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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays!

It is time to share your accomplishments at the Project of the Year competition. We had good participation last year, and I know a lot of people have been creating beautiful things through this past year. Just bring your favorite piece to enter. We will set up for the competition at the back corner near the refreshment area.

We will be holding an auction at the end of this month's meeting as well. The focus for this auction will be finished items that can be used for gifts. Please bring anything you wish to donate to the front table in the meeting hall.

The yearly Workshop/Holiday Party is on the weekend of December 21st and 22nd. It is a potluck event if you would like to share a dish. Chili and chicken corn chowder will be provided by the club. Christine Anderton has volunteered to supply the chili again this year. The workshops will run from 10 am to 5 pm both days.

I would like to congratulate Deana Ashton on being elected your next President. I know she will do a good job for everyone. She is really committed to our club.

The time has come to get your ticket for the Annual Banquet, where the officers for 2020 will be sworn in. Tickets will be available at the December general meeting. Members will be \$18 and Non-members \$36. After the meeting you will need to go to Stewart's Gem Shop to purchase tickets.

As well as the Banquet, we are gearing up for the Gem Show in February. Since Teresa Nebeker has taken on the Treasurer position, she and John have decided to step aside for this next year in chairing the Grab Bags/Wheel of Fortune table. It is a fun position working with the kids. Many new applicants mark the box to help with the Gem Show, so this would be a perfect opportunity. Just contact me or the show chairperson, Brent Stewart, if you are interested. There will be a grab bag stuffing party in January, so I hope everyone has been sewing and tumbling over the year. The sign-up sheets for the show will be on the table at the General Meeting to start getting volunteer positions filled.

I would like to wish everyone a Very Happy Holiday Season. See you at the workshop party!

*Respectfully submitted,
Dana Robinson,
President*

MEETING AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Introduce Guests
Door Prizes and Building Fund Raffle
Business Meeting
Project of the Year
Auction

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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm by President Dana Robinson. After the Pledge of Allegiance, guests were welcomed and introduced themselves.

Rick Corbett drew 1 junior and 13 adult door prize winners. Karen Kelly-Sass filled in for the Building Fund raffle and drew 7 winners.

Business Meeting:

Dana asked for any corrections to the minutes of last month's meeting as printed in the Grindings. Willa made a motion to accept the minutes as printed which was seconded by Guy. Members voted, motion passed.

Secretary Report by Christina Anderton: No report

Treasurer Report by Teresa Nebeker: Reviewed finance activity and totals in accounts.

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: ALAA date for Quartzsite is Jan. 8, 2020. California has highway signs pointing out recreational routes for travelers. Eastern Federation is developing field trip guidelines for use nationwide. See NFMS section of the newsletter for more information.

Refreshment Committee Report by Rick Corbett: No report

Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson: Field trip to Grassy Mountain was rained out so everyone went to Queenstone. About a dozen people went and it was nice and sunny here. Apologies to those who didn't get the update that the Orma J. Smith museum was closed. It will be rescheduled. Christine Anderton offered to lead a trip to Reynolds Creek this weekend.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: Regularly scheduled Thursday after meeting workshop will be open from 6:15 pm to 8:45 pm and on Oct. 26th from 10am-2pm. We are having a Holiday Workshop Party on Dec. 21st and 22nd. Chili and soup will be provided. Please bring a dish to share — especially sweet treats :)

Old Business:

We had the election for the Board of Directors. Nominees are Willa Renken, Ed Moser, and Cheryl Link. Dana opened the floor to additional nominations. None were received. The floor was closed and we moved to elect the three nominees. The vote was unanimous to accept all three.

New Business: No new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm for the Auction.

Respectfully submitted, Deana Ashton, 2nd VP

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Linda & Vernon Tunnell	Kelly Husted
Izze Lee-Green & Cliff Green	Eric Fontinelle
Alyssa Bangs & John Gordon Ross	
Heather & Richard Cusimald	

Juniors

C Jay and Adryann Cusimald

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2019

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

Present: Dana Robinson, Deana Ashton, Willa Renken, Rick Corbett, Sandy Blodgett, Rochelle Eytchison, Teresa Nebeker, Cheryl Peterson, Linda Barlow, and Christina Anderton

Guests: Mike Dome, Dana Dancer

Absent: Ed Moser, Brent Stewart, Cullen Anderson, and Cheryl Link

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

Secretary Report by Christina Anderton: No report.

