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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The end of the year is approaching quickly and the next two months will be busy. We have the election for Board members this month. Along with the three nominees listed on page 7 of this newsletter, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

This is also the month we traditionally hold an auction at the end of the meeting to help with the yearly Banquet. Please bring any rough material or slabs you can spare to auction off for making gifts. You have all been very generous in past years, and we thank you wholeheartedly. There will also be an auction at the December general meeting, as well as the Project of the Year competition. I hope everyone has been working on something to enter for this year.

December we will be having a Workshop/Holiday Party on the 21st and 22nd. It is a potluck event if you would like to share a dish. Chili and another soup will be provided by the club. Christine Anderton has volunteered to supply the chili again this year. More details will be available at the general meeting.

The January Banquet has been set for the Wahooz Galaxy Event Center. It is a new facility and should be very nice. The Idaho Garnet is the theme for this year. Tickets will be available at the November and December meetings. After that time they will only be available at Stewarts Gem Shop through January 17th. The center has a screen that can display a collage of photos during the dinner. If you have any photos from field trips, the show, banquets, picnics, etc., please email them to Dana Robinson at drobinso@boisestate.edu. They can be current or historical. It will be a fun backdrop for us.

Finally, the yearly Gem Show will be sneaking up on us in no time. The chair positions have been filled for the various tables/events, but we will need all the help possible for staffing through the two-day event. Sign-up sheets will be available on the back table at the next general meetings. It is quite helpful if you can commit to a time slot so we can tell where we may need extra help for any floaters. If we have too many floaters it is hard to tell what is going on. There will be more discussion as we get closer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Robinson,
President

MEETING AGENDA

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

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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:37pm by President Dana Robinson. After the Pledge of Allegiance, guests were welcomed and introduced themselves.

Rick Corbett drew 13 junior and 7 adult door prize winners. Building Fund raffle had 11 winners drawn.

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 Rochelle Eytchison: No report

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: No report

Refreshment Committee Report by Rick Corbett: Thanks to those members who volunteered and provided refreshments and door prizes for the October meeting. Volunteers are needed to help bring door prizes and snacks for the November meeting. He has a sign-up sheet at the back table.

Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson: Cullen made apologies for not making it to the Carey field trip. The next field trip is planned for Grassy Mountain. The meeting place will be the Owyhee store on Hwy 201 at 8:30 am leaving at 9 am. If it is rainy Sandy suggested Queenstone as an alternate. The roads get very slick in the rain. A decision will be made before the weekend and posted on Facebook.

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. Wire wrapping class with Marge will be Thursday, Oct. 24th from 6:30-8:45 pm.

Old Business:

In November there will be an election for the Board of Directors. Nominees are Willa Renken, Ed Moser, and Cheryl Link. The biographies will also be in the November Grindings. Project of the Year is coming up in December for adults and juniors.

Deana updated the plans for the Banquet coming up in January.

New Business: No new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm for the video on Idaho Geology.

Respectfully submitted, Deana Ashton, 2nd VP

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ryan & Rodney Wheeler

Bonnie Coiner

Jacob & Joy Diebert

Mindy Mallpin

Monica & Will Powers

Natalie Harmon & Nathaniel Conway

Juniors

Landon, Micah, Zooey, Esther, and Ana Conway

Jaden Diebert

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Dana Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

Guests: Mike Dome, Deanna Moser, Dana Dancer, and Janelle Wintersteen

Absent:

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. She questioned if the vendor contracts needed to be approved before depositing the payments. Brent went over them with her and she will make the deposit soon.

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: The NFMS Annual Meeting on October 18, 2019 was attended by Brent Stewart in Linda's place due to illness. All of the items voted on passed. The minutes from the meeting were not available yet, however the intake from the NFMS stamp collecting was \$500. The annual meeting for 2020 will be in Ogden, UT on April 10-12.

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

Program Report by Deana Ashton: The November program is traditionally an auction to support the Banquet. It was decided that there would not be enough time to finish last month's video and do the auction. Members may check movies out of the library to watch at home.

Refreshments Report by Rick Corbett: Rick asked for two more volunteers for refreshments for November. Rochelle Eytchison and Dana Robinson volunteered to help out.

Juniors Report: Janelle again discussed the need for assistants and a new chairperson for the Juniors before next month. Coyote plans to do another night with fluorescent minerals. We need to make more efforts to make age appropriate arrangements for juniors. Some of them are much more knowledgeable and could watch programs with the main group.

Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson: The trip to Grassy Mountain was rained out, so the group went to Queenstone instead. There were about 13 people and everyone found some good material. No trip has been planned for November, but a museum trip is possible if there is interest at the general meeting. Cullen will check with Nathan Carpenter from Orma J. Smith museum.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: Nov. 21st regular workshop from 6pm – 8:45pm and Nov. 30th from 10am – 2pm. There will be a wire wrapping class with Marge Conley on Nov. 14th from 6–8:45.

The port-a-potties have been ordered for the Holiday Workshop on the 21st and 22nd of December. Christine volunteered to make chili.

Rick pointed out that we need new wire wrap tools for the classes. He will research the costs and let the board know specifics on the cost. 18 gage wire is also needed.

Both the 12" and 16" saws are having problems. Brent will check into a new blade and carriage for the 12". The 16" has new oil but needs a blade. It will be about \$270 for a new blade. It was also discussed that it is now too cold to use the saws until spring. The trim saws should have water with coolant in them, not oil. The rock cannot be dopped if using oil.

There will also be a special Workshop Meeting at the workshop on Nov. 26th to discuss signage needs for rules and fees, etc.

ROLE Report: Nov. 26th will be the R.O.L.E workshop from 6pm–8:45 pm. Brent is going to need the badge attachments soon for the program participants.

Scholarship Report: No scholarship applications have been received at this time.

Old Business:

The voting for board members will be this month. Willa Renken, Cheryl Link, and Ed Moser are on the ballot. The biographies will be in the November Grindings also.

Deana reported that the banquet committee has decided on the Wahooz Galaxy Event Center as the venue for this year. It will be a buffet setup with three meat choices, but no entertainment. The theme is Idaho Star Garnet and Gene is donating garnets for everyone. We need any photos we can collect for a collage viewing on the screen during dinner.

New Business:

The chairperson for the Hospitality Table at the annual show next February will be Linda Barlow and Ruth Brittenham has agreed to chair the ticket tables.

Brent is looking into motion sensor lights for the storage unit to provide light for after the show activities.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Anderton, Secretary

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.

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.

I am finalizing details and we will have tickets available at the Nov/Dec. General Meetings and they also will be sold at Stewarts Gem Shop until January 17.

PLEASE pay your dues before ordering banquet tickets! The ticket price is determined by revenue from our 2 auctions and ACTIVE Memberships. If you do not pay renewal dues, you should pay the non-member rate for the event.

The theme for the Banquet is Idaho Star Garnets. Gene & Alice Stewart will provide special table favors. This banquet is held in place of our January General Meeting. No host bar open at 6:00 pm, dinner and dessert buffet at 6:30 pm. Special Garnet table favors and prizes, too!

Gene Stewart will be our Banquet Emcee. next we hold Special Award Presentations to Members, Lifetime Gem Club members receive certificates followed by formal Installation of 2020 IGC Officers, Board of Directors and Chairpersons Ceremony. This is a great evening to dress up and celebrate our 80 years of Idaho Gem Club. More details to come.

2020 COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDAR

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? Send me an email at gemdigger2014@outlook.com or text me at 208-794-5628

LET'S ROCK 2020!!!!!!

Woodworkers!! If you have the ability to cut out shape of Idaho in varied sizes, please contact Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628. Thanks!

SEEKING 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, which I can use in a special project for the kids and adults next year. Please bring to Deana at one of our meetings or call me for a pick up.

SMALL CABOCHONS AND MISC. POLISHED STONES NEEDED FOR OUR DECEMBER HOLIDAY WORKSHOP! I am restocking our findings cabinet and taking donations of any key ring, bracelet, earring posts and pendant settings for the youth to make gifts with at workshop. Please call Deana for pickup! 208-794-5628

*Thank you!!***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
OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS**SUNSHINE LADY REPORT**

The Sunshine Lady is the person to contact with news regarding our members celebrations, anniversaries, illnesses, happy events and sad, such as notices of members passing on and funeral or celebration of life arrangements. Sunshine Lady Contact Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628, text or call. Thank you for keeping me updated so we can show support.

