




Grindings

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays, Gems!

We are all just like the rocks we collect. Some are round, some are square. Some are muddy, some clean! Some have hard shells, others are softies! Many travel down rivers and oceans, while a lot are still in the place they were born. Some have darker shells, some are light, others are vibrant and colorful. In each of us, the center is what matters most! We all are unique, and have our specific qualities and character. We all have a value, our purpose in the world to be discovered, and there isn't a "bad" one in our bunch! We also get better with age!! If you were a rock, what would you be? Are you an opal? A sunstone? Diamond? Coal? Fossil? Are you metallic like a chunk of gold, silver or copper? Metamorphic or sedimentary layers? Are you dark and also transparent, sharp and destined to fly? Maybe you are an obsidian arrowhead about to take flight with the help of a bow? Do you magnetize? Do you glow in the dark? Are you rough or smooth? No matter what you identify with, you are a special part of our treasure chest!

To me, you are each a brilliant, priceless gemstone. I truly look forward to meeting all our new members and spending days of 2022 out on field trips having a good time. We come to Idaho Gem Club to learn more about each other and appreciate what we all have to offer the world. Share experiences, smash together and tumble a few turns together! Idaho Gem Club welcomes you to be what you are meant to be! We appreciate you and thank you for coming to our community! Rock Stars!! True Idaho Gems you are!!! I am Wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

DECEMBER IS OUR LAST MEETING AT THE CHURCH! The Dec. 21, 2021 General Meeting will be at 2823 N. Cole Road, 7:00 pm. We will be voting on the Projects of The Year Contest! Come early with your anonymous entry! We also have a great auction at the conclusion of the meeting! New member Robert Garner ROCKED our November auction! Thank you so much for jumping in and doing a great job! Thanks to the bidders also! This month's auction is for finished pieces only! Ready for gift giving! Please donate a finished gift item for auction and enter and vote for Project of the Year!

The JANUARY GENERAL MEETING IS OUR ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET, JANUARY 18, 2022. BUY YOUR BANQUET DINNER TICKETS NOW!! at Stewart's Gem Shop, 27th and Idaho. We must turn in a list of our dinner choices, Prime Rib, Zesty Chicken or Vegetarian by Dec. 31! Member price is \$18.00/Non member \$36.00 If you are short on cash because of Christmas, make arrangements to pay at the banquet door on Jan. 18. It will be held at the El Korah Shrine Center, 1118 W. Idaho St, Boise. The theme is GEODES! and Christine Anderton is having a silent auction. Doors open at 5:30 pm for an auction preview and no-host bar. Chef Carlas Brown of Brown's Underground BBQ will serve us a delicious full dinner. Dessert is his famous Chocolate Lava Cake! Gene Stewart is our Emcee for the evening. You just have to come for his jokes!! We would love for all of you to come to the banquet to help us celebrate the last 2 years of IGC excitement and to swear in 2022 Officers, recognize members for special service, and the ROLE program participants are given their progress awards. The geode centerpieces are given to one lucky winner at each table! Everybody leaves with something special! This is a really fun night, and one you shouldn't miss! Please join us! For ticket questions contact Treasurer Teresa Nebeker at 208-890-4500.

The Board of Directors voted Deana Ashton for President in 2022. Thank you very much! I love serving this incredible, exciting, growing club! So many neat things coming next year!! February 15, 2022, will be our first meeting at the new location! We are **MOVING TO MAPLE GROVE GRANGE HALL** located at **11692 WEST PRESIDENT STREET** off Emerald and Five Mile in Boise. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. This meeting is preparing for **IGC ANNUAL GEM, FOSSIL AND MINERAL SHOW** February 26 and 27, 2022. Please plan on helping us out! We have several activity booths that will need volunteers to run: the Wheel of Fortune, Basket Raffle, Grab Bag Sales, Hospitality Table, IGC T-shirts Sales, Garnet Dig and more. Sign up at the December meeting!