Treasurer Report by Teresa Nebeker: Teresa reported on the account balances and deposits. Quite a few vendors have sent in their booth fees.

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: The IRC is sending a thank you letter to Idaho Senators and Representatives for their work in changing the US Forest Service Region 1 management of recommended wilderness areas. They had been managing them as approved wilderness areas. Dana Robinson joined the signers on behalf of the club.

Linda went over several other items as well. More details are in the NFMS section of the newsletter.

Program Report by Deana Ashton: The December program is the Project of the Year competition and an auction.

Refreshments Report by Rick Corbett: No report.

Juniors Report: No report.

Field Trip Report by Christine Anderton: The trip was to Reynolds Creek. 5 cars with 20 people made the trip. Everyone found lots of good material and had fun.

Workshop Report: The Holiday Workshop is on the 21st and 22nd of December. Christina will make the chili and Dana volunteered to make chicken corn chowder.

Rick provided costs for tools to purchase for shop use in wire wrapping classes, and the cose for lights for the storage unit. It was agreed that he purchase both.

Dana presented new rules sign for the workshop. It was reviewed and several changes were proposed. A new sign will be at the next board meeting. The use of the liability sheets and the storage of them was also discussed. The sheets will be signed once only.

ROLE Report: No report. Brent absent.

Scholarship Report: No report.

Old Business:

Banquet tickets were discussed. The price should be half for members, so \$18 for members and \$36 for non-members. The no-host bar will be available just outside the banquet room. Since tickets are not needed for a buffet it was decided to make a list as people pay their fee and check it as they come into the banquet. A person will be at the door.

Deana asked about a budget for the decorating in the banquet room. Willa proposed \$150, Rick seconded, and the motion passed.

There are no new Lifetime Members this year.

The Gem Show needs a chair for the Wheel of Fortune/Grab Bags tables. We need to set a date in January for the stuffing party.

Sandy expressed his thanks to everyone for the action at the Auction in November. Everyone helped set a record of \$903!!

New Business: Election for Board President

Dana opened the floor for nominations. Willa nominated Deana Ashton and Rick seconded the nomination.

Dana closed the floor. There were 6 votes Yes and Deana is the new President. Congratulations!

Rick showed a Gumball Machine he is donating to sell small rocks at the Gem Show. Thank you!

Five new applications were submitted for review. Deana made a motion to accept them and Rick seconded. The motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Anderton, Secretary

SPECIAL MEETING for WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 26, 2019

Called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Deana Ashton, Rochelle Eytchison, Dana Robinson, Rick Corbet, Brent Stewart, Willa Renken, Liz Warner, Fuzzy Smith.

Guest: Gia Stewart

Discussion on the role program had several suggestions. Since the program is gathering interest, the number of students should be limited to the number of machines, which is 6, so everyone can work on ROLE workshop nights. A waiting list can be made for interested club members so they can be notified when a place is open. Liz also commented on the need to have the Novice grade start in the general workshop. Part of the ROLE program is for participants to help volunteer at the general workshop. When novice learners are at ROLE night, the other participants spend time helping them instead of working on their own projects. After someone passes the Novice grade in the general workshop, they will advance to the ROLE workshops. It was also suggested and agreed that we need to have the ROLE workshop on a set day every month, as we do for meetings. The first Monday of every month was agreed on for the ROLE workshops.

There was discussion on appropriate ages for the general workshops. It is thought that kids should be 12 or older to participate in the general workshops. Kids workshops are not included. In light of this it was suggested that we have activities for kids to do while at workshops with their parents. Some things we could do: crayons and coloring books, painting rocks, rock animal creations with google eyes, colored fuzzy balls, etc.

In order to make sure everyone knows the rules and has paid for their visit, it was suggested that we have a main sign-in area where you would sign the sheet, get your safety glasses and apron. Signs are needed to list rules that have been in use and make sure people know them. Items to include: A limit of one rock/slab per workshop from the donated materials bins, limit of one cab per workshop so everyone has a chance at the machines unless the machines are not in use within reason, workshop charge. If someone uses a trim saw or genie so much they wear out the wheel/blade, they will be asked to replace it.

