


# Grindings

**Idaho Gem Club, Inc.**

P.O. Box 8443  Boise, Idaho 83707-2443

**VOL 78 NO 1**

**JANUARY 2018**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### DIRECTORY

ITEM	PAGE
AFMS	15
BANQUET	13
BENCH TIPS	11
BIRTHDAYS	10
CALENDAR	6
FIELD TRIPS	6
GEM SHOW	7
GRAB BAGS	14
JUNIORS	4
MINUTES, Board	3
MINUTES, General	2,3
NEWMEMBERS	10
NFMS News	8,9
NFMS Shows	12
NOTICES	13
OFFICERS	2
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE	1
REFRESHMENT	5
SUNSHINE REPORT	5
WORKSHOP	6
YESTERYEAR	13

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a great holiday. Our Christmas Party workshop had a very good turnout. I would like to thank Brent Stewart, Christine Anderton, and Linda Barlow for bringing delicious chili and soups. Also, a big thank you to everyone who helped out with training and supervision on the equipment. It was a good time for everyone to socialize.

This is the month for our Annual Banquet. We have a new venue this year. The Riverside will be a nice change. They have a professional chef so the meals will be excellent. We are also recognizing several new lifetime members as well as the installation of the Board of Directors. I hope to see you there.

The field trip this month will be a second tour of the Orma J Smith Museum at the College of Idaho. We will be meeting in front of the Boone Science Building on campus at 10 a.m. on January 27. I hope to see members that were not able to attend the last tour.

It is a little awkward for this part, but Dana Robinson was the winner of the Project of the Year last month. The winner is honored with a plaque to display with the winning entry in a case at the upcoming Gem Show. Thank you to everyone who voted for my entry.

This is also the time of year when we really start working toward our Gem and Mineral Show. The Grab Bag Stuffing Party will be held Saturday, January 13 at the Church of the Brethren. We will be meeting at 9 a.m. and are usually done by about Noon. Bring all of the polished stones and grab bags you have been working on through the last year. It is a fun project to do! . . . we all like getting our hands into piles of rocks, of course! Please come and join us as we can use all the hands we can get. The grab bags are very popular at the show (see page 15 for directions to make grab bags.)

Also, the sign up sheets for the various show events have been started and will be available at the Banquet. Please sign up and participate in the show. It is a good time to get to know your fellow club members and visit with the attendees. The list of show venue chairpersons is available on page 7, if you need to contact anyone for questions.

I need to announce that due to personal reasons, Tina Frederick has had to step down as historian. Sandy Blodgett has agreed to serve as historian for this year.

*Respectful submitted,  
Dana Robinson,  
President*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**PRESIDENT:** Dana Robinson  
208-345-3823, 208-713-8582  
drobinso@boisestate.edu

**1st VP:** Willa Renken  
208-362-3941  
wlr\_dkr@msn.com

**2nd VP:** Deana Ashton  
208-794-5628  
gemdigger2014@outlook.com

**SECRETARY:** Christine Anderton  
208-703-0740  
cah.cuepoc@live.com

**TREASURER:** Rochelle Eytchison  
208-343-4302  
dawgkatz@aol.com

**NFMS DIRECTOR/GRINDINGS  
EDITOR:** Linda Barlow  
208-724-3309  
barlow596@gmail.com

**BOARD MEMBERS:**  
**Cullen Anderson,** 208-412-6822  
cullenanderson@hotmail.com

**Cheryl Peterson,** 208-991-6631  
cpete4421@gmail.com

**Brent Stewart,** 208-863-9336  
gene@stewartsgemshopinc.com

**Ed Moser,** 208-340-8060  
ed.moser15@gmail.com

**Twila Gallaher,** 208-853-6703  
tkgboise@cableone.net

**Sandy Blodgett,** 208-859-4080

**CLUB WEBSITE:**  
[www.idahogemclub.com](http://www.idahogemclub.com)

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 19TH, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Linda Barlow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Several guests and new members were welcomed.

Rick Corbett drew **door prizes** for 4 juniors and 12 adults.

Duane Winterroth drew 3 winners for the **Building Fund Raffle**.

There were no corrections to the minutes as printed in the Grindings.

Willa made a motion to accept the minutes, Deana seconded and the motion passed.

**Secretary Report:** nothing to report.

**Treasurer Report:** reviewed the monthly finances, one show vendor was reimbursed as they are not able to participate this year.

**Federation Director Report:**

- Linda apologized for the late printing of the Grindings. There was a communication error with the new printer. She will have it worked out for next month.
- NFMS stamps are still being collected. Bring them in to Linda and she will send them on to the Federation. They help fund projects for cancer patients.
- Linda did enter our October newsletter to be judged for the NFMS award.
- The AFMS and NFMS meetings are coming up. NFMS is in Yakima from April 27-29 and it is the 80th anniversary of the NFMS. The AFMS meeting is in Raleigh, NC, from April 6-8.

