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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OCTOBER MEANS DUES ARE DUE!!

Fall is finally here and the days are getting shorter and cooler. Keep in mind that it is time for the yearly membership dues. We also have the upcoming vote for new/continuing board members in November. See the biographies on page 10.

The last weekend of September was sure a busy one for the club. I hope everyone was able to get out and participate in one or more of our activities.

The Gem Faire was a well attended event. I want to thank all of our volunteers who did demonstrations and helped answer questions at our table. Marge showed wire wrapping and Rick, Cheryl, Twila, Deana and Liz did demonstrations on the genie. It was a lot of fun visiting with people that were interested in joining us, in addition to fellow club members out for a shopping trip.

We also had our second field trip out to Beacon Hill both Saturday and Sunday. It was a bit chilly, but that was no deterrent. There were the usual 30 cars on Saturday, with a couple of groups from Washington and two men who traveled here from Japan to look for geodes. They made contact with Doug Renken through the website to arrange the trip. Everyone had a great time both days and found some good material. On Sunday there were only a few people.

And finally we had our workshop on Saturday. There were several folks who came in to work on their lapidary skills.

This month our field trip will be over to Grassy Mountain south of Nyssa, OR, for petrified wood and obsidian. The date is October 19 meeting at the Owyhee Grocery Store at the intersection of Hwy 201 and Owyhee Ave. in Nyssa at 8:30 am, leaving at 9:00.

I would like to thank Willa and Doug Renken, Cheryl Link, and Tom and Lillie Rogers for all of the work they did on the Sunstone claims in September. See Cheryl's report on pages 7-9 for all the details. It is quite a bit to accomplish and we all appreciate the time and effort they expended on the club's behalf.

One item that you all need to be aware of concerns our regular meeting at the Church of the Brethren. There have been several attempts by people to unlawfully gain entry to the church, or entering during an event and hiding in the building. For all of our protection, we will be entering the building through the back door directly into the Freedom Hall. The front door will not be left unlocked during the meeting.

MEETING AGENDA

- Call Meeting to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduce Guests
- Door Prizes and Building Fund Raffle
- Flourescent Minerals Program
- Business Meeting

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Dana Robinson,
President*

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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

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

Rick Corbett drew 12 junior and 9 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. The only correction was to the times for the ROLE workshop. It should be 6-8:45 pm, not 10am-2pm. Guy made a motion to accept the minutes as amended which was seconded by Deana. Members voted, motion passed.

Secretary Report by Christina Anderton: No report

Treasurer Report by Rochelle Eytchison: No report

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: Linda reminded everyone about the Federation Annual Meeting coming up in October in Lewiston, ID. It will be hosted by the Hells Canyon club.

She also reminded everyone to practice safety on field trip outings and be sure to drink plenty of water.

Linda updated the reward information for finding who is responsible for killing burros along a 60 mile stretch of Interstate 15 between Los Angeles and Las Vegas. The fund has been increased to \$50,000. Anyone with information contact: WeTip hotline at 800-782-7463 or <http://www.wetip.com>.

Linda also went over the plan for road and trail closures over the 10 year project. Trails or roads will be closed on a temporary basis for building new trails and then reopened.

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

Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson: Cullen couldn't make it to the meeting. The field trip for September is going to be to Carey, ID, for agate and jasper. Sandy and Willa described the area and campground by the reservoir and where to find material. Willa also went over the upcoming Beacon Hill field trip. It will be Saturday Sept. 28 and Sunday Sept. 29. Meeting place will be the Rest Stop by Ontario at 8:30 am leaving at 9:00 am.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: Regularly scheduled Thursday after meeting workshop will be open from 6:15 pm to 8:45 pm and on Sept. 28th from 10am-2pm. Wire wrapping class with Marge will be Wednesday, Sept. 18th from 6:30-8:45 pm

Old Business:

October is when Dues are Due. In November there will be an election for the Board of Directors. Nominees will be introduced at the October general meeting. Project of the Year is coming up in December for adults and juniors.

New Business: No new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm for the program by Phil Neuhoff.

Respectfully submitted, Christina Anderton, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 1, 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, Cheryl Peterson, Linda Barlow, and

Guests: Mike Dome, Deanna Moser, Cheryl Link, Judy Blodgett, Coyote Short, and Janelle Wintersteen

Absent: Christina Anderton

Dana asked for any corrections to the minutes of last meeting as printed in the Grindings. Linda had several changes. Corrections are listed at the end of these minutes. Ed made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, which was seconded by Rick Corbett. Board members voted, motion passed.

