



Grindings

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The deadline for issues is the Friday after each Board Meeting for the current month's edition. To submit article please send them through email to Dana Robinson, Interim Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Dana Robinson

It has certainly been a lovely spring for us so far this year. We had 23 cars in the caravan out to the Bruneau Wood Pile in April. Everyone had a great time.

This month we will be heading out to a club favorite, the Graveyard Point claim, on May 25th. The meeting time is the usual 8:30 a.m. at the Ion station at the intersection of Highways 55 and 95, leaving at 9 a.m. Our field trip leader, Cullen, will not be able to attend this trip so Ashley Ludwig has graciously offered to fill in for him. Many thanks Ashley!

The workshop will be on the regularly scheduled Thursday after the general meeting, May 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., and one on Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The first Kid's Workshop Day will be on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please contact Brent Stewart to sign up. His contact information is in the officers section of this newsletter.

In July we have signed up for a booth at Thunder Egg Days in Nyssa, OR. The dates are July 11-13. Deana Ashton will be the contact person for volunteers to man the booth and represent our club. Details and a sign-up sheet will be available closer to the event. It is great fun to visit with folks and tell them all about the club and the great area we live in. We really are lucky to have so many areas to collect material that are really close to us. I hope you can all help out.

The program this month will be about the club's claims and the materials that can be found at each. It should be quite interesting and will be a good overview of our hunting grounds.

Respectful submitted, Dana Robinson, President

MEETING AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Introduce Guests
Door Prizes and Building Fund Raffle
Juniors Adjourn to Rocky Rattlers Meeting
Program
Business Meeting
Refreshments

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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING APRIL 16, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm by President Dana Robinson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dana welcomed guests and new members who introduced themselves.

Evening Program: Presented by Howard Roose who reviewed rockhounding etiquette and the proper attitude when collecting on private property, public lands and from Claims. He shared some insight from a claim owner perspective and showed the video "Picture Jaspers", a Silver Streams Northwest film with Steve Schultz, giving us a glimpse into working a claim.

Business Meeting:

Rick Corbett drew door prizes for 10 juniors and 2 adults.

Dana Dancer drew 6 winning tickets from the Building Fund raffle.

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 Renkin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed which was seconded by Deana Ashton. Members voted, motion passed.

Secretary Report by Christina Anderton: Nothing to report

Treasurer Report by Rochelle Eytchison: Reviewed monthly financials

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: Reviewed upcoming NFMS and AFMS meeting schedules, business and deadlines. Informed the membership that a substitute representative will be attending the annual meeting in October 2019.

ROLE Report by Brent Stewart: Nothing to report

Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson: The field trip to the Bruneau Woodpile was well attended and everyone had a good time. The next field trip is to the Graveyard Point claim. Meeting at the Ion station located at the intersection of Hwy. 55 & 95 at 8:30 am and leaving at 9:00a m on Saturday the 25th. Ashley Ludwig will be the leader for this trip.

Library Report by Christina Anderton: Rock and Gem Magazines are now in the library available for checking out.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: Regularly scheduled Thursday after meeting workshop will be open from 6:15 pm to 8:45 pm. The second workshop will be held on June 1st. A wire wrapping class will be scheduled soon. The first Kids Day Workshop will be held on Saturday, May 18th, 10 am to 2 pm.

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.

New Business: No new business

Dana Robinson adjourned meeting at 8:52 pm followed by refreshments.

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING MAY 7, 2019

Dana Robinson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

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

Guests: Deanna Moser, Mike Dome, Charlie Smith, Cheryl Link, Dana Dancer, and Janelle Wintersteen.

Absent: Cullen Anderson

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

Secretary Report by Christina Anderton: None

Treasurer Report by Rochelle Eytchison: Reviewed the monthly reports for March and April. Informed the Quarterly taxes have been paid. Several potential adjustments have been identified and credits will be applied for.

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: Arrangements have been made for Guy DiTorrice to attend the upcoming meeting as a sub for Linda. The Club's position on various items coming up for discussion relating to the endowment fund were reviewed giving Linda the information she needs to represent IGC's position.

Program Report by Deana Ashton: The program this month will be on the club's claims and what material you can find.

Juniors Report: Some confusion was expressed regarding the new format of our general meeting. It was agreed that a meeting agenda will be printed in the Grindings each month.

License Plate Report by Deana Ashton: None

Field Trip Report: Cullen absent. Ashley Ludwig will fill in for the Graveyard Point trip on 5/25. Meet at 8:30 am and leaving the Ion at 9:00 am

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: Regularly scheduled Thursday after General Meeting workshop will be open from 6:15pm to 8:45pm. A kids workshop day will be May 18 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Saturday 6/1 workshop needs someone to run it since Brent will be unavailable.

ROLE Report: None

Scholarship Report: None

Old Business:

Possible IGC involvement in the upcoming Thunderegg Days festival discussed. After discussion Deana Ashton made a motion to accept the proposal for participation in Thunderegg Days which was seconded by Willa Renkin. Board members

voted, motion passed. Deana will be organizing the booth at the event. IGC involvement in other festivals was mentioned but any decisions will be made at a later time.