It was announced that the Project of the Year entries are on the side table and will be voted on later.

**Field Trip Report:** Cullen reported that last month's field trip to Caldwell went very well and was very interesting. We have been invited back for another field trip in January. It has been set up for the 27th. The February field trip is the annual show.

**ROLE report:** No report d/t Brent absent.

**Library Report:** Melodee apologized for forgetting the key tonight. The Library will next be open at the February meeting.

**Workshop Report:** Willa reported in Brent's absence.

- The two day Christmas Party event went very well. There was a good turnout and the workshop got lots of use. She pointed out that it is important to get together to learn and share our knowledge and she encourages everyone to take advantage of these opportunities.
- The workshops for January will be on the 18th from 6-8:30 p.m. and the Junior Rattler's workshop will be on the 20th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Project of the Year:** Break for voting. After the vote was tallied, Dana Robinson was the winner of the Project of the Year.

**New Business:**

- Greg Sandmeyer made a request for anyone who would like to do any demonstrations or examples of lapidary work to share

### MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING JANUARY 2ND, 2018

**Present:** Dana Robinson, Willa Renken, Deana Ashton, Brent Stewart, Twila Gallaher, Sandy Blodgett, Cheryl Peterson, Ed Moser, Linda Barlow, Rochelle Eytchison.

**Absent:** Cullen Anderson, Christine Anderton.

**Guests:** Deanna Moser, Doug Renken.

**Secretary Report:** None.

**Treasurer Report:** Rochelle reviewed the revised November statement compared with the December statement. Minor changes were made to reflect a change.

**Federation Report:** Linda reported she will be going to the AFMS meeting in Raleigh, NC, on April 6-8. She requested that the Federation alternate, Sandy Blodgett, attend the NFMS meeting in Yakima, WA, on April 27-29. Sandy agreed to take her place.

**Refreshment Committee:** The Banquet is this month so no refreshments needed for meeting.

**Junior's Report:** Janelle not at meeting this month. No junior program due to Banquet. Juniors are invited to attend.

**Field Trip Report:** Cullen reported at the last general meeting that he has arranged another tour of the Orma J. Smith museum in Caldwell. It will be on January 27th meeting at 10 a.m. at the Boone Science Building on the College of Idaho campus in Caldwell.

**Workshop Report:** Brent reported that the workshop will be held on Thursday after the meeting, Jan. 18th from 6-8:30, and the kids workshop will be on the 20th from 10-2. Brent will not be available on the 27th for a workshop.

#### Old Business:

- There is a date error on the Banquet Tickets. The **Banquet is on the 16th**, but the ticket says the 17th.
- The Grab Bag Stuffing party is set for Saturday, Jan. 18th at the Church of the Brethren. Dana will check with Melodee to be sure donuts will be provided.
- Dana Robinson was the winner for the Project of the Year. She will have her name added to the plaque and will present the winning entry in a case at the show.

#### New Business:

- Reviewed details for the upcoming Banquet for Gene Stewart's presentation as Master of Ceremony.
- Ashley Ludwig has been nominated for the Hospitality Chair position at the Gem Show. Will call

to confirm.

- Sandy will make a request at the Yakima meeting that the NFMS make efforts to come into the digital age to make end of year tasks easier for them and us.
- Deana made suggestions about community library displays and other ideas that could be assigned to board members to form committees for action. She will provide a more detailed outline at the next meeting.
- Point of Order: The previous meeting minutes were not accepted at the beginning of the meeting. Willa made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Grindings, Ed seconded, the motion was passed.
- Eight new applications for membership were reviewed. Willa made a motion to accept the new members, Twila seconded, the motion was passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, President*

### MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING continued December 19th, 2017

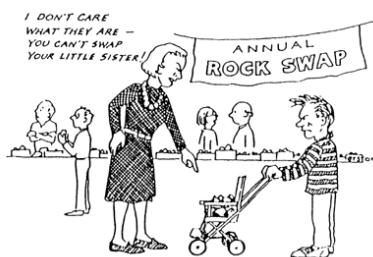
with Timberline's Rockhound Club. The club meets at the lunch hour, so the program would only need to be about 30 minutes or so. Please contact him for more details. He also announced that the club will be featured on a new feature on Channel 2 January 1st.

- Brent stopped by late with the Banquet Tickets. They were available at the back table post meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. for refreshments and the program, which was an Auction.

*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, President*

## JUNIOR RATTLER'S PAGE



Cartoon from Rockbuster News 6/89  
via T-Town Rockhound 9/97  
via The Burro Express 10/97

IDAHO GEM CLUB  
COMMUNITY EDUCATION  
FOR JUNIORS

Watch this space for upcoming events in the community Dates and Programs TBD.



**Junior, Mommy would like to talk to you about your rock collection.**

*by Erston Barnhart  
via Hy Grader 3/94*

Juniors are encouraged to attend the Awards and Installation banquet. You might even win the table display!! Everyone attending are eligible.