Secretary Report by Christina Anderton: No report.

Treasurer Report by Rochelle Eytchison: We have a new treasurer now. Teresa Nebeker will be taking over for Rochelle Eytchison. She was not able to make it to this meeting, however the board members would like to meet her and ask questions. Rochelle reported that she has done the deposits and is waiting on a revised statement. The balance for October should show up then. The donation from Cheryl Link and Micron has shown up in the account. It will be listed separately from other accounts and will be used for education. Rochelle also went over the details of deposits and disbursements.

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: The NFMS Annual Meeting is coming up on October 18, 2019 at 4 pm in Lewiston, ID at Nez Perce County Fair Building. Sandy Blodgett will not be able to attend as the Alternate Voting Delegate. Mike Dome was proposed as the Alternate for this meeting. The Board approved the nomination. There are several issues that will be voted on that the Board discussed. The details are in the NFMS section of the newsletter.

If you are not receiving the NFMS newsletter, it is available online at northwestfederation.org.

Program Report by Deana Ashton: The October program will be presented by Cheryl Link, Phil Neuhooff and Christine Anderton. They will be showing and explaining fluorescent rocks.

Juniors Report: Janelle and Coyote discussed the need for assistants and a new chairperson for the Juniors. Cheryl Link generously donated money that was matched by Micron for a total donation of \$2,975.70. She has purchased two microscopes for the juniors to use from this donation. Monitors will be purchased to go with them soon.

Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson: The trip to Carey was not well attended. Other obligations meant that no leaders were available. It was discussed that ample notice be given so alternates may be found.

The field trip to Beacon Hill had about 30 cars on Saturday with 2 groups from Washington and 2 men that came all the way from Japan. Doug will do an article on the story for the newsletter. The Sunday trip was much quieter with just a few folks.

The field trip for October will be to Grassy Mountain for obsidian and petrified wood. The meeting place will be the Owyhee Grocery store at the intersection of Hwy. 201 and Owyhee Ave. in Nyssa, OR. The meeting time will be 8:30 am leaving at 9:00 am.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: Oct. 17th regular workshop from 6pm – 8:45pm and Oct. 26th from 10am – 2pm. There will be a wire wrapping class with Marge Conley on Oct. 24th from 6:30-8:45. An additional class will be on November 14th.

Wheels have been returned from refurbishing. Genie users are pleased with the new surfaces.

ROLE Report: October 14th will be the R.O.L.E workshop from 6pm - 8:45 pm.

Scholarship Report: None

Old Business:

Cheryl Peterson had spoken to a few members, but had not found anyone to nominate for the board. Cheryl Link volunteered and the nomination was accepted by the board. She will send a biography for the newsletter. Willa and Ed are willing to continue on the board.

Deana reported that the banquet committee has decided on Idaho Star Garnet as the theme for this year. The committee will be visiting the Wahooz Galaxy Event Center as a possible venue. She will report back to the board.

Willa, Doug, Cheryl and Tom and Lillie Rogers went to the Plush sunstone claim to check the claim. The activity occurring is not on our claims. They painted the posts to make them more visible. Cheryl is submitting an article for the newsletter for claim news updates.

New Business:

Dana received an email from the Church of the Brethren about people trying to break into the building. A sheet was passed out with the email and a new entry protocol and safety measures. Signs will be placed on the door to guide members to the back entry. The front entry will not be unlocked.

The Idaho Gourd Festival is coming up October 26th and 27th. A sign-up sheet will be at the meeting. Deana also brought information about an event called Kids Discovery Expo. It is an event that promotes hands-on kid's activities. She will have volunteer sign-up sheets at the general meeting for this event as well.

Linda shared a list of Volunteer Opportunities that members can participate in. Needs right now are the Juniors Chairperson and assistants, as well as a chairperson for the Hospitality Table at the annual show.