IGC CALENDAR

Nov. 14: Wire Wrapping Class – 6:30pm-8:45pm
 Nov. 19: General Meeting – 7:30pm
 Nov. 21: Workshop – 6pm-8:45pm
 Nov. 23: Possible museum field trip
 Nov. 26: ROLE Workshop Day – 6pm-8:45pm
 Nov. 30: Workshop – 10am-2pm
 Dec. 3: Board Meeting – 7pm

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

AUCTION

The program for this month will be an auction. Please donate auction material, rough rock or slab sets that can be finished for Christmas gifts at our 2 day December workshop on the 21st and 22nd of next month.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology

Buzz Saw shark display, meteorites from Mars and the moon, mining artifacts, Idaho rocks and minerals, and more. Open weekends in November from 1 to 4 pm.
 2455 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise. 208-368-9876,
idahomuseum.org. Donations appreciated.

Major Fluorescent Mineral Event Coming to Idaho!

by Phil Neuhoﬀ

Planning is in the works to host the Northwest Chapter meeting of the Fluorescent Mineral Society next summer in and around McCall, Idaho. Much like the AFMS, which is divided into regional federations, the Fluorescent Mineral Society has regional chapters that allow collectors to connect with others in their region. The Northwest Chapter is particularly active, and each year holds an annual meeting that variously includes collecting, informational talks, rock swaps and sales, and field trips. Chapter gatherings have become some of the biggest fluorescent mineral events of the year. Next year we are planning a big event in McCall, with a major collecting trip to a productive but largely unexploited area for fluorescent minerals, additional collecting trips, a rock swap, and tour of a major mining district. Excitement is growing fast within FMS for this event, and we are likely to get visits from fluorescent mineral luminaries from across the U.S. It would be great to have a good contingent from Idaho participate. The exact timing is still being worked out, but will likely be mid-July. To stay tuned on details, your best bet is to join FMS which will place you on the email distribution list for the NW Chapter. Membership for individuals (and their families) is only \$20 per year and includes the bimonthly newsletter “UV Waves” full of inciteful and learned content about fluorescent minerals, as well as the once a year issue of the “Journal of the Fluorescent Mineral Society” which contains scholarly articles about fluorescent minerals and related topics. For more information, visit www.uvminerals.org.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY before General Meeting; Wire Wrapping class with Marge Conley;
 Nov. 14, 6 pm-8:45 pm

THURSDAY after General Meeting (3rd Thursday);
 Nov. 21, 6 pm-8:45 pm

SATURDAY (the next weekend after the field trip);
 Nov. 30, 10 am-2 pm

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

\$5 Donation requested for each visit (kids free)



FEDERATION DIRECTOR REPORT

AUGUST 2019

By Linda Barlow, IGC Federation Director

NFMS:

Annual Meeting held October 18, 2019. Brent Stewart attended as representative as Federation Director, Linda Barlow, was ill and couldn't travel. No minutes available for meeting at this time. All amendments passed and the next Annual Meeting will be in Ogden, Utah.

IRC BUSINESS:

1. Magic Valley ATV Riders Nov. 2019: Those visiting our public lands do so in a variety of ways for various reasons. As public land users we need to respect one another. Public land managers and politicians put into place rules and laws regulating the use of our public lands; regulations are there for a reason and as responsible users it is our inherent responsibility to follow them. Most public land managers restrict motorized use on roads and trails. We must remember Public Lands are open to all users. Motorized Vehicle Use Maps are available at various BLM offices, Forest Service offices and vendor locations throughout Idaho.
2. Minidoka Ranger District has proposed additional changes to SEASONAL CLOSURES IN THE SOUTH HILLS. Everything is closed to motorized vehicles unless specifically allowed by the plan which has created loss of 250-400 miles of roads and trails. To submit email comments: comments-intermtn-sawtooth-minidoka@es.fed.us. Comment period ends 11/11/2019. Further information: www.minicassia.com/opinion/article_28d37118-f41d-11e9-ac7d-e751f677f992.html.
3. FEDERAL LAND OWNERSHIP OVERVIEW by Congressional Research Service: Numerous issues affecting federal land management are before Congress. These issues include the extent of federal ownership and whether to decrease, maintain, or increase the amount of federal holdings: the condition of currently-owned federal infrastructure and lands and the priority of their maintenance versus new acquisitions; and the optimal balance between land use and protection, and whether federal lands should be managed primarily to benefit the nation as a whole or to benefit the localities and states. Another issue is border control on federal lands along the southwestern border which presents challenges due to the length of the border, remoteness and topography of the lands, and differences in missions of managing agencies.
4. Feds open Utah's national parks to ATVs effective Nov. 1, 2019.

