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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

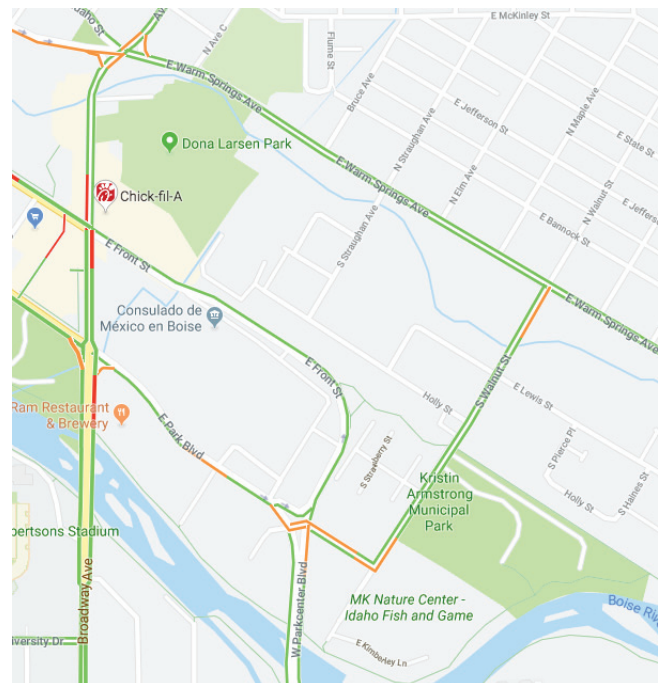
Happy Independence Day!

I hope you had a safe and fun holiday. Remember that the meeting this month will be a **Potluck Picnic** at **Kristen Armstrong Municipal Park**. See the map below for directions. The park is right beside the Fish and Game office on Walnut Street. There is only one covered shelter right across from the playground equipment. Bring a favorite dish to share and a couple of rocks to auction off to support our yearly banquet.

The trip to Rome was well attended and everyone found treasures to take home. The weather was a bit cooler, so that was nice. The next field trip will be to Texas Springs by Jackpot, NV, for petrified wood. This one will be an overnight trip. We will be meeting at the General Store next to the Horseshoe Casino on the morning of July 20th at 8:00 am, leaving at 8:30. You can camp or get a room in Jackpot for the night.

Next week, July 11-13, is the Thunder Egg Days event in Nysa, OR. We will have a club booth set up and need any extra hands available to man it for the three days, in two hour shifts. Set-up is on Wednesday, July 10. The show runs from 10 am to 9 pm all three days. We will have demonstrations and kids activities, as well as club merchandise sales benefiting the building fund. Other sales for donated rough rock and slabs will go toward the cost of the booth and the general fund. A couple of members will also have finished jewelry for sale, so it is going to be a good variety of fun things to showcase our club and lapidary arts. I hope to see you all there!

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Robinson,
President



MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING JUNE 18, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:38pm by President Dana Robinson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

New members and guests were welcomed and introduced themselves.

Rick Corbett drew 4 juniors and 9 adult door prize winners. Dana Dancer drew 4 winners from the Building Fund raffle.

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

Evening Program: The subject of the June program was opals. Phil Neuhoft gave an informational presentation on opals which explained the different types of opal, their composition, location, how they're created and why they display color. Nathan Belk shared his opal creations and his methods with a few tips for those interested in trying something of their own. Finally, Fuzzy gave a brief demonstration of how he extracts opal from matrix with various tools.

Business Meeting:

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 Guy DiTorrice. Members voted, motion passed. A mistake to the June Presidents message was pointed out: the date for the field trip was incorrect. It should have been June 22nd.

Secretary Report by Christina Anderton: IGC received a request from a fellow rockhound planning to visit Boise in October for information and suggestions of possible locations for exploration while here. Guy D. offered to contact her and welcome them to the area. Thanks Guy!

Treasurer Report by Dana Robinson: With Rochelle absent a reporting of the last months financials is available to those who may be interested.