Ed Moser mentioned the BLM will be having a meeting on grazing issues. For those interested in attending details are available with the BLM.

Board received the proposed 2020 Show Budget from Brent Stewart. After some review Willa Renkin made a motion to accept the proposed budget which was seconded by Ed Moser. Additional discussion will be necessary after board members have had a chance to review. Voting will be postponed until next Board Meeting.

New Business:

Last month, Sandy Blodgett had several handouts for the Board Members to review and expressed a desire to get feedback from them after they had time to review the content. Having had a month to consider the questions, concerns and suggestions expressed by Sandy the floor was opened for comment. Considerable discussion ensued in response. Various issues were discussed in detail including inventory controls, audits and financial records, concerns with various operational procedures, Show development and management, creation of forms and procedures, and questions regarding the responsibilities of various positions within IGC. Board agreed some items required action to address these concerns while some would require additional discussion. Several topic specific meetings were suggested and will be scheduled as it was agreed several items discussed should be addressed by committee after research and proper consideration and debate.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Respectful submitted, Christina Anderton, Secretary



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David Alderton	Wyatt Daines & Eve Aguirre
Jacob Avichouser	Shylo & Darin Evans
Kristi Evans	Joshua Inwood & Cari Clayton
Mary Zortman	Terri & Steven Frostrom
Jeff Hills	Ken Kelley & Sarah Blackwell
Jill Singer	Mary Kersey & Kat Isaacson
Lance Hubbard	Linda & David Morgan
Melissa & Tom Morgan	Mary Amschel & Bob Ruppert
Dustin Chaney	Kathryn Angwin & Brent Robertson

Juniors

Grace Holten	Norma Russell
George and Pat Everett	Ethan Shurtleff
Eddie, Justin and Audrey Evans	

2nd Vice President Notes

Thanks to all 115 of you who attended our last general meeting and saw the Spectacular Program put together with Howard Roose and Steve Schultz of Silver Streams Northwest! Steve is a respected Jasper miner and a long term member of our club. You see his beautiful lapidary artistry at our shows. He has a lot of fantastic and scarce material for sale on his website- and also on Facebook. Here is a link to his Jasper video. www.silverstreams.com

I thank Howard Roose for taking the lead on presentation of film and for his revision of the Rockhound Rules. It is extremely important that we all understand that when we rockhound, with a group or alone, we are responsible for actions of those we are with. First, know where you are!!! Stay off private claims!! Don't buy into some "surface picking is okay" or "there were no claim markers", make assumptions or take someone's word. Know where you are! Know the facts and laws! Leave sites clean and safe from craters, leave gates as you found them and use common sense. Idaho/Oregon rockhounding is staging for a serious issue with claim owners and BLM management over rules and rights. Let's do our part to respect one another enough to do the research and stop problems before they start. You are as responsible as the people you are with. BLM has accessible LR-2000 systems in their lobby on Vinnell Street. Go learn how to use it, research maps and ask questions. Follow rockhound ethics please.

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 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 or gemdigger2014@outlook.com

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
MAY VOLUNTEERS

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

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.

IDAHO GEM CLUB (IGC)

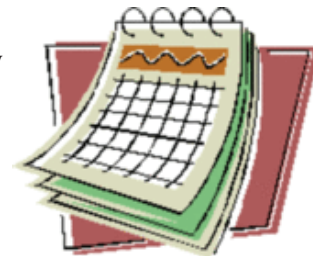
May 18: Kid's Workshop Day

May 21: General Meeting

May 23: Workshop

May 25: Field Trip

June 4: Board Meeting

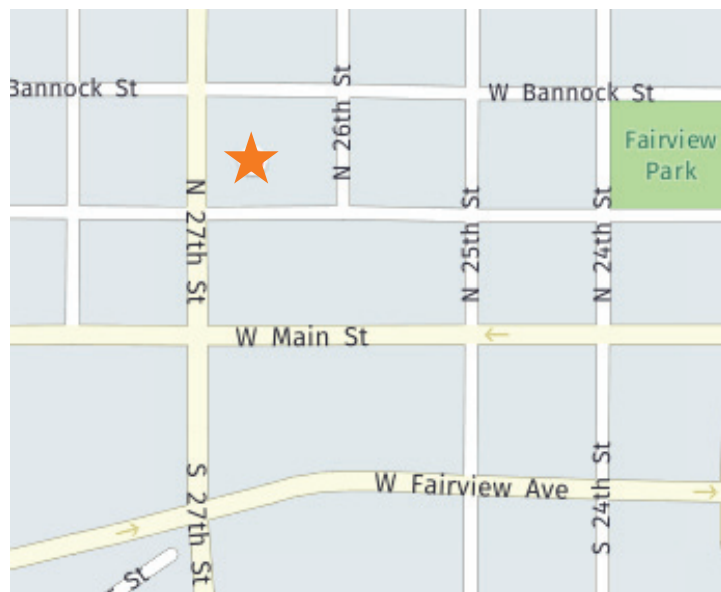


WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY after General Meeting (usually 3rd Thursday); May 23, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY (the next weekend after the field trip);
June 1, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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



EDITOR NEEDED!