*Best Holiday Wishes to you,
Deana Ashton, President*

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 drobinso@boisestate.edu

MEETING AGENDA

General Meeting
Project of the Year Contest
Auction

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Field Trip 7/1-5 Challis/Mackay	2	3
4 Independence Day	5 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	6 Board Meeting 7 pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Kids' Day 10 am-2 pm
18	19	20 Picnic Meeting Municipal Park 6 pm	21	22 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	23	24 OGMS Field Trip, Coal Mine Basin, P. Wood
25 Field Trip Succor Creek, Thundereggs	26	27	28	29	30	31 Workshop 10 am-2 pm

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Tony Funk Sale Workshop 10 am-2 pm
3	4 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	5 Board Meeting 7 pm	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Juniors Meeting 10 am-2 pm
17	18	19 General Meeting 7 pm	20	21 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	22	23 OGMS/IGC Field Trip, Graveyard Pt. Plume Agate
24 31 Halloween	25	26	27	28	29 Gem Faire 29-31	30 Costume Pty. Workshop 10 am-2 pm

AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	3 Board Meeting 7 pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Kids' Day 10 am-2 pm
15	16	17 Picnic Meeting Municipal Park 6 pm	18	19 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	20	21 OGMS Field Trip, Wagontown, Bog Wood
22 Field Trip South Mtn.	23	24	25	26	27	28 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
29	30	31				

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	2 Board Meeting 7 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Juniors Meeting 10 am-2 pm
14	15	16 General Meeting 7 pm	17	18 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	19	20
21 Idaho Mining Museum 1 pm-2 pm	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
28	29	30				

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	7 Board Meeting 7 pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 General Meeting 7 pm	22	23 Field Trip Plush, OR Workshop 6-8:45 pm	24 through Sept. 26	25 OGMS Field Trip, Blue Egg Claim, Blue Opal Thundereggs
26 Field Trip Plush, OR Sunstones	27	28	29	30		

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	7 Board Meeting 7 pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Workshop Xmas Party 10 am-5 pm
19 Workshop Xmas Party 10 am-5 pm	20	21 General Meeting 7 pm	22	23	24	25 Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	

Project of the Year Competition

The Project of the Year is a contest for the best lapidary project and is held at the December general meeting. Members anonymously display special items they created during 2020/21. There will be jewelry sets from our silversmiths and wire wrappers, rock boxes, mosaics, displays, artwork, photography of rocks, anything you have made with your collection. Kids can enter the youth category. Bring in your entry to the meeting and set it out for viewing and voting. Keep entries anonymous, please! After all attendees have voted on a project, ballots will be totalled.

The winner of the competition receives their name engraved on the Project of the Year Plaque kept at the workshop, a display case at the annual Gem & Mineral Show to display your entry, and, as an extra incentive, a prize will be given.

Good Luck Everyone!!

DECEMBER PROGRAM

The December Program will be an auction after the meeting. This month we encourage you to bring finished pieces that can be used as Christmas gifts. All proceeds will help with the costs of the January Banquet. Please bring in any items you would be willing to donate.

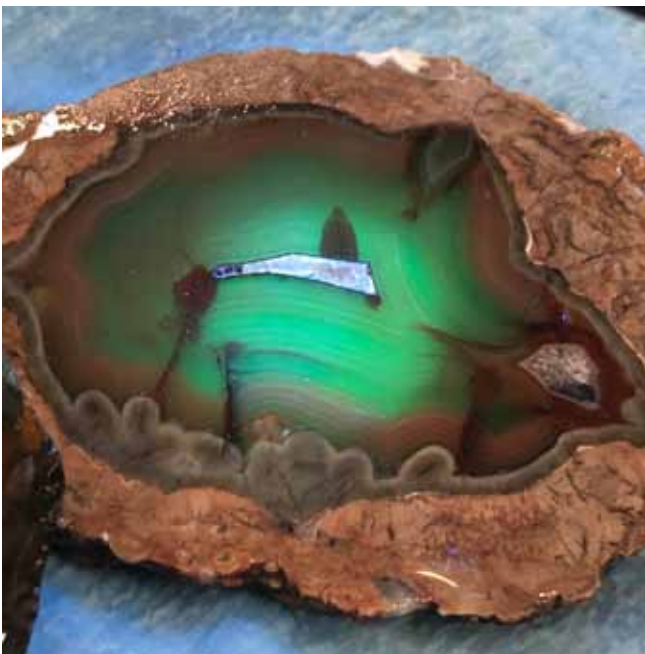
WORKSHOPS

See the calendar for upcoming workshop dates! Come cut your rocks and learn cabochon making! Brent Stewart, Rick Corbett, Liz Warner and Tim keep the club lapidary workshop operating year round. Special thanks to Liz Warner. You have given a lot of your time to see members develop great lapidary skills and we appreciate you for all that you do!