Now the annual Gem Show is the best of the Northwest and the most fun for you as it is family oriented and plenty in which you can participate. How about the garnet hunt, the wheel of fortune, the sand pile, the black light display, and the many display cases. Why not do one for yourself on the items you have collected? Look forward to seeing you at both the Banquet in January and the Gem Show in February!

Here are your three EZ steps:

1. Write or type a short summary (resume/outline) about what your achievements are for the past 2 years (2016 and 2017), following Sections I, II, III & IV from the GUIDELINE below.
2. Photocopy the APPLICATION from the Northwest Newsletter. Fill out the APPLICATION and have your Rock Club representatives sign their spaces.
3. Mail with a postmark by February 10, 2018, your summary (resume/outline), and completed APPLICATION to the NFMS Junior Committee Chair, Audrey Vogelpohl, 8810 - 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126

Guidelines for Junior Achievement Award

**Section I. HOBBY RELATED** (Possible 45 points) Club involvement (field trips, committees, show participation) Hobby Craft involvement (faceting, lapidary, metals, collecting) Competitive involvement (display, articles, promotion, awards)

**Section II. EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT** (Possible 25 points) Scholastic (honor roll, advanced classes, improvement of grades) Extracurricular (sports, drama, debate, drill team, music)

**Section III. COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT** (Possible 20 points) Events involvement (charity, volunteer, donation programs) Scouts, Campfire, 4H-Club, Other community groups

**Section IV. WORK RELATED** (Possible 10 points)

APPLICATION--NFMS Junior Achievement Award  
(confidential info)

Applicant

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ and

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Rock Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Junior Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

The following Club Officials attest to the applicant being a paid up member of the Club and NFMS:

Federation Director's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Federation Director Signature X \_\_\_\_\_

Club President's Name \_\_\_\_\_

President Signature X \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your SUMMARY (resume/outline), & APPLICATION to: Audrey Vogelpohl, NFMS Juniors Chair 8810 - 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126-3617 (Please be sure to postmark by February 10, 2018 --Thank You!



## 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).

## JANUARY 2018 SUNSHINE REPORT

Life Time Members will be honored at the Banquet. Enjoy the Elder Rockhounds and the many stories they have to tell about their life and their rock hunting!



## 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

- January 13th: Grab Bag Stuffing party, 9am-12pm  
 January 16th: General Meeting is Banquet at Riverside Hotel, Garden City  
 January 18th: Workshop 6-8:30pm  
 January 20th: Juniors Workshop 10am-2pm  
 January 27th: Field Trip to Oram J. Smith Museum of Natural History, College of Idaho, Boone Science Building, Caldwell, Id.  
 February 14th: Valentine's Day  
 February 23rd: Load trailer and set up for Show  
**ALL HANDS NEEDED.**  
 February 24 & 25: Annual Gem & Mineral Show

### Idaho Gem Club Member Field Trips

- JAN 27th:** Oram J. Smith  
 Museum of Natural History,  
 College of Idaho, Boone Science  
 Building, Caldwell, ID  
**FEB 24 & 25:** Annual Gem Show @ Expo Idaho  
**MARCH:** TBD, planning in progress

### Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History

Have you been to the museum lately? The Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History features specimens representing the Biology and Geology of SW Idaho, SE Oregon, and northern Nevada. The focal point of the museum is the Evans Gem and Mineral Collections. Curator, Nathan Carpenter, continues to expand the displays and welcomes visitors as well as assistance from volunteers to help build and maintain the displays, conduct tours and classes, and identify and label specimens.

The museum hosts a workday and seminar the first Saturday of every month and will host the annual event, .

The Museum is open to all visitors Tuesday-Friday from 1-5 pm, the first Saturday of every month from 8-5 and the third Saturday of every month from 10-4. The Museum is located in the basement of Boone Hall on the College of Idaho campus.

Visit the Museum website at [www.collegeofidaho.edu/cultural-institutions/orma-j-smith-museum-natural-history](http://www.collegeofidaho.edu/cultural-institutions/orma-j-smith-museum-natural-history) to learn more.

