




Grindings

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by DANA ROBINSON

Our first field trip of the year was very successful. There were 24 vehicles in the caravan with about 35 people and the weather was beautiful. The sun made an appearance for awhile and everyone had to remove the coats. Afterward we had a great get together at Idaho Pizza Co. for dinner and comraderie.

The field trip for April will be to the Bruneau Wood Pile on Saturday, April 20. The meeting place is the Chevron station in Mountain Home. Get off the freeway at the first exit and head toward town. The station is just down the road. It is the usual time meeting at 8:30 and leaving at 9:00 a.m.

There will be a regular workshop this month on the Thursday following the general meeting, which will be the 18th, from 6 to 8:45 p.m. There will not be a workshop for the regular Saturday this month. The junior workshops will start up again in May. The program for this month will be a picture jasper video produced by Steve Schultz, followed by a talk about rockhound etiquette by Steve Schultz and Howard Roose.

The Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology is also starting their field trip season in April. Unfortunately the April field trip has been filled, but the May trip also sounds very interesting. If anyone is interested in future field trips, visit their website at www.idahomuseum.org/field-trips.

Since I have not heard from our building fund chairperson, I have tapped Dana Dancer to fill the position. She will be a good fit for it. Sandy Blodgett has given up the Historian position for personal reasons. Deana Ashton has agreed to take the position for the rest of this year.

We also received sad news this month. Our oldest club member, Ron Coolbaugh passed away March 30th. An obituary is featured on page 4. I would also like to offer condolences to Cheryl Link. Her father, Cecil Link passed away on March 30th at age 89. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

I am now officially RETIRED! I would like to thank Coyote Short for the help she gave my boss through the Mining Museum. The wonderful gifts you helped her pick out were very much appreciated. I also want to thank everyone for the comments they left on the Facebook page.

Respectful submitted, Dana Robinson, President

DIRECTORY

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The deadline for issues is the Friday after each Board Meeting for the current month's edition. To submit articles,

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**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 19, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 7:25pm by President Dana Robinson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dana welcomed guests and new members who introduced themselves.

Evening Program: Presented by Brent Stewart who gave an abbreviated version of the presentation he gives at schools and various other events. A very informative and fun look at the variety of rocks, minerals and gems Idaho has to offer.

Business Meeting:

Rick Corbett drew door prizes for 7 juniors, 9 adult and 1 grand prize winner.

Juniors were excused to join Janelle and Coyote for their program.

Dana asked for any corrections to the minutes of last months meeting as printed in the Grindings. Willa Renken made a motion to accept the minutes as printed which was seconded by Ed Moser. Members voted, motion passed.

Secretary Report by Christina Anderton: Nothing to report

Treasurer Report: None, Treasurer absent

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: Planning to attend upcoming meetings of the AFMS and NFMS. Copies of the Grindings available for those not yet receiving it.

ROLE Program Report by Brent Stewart: Nothing to report

Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson: First field trip of the season going to the Queenstone claim. Meeting at the Gem Stop at 8:30am and leaving at 9:00am. Note that several of the trips planned this year will likely be overnight trips for those who want to attend. Additional information will be given as those trips come up in the schedule.

Library Report by Christina Anderton: Nothing to report

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: Regularly scheduled Thursday after meeting workshop will be open from 6:15pm to 8:45pm and Saturday 4/13 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. A wire wrapping class will be scheduled soon.

Old Business:

As a thank you for everyone who volunteered and helped with the Show a pizza dinner will be held at the Idaho Pizza Company in the Hillcrest Plaza (the corner of Orchard and Overland) at 6:00pm this Saturday. (4/23)

New Business: No new business

Dana Robinson adjourned meeting at 8:30pm followed by refreshments.

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 2, 2019**

Dana Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Present: Dana Robinson, Deana Ashton, Ed Moser, Cheryl Peterson, Willa Renken, Rick Corbett, Sandy Blodgett, Brent Stewart, Christina Anderton, Cullen Anderson, Linda Barlow

Absent: Rochelle Eytchison

Guests: Deanna Moser, Mike Dome

Dana asked for any corrections to the minutes of last meeting as printed in the Grindings. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Grindings which was seconded by Willa Renken. Board members voted, motion passed.

Secretary Report by Christina Anderton: Nothing to report

Treasurer Report: None, Treasurer absent

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: Arrangements have been made for Guy DiTorrice to attend the upcoming meeting as a sub for Linda. Linda notified the Board of her acceptance as a member of the Steering Committee for the IRC. Linda will act as a representative for rockhounds and rockhounding in Idaho.

Program Report by Deana Ashton: For the April program Deana plans to have a discussion and information sharing presentation to cover claims, etiquette and personal accountability as well as Idaho Gem Club representation in the community.