Federation Report by Sandy Blodgett: In Linda Barlow's absence the mid-year meeting was attended by Sandy. Announced the 2020 show will be hosted by the Golden Spike Club in Ogden, Utah. NFMS approved an increase in the portion of show proceeds going to the host club to help offset expenses. Linda Barlow received recognition for compiling a comprehensive directory of rock and mineral museums which will be available soon.

Refreshment Committee Report by Rick Corbett: Thanks to those members who volunteered and provided refreshments and door prizes for the June meeting. Signup sheets are set out for volunteers to help set up/ clean up and bring door prizes for July picnic meeting. Picnic will be at the regular time and held at the Municipal Park covered area off of Walnut St. Auction to follow.

ROLE Report by Brent Stewart: Pleased to report he has had some recent interest in the program.

Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson: The field trip for June is going to be to Rome, Oregon for snakeskin agate. Meet at Ion outside Marsing 7am, leaving at 7:30am. High clearance vehicles suggested as roads may be sketchy. Trip to Beacon Hill last week was attended by nearly 40 vehicles. Everyone had a good time.

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 on June 29th from 10-2.

Old Business:

A volunteer is still needed to take on the office of Editor for our monthly publication, The Grindings. Contact Dana Robinson for more details.

The club will be having a booth at the Nyssa Thunderegg Days July 11,12 and 13. Please, contact Deana Ashton to volunteer and help man the booth. Donations of slabs or rough material are needed for the club to sell and offset the booth cost. Volunteers will be invited to go on a field trip in the area.

New Business: Don't forget the July meeting is the first of our two potluck picnic meetings and will be held this year at the Municipal park off Walnut, See map.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm followed by refreshments.

Respectfully submitted, Christina Anderton, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING JULY 2, 2019

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

Present: Dana Robinson, Deana Ashton, Ed Moser, Willa Renken, Rick Corbett, Sandy Blodgett, Brent Stewart, Rochelle Eytchison, Cheryl Peterson, and Cullen Anderson

Guests: Deanna Moser, Janelle Wintersteen, Cheryl Link, and Twila Gallaher

Absent: Christina Anderton and Linda Barlow

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

Secretary Report by Christina Anderton: No report, absent

Treasurer Report by Rochelle Eytchison: There was not much activity this month. Approximately \$269 in new memberships, \$84 in saw fees and \$35 in donations. The expenditures were only for the newsletter and workshop electric bill.

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: Linda is vacationing in Alaska.

Program Report by Deana Ashton: July program will be the auction after the picnic. Sandy Blodgett agreed to be our auctioneer again this year. The new location was discussed and Ed agreed to pick up rolls of paper for the tables. Note that there will be shade in newsletter.

Cheryl is bringing the pop and Willa is picking up the ice cream and water, as well as supplying the coolers.

Juniors Report by Janelle Wintersteen: Janelle came to the meeting to compliment Cheryl on the project and microscope that she did at our last meeting. One of the new members is willing to help out. Two or three people would be ideal and Coyote is always willing to help.

License Plate Report by Deana Ashton: Nothing to report

Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson: The trip out to Rome went very well. There was about 25 people in 15 vehicles. We went to three different locations in the area. Everyone found lots of good material. Looking into field trips going on at Thunder Egg Days. The July field trip will be to Texas Springs, outside Jackpot, NV. We will be meeting at the General Store parking lot (by the Horseshoe) in Jackpot at 8 am, leaving at 8:30. It will be an overnight trip, so you can camp or stay in Jackpot.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: July 20th from 10am – 2pm for a kids day, July 18th regular workshop from 6pm – 8:45pm and July 27th from 10am – 2pm general workshop.

Rick took a tally of the wheels that need to be resurfaced or replaced on the genies. He suggested taking three machines down at a time so there are still some for workshops. Brent will help in getting the wheels sent in.

ROLE Report: There are now three people working on the ROLE program. There was discussion on having a dedicated workshop night for the program.

Scholarship Report: None

Old Business:

There was discussion on the upcoming Thunder Egg Days event. The canopy arrived and is ready, tables and set-up was discussed, as well as demonstrators and volunteers. Deana and Dana will coordinate set-up with helpers on Wednesday, July 10. Twila will also come to help.