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT NOTES

by Deana Ashton

The Idaho Gem Club Annual Banquet

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

The Galaxy Event Center (inside Wahooz Fun Center)
1385 S. Blue Marlin Lane in Meridian.

(across from Meridian Walmart on Overland)

Tickets available at the December General Meeting and also will be sold at Stewarts Gem Shop until January 17. This is a buffet meal with a carving station.

ENTREES

CLASSIC OVEN ROASTED TURKEY WITH GRAVY
SMOKED BEEF TENDERLOIN WITH BORDELAISE

SIDE DISHES

LOADED BAKED POTATOES

CHEESE, SCALLIONS, BACON BITS - SOUR CREAM OPTIONAL

SEASONED GRILLED VEGETABLES

ZUCCHINI, CARROTS, BUTTER SQUASH, PEPPERS

ARCADIAN MIXED GREEN SALAD

WITH BASALMIC OR RANCH DRESSNG

FRESH BAKED DINNER ROLLS

WITH BUTTER

DRINKS

COFFEE, PINK LEMONADE OR ICED WATER
COCA-COLA FOUNTAIN SODAS
DURING DINNER SERVICE

DESSERT CAKES

CARROT WITH CREAM CHEESE FILLING
CHOCOLATE WITH RASPBERRY FILLING
WHITE WITH LEMON CUSTARD FILLING
SPICE WITH WHIPPED CREAM FILLING

• ALL ICED IN BUTTERCREAM •

***SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS MUST BE PLACED 14 DAYS IN ADVANCE
FOR VEGAN, VEGETARIAN, GLUTEN-FREE, ETC.

EXECUTIVE CHEF WILL ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL NEEDS.

Banquet Dinner Tickets

\$18.00 member, \$36.00 non member

Please pay your membership dues before buying banquet tickets! You will be charged full price without member card.

2020 COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDAR

Need input from members for events please!

What events would you like to see an Idaho Gem Club booth at next year? Hyde Park? Nyssa Thunderegg Days (indoor option)? Farmers Markets? Eagle Days? Kuna Days? Other local events? Are you willing to help run the booth? Have items to sell?

Volunteers have a lot of fun talking to community members about the Gem Club and what we offer. If you want to get to know more about rocks, this is a great fun way to learn!

Contact Deana Ashton: email gemdigger2014@outlook.com or text me at 208-794-5628

NEED SMALL SLAB CUTOFFS AND STONES!

For a workshop project I am asking for the excess pieces of rock from your saws or tumblers, polished or not. Please bring to Deana at one of our meetings or call me for a pickup. MARK DONATION with your name and "Deana-Workshop Project" please! Thank you!

NEEDED FOR OUR DECEMBER HOLIDAY WORKSHOP!

The Workshop is taking donations of any key ring, bracelet, earring posts and pendant settings for the youth to make gifts with at workshop. Also need small cabs to fit into settings! Any items for jewelry making will be appreciated! Call Deana for donation pickup 208-794-5628 or bring to the meeting in marked bag for "Deana- Workshop projects".

Thank you!!

Big thanks to John Wasden for providing Idaho shaped wood cutouts the day after the request! The shapes will come in handy for the workshop. John Wasden has been a delightful member. New to rockhounding, he has attended all field trips and workshops and has created some beautiful jewelry pieces! Glad to get to know you, John!

THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED AT THE SHOWS AND EVENTS THIS YEAR!

It was fun to get the Idaho Gem Club promoted and in the community!

I am very excited for 2020 with Idaho Gem Club! Every year we gain talented new members and families who love the outdoor experience rockhounding. I hope to see some weekend campout field trips and connect families and make new friends! I have a group of facebook members interested in a trip to Utah around April 10-12, 2020 Federation show time held in Ogden. The Golden Spike Gem Club is a fantastic organization who welcome the chance to show us around their state collection sites. They have scheduled field trips during the show. There is a U-Dig pay site people are interested in going to, as well as Topaz Mountain. Stay tuned!

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Project of the Year!

Any rock, gem, or jewelry creation made during the year can be judged by your fellow club members in this annual contest. The winning entry also receives a special showcase at the Gem Show in February to display your piece.