Third Thursday of each month from 6:00 pm-8:45 pm
Saturday the week after general meeting -- 10:00 am-2:00 pm

WORKSHOP LOCATION

2620 W. Idaho St., Boise, ID
Next door to Stewart's Gem Shop
\$5 Fee for each visit (kids free)



2022 GEM CLUB BANQUET

**IDAHO GEM CLUB ANNUAL DINNER BANQUET
JANUARY 18, 2022**

El Korah Shrine Event Center, Lower Level
1118 N Idaho Street, Downtown Boise

5:30 pm No Host Bar
6:30 pm Dinner

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

- ★ Enjoy a Delicious Dinner
- ★ Special Door Prizes
- ★ Installation of Officers
- ★ Table Centerpiece Drawing
A Winner at Every Table!
- ★ Silent Auction
- ★ Geode Giveaway
- ★ Special Recognition Awards

EL KORAH SHRINE IN BOISE Jefferson St.		IDAHO GEM CLUB  ANNUAL BANQUET THEME: GEODES MEMBER: \$18.00 • NON-MEMBER: \$30.00 EL KORAH SHRINE, TIGER ROOM 1118 W. IDAHO ST., BOISE JANUARY 18, 2022 • 5:30 PM
El Korah Shrine 1118 W. Idaho St. 	W. Idaho St.	
N. 12th St.	N. 11th St.	
Main St.		
PARKING IN THE REAR OR ACROSS IDAHO ST. ON 12TH ST.		



GEM MINERAL AND FOSSIL SHOW

coming soon!!

February 26, 27, 2022

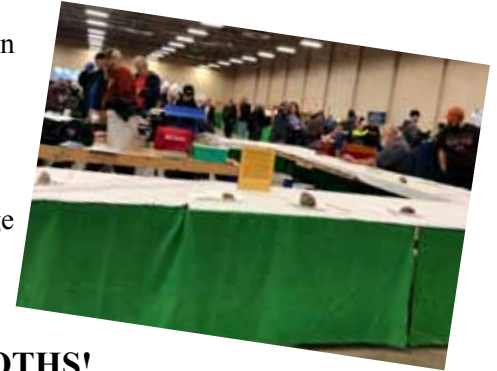
Expo Idaho

The Idaho Gem Club, Inc., hosts one of the greatest regional gem shows every February. We will need help loading the show equipment into trailers at Lockaway Storage, 5246 W. Chinden Blvd., Garden City on Thursday, February 24, 2022. Show set-up is on Friday, February 25, 2022, from 8:00 am-8:00 pm.

With enough helpers, we can be set up by 2:00 pm. Then people can install their display cases until 8:00 pm



Load Trailers: Thursday, February 24, 8 am-Noon
 Show Set-Up: Friday, February 25, 8 am-8 pm
 Show Hours: Saturday 10 am-6 pm
 Sunday 10 am-5 pm



Show tear down, load trucks and return to storage
 on Sunday from 5:00 pm to about 8:00 pm

MEMBERS NEEDED TO HELP RUN BOOTHS!

We have many activities that need helpers. If you can dedicate 2-4 hours during the weekend, we will find a spot for you to help out. Sign up please! It is a fun way to participate in this exciting weekend!

Volunteers Needed for:

Door Ticket Sales, Wheel of Fortune, Grab Bags, Garnet Dig, Club Merchandise Sales, Basket Raffle ticket sales and the Hostess Table. Volunteer to cover booths that are short handed or very busy! There is always some place you can help to make this show a success for everyone. Sign-up sheets will be at the December meeting. You can call or text Deana Ashton if you wish to volunteer at 208-794-5628. We appreciate your help! This is a fantastic show that you should look forward to being part of!

DISPLAY SHOWCASE RESERVATIONS:

You may set up a display of personal interest, show off the jewelry you have created, focus on your favorite type of rock, and children are encouraged to have a case as well! Fluorescent showcases are in the Black Light Room. This year we have invested in new Blacklights to really make this display room a show stopper! Cheryl Link is Chairperson for Display Showcases. You can contact her at 208-859-5098. Text message is best. Get your case reserved today!





Jonathan Robert Barnett

June 30, 1960 -
November 15, 2021

Jonathan Robert Barnett of Boise, Idaho, passed away at St. Alphonsus hospital in Boise, Idaho, on November 15, 2021.

Jonathan was born in Boise, Idaho, on June 30, 1960, to Robert and Louise Barnett, residents of Boise.

Jonathan attended public school at Jefferson Elementary, South Junior High, and Borah High School. He earned a Bachelor's degree in business from BSU, and worked for Boise Cascade for 35 years. Subsequently, Jonathan worked remotely for Sanoviv Medical Institution, a state-of-the-art licensed hospital in Mexico offering conventional, alternative and integrative health care services.

Jonathan started his ministry as a worship leader at his Father's church in Boise from the age of 15, and continued on throughout the rest of his life.

Jonathan is survived by ten children. Samantha Barnett of Pennsylvania, Rebecca Barnett of