New Business:

Sandy announced that the Sister, OR club is having their rock show on the 4th of July if anyone is interested in going.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deana Ashton, 2nd VP

SPECIAL MEETING for WORKSHOP JUNE 11, 2019

President Dana Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Present: Dana Robinson, Willa Renkin, Deana Ashton, Ed and Deanna Moser, Christine Anderton and Sandy Blodgett (late)

Subject of Meeting: Workshop discussion covered items related to the procedures and operation of the IGC Workshop.

Items Discussed:

Workshop Binder, contents and forms - The binder currently contains forms such as the Individual Release of Liability form, sign in sheets and documentation of fees for equipment usage. All agreed having these forms on file for each person visiting the workshop is critically important in order to protect the Club and the Membership as well as the individuals who visit the workshop and/or utilize equipment. After some discussion it was determined that while the forms themselves are fine more diligent effort needs to be made to properly implement them.

Workshop location, space restrictions and functionality - Nothing was firmly decided regarding the current workshop location. However, several points were brought up for thought and possible future discussion. Storage space for supplies and excess equipment and tools is limited, and personal items belonging to Brents family must be moved outside before the space can be used, also limiting access.

Workshop budget and financial items - In general, the budget and current system of accounting for the Workshop needs very little adjustments made. No problems were identified. Everyone agreed the Workshop was never intended to generate income for the IGC but also was not supposed to be a significant drain on the budget. After considering the options, it was determined the most efficient and fair way to cover expenses is a flat fee for shop time. A \$5.00 per visit fee (members and non-members) for equipment use will be implemented. Those in school (kindergarten – 12th) are free. Cutting fees still apply for slabbing on the big rock saws. This will allow us to do maintenance on machines.

Workshop volunteers and resources - With the increased interest in Workshops, volunteers need to be trained to help others. Deana A. has offered to assemble a board for the shop which will illustrate the entire process with examples step by step. If anyone has any ideas or could help, contact Deana and see what she may need to put this together.

The ROLE program was looked at and it was decided that to encourage interest in this program, workbooks for those interested in improving their skills will be made available at the Workshop.

Due to notification confusion, not all board members were at this meeting. Additional meeting(s) will be scheduled for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christina Anderton, Secretary

2ND VICE PRESIDENT NOTES

by Deana Ashton

Hey Rocklicker Friends!!! Hope you are coming out with the family to spend a weekend at Thunderegg Days in Nyssa, Oregon - located at Nyssa High School, 824 Adrian Blvd., Nyssa. Idaho Gem Club has a booth where we will have demonstrations on faceting by Robert Coggins, Cabochon Making by Rick Corbett and any of you who wish to sign up to demonstrate making cabs. Also, we hope to have a small 10 inch saw available. This is time to show the public what lapidary arts are, and who Idaho Gem Club is!! We strongly encourage you to participate... It doesn't matter if you are new and don't know about rocks and gems! This is an excellent way to learn!! We have part of our booth for sales by our Geologist Phil Neuhooff. If you can come help us, call me and I will put you on a time slot. If you have items to sell, you may do so. Space is somewhat limited. We are still seeking donations of slabs, precuts, cabochons, gemstones, cool snakeskin agates, baby geodes, tumbled stones, whatever you have some extra of. Small items at low prices give people a chance to get something new for their collections! We hope to start the summer with this show being a catalyst for activities which help us get to know each other better and expand our minds and collections!! You joined this club to learn about rocks and have fun. So, see you at the show!! We are able to camp out in and around our big tent area. Bring a cot, a sleeping bag and a blacklight if you have one! If coming for the day, the club members running the booth might enjoy a few snacks! Come hang out in the tent and check this festival out! Call me if you have some time and want to save a spot on our sign up sheet - 208-794-5628, texting is the best method to reach me.

Cathy Parsons is willing to lead a trip to McDermitt, Hampton Butte or Texas Springs for anyone who is interested. Contact Cathy at 208-465-1646.

A few of us are heading 7 hours away to the IGC Sunstone Claim on July 18-21.

