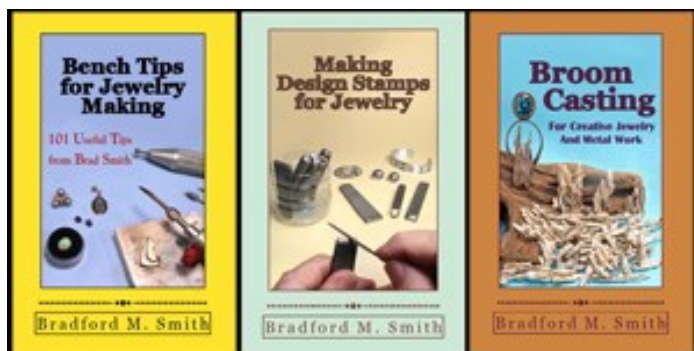
A donation of about 30 buckets of material was received from Ron and Jean Dingley.

Eight new membership applications were reviewed. Willa made a motion to accept the new members, Sandy seconded and the motion was passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, President

Bench Tips



See all Brad's jewelry books at
[Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)
www.BradSmithJewelry.com

New Book on Foredom Tool Bits

Confused by all the tool bits available for your flexible shaft or hand-held motor tool? "Accessories for the Foredom and Dremel" explains what each is good for, which ones save the most time, and the tool bits that best improve the quality of your work. Also included are bench tips for getting good results and cautions for safe use.

The book is available on Amazon at [amazon.com/dp/B074LG35ZV/](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B074LG35ZV/)

MANDRELS

Straight rod mandrels have a multitude of uses in helping to bend sheet and wire, and frequently we need a round rod for winding jump rings. Common sources for different sized rods are knitting needles, wooden dowels and clothes hangers. Metal rods can also be found in hardware stores and hobby shops.



But to get the right "look" in chain maille designs, you must have exactly the right size mandrel, and often those are not easy to find. Jewelry catalogs sell selections of straight rod mandrels for \$50 or more, but my choice is a set of transfer punches used in woodworking. The set has 28 sizes, from 3/32 inch to 1/2 inch, and is only about \$12. In the US it is available from Harbor Freight as item number #3577, and in Europe, it's available from MZS in the Netherlands as item number 250575.



JUST SAY NO TO OPTIVISORS

I was having my annual vision-check and the light-bulb went on: why not have my reading glasses made with bifocals that would magnify the same as the Optivisors? So I asked the ophthalmologist if he could add around +2.00 diopters into bifocals.

He checked with his supervisor and came back all excited. They all agreed that was a great idea and even gave him a special device to measure how far I hold a jewelry piece from my eye, so they could get the focal distance exactly right. So if all goes well, no more sweaty bulky Optivisors! (Thanks to Gary Strickland)



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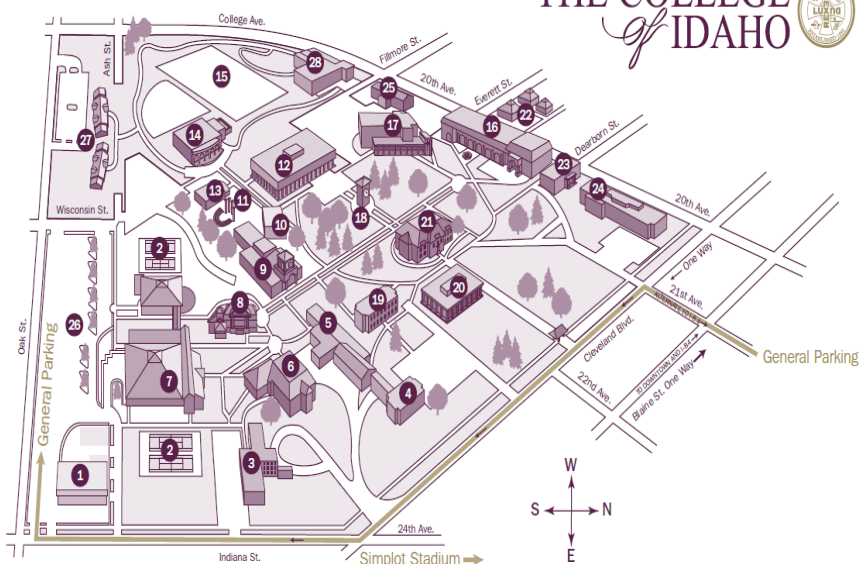
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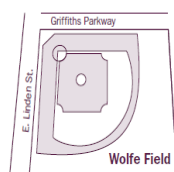
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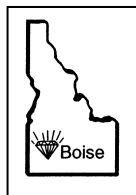
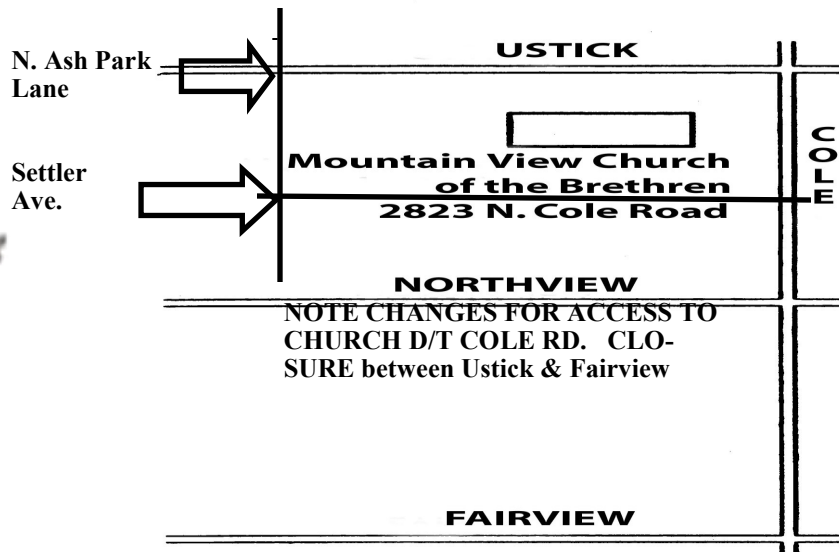
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