Bring entries to be judged for an award to the general meeting. A special table will be set up and marked. When you enter the meeting, you will be given a paper to write your choice for winner on. During meeting, we will give a chance to look over all entries once more. Deposit paper with number into box. Award given after votes are tallied.

AUCTION of finished items ready for gift giving! Please bring donations of auction items and take to the front of the meeting hall. A table will be designated for auction items. The auction will be held at the end of the meeting.



I was delighted to walk into Lake Hazel Library and see a beautiful case promoting Idaho Gem Club with the finest collection of cabochons from Stewart's Gem Shop! Thank you Brent Stewart for consistently engaging with schools statewide and directing rockhounding and lapidary interest to our club.

SPECIAL RAFFLE DONATION!

Karol Cawthon has generously donated a large Celestine crystal specimen that belonged to Peggy Dean to be raffled at the Building Fund table. A second large quartz crystal coming from Karol, which was given to her by Ron Coolbaugh, will bring some revenue to our Building Fund. Tickets for special raffle are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Rock Flat Minerals Gem Bag Sale!

Looking for a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer for that rockhound or kid in your life? After the great interest in our rough gem hunt bags at the September meeting, Rock Flat Minerals is proud to announce a sale just in time for Christmas! We are currently revamping our offerings to provide even more value for the dollar, and in the process need to clear out our current inventory at prices similar to our new products. So...we are offering a two for one closeout on our \$5 bags (that contain over 500 carats of rough gems each...at least 1000 carats for \$10), a three for two sale on our \$15 bags (that contain at least 2300 carats...over 6900 carats for \$30), and a 10% discount on our \$50 bags (\$45 for over 10000 carats of gems...remember...these have opals and other goodies not seen in our other bags).

Remember, the bigger the bag, the more diverse and better the gems! Please email pneuhoff@yahoo.com or PM Rock Flat Minerals on FB to order. Sales tax is included on local orders, and free local delivery within the Treasure Valley of Idaho is available (contact otherwise for shipping). We can also make custom birthstone or other gem bags...including a 25000 carat mother lode bag that will shock and awe...please inquire. Please note: orders will be filled in December...contact us for details.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

CONTACT RICK CORBETT

at 208-890-2599

Rick will have monthly sign-up sheets

RESPONSIBILITIES include: Come 1/2 hour early to set up meeting hall. Remain after meeting to clean up. Provide: Door Prizes, Beverages & Cookies/Snacks.

DOOR PRIZES include: One small wrapped item (cab, slab, other)

10 PRIZES FOR YOUTH and 10 PRIZES FOR ADULT

BEVERAGES include: juice, punch, tea, other

COOKIES/SNACKS include: cookies, bars, breads, veggies

THANKS TO
NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

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Deepest Sympathies to Christina Anderton, whose mother passed away in Washington.

Condolences to the family of Chuck Hansen, who passed away recently.

Warm thoughts and prayers go out to Cheryl Link for a gentle recovery from surgery.

Prayers for Camille Ridenour who went on a trip with her adorable Chug puppy. It was not a fun landing....she is well and improving daily!

Please send prayers to Dana Dancer for her upcoming surgery Dec. 20. We wish you the best care and success and quick recovery.

On a happier note, can you believe Roy and Patsy Bethel have been happily married for 74 years this month?! Congratulations and Best Wishes for many more!

Contact Deana Ashton to report any members in need of prayer, cheer, assistance, or a visit from the Sunshine Lady. 208-794-5628 - text is best!



HONORING CHUCK HANSEN

(excerpt from *Reflections* newsletter)

Longtime BUUF member Charles "Chuck" Hansen, passed away Sunday night, November 24. He was an active member of our congregation since the 1960's.

In October 2017, Chuck gave a major financial gift to our Fellowship of \$100,000. He had originally planned to leave BUUF a significant bequest in his will, but decided he'd rather give now and be able to celebrate the possibilities with us! Chuck has asked that part of his gift be used for a few accessibility projects.

Thanks to Chuck's gift, we now have a new hearing loop system in our sanctuary and an accessible automatic door at the south entry and have plans to install one in the north doors soon.

Born in 1926 in Troy, NY, Chuck joined the Navy after high school and served in the South Pacific during World War II. He completed his service in 1946, not long after he turned 20. He then attended Russel Sage College for a couple of years, until they told him he needed to go to a better school and suggested a few. He chose Carlton College in Minnesota, which launched his path to becoming a career Social Worker.