ALAA:

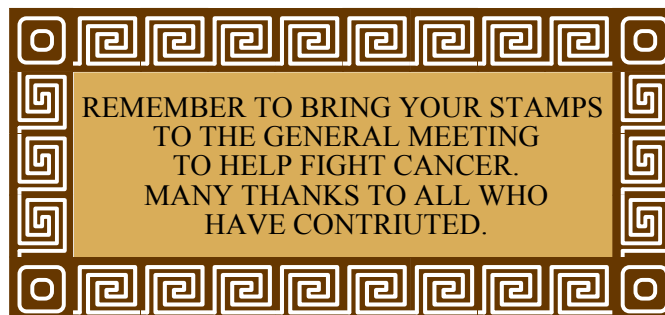
BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS with BLM
by Hidemi Kira, past-president NFMS:

ALAA yearly clean-up with BLM at Quartzite, AZ. NFMS hosted the yearly AFMS convention in 2016 with a field trip to Hampton Butte. OCRMC (Oregon Council of Rocks & Mineral Clubs) organized a work party for Sept. 28, 2019, National Public Lands Day, to fix the Hampton Butte site of big holes and trenches. It was a coordinated effort with Prineville BLM staff, which created positive appreciation by BLM who took the time to report this activity to other BLM offices. This is planned as an annual event in Partnership Agreement with BLM. Suggested each club take time to do projects like this perhaps once a year to help ensure significant reduction of closure of public lands for rockhounding.



See the NFMS on Facebook

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

Cheryl Link

I was born and raised here in Boise as a 4th generation Idahoan. I have seen many changes to the Treasure Valley.

I was introduced to the Idaho Gem Club by Charlie McCreath back in the early 1990's as we both served as Board of Director's for the Meadow Gold Dairy Credit Union. Charlie was the Audit Chairman and I served as the Secretary and later as the Treasurer for the credit union.

I have been a club member for over 20 years and enjoy a lifetime membership to the club. I have been active in the club as a past board member serving as first vice president for three years under Willa Renken, mining claim chairperson, silent auction chairperson for our show and back in the day I was the safety break chairperson.

I was asked to display fluorescent rock materials at the "Museum for the Night" event last year at one of the private schools here in Boise. I have helped out at the Christmas workshops helping the kids make Christmas presents for their parents and have attended many of the functions held by the club from the Gem Fare for the last two years, Thunder Egg Days this year and the club show in February for the last 20+ years. I have substituted as the field trip leader on occasion when Arron could not go and don't mind helping out if we are trekking to a spot for rocks that Cullon has never been to before.

I would like very much to help out with the club in any capacity that I can on the Board of Directors as I believe in what the club was, is and can be in the future. I would appreciate it if you would consider me for the open position on the board of directors for the club – let's see where we can go from here....

**Willa Renken**

I joined the Idaho Gem Club in 1996 and have enjoyed every minute with this club. We were very involved with the Field Trips, Safety Break, and our Annual Gem Show. I have served as Building Fund Chairman for 2 years and was elected to the Board in 1999, where I served as President for 4 years. During that time I supported the working and restoration of all our claims as well as instigating the resurrection of our junior's involvement. As a Board we were able to secure a beautiful new display tent for our Black light Room and purchased more lights to support the increased interest in it. I support the unification of our club and its members. In encouraging our club to fund a workshop and supporting the purchase of club equipment I have been better able to help our members learn how to create that desire which brought them to our great organization. With your support and direction, it is my desire to be able to provide the club and its members with those activities that help our club grow and flourish. With that in mind I look forward to being able to serve as your representative for another 3 years.

Ed Moser

I have been in the Idaho Gem Club since 2006 and on the board the following year. That same year I joined the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society. I worked with the Rocky Rattlers for 10 years since being a Board member. I enjoy going on the field trips when I have time. I was able to be one of the five members on the Board that helped with the passage of the License Plate. I've also enjoyed helping with our Rock Shows and sharing with others about our hobby.

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\$22.00 per person
\$25.00 per couple
\$28.00 per family

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\$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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