Dana presented information on a Micromini Pocket Microscope as an idea for case favors at the next show. The original plan was coffee mugs, but the board voted for the microscopes instead.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deana Ashton, 1st VP

Corrections from September minutes:

1. Linda Barlow and Mike Dome were not listed as present at the meeting.
2. Reference to Federation Report listed as page 6, should have been page 7.
3. "The Idaho Recreation Council is having a meeting on Sept. 5, 2019. A report will be submitted for the newsletter." *Correction:* It was a meeting on USDA Forest Service Health Project. The Report was on page 8 under the incorrect Idaho Recreation Council heading.
4. Incorrect suggestion "Linda made a suggestion that we have 2 meetings each month in addition to the board meeting. The first would be business and the second only for fun activities." *Correction:* Linda reported on Chugach Gem & Mineral Society of Anchorage, AK having 2 meetings per month, one business and one program. My suggestion was IGC Board Meeting be considered a Business Meeting with promotion for all to attend to learn about business other than in the Grindings and the other meeting each month would be just a program.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT NOTES

by Deana Ashton

We sure have had a busy summer out in the community showing what Idaho Gem Club does with rocks, gems, minerals and fossils! Thanks a million for all the help during the shows and events we took part in. Volunteering is a great way to learn more about our hobby, discover new skills and share knowledge with people. I sprung some of these events onto the Board of Directors at last minute, and I appreciate that they granted us the approval to purchase our new big enclosure tent, printed more club brochures, and helped man the booths. In 2020, I would like to have a calendar of events selected BEFORE the February Gem Show.

COMMUNITY EVENT COMMITTEE FORMING NOW!!

Let's get a group of members together to look at events in the Treasure Valley area for next year that we can participate in. Could I please get your input on which fairs, markets, shows etc. to promote the club, sell items and do some fundraising? Please get involved with your club! Those of you who sold and helped out at booths would be great voices for this! It would be ideal and in accordance with our 1937 mission statement if we included doing library displays, installing displays at Boise Air Terminal, Simplot's Jump Center, The Boise Towne Square, shopping areas downtown, in new areas of town and places Idaho Gem Club can refresh Idaho as THE GEM STATE!!! I will have a sign up sheet at Oct 15 meeting and then set a date to get together and brainstorm. I believe this is a project that should be fun for everyone and thank you in advance for your participation!! Lets Rock 2020!!!

OCTOBER PROGRAM

COSMIC ROCKS

The program for this month will be on Fluorescent Minerals. Cheryl Link, Phil Neuhoff and Christine Anderton will be showing and explaining fluorescence in rocks.

IGC YESTERYEAR

By Deana Ashton



This picture is from a May 1967 Gem Club project done by Bertha Waterhouse. This is the type of project that would be a good crafting group project.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tracy Davis	Christine & Drew Nienstedt
Angela Noble	Christina & Andrew Wiener
Andrew Schumann	Sherry & Andy Pence
Mark Richardson & Anna Kreiger	

Juniors

Mica Nienstedt	Cody, Chloe & Calvin
Porter Schumann	Kreiger

IGC CALENDAR

- Oct. 14: ROLE Workshop Day – 6pm-8:45pm
- Oct. 15: General Meeting – 7:30pm
- Oct. 17: Workshop – 6pm-8:45pm
- Oct. 19: Field Trip – Grassy Mountain, Nyssa, OR
- Oct. 24: Wire Wrapping Class – 6:30pm-8:45pm
- Oct. 26: Workshop – 10am-2pm
- Nov. 5: Board Meeting – 7pm

**IDAHO GEM CLUB
MEMBER FIELD TRIPS**

2019 FIELD TRIPS

DATE/AREA (nearby town), MATERIAL

- 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
- 9/28-29 - Beacon Hill (Weiser, ID), agate/jasper nodules
- 10/19 - Grassy Mountain (Nyssa, OR), petrified wood**

Meet at the Owyhee Grocery Store at the intersection of Hwy. 201 and Owyhee Ave. in Nyssa, OR. 8:30 meet, leaving at 9:00 am.

- FIELD TRIP SUPPLIES**
- Rock Hammer
 - Chisel, Pick, Pry Bar
 - Shovels
 - Buckets or
 - Collecting Sacks
 - Screening Box
 - Map or GPS
 - Good boots or hiking shoes
 - Rain Coat (Dress in Layers for Cooler Mornings)
 - Lunch/Dinner/Snack Foods /Camping supplies
 - Water
 - Sunscreen and a Hat
 - Knee Pads
 - Gloves
 - Safety Glasses
 - First Aid Kit

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

**CHAIRPERSON NEEDED
FOR ROCKY RATTLERS**

We are looking for a new chairperson for the club's Junior program. If you are interested, please contact Dana Robinson at 208-345-3823.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

- MONDAY before General Meeting; ROLE Program
Oct. 14, 6 pm-8:45 pm
 - THURSDAY after General Meeting (3rd Thursday);
Oct. 17, 6 pm-8:45 pm
 - THURSDAY the next week; Wire Wrapping class with Marge Conley;
Oct. 24, 6:30 pm-8:45 pm
 - SATURDAY (the next weekend after the field trip);
Oct. 26, 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)



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
SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

FEDERATION DIRECTOR REPORT AUGUST 2019

By Linda Barlow, IGC Federation Director

NFMS ANNUAL MEETING: October 18, 2019 at 4pm in Lewiston, Idaho at the Nez Perce County Fair Building. This is the Annual Show coordinated with Hells Canyon Gem Club's 2 day Gem Show.