He met his wife, Dorothy, while at Carlton on a bus headed to see a Shakespeare play and the rest was, as they say, fate. They were married in 1952. They had one daughter, Tyra. Chuck's social work career led him to work for the Veteran's Administration setting up social work programs around the country. It is that work that brought them to Boise, where they stayed because the family did not want to move anymore.

Chuck has long been an advocate for accessibility of all kinds and particularly hearing assistance, since he has struggled with hearing loss since he was a young man. He and his wife, Dorothy, helped fund the first iteration of hearing assistance devices we used during worship and Chuck recently funded a portable system to use in classrooms and for off-site events, like our Quest program retreats.

Chuck and Dorothy were very active in politics and justice issues. Together, they helped start the local Planned Parenthood Chapter and a Boise organization for the hard of hearing. They had attended a couple of other UU churches in other cities where they'd lived and found BUUF soon after they arrived in Boise in 1967.

Chuck and Dorothy have been very generous to BUUF over the years. In addition to the hearing assistance systems, in 2015 he helped BUUF purchase a new piano as a tribute to Dorothy because the two of them loved music. Chuck was clear in his intention that in addition to the specific accessibility projects he'd like to fund, the Fellowship is able to use the remaining funds for projects we would not otherwise be able to complete due to a lack of resources. We are so grateful for Chuck's generosity and dedication to our community over the last 50 years!

FEDERATION DIRECTOR REPORT

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

By Linda Barlow, IGC Federation Director

NFMS:

1. NFMS Annual Meeting in Lewiston, ID, on October 18, 2019, passed the Operating Procedure changes for Rules & Awards Committee. Also passed was the Circulation Proposal which created a position and Bylaw entry for current procedures.
2. Endowment Fund Committee encourages members to identify programs and/or projects providing maximum benefit to federation membership.
3. Northwest Rockhound Retreat has a new chair in Walt Butler due to Lamar Tilgar resignation.
4. PLAC Chair (Public Lands Advisory) is now Susie Koppert.
5. ROY (Rockhound of the Year) chair Laurie Ellis has email to forward nominations to: nfmsroy@gmail.com.
6. If you have a junior in our Rocky Rattlers Club and are not receiving the Mini-Miners Monthly via email, please notify me so I can update the email list.
7. If you are not receiving emails from myself, the federation director, regarding public land access, please notify me so I can include you on the list. You must be a member to receive this information via my email list.

ALAA:

1. **ALAA Annual Meeting:** Quartzsite, Jan. 18, 2020 and the Quartzsite Community Center, 295 E. Chandler St., 7 p.m. Guest Speaker: Congressman Paul Gosar of Arizona's District 4 and Chairman of Congressional Western Caucus; Latest Information on Public Lands Legislation and Recreational Rockhounding in Western States.
2. **ALAA Election of Board of Directors** by eligible voting members at above site at 6 p.m. the same day. No absentee or proxy votes.
3. **ALAA election of officers** by Board of Directors, same site at 6:30 p.m.
4. **CALIFORNIA:** BLM begins updating route signage. Reference: https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/docset_bview.do?projectId=93521¤tPageId=13966&documentId=17125.

These are Route Tables and Travel Management Plans to check on the routes used in recent past. These are extensive so check list of current routes used with club field trip chairman for easy referencing. This was reason for importance of sending ALAA your current recreational

route information during BLM's planning sites. (see Field Trip Journal forms: Data base of collecting sites by states both private and governmental collecting sites requested for field chairman to complete and return to ALAA). BLM raised reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of party responsible for killing 46 wild burros in Mojave Desert region of San Bernadino County to \$100,000.

5. **Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies** is continuing to explore different ways we can assist our family of Affiliated Societies and our field trip needs. They are developing a multi-tiered approach to try to help with the many issues surrounding field collecting. More on Eastern's Field Trip Programs information at efmlsinc@gmail.com.
6. **GUNGYWAMP in Groton, CT:** Archaeology site with artifacts dating to 2000-770 BC with Stone Circle, stone chamber with astronomical alignment during equinoxes, hive-like chambers and petroglyphs. Now property is in state's ownership.
7. **WASHINGTON:** Reminders about knowing the land access issues in our area.
8. **UTAH:** Making list of all collecting sites in Utah that are readily available on the internet and books by Jack Johnston reached at jack.johnstone@amlands.org.