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

By  
Brent Stewart

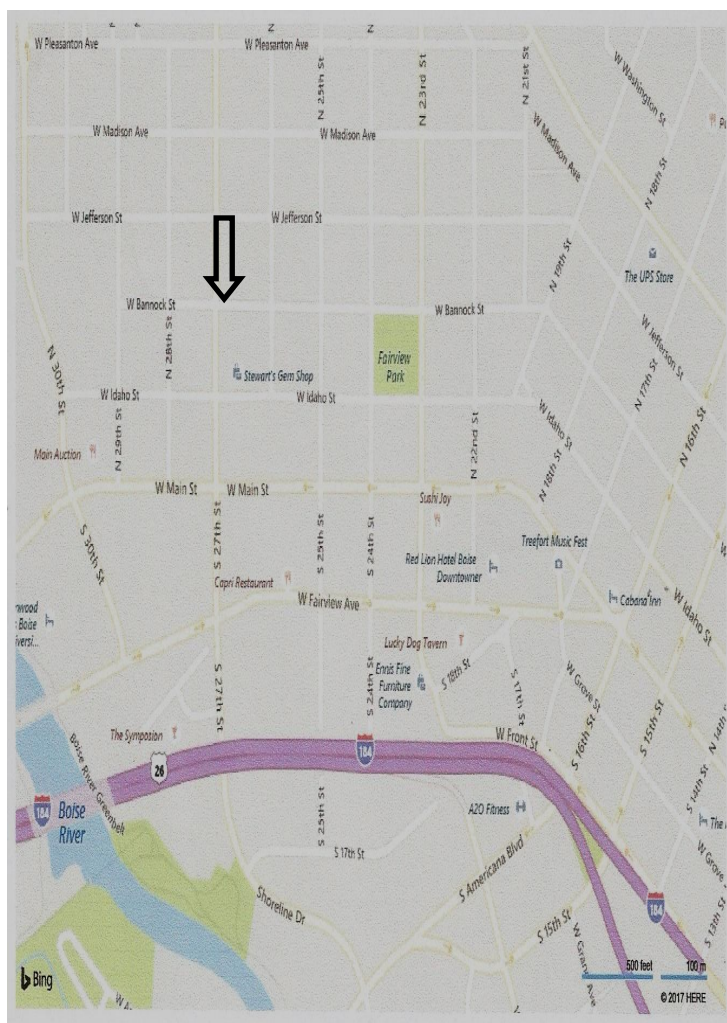
THURSDAY after General Meeting (usually 3rd Thursday), Jan. 18th 6-8:30 pm  
 SAT./SUN. (Saturday/Sunday after General Meeting): Jan. 20th 10-2 (Juniors)

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.



# DISPLAY CASE APPLICATION FOR 2017

## 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 Cheryl Link via [clink@micron.com](mailto:clink@micron.com) or @ NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**CASE SET UP:** FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2017 AFTER 1:00P.M.

**SHOW DATES:** 24<sup>TH</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017C

**LEAN AND PACK UP:** 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 5:00 P.M.

**CHERYL LINK 208-375-5360**

---

### 2018 Show Chairs : **CONTACT FOR VOLUNTEER AT GEM SHOW**

Show Chairman Brent Stewart 863-9336

Asst. Show Chairman Doug Renken 362-3941 890-1633

Set up Chairman Doug Renken 362-3941 890-1633

Case Setup Chairman Cheryl Link 375-5360

Ticket Sales Linda Barlow 724-3309

Hospitality Ashley Ludwig 914-5711

Demonstration Willa Renken 362-3941

Black Light Room Cheryl Link 375-5360

Wheel of Fortune Melodee Worley 890-6834

Grab Bag Melodee Worley 890-6834

Garnet Dig Dana Robinson 345-3823

Silent Auction Cheryl Link 375-5360

Basket Raffle Deana Ashton 794-5628

Credentials Cheryl Peterson 887-5363

Scholarship Phil Neuhoft 939-4508

Publicity Committee Stewart's Gem Shop, Doug Renken and Deana Ashton



## NFMS NEWS

Although this is not a Resolution change, The Golden Spike Club wished to submit it early so that directors would have an opportunity to review the information in order to cast an informed vote at the Annual Meeting which will be on April 27th at the NFMS Show in Yakima.

Thanks for taking the time to review this and thank you for your volunteerism.

Judi Allison, NFMS Secretary

The Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society moves to amend Operating Procedure:

OP Committee – 2 Rules & Awards Committee,  
Part B Specific Duties of Committee Members,

Section 4 Memorial Trophy,

To add Subsection 2, to read:

***“2. Depending on appropriate exhibits being displayed at the NFMS Annual Show, the Committee may award the following Memorial and Special Trophies:***

□ The Lester Ziehen Memorial Trophy for best “Mineral” exhibit.

□ The John T. Heddon Memorial Trophy for best “Petrified Wood or Wood Casts” exhibit.

□ The Rodney J. (Rod) Smith Memorial Trophy for best “All Northwest Material” exhibit.

□ The Isabelle B. Mattison Memorial Trophy for the best exhibit by a Junior Member or Junior Society

□ The Lucille Lindner Junior Achievement Award (to be administered by the NFMS Junior Committee.)

□ A special Sweepstakes Trophy may be awarded to the most outstanding exhibit at the Show.

Rationale for OP amendment:

At the 2017 NFMS Show in Hamilton, the Rules & Awards committee searched our fallible collective memories for what Special and Memorial Trophies were in place for presentation at the Awards Banquet. Since there seemed to be no written list anywhere, we recommend this Operating Procedure change to correct this omission.

Lyle Vogelpohl has done some research from the treasurer's records about the awards and clubs/persons that established them:

• “The JOHN T HEDIN MEMORIAL was established in June 1973 by Mrs. John T Hedin for the “best display of petrified wood or wood casts at our annual NFMS Show”. The initial trophy was presented at the 1973 NFMS Show in Lewiston, Idaho.