We need someone to step up and tackle the Editor position for the monthly Grindings newsletter. Linda Barlow has done a great job these past five years, but she is not in a position to continue. She is willing to help a new editor with an orientation. It is a great way to become involved with the club and keep up with the news. If you are interested, please contact Dana Robinson at 208-345-3823.



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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May Federation Director Report

By Linda Barlow, IGC Federation Director

May 7, 2017

Mid-Year Meeting: Coeur d'Alene, ID, June 1, 2019 at 3 p.m., hosted by North Idaho Mineral Club at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds (4056 N. Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho). All clubs are encouraged to bring any resolutions to be presented at this time via your Deirector or Delegate. No voting will occur at this time so o credentials are needed at this time. Neither myself, as Director, nor Sandy Blodgett, as Delegate, are able to attend due to personal reasons. Guy DiTorre has volunteered to attend and report to the club.

Annual Convention Meeting: Lewiston, ID, October 18-20, 2019, hosted by Hells Canyon Gem Club. Make reservations ASAP as that is Football weekend in Lewiston with hotels being booked up quickly. See the NFMS May/June Newsletter or myself for details.

The 2020 NFMS Annual Convention needs a host club. Will the Idaho Gem Club consider this?

Junior Achievement Award Applications sent to the NFMS must be postmarked by May 31st. The application was in the March/April NFMS newsletter. Juniors are entitled to compete in display cases at Lewiston for NFMS Awards. For questions contact myself, the NFMS President, or Bob Gibson. Information is in the NFMS newsletter.

Juniors: See Rock & Gem Magazine Kids Page this month. "Spotlight of the Year" article about Lucia Hetrick in the Ventura Gem & Mineral Club has prize winning display at the Ventura County Fair.

Endowmend Fund Spending Proposals to be presented at Mid-Year Meeting. Will be discussed at our Board Meeting May 7th. Come and voice your opinion on the proposals for NFMS to spend money allocated to benefit federation membership not individual clubs per federal rules and regulations governing endowment funds.

NFMS ROY (Rockhound of the Year) nominations by local clubs are being accepted.

A tribute remembering Carolyn Weinberger from the AFMS can be found in the NFMS newsletter.

NFMS newsletter highlights THE WORLDLY HYALITE OPAL this month.

BENCH TIPS

by Brad Smith

SANDING DISKS

One of my favorite flexshaft tools that saves a lot of time is the snap-on sanding disk. I mainly use the medium and fine grits but sometimes like the very fine ones sold for working with platinum.

Ordinarily, you'd think of placing the disk on the mandrel with the grit side facing away from your hand, but notice that you end up with your elbow up in the air. Instead, try flipping the disk so that the grit side is towards your hand. It's a much more comfortable position because the elbow is down near your side, and it lets me hold the work up close where I have a better view of what I'm sanding.

I use these snap-on disks so frequently that I keep multiple mandrels with different grits already mounted in the bur stand. Some mandrels have the grit facing out and some facing in.

EASIER PRONG SETTING

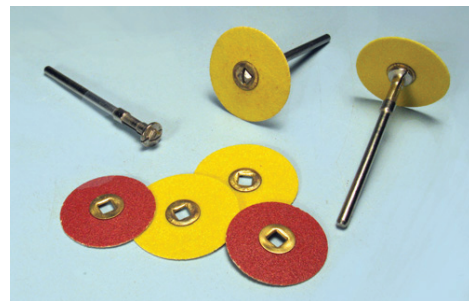
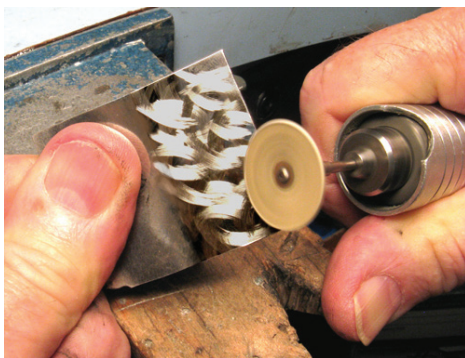
When setting stones in a prong mount, the tool is less likely to slip off the prong if you grind a groove into its face or rough up the face a bit with sandpaper. Some folks prefer a prong pusher for doing this, and others like a set of pliers.

The easiest way to create a slot on the pusher is with a file, and the easiest way to create a slot on one jaw of your pliers is with a cutoff wheel. Then do a rough polish on the slot with a medium grit, knife-edge silicone wheel.



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MAY MEETING PROGRAM:

Idaho Gem Club Claims

We will show the material from all 9 club claims and discuss history, map locations and get ready for our trip to Graveyard Point- Plume Agate -one of our earliest claims.

I am looking for someone or several people to present a program on gold prospecting and panning and also metal detecting. During our summer potluck picnic meetings July and August, I would love to have a demonstration on gold panning and the next month have anyone interested bring metal detectors and have a group who knows a lot about detecting share a demonstration.

Please contact me if you'd like to volunteer to do an upcoming program.



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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.

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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.

ADDRESS:

Church of the Brethren

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FAIRVIEW		