FEDERATION DIRECTOR REPORT

DECEMBER 3, 2019

By Linda Barlow, IGC Federation Director

IDAHO RECREATIONAL COUNCIL:

1. Thank you letter to Senators Crapo and Risch, and Representatives Fulcher and Simpson.
2. First week in November, the Senate passed a spending bill that includes a new study on federal investment in outdoor recreation which will task the federal government to study where federal spending on recreation is taking place, and at what levels, and will help guide future investments into outdoor recreation. Last June, members of the RV industry advocated for the passage of the "Recreation Not Red Tape Act" during RVs Move America Week, as this legislation will help to extend the RV camping season and improve access to public lands by removing barriers that limit outdoor recreation. It will also hold federal land agencies accountable for making outdoor recreation a priority for the first time and increase volunteerism to address the campground maintenance backlog on America's public lands.

NFMS:

1. 2019 NFMS Convention/Lewiston Show was successful, memorable, and the biggest gem show ever in the Lewis-Clark Valley! Displays included special attractions of gemstones, carvings, and jewelry from around the world. Also was the competitive displays highlighted by Linn Enger's beautiful Tiffany-style lamp shades of agate in floral designs.
2. Business conducted at Convention included reinstating the Tualatin Valley Gem Club, accepting Lewis County Rock Club membership, accepting 2020 show proposal by Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Club in Ogden, UT, April 10-12, 2020. (Information is in NFMS Newsletter for convention.) Also were the awards for Junior Achievement and an Appreciation of Service to Lamar and Merlia Tilgar for years of running Northwest Rockhound Retreat. Walt Butler was welcomed as new NWRR Chair. Proposals approved were adoption of OP's of Rules and Awards Committee and adoption of Circulation Chair. The yearly Chair reports were received. Open Chair positions filled were Bulletin Aids, Public Lands Advisory and Safety. Referred to NFMS Newsletter on FB for award winners.
3. AFMS judges training will be offered at Ogden show.
4. NFMS Dues are due January 10, 2020. All clubs were mailed a packet in mid-November. Included is a "Letter of

Instruction", a sheet for club information, and membership update list. Reminder for our treasurer.

5. Crystal Park, MT, is OPEN, not closed as many have reported.
6. Bulletin AIDS contest deadline January 1, 2020, encompasses period from Jan. 1-Dec. 15, 2019.
7. Junior Achievement Award deadline is February 6, 2020, for past 2 years accomplishments. Guidelines in NFMS December Newsletter.
8. NFMS Yearbook deadline is Feb. 1, 2020, to Ronna Watkins.
9. Rockhounds of the Year (ROY) from Idaho Gem Club are Linda Barlow and Mike Dome. Mike and I "Thank you for the recognition and NFMS nomination."

AFMS:

1. AFMS 2020 Annual Meeting to be held at Knoxville, TN, Oct. 16-18 and hosted by Southern Federation.
2. AACA (All American Club Award) AFMS yearbook nomination deadline is Mar. 1, 2020 for Club Yearbook application.
3. AFMS Historian Committee archives help members understand who we are and share a special interest in the enjoyment and study of the Earth Sciences, Lapidary Arts & Crafts. H.C. Dake referred to the earth science hobby as one of the important byproducts of the depression era, giving people something to do to feel useful, to feel constructive, to fill their time which added value and meaning to their lives, when all they had known was lost.

ALAA: Renewal is NOW.

See the NFMS on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>
(for the desktop/laptop/tablets)

<https://m.facebook.com/grups/NFMS1>

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR STAMPS
TO THE GENERAL MEETING
TO HELP FIGHT CANCER.
MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO
HAVE CONTRIUTED.

A DREAM COME TRUE

By Doug Renken

In July there was a request sent to the Idaho Gem Club's email asking for permission to visit our Beacon Hill claim. This request was special as it came from a person who lives in Japan. Yasushi Maeda and his son Atushi were planning a trip to collect rocks in Oregon and Idaho and they wanted to visit our Beacon Hill site. I replied that due to the claim being located on private property the only access would be during one of our organized club field trips. Since they were flexible in scheduling their trip, I was able to coordinate with Cullen Anderson and get a club trip scheduled for September 28th and 29th.