Thank you, Fuzzy, for your excellent ideas and work on a cabochon board for beginners which accurately follows the ROLE program and industry specifications! This will be a great tool!

Dana Dancer and I have ordered new t-shirts for the club. These are fun designs, lots of color and size selections. Idaho Ink Spot is our new source for embroidery, screenprinting, patches, hats, shirts, bags, etc. More to come on this!

Hope to have some gold panning demonstrators at our picnic this month too! Bring items for auction which benefits our banquet funds.



Mark H. Jeffers

Mark H. Jeffers, 67, of Boise, Idaho, passed away on Wednesday, June 19th, 2019, surrounded by his family. Mark was born July 9, 1951 in Phoenix, AZ, to Ulie and Ruth Jeffers. He was married to the love of his life, Catherine Coyte, on September 11, 1976. Mark spent

25 years working as a Geologist for the state of Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality.

Mark loved spending time with his family, being outdoors and traveling the world. He was always planning the next adventure with his beloved wife. In his spare time Mark was outdoors fishing, camping, biking, golfing and hunting with his dog, Jasper. His passion for geology became a lifelong hobby as a mineral collector. He was a long-time vendor at our annual Gem Show as Beartooth Mineral.

Mark was a loving father, husband, grandfather and friend to everyone. He was the life of any party and will be greatly missed.

SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

Please let me know if you are aware of any club members who are having surgery, feeling ill, experiencing difficulties, or have lost a loved one or passed. I will send greetings from the club or flowers. Text or call Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628 or any Gem Club board member.

IDAHO GEM CLUB MEMBER FIELD TRIPS

2019 FIELD TRIPS

DATE/AREA (nearby town)/MATERIAL

3/23 - Queenstone (Marsing, ID), jasper
 4/20 - Bruneau Wood Pile (Bruneau, ID), petrified wood
 5/25 - Graveyard Point (Homedale, ID), agate
 6/8 - Beacon Hill (Weiser, ID), agate/jasper nodules
 6/22 - Snakeskin Agate (Rome, OR), agate
7/20 - Texas Springs (Jackpot, NV), petrified wood
 8/24 - Spencer Opal Mine (Spencer, ID), opal
 9/21 - Big/Little Wood River (Carey, ID), various
 10/19 - Grassy Mountain (Vale, OR), petrified wood

Possible alternate/additional trips:

Glass Butte and Hampton Butte (central OR),
 obsidian and petrified wood

FIELD TRIP SUPPLIES

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| Rock Hammer | Water |
| Chisel, Pick, Pry Bar | Sunscreen and a Hat |
| Shovels | Knee Pads |
| Buckets or | Gloves |
| Collecting Sacks | Safety Glasses |
| Screening Box | First Aid Kit |
| Map or GPS | |

Good boots or hiking shoes
 Rain Coat (Dress in Layers for Cooler Mornings)
 Lunch/Dinner/Snack Foods /Camping supplies

If you have questions, please ask Cullen and he will find out the answer for you from the experienced members leading/joining the trips.

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IDAHO GEM CLUB (IGC)