NFMS Annual Meeting points requiring IGC vote:

1. Slate of Nominees: President Ken Zahn, 1st VP Beth Heesacker, 2nd VP Larry Hulstrom, Executive Secretary Judi Allison, Treasurer Lyle Vogelpohl
 2. Open Chair and committee positions: Bulletin Aids, Education, Junior Committee Members from each state in federation, Newsletter Editor, Public Land Advisory, Public Relations, Safety, Rules & Awards one starting in September, Endowment Chair & Secretary, and nominating one member from each NFMS area.
 3. Add a Circulation Chair position under operating procedures to relieve some of the Newsletter Editor and Directory Chair operations. Then adding the responsibilities:
 - Manage list of member households
 - Provide data for “mailing labels” to the firm who mails the Northwest Newsletter
 - Update mailing information from annual club membership lists from Directory Chair
 - Update by deleting and adding members' info received from individual clubs during calendar year
 - As needed, use a service to obtain correct address data when US Postal Service returns an item as “not deliverable as addressed”
 - Submit a financial report to the NFMS Treasurer
- Delete from DIRECTORY Chairperson Responsibility on the 4th line: “Print and provide mailing labels for the Northwest Newsletter to the firm who mails the newsletter.

IGC Delegate: Sandy Blodgett is unable to go. Propose Mike Dome as delegate for this annual meeting.

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>

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.

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CHECK OUT THE CLUB WEBSITE!

www.idahogemclub.com

CLUB MINING CLAIM UPDATE

By Cheryl Link

On May 24, 2019, three club members volunteered to go out to the Blue Owyhee Gem (Plume Agate) claim to check on the mining claim posts. (Howard, Deana and Cheryl). All the posts were up and intact. We then drove over to the three Queenstone Jasper claims to check on the claim posts there. Seven posts were visible from the top looking down Elephant Butte. I had forgotten to take my GPS so locating the last three posts became difficult. It was decided to try again in a couple of weeks.



(Elephant Butte, Owyhee County, Idaho)

In early September five club members volunteered to drive to Plush, Oregon, to check on the mining claim post markers for the three Faceteer sunstone claims. All the claim posts were up and intact. It had been several years since we painted the posts, so Tom Rogers decided to take the fluorescent green paint for the caps of the posts while Doug Renken and Cheryl Link headed out to paint the posts white. All of the posts have a fresh coat of paint to preserve the wood markers. We placed a wire cage around the two top markers and loaded rock in the wire cage to help prevent vandalism and help prevent the post from burning in a wild brush fire. I would like to personally thank Tom and Lillie Rogers and Doug and Willa Renken for willingly driving the 7 plus hours one way to help maintain the club's claims. We even witnessed a large wild fire run the top of the Steen Mountains Sunday night.



(Plush, Lake County, Oregon)



(Club Volunteers: Tom & Lillie Rogers and Doug & Willa Renken)

There had been some concern about an over hang from members digging in the side of the wall in the club pit out on the sunstone claim. Cheryl took a sledge hammer and bucket and pounded on the over-hang for over an hour until all the over burden had been removed. It is highly suggested that as you dig in our club pits you do so with the safety of yourself and others always in mind. Please do not leave any over hang on the tops of any club pits that could fall on someone and hurt them. The same could be said that should someone be walking on the top along the edge of the club pit and in theory the over-hang could give way potentially and could hurt someone. Please leave a safe environment for people.



(pit on the sunstone claim where over hang is no longer)



(club members Lillie Rogers, Doug Renken and Tom Rogers, resting after a day of painting markers)

On September 21, Doug and Willa Renken and Cheryl Link went out to the Queenstone claims (Picture Jasper) to look for the three posts Cheryl had not seen from the top of Elephant Butte in May. Cheryl parked on the highway side of Elephant Butte and from the bottom looking up could clearly see one of the posts she had not seen on the first outing. The other two posts had melted in the wild fire but fortunately the wire cage and rock around the posts were up and intact preserving the markers from the inside of the cage down.