Yasushi and Atushi planned on flying into Seattle then driving to Idaho and joining up with the club for the trip on Saturday the 28th. The weather managed to cooperate for us to caravan into the claim. It was a well-attended trip with around 30 vehicles in the caravan. Once we arrived at the claim, I wandered around and made sure everyone had an idea of what the nodules looked like and how to find them. Willa had commandeered a hole that Jason Madsen and his brother-in-law had been working on in the spring. Knowing that there was a good chance that our guests could find some nice nodules, I began cleaning out the hole so I could show our friends from Japan how to dig for the specimens that they wanted. The tools that they had brought with them were not very conducive to removing the overburden so I began to teach them how to use some chisels and a sledgehammer for



Atushi Maeda, Doug Renken, Willa Renken, Yasushi Maeda

breaking up the basalt to expose the nodules. Yasushi was very quick to learn the process so he and Atushi took turns pounding away and finding pockets of nodules. Since Yasushi had previously purchased some nodules on EBay, he was very excited to have the opportunity to dig and find the world famous Beacon Hill nodules on their own. Being able to visit the actual site and dig them himself put a huge smile on his face.

By the end of the day, they had a nice bag full of nodules. Although they both were very tired, Yasushi told my wife Willa that this trip was a dream come true. Since filing the location paperwork in September of 1968, this claim has become a true treasure for our club. It was fun to be able to share knowledge and provide such an opportunity to two very respectful individuals.

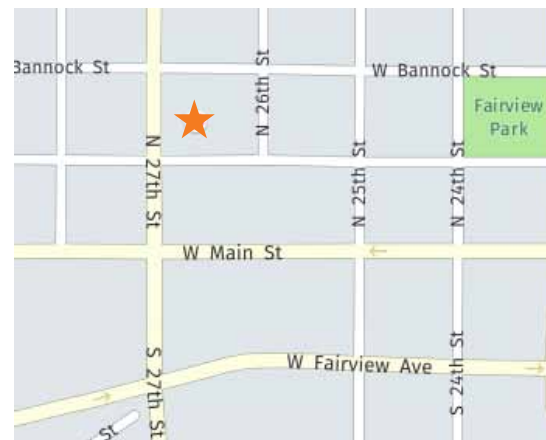


DECEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 General Meeting 7:30 pm	18	19 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	20	21 Holiday Party Workshop 10 am-5 pm
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29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

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CRYSTAL CLASS

Linda Barlow is teaching Crystal Classes. The cost is \$15 for each class. Each class stands alone, but it is a series of 6 classes. Reservations may be made through Bella's Grove, 208-616-2323 or BellasGroveId@yahoo.com. There is a limit of 10 spaces for each class, so reserve your place early!

SCHEDULE

1	Crystal Introduction – Part I & II	Jan. 18
2	Crystal Collecting & Types	Jan. 25
3	Cleaning Gemstones	Feb. 8
4	Charging & Programming Crystals	Feb. 15
5	Traditional Healing Uses	Feb. 29
6	Contemporary Uses	Mar. 28

CRYSTAL CLASS' COMPONENTS

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| <p>1. Crystal Introduction Class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Crystals & Gemstones Definition II. Classifications with Characteristics III. Crystal Systems IV. Energy Fields <p>2. Crystal Collecting & Types Class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Crystal Collecting II. Personal Stones III. Types of Quartz Crystal IV. Crystal Meditation <p>3. Cleaning Gemstones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Crystal Cleaning & Clearing II. Salt & Water III. Smudging IV. Pulsing V. Demagnetizing & Amplifying VI. Crystal Meditation <p>4. Charging & Programming Gemstones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Key Components of Charging II. Programming III. Elemental & Sensory Charging IV. Crystal Meditation | <p>5. Traditional Healing with Gemstones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Srying II. Shamanic & Priestly Tools III. Birthstones IV. Sacred Sites V. Crystal Meditation <p>6. Contemporary Uses for Gemstones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Color & Light II. Crystal Essences III. Self-Healing Techniques IV. Treating Common Ailments V. Marcel Vogel Healing Techniques VI. Crystal Meditation |
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