July 20: Kid's Workshop Day - 10am-2pm

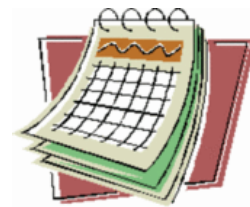
July 16: General Meeting

July 18: Workshop - 6:45-8pm

July 20: Field Trip

July 27: Workshop - 10am-2pm

August 6: Board Meeting

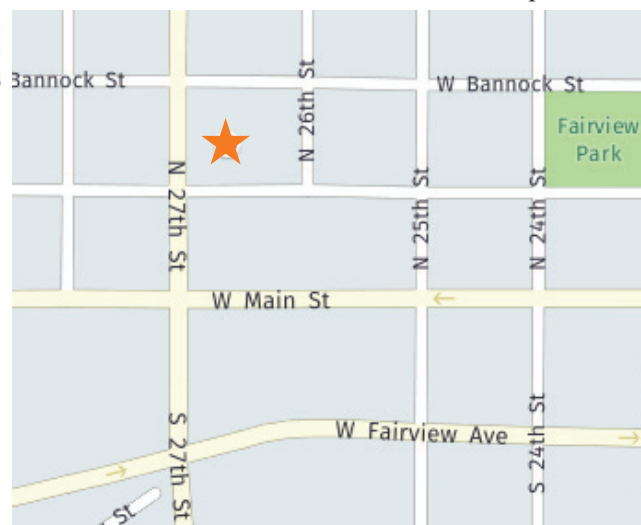


WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY after General Meeting (usually 3rd Thursday); July 18, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY (the next weekend after the field trip);
 July 27, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: 2620 W. Idaho St., Boise, Idaho
 Next door to Stewart's Gem Shop



TREASURER NEEDED!

We are looking for a new treasurer for the club. Rochelle Eytchison is stepping aside for personal reasons. We greatly appreciate all of the time and effort she has given to the club. She has set a new standard of excellence for our club. Some accounting experience is very helpful. If you are interested, please contact Dana Robinson at 208-345-3823.

HISTORIAN REPORT

How They Rolled 'em in the Aisles At Rock Hounds' Fashion Parade



FOSSIL HUNTING goes back to the caveman era, so Mrs. Leon Hapke does likewise. She's garbed in sarong and abundantly padded with furs dressed up with arrows. Red paint smears her face and she carries a crude mallet.



A SCIENTIFIC HUNTER and an eager beaver illustrate two kinds of rockhounds. Mrs. J. V. Root (left) is the eager beaver equipped with face mask, hoe, pick, and shoe bag to keep everything in place. Mrs. Horace Dixon is the scientific one, in aluminum helmet, binoculars, Geiger counter and mallet.

By ORESSA TEAGARDEN

THE IDAHO GEM CLUB poked fun at its rockhound members by way of a fashion show Tuesday night in the Campus school. Comic garb worn by the 16 models depicted types of rock hunters, among them a claim jumper, a camera fan, a wet weather girl, the eager beaver, the know-it-all, a gold digger, and a sweater girl.

A "timid hunter" wore a sun hat and a net skirt and brought along a flit gun to spray the rocks instead of licking them.

The camera fan, loaded with camera equipment, wore a sun hat and fur coat and carried a paper bag full of rocks. The claim jumper carried a pitchfork and all the paraphernalia necessary to file a claim in case the opportunity presented itself—including a file.

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The know-it-all rock hunter was equipped with thick lens pieces, binoculars, helmet and a Geiger counter. One of the hunters, bound for the Bruneau country, had filter glasses, wore cold-weather garb, and carried a canteen of fruit juice—she was a pine cone hunter.

And the eager beaver hunter carried a hammer and other such equipment, each piece neatly tucked into a shoe bag tied around her waist.



PINE CONE HUNTER in filter glasses is Mrs. Dudley Stewart. She's dressed for a cold weather jaunt to the Bruneau country.



NFMS NEWS

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



**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>

See the NFMS on Facebook

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

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

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

10 PRIZES FOR ADULT

BEVERAGES include: juice, punch, tea, other

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

THANKS TO
JULY VOLUNTEERS

July Federation Director Report

By Linda Barlow, IGC Federation Director

This year has been slow with responses to the local and state Museum listing I requested from each club for the NFMS listing. I am continuing to work on this. I started with Alaska as that is my trip for this summer. Looking forward to seeing these museums!

This is a slow process as there are many museums in each state posted in an overall listing without noting an application to Rocks/Gems/Mining/Fossils/Artifacts/Lapidary Items. This has required me to call each museum and talk with the curators for information on possible displays of items applicable to the Mineral Societies population. This has been a great learning tool for me and loved talking with the museum curators in the different states.

The Museum Listing cannot be on website until all states are completed. The list is now complete and submitted to the Webmaster for inclusion on the site.

Hope you are enjoying my pictures of Rockhound finds at museums and visitor centres in Canada.

Since realizing the nonrestraint of retirement time, I will be rockhunting all summer! Have a great summer.



Linda Barlow and Mike Dome



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Can you find GC Hammer?

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.

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\$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.

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