We then drove down the highway to the Whangdoodle claim (Precious Fire Opal). All four posts are up and intact. These posts are in dire need of a fresh coat of paint!

A couple of work days will be posted in October for club members to volunteer to go out and replace the two burned makers and give the posts all a fresh coat of paint. If the weather is nice enough perhaps we could wander around looking for cool rocks afterwards.

I had asked Doug if he would please check on the claim marker posts while the club went out on the two-

day field trip to Beacon Hill for geodes on September 28th and 29th. Doug reported all the posts were up but we should probably replace a couple of them next summer and give them a fresh coat of paint. As you can see from the below picture they are in need of a fresh coat of paint.



(Beacon Hill, Washington County, Idaho)

Etiquette while digging in club pits should always be honored. When club members are digging, if a person leaves their tools in the pit to mark the spot where they are digging while they stop for lunch or just to take a break, their tools reserve their spot in the pit. Please do not push aside someone's tools and dig where they have left their tools.



(Beacon Hill, Washington County, Idaho)

The club has two claims that are restricted.

- 1.) Beacon Hill is one of these claims. This claim can only be accessed while attending an official club field trip. Non-club members are welcome to attend this field trip. We try to go out once in the early summer and once in late fall. No one should access this claim in any other fashion as we cross over private land and we have to be very careful to honor the wishes of these land owners or run the risk of getting our access to this claim blocked or even denied.
- 2.) Our other restricted claims are the 3 Faceteer sunstone claims in Oregon. Only club members can dig on these claims. Non-club members can attend the official field trips and dig at that time only.

Please help the club by honoring these restrictions. If you hear of others violating this – please bring it to the attention of the board of directors.

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....



CHERYL LINK

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.

2020 BASKET RAFFLE HELP NEEDED!

I am seeking assistance with the Basket Raffle for the February 22 & 23, 2020 Idaho Gem Show. Looking for help in several areas of this popular raffle, including gathering basket items from businesses, assembling baskets, help selling tickets during our 2 day show and delivery of baskets to winners!

This project has been a lot of fun to do but I wish to expand for the 2020 show and need energetic, spirited club members to accomplish my goal!

Please send Deana Ashton a text at 208-794-5628 or email me at gemdigger2014@outlook.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PROMOTE IDAHO GEM CLUB AT THESE EVENTS!
SIGN UP SHEETS AT MEETING!

GET INVOLVED! We encourage ALL members to volunteer at community events where we hand out club brochures and talk about club field trips, workshop, programs and talk rocks! We encourage new members to sign up! Volunteering is an opportunity to share your ideas, gain new friends, have fun and learn more about Idaho and geology. We look forward to getting to know you better!



Presents the 20th
IDAHO GOURD FESTIVAL
October 26 & 27, 2019

Potomac Manor
7311 W. Potomac Drive, Boise, Idaho

IDAHO GOURD FESTIVAL

OCT. 26TH 9am-5pm OCT. 27TH 10am-4pm
\$4.00 admission, kids free

Gourd Art Competition, Make and Take for all ages, Gifts, Vendors, Demonstrators, Exhibits and more.

Idaho Gem Club has a 4x6 table where we can sell cabochons of any size, specimen slabs that gourd artists set into gourds, or stones and gems for designs. You may sell your own items or what the club has for workshop fund.

Help pass out brochures and promote Idaho Gem Club.
MORE INFO: see Deana A or Dana R or call
208-345-3823 - leave message please!

Don't Miss The 6th Annual




Where children and parents

EXPLORE + CREATE + DISCOVER

**The Kid's Discovery Expo**

will provide a day of fun and learning for hundreds of families in a single day! This is your opportunity to educate families about your company, product or service.

November 9, 2019 | 9am-3pm | Expo Idaho

This Year's Event is in Support of  , Building Idaho's Future
Through Innovative K-12 STEM Learning Opportunities

KIDS DISCOVERY EXPO 2019

NOVEMBER 9th 9:00am-3:00pm
EXPO IDAHO 5610 N Glenwood, Garden City

Come help get kids into Earth Science! This K-12 STEM Science based event is a chance to get their hands in the sand and dig for polished stones. Only a 6 hour event! Sign up sheet at general meeting.

EXPLORE -CREATE -DISCOVER



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