□ Mrs. Rodney J (Jane F) Smith established the RODNEY J (ROD) SMITH TROPHY for malachite. The first trophy was presented at the 1980 NFMS Show in Boise, Idaho. Sometime later because of limited

number of malachite exhibits and same persons receiving the award, the trophy was changed to “All Northwest Material” that is materials from within the boundaries of the NFMS.

□ The ISABELLE B MATTISON TROPHY was established in July 1990 by the Three Rivers Mineralogical Society, Kennewick, Washington, for the best exhibit by a Junior Member or Junior Society. The minimum score of 60 points is to be used to qualify for the trophy.

□ The LUCILLE LINDNER JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD was established by the Rock Rollers Club, Inc. of Spokane, Washington in August 1997, and was to be administered by the NFMS Junior Committee. This award was in the form of a petrified wood desk pen set with a brass plate engraved with the awardee's name. A supply of polished petrified wood slabs and pen sets were donated with the Trust Money for the plates. Unfortunately, during the transfer of Junior Committee Records and Materials all of the Records and the Materials donated by the Spokane Rock Rollers was lost.

□ The DARRELL DALTON TRUST FUND was established in April 1998 by the Tualatin Valley Gem Club for the best display of obsidian. This trust fund was reclaimed by the Tualatin Valley Gem Club for lack of awardees in February 2007.

□ In May 1999 the LESTER ZEIHEN TRUST was established. I do not have a copy of the contract establishing the award, so do not know what materials the award covers. If someone has a copy of the agreement, I would like to have a copy.” Joe Slouber advised that the trophy was intended for either competitive or non-competitive displays, and for “Minerals Only”, not as part of a broader exhibit.

The Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society moves to amend Operating Procedure:

OP Committee – 2 Rules & Awards Committee,  
Part B Specific Duties of Committee Members,  
Section 2, JUDGING DIRECTOR,

To add a sentence after “Prepare judging teams of .....special and memorial trophy awards” To read:

***“The Judging Director shall request the NFMS Treasurer to reimburse participating Judges and Clerks for their entrance fees paid to the Host Club at the NFMS Annual Show.”***



NFMS NEWS *continued*

## Rationale for OP amendment:

At the 2017 NFMS Show in Hamilton, the Rules & Awards committee discussed proposing an Operating Procedure change to recognize the contribution that Judges and Clerks make to the Federation at the Annual Show, by having the NFMS reimburse their entrance fees.

It is universally recognized that both Competitive and Non-competitive Exhibits add a great deal of direct benefit to the attractiveness of the Show to the public. Host Societies have always extended the courtesy of free admission to Exhibitors, and *occasionally* to Judges. The Judges and Clerks do not supply a direct benefit to the Show and Host Society, but certainly do so to the NFMS by facilitating competitive awards and consequential eligibility for National (AFMS) awards. Most Judges have expended considerable effort and money traveling to AFMS Uniform Rules seminars, and keeping up with changes to the complex rules. They also spend a lot of time at each Show working to evaluate the competitive exhibits, and to select Memorial and Special Trophy winners. This OP change represents a small "Thank You" to them.

Signed,

Evan E. Day, Vice-President,  
Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society

## ARTICLE XIV of the By-Laws reads:

## Amendments

Section 1. All amendments to these By-laws and all resolutions must be sponsored by a member Society in good standing.

Section 2. These By-laws may be amended at any Annual meeting by two thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates present, PROVIDED, that written notice has been given each of the member Societies at least three (3) Months in advance.

This means that corrected proposed Resolutions must go back to the Secretary by January 15, 2018 in order for the Secretary to inform the member Societies by the deadline of January 26th. So, If your society is considering proposing a change in By-laws, remember this time frame. Just as a reminder, Operating Procedures can be discussed and voted on at the time of the meeting; but often there may be a section in the By-laws that will also need revision in the event something is changed in the OP's. So do your homework, and be certain you reach every part of whatever you hope to have amended. Remember, the Resolutions Chair is there to help you through the process. (Many Resolutions might fall under a category of helping to "clean up" By-laws to reflect what is actually being practiced and bring everything in line with what we are possibly doing, even though we may not be following the By-laws.)

I am happy to announce we have a new Resolutions Chairperson who looks forward to helping you develop a viable proposal. Audrey Vogelpohl is our new Resolutions Chairperson. Thank you, Audrey

**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!**



## Welcome New Members

### ADULT:

1. Ardyce & Don Buckmaster, Boise
2. Vicki Dueno, Boise
3. Keri Rasmussen & Dan Escobar, Parma
4. Emmas McCabe & Colin Fox, Nampa
5. Loah & Ken Helderman, Boise
8. Leo Hennessy, Boise
9. Wendy Savage, Boise
10. Joann Whiteman, Eagle

### JUNIOR RATTLES:

1. Jason Russell, Eagle
2. Meredith Russell, Eagle
3. Reese Russell, Eagle
4. Scarlett Russell, Eagle
5. Stella Russell, Eagle

### JANUARY

01/04 Dave Dore  
 01/05 Becky Gibson  
 01/08 Teresa Nebeker  
 01/17 Tim Lusk  
 01/20 Chuck Goertzen  
 01/20 Michael Hurt  
 01/20 Greg Stewart  
 01/23 Gena Stewart  
 01/25 Alice Stewart  
 01/29 Marion Phillips

FACETED: GARNET

CABUCHON:

STAR GARNET

### FEBRUARY

02/03 Ilse Schreiner  
 02/06 Colin Fox  
 02/10 Kim Williams  
 02/11 Rick Corbett  
 02/11 Jim Storey  
 02/12 Christy Powers  
 02/13 Arlene Purchase  
 02/14 Mickey Williams  
 02/15 Jessica Taylor  
 02/19 Kitty Bryner  
 02/20 Jan Benson  
 02/20 Jackson Neuhooff  
 02/25 Deanna Moser

FACETED: AMETHYST

CABUCHON: ONYX

### History of Rockhounding Jose Santamaria

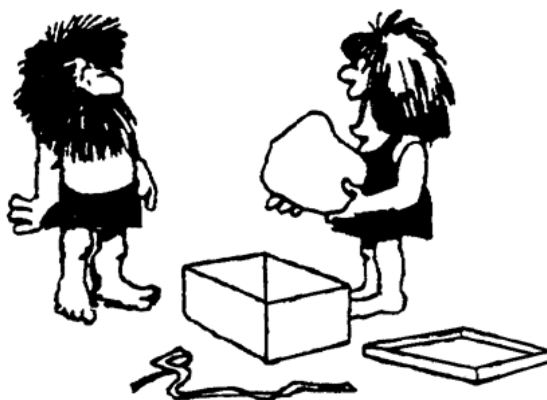


"You're darn right it's strang...  
 I planted garnets!"

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



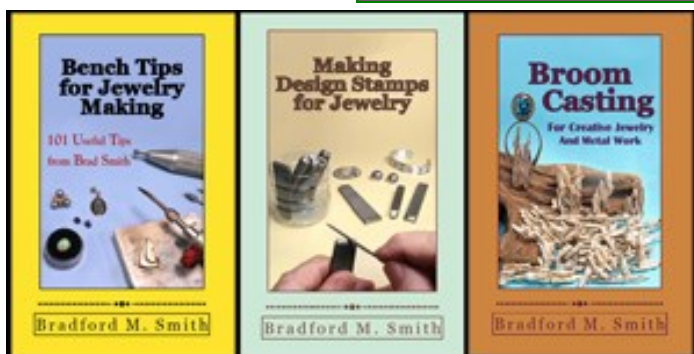
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR  
 BIRTHDAY: JAN 15TH



"How Sweet... My Birthstone!"

From Rock Chips 1/99

## Bench Tips



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

### MINI DRILL PRESS

If you find yourself drilling a number of small holes for your work, you might want to look at the small, inexpensive drill presses now available. They take up just minimal space on your bench and are always ready to give you nice straight holes. Some models even have a variable speed control. I've been very pleased with a low-priced one that's been well-used in my classes for over a year.

Because these machines are only a foot high, they're limited as to the size of workpieces that can fit into the machine and the size of the drill bits you can use. But I've had no problems with drill bits up to about 3/16" (4.5mm), even drilling steel.

The machines are sold by a number of companies. If you do get one, be sure to buy a spare belt because they are generally not available at locally.



### LASER WELDING

A question came up recently about how to solder some jump rings to hold blue topaz briolettes onto a necklace. We've all heard about ways to do some soldering close to a stone, and some of us have sized a ring without taking the stones out of their mounts. We've used wet paper towels, garnet sand, cooling gels, and my favorite of suspending the stone in a dish of water. All techniques bank on the principal of using a small, hot flame to do the job quickly before the stone gets hot enough to crack or change color.

But each job is somewhat of a gamble. Some stones are hardy and some are frail. Jades and jaspers will generally take some heat, but I'd never chance it with the likes of topaz or opal. Trying to shield a stone from the torch is always a betting game, and sometimes you lose.

If soldering something close to a stone is too risky, perhaps it's time to consider a no-heat method like laser welding. Most jewelry stores have laser welders these days, and the cost of having it done is quite affordable. They used to have problems doing silver, but now seem to do it routinely.

I've used a local shop twice recently, once for a piece with little emeralds that a "friend" asked me to repair and for a second piece where I needed a safety catch and didn't want the torch heat to expose all the solder lines again.