Juniors Report: None

License Plate Report by Deana Ashton: Nothing to report

Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson:

Approximately 35 people (24 cars) had fun on the trip to Queenstone. April trip will be going to the Bruneau Woodpile. Meeting at the Chevron/Burger King located at the first Mt. Home exit at 8:30am and leaving at 9:00am.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: Regularly scheduled Thursday after General Meeting workshop will be open from 6:15pm to 8:45pm. At this time, workshop will not be open on Saturday 4/27. A kids

workshop day will be starting in May. Details to follow.

Old Business:

Dana was notified that Dana Dancer has agreed to take the chair for the Building Fund.

Board was notified that no funeral was planned for IGC member Ron Coolbaugh who passed away on March 29, 2019. Linda also notified the Board that the AFMS newspaper editor passed.

New Business:

Sandy Blodgett passed out several handouts for the Board Members to review and expressed a desire to get feedback from them after they have time to go over the content.

Linda agreed to forward the information necessary to get the club newsletter printed and mailed to Dana. Dana plans to put together an abbreviated version of the Grindings until an editor can be found. Dana is still looking for an appropriate individual willing to take on the position of Editor for the Grindings. If interested contact Dana Robinson ASAP.

Board was notified that Sandy Blodgett is stepping down as Historian. Arrangements have been made for Deana Ashton to step up in his place.

Linda suggested the Board consider looking into getting Quickbooks for the Treasurer to manage club finances which would provide additional benefits for managing the roster, mailing lists, membership dues and possibly other aspects of administrative chores. It was pointed out that this would add to the experience requirement necessary for the Treasurer. Further research and discussion will be required before any decision will be made.

Christine asked about the proposed purchase of a computer for the Club, to be used primarily by the Secretary to manage club business, and was told more details on the purchase are needed before the proper consideration can be given.

Nine New Membership Applications were reviewed. Ed Moser made a motion to accept the applications which was seconded by Willa Renkin. Board Members voted, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectful submitted, Christina Anderton, Secretary

SUNSHINE LADY REPORT



Ron Coolbaugh passed away on March 30, 2019 at the home he shares with son David and his wife Dawn. He was 101-1/2 years old and recently was awarded The Centurion Award. Ron was a lifetime member of Idaho Gem Club and served as Treasurer years ago. He actively scouted for rocks with his buddies Karol and George Cawthon, Cathy Parsons, Cheryl Link, Roy and Patsy Bethel and many others. Discovering rock collection sites around the Pacific Northwest created lasting memories.

In December, 2018, I spent an afternoon in a lively visit with Ron and David. As our oldest club member I asked about his favorite rocks, most memorable outings, best rock specimen. I felt privileged to learn the story of his great life. He enthusiastically led me to a room to view his rock collection. His passion for earths treasures never dimmed. I'm certain he would grab a bucket and pick if I asked him to go for a rock hunt in the Owyhees. At almost 102, Ron was in phenomenal shape. We talked about how the Gem Club had remained strong in all aspects of business. He helped transfer accounts to high yield earnings which have grown over the years. So many of his contributions are still in place. He volunteered with most club functions, working the Host table at the annual show, identifying varieties of petrified wood, jasper, agate and I asked

Ron what his secret to his longevity was. He thought for a moment and replied "I forgot!"

His friends recall that Ron had a love for driving full throttle. Once on a club trip to Beacon Hill where people were gathered at the entrance, a big car came flying down the highway at about 100 mph. Minutes later, the car sped back and turned in to join group. It was Ron. He said he was blowing the carbon out of the pipes!

Ron was also an Army Veteran serving in WWII, North Africa and European theaters, US Army, Military Police, 1942-45 Regular Army service, 1945-63 Army Reserve and 116th Cav. Div. Idaho Nat'l Guard. He also received The Bronze Star.

The Idaho Gem Club and Owyhee Gem Club will receive a memorial display featuring Ron's polished rocks, favorite specimens, photos of good times with each club, and they will be displayed at the annual shows.

Please reach out to David Coolbaugh at 6199 Bandon Pl., Garden City, ID 83714, to share stories of Ron and offer comfort. Ron was indeed a treasured, rare Idaho Gem and will never be forgotten. Rest In Peace.



AFMS NEWS



ALAA

AFMS Annual Meeting @ Cedar Rapids, IA. March 23-24, 2019
Hosted by Midwest Federation.

STAY UP TO DATE BY RECEIVING CURRENT
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES BY EMAILS. THERE
ARE DAILY CHANGES WHILE IDAHO LEGISLA-
TURE IS IN SESSION RIGHT NOW!