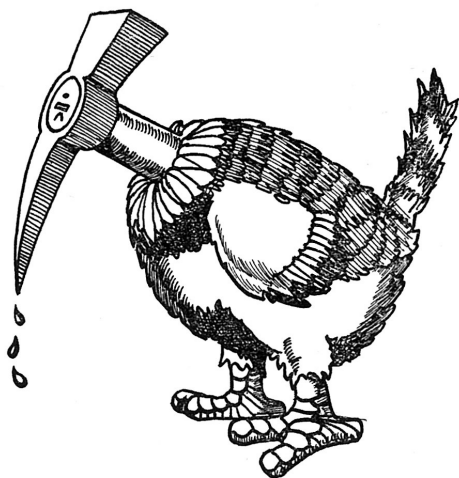
## NFMS CLUBS SHOW SCHEDULE

February 10 & 11 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
February 23, 24, & 25 Fri – 9:30 – 5:30 Sat – 9:30 – 5:30 Sun – 9:30 – 5:30	Oregon Agate and Mineral Society OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry) Auditorium, 1945 SE Water Avenue, Portland OR	Sonia Watt sonywatt@yahoo.com 4821 Grant St., Portland OR 97215
February 24 & 25 Sat 10 – 6 Sun 10 – 5	Idaho Gem Club Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood Boise ID 83714	Brent Stewart 208 342 1151 rocksbybrent@gmail.com
March 3 & 4 Sat 10–6 Sun 10–5	East King Co Rock Club Pickering Barn 1730 10th Avenue NW Issaquah WA	Cindy Smith showchair@eastkingco.org 206 953 3456
March 3 & 4 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society O'Conner Field House 2200 Blaine, Caldwell, Idaho	Darell Ehlers 208-674-1213 ddeh- lers@fmtc.com
March 10 & 11 Sat 9 – 5 Sun 10 – 4	Magic Valley Gem Club Twin Falls County Fairgrounds 215 Fair Avenue Filer ID	Chris Funk 208 539 5369 or Jon Cromer 208 293 5846 rmetts@cableone.net Magic Valley Gem Club PO Box 725 Twin Falls ID 83303
March 10 & 11 Sat 9–5 Sun 9:30–4	Rock and Arrowhead Club Klamath Co. Fairgrounds 3531 South 6th Street Klamath Falls OR	Laura Limb 541 281-8058 POB 1803 Klamath Falls Or., 97601 or Garwin Carlson 541 882-8276
March 10 & 11 Sat 10–6 Sun 10–4	Northwest Montana Rock Chucks Flathead County Frgrnds Expo Building, 265 North Meridian Road, Kalispell MT	Lloyd Fager old- grayelf@sbcglobal.net 608 436 0780
March 16, 17, & 18 Fri & Sat 10–7 Sun 10–5	Timpanogos Gem and Mineral Society Spanish Fork Fair Grounds 475 South Main Street Spanish Fork, UT	Keith Fackrell at 801-592-0410 krfackrell@gmail.com Karl Brough at 435-660-0032 jkbrough@gmail.com

SEE NFMS NEWSLETTER FOR COMPLETE LISTING OF SHOWS IN THE NORTHWEST

## YESTERYEAR

ANNUAL BANQUET  
•  
THE IDAHO GEM CLUB, Inc.



Our Patron Saint

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1940  
7:00 P. M.  
Franklin School

## MENU

CREAMED CHICKEN AND NOODLES

ASPARAGUS

MASHED POTATOES

GREEN SALAD

HOT ROLLS

UPSIDE DOWN CAKE WITH  
WHIPPED CREAM

COFFEE

## NOTICES

Idaho  Gem Club

## Banquet 2018

**Riverside Hotel**  
**2900 W. Chinden Blvd., Garden City**

**Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

*6:30 pm no-host cocktail reception*

*7:00 pm dinner served*

Club members: **\$15.00**

Non-members: **\$30.00**



❖ **Top Sirloin Beef**

Premium Beef Char-Broiled Medium

❖ **Grilled Halibut**

With Lemon Chive Sauce

❖ **Chicken Saltimbocca**

Chicken Medallions stuffed with Prosciutto, Sautéed in Sage Butter, and Served with White Wine Sauce

❖ **Pasta Primavera**

Fettuccini Noodles and Vegetables in Rich Garlic Cream Sauce

*All the above entrées include tossed green salad, rolls and butter, sautéed vegetables, smashed red jacket potatoes and dessert. Coffee, iced tea or lemonade provided.*

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 2, 2018.**

Please Notice you can still purchase tickets just not guaranteed choice of entrée. Look forward to seeing you.

### THE GRINDINGS

is the monthly newsletter of the Idaho Gem Club, Inc., associated with the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Permission to copy is freely granted when proper credit is given to both the publication and the author. Articles without bylines are written by the Editor or President.



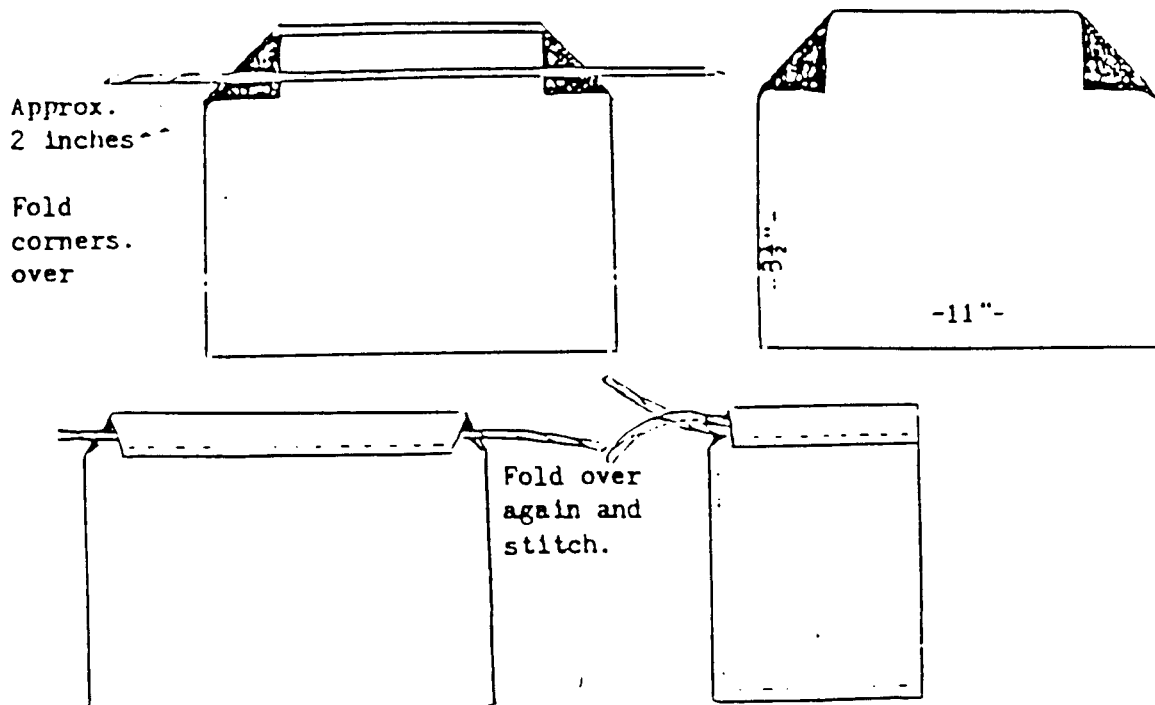
## GRAB BAGS

It may seem that we just cleaned up after the Annual Show a few weeks ago, but time flies when you are having fun rockhounding. For the new people, our club sells grab bags filled with polished rocks at the show in February. We have always hand-made our bags, and we completely sell out each year. We need all the help we can get. If you sew, here are the instructions that I have found. You can get 16 bags from one yard of material. Any color, fancy or not. Use your imagination. We will fill the bags in January, so don't forget to keep those tumblers turning, too. You may bring them to the monthly club meetings.

### Easy Grab Bags

The easiest method of cutting out grab bags is to first cut out a cardboard pattern  $8\frac{1}{4} \times 11$  inches. Lay the pattern on the material and trace around it with white chalk. Cut out material. The strings are made of any heavy cord cut into 24 inch lengths. (Rug yarn is good—strong and colorful.) Follow the diagrams below to sew. Before sewing, press the folds with a hot iron or crease with the fingers to make the sewing job easier.

Fold over  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch and crease. Lay cord in place.



**Fold in half. Stitch in across bottom and up side.**

**Knot each cord and turn right side out.**

**Time is saved by folding the two corners over diagonally, then folding The top down over the cord. Try it.**



## AFMS NEWS

### "Code of Ethics"

- ◆ I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- ◆ I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and 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 such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- ◆ I will leave all gates as found.
- ◆ I will build fires only in designated or safe places and 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 not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- ◆ I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- ◆ I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- ◆ I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- ◆ I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all 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 and scientific purposes.
- ◆ I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

Revised July 7, 1999 at the AFMS Annual Meeting

As Grindings Editor, I received this from the Ventura GMS Editor for your info.

Sadly, while the club was lucky in that it did not lose the clubhouse or the meeting room to this horrible fire here in Ventura County, a few members did.

Raul and Maria have lost their home and a vehicle in the early part of the fire. They have been the driving force for the Pebble Pups education program for the last few years, and it shows in how many kids have joined.

Dani and Dane Shriver, and their Pebble Pup, Henry, also lost everything. They have a long road ahead of them, and we want to help in anyway we can.

Any amount will help, especially this time of year. Thanks for your support.

Here are the links ...

<https://www.gofundme.com/raul-and-maria-barraza-fire-relief>

<https://www.gofundme.com/dani-and-danes-fire-relief-fund>



P.O. Box 8443

Boise, Idaho 83707-2443

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



**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.

USTICK	
<div data-bbox="1198 1528 1393 1570" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 120px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mountain View Church of the Brethren 2823 N. Cole Road</b></p>	COLE
NORTHVIEW	
FAIRVIEW	