NFMS CLUBS SHOW SCHEDULE

March 29, 30, & 31 Fri – 10 – 6 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun 10 – 4	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA	Spokane County Fair & Expo Cen- ter N.404 Havana at Broadway Spokane, WA	Mike Shaw , 509 251 1574 showchair@rockrollers.org
March 30 & 31 Sat. 10 – 6 Sun. 10 – 5	Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club 58th Annual Rock and Gem Show	Bloedel-Donovan Park, 2214 Electric Ave., Bellingham WA	Dick Carr, rjcarr@juno.com
March 30 & 31 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	South East Idaho Gem and Mineral Society (SEIGMS) 63rd Annual Rock and Gem Show	North Bannock County Fairgrounds 10588 Fairground Dr. Pocatello ID 83201	Larry Manhart 208 705 7273 mlarry13@msn.com or Joe Rodriquez 208 237 6941 joe.rodriquez@itd.idaho.gov
March 30 & 31 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society, 71st Annual Gem & Mineral Show “Petrified Wood”	Sweet Home High School Gym 1641 Long Street Sweet Home OR	Ed Anderson 541 451 1577 ela4rocks@gmail.com or Joe Cota 541 451 2740
April 6 & 7 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-3	Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club	Willamalane Adult Activity Center 215 W C Street Springfield, Or 97477	Dean Burkhart 541 744 1919 burkhaks@aol.com
April 12, 13, & 14 Fri. 9-6 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-4	Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society 68th Gemstone Junction	Golden Spike Event Center Weber County Fairgrounds 1000 N 1200 W Ogden UT 88440	Margie Miller 385 205 9187 gemshow@goldenspikegem.org
April 13 & 14 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society 55th Annual Show	Idaho Falls Recreation Center Corner of Memorial Drive & B Street Idaho Fall ID	Tom Strong 337 384 6820 knappingtom@hotmail.com Website: http://ifrockhounds.com
April 13 & 14 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	Lakeside Gem and Min- eral Club Annual Rock, Gem, and Mineral Show	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA	Larry Hulstrom 509 308 8312 rockhound132@charter.net
April 13 & 14 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - April Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club- house, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins, 206 714 3922 collmal@comcast.net
April 27 & 28 Sat. 10 – 5 Sun. 10 – 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40th Avenue SW, Seattle WA	Annette Nelson, wsrc.show@gmail.com
May 4 & 5 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10 -4	Billings Gem and Min- eral Club	Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium 1125 Broadwater Avenue Billings MT	Doug True 406-670-0566 dtruefossils12@yahoo.com
May 4 & 5 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	Umpqua Gem & Min- eral Club 49th Annual Show “Rocks to Gems”	Douglas County Fairgrounds 2110 Frear Avenue I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg OR	Janet Stringfellow rjstringfellow@gmail.com or Sue Woodman rocksandhorses3@gmail.com



NFMS NEWS

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR
STAMPS TO THE
GENERAL MEETING
TO HELP FIGHT CANCER.



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

NFMS – Newsletter available at:

<http://northwestfederation.org>

AFMS – Newsletter available at:

<http://amfed.org/news/default.htm>

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April IGC Board Meeting Federation Report By Linda Barlow, IGC Federation Director 4/02/2019

As your Federation Director to NFMS, I am charged with the responsibility for

1. “Following and reporting to the membership any and all legislation concerning gem and mineral collection on public lands that may be of interest to this membership;
2. To work in concert with the NFMS Public Lands Advisory Committees to insure that they are informed as to any pending legislation and/or hearings in the locale of this club; and,
3. To report to the membership of this club any and all pertinent information received from these other Public Lands Advisory Committees.”

In accordance with the above charged responsibilities, I attended the general membership meeting of the Idaho Recreational Council, IRC, in January. At that time, I pledged the recreational rockhounds of Idaho to stand with the IRC on maintaining access to Idaho’s public lands.

IRC is a non-profit corporation in Idaho which is totally funded by donations with no membership dues to individuals, organizations, clubs, associations, or coalitions with its purpose, (1) “to provide information and educational opportunities regarding the importance of access to public lands for multiple uses, and promoting continued access to public lands for all forms of recreation through education, persuasion, and effort.” Its other purpose is (2) “to engage in any and all activities and pursuits, and to support and assist such other organizations, as may be reasonably related to the foregoing and following purposes.” This is the only state to create an organization for this purpose and has been very successful in uniting all forms of recreation to promote public land access.

In January, I was invited to participate in the IRC steering committee. During the ensuing months, I acquainted myself with the responsibilities of my participation if I accepted. I met with Sandra Mitchell March 29th to discuss the expectations for being on the steering committee under the IRC bylaws. At that time, she re-extended the invitation to be on the Steering Committee to which I agreed. The Steering Committee and Executive Board reviewed my qualifications and notified me April 1st of their acceptance.

I foresee uniting all the recreational rockhounds in Idaho with the IRC for benefit of our hobby by maintaining an open communication line to our members for voicing their concerns in keeping public lands open for our rock hunting. I will include the NFMS, the AFMS, and the ALAA to benefit communication with the northwest and the whole country.



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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: 7:30 p.m.

BOARD MEETING:
1st. Tuesday of every month: 7:00 p.m.

ADDRESS:
Church of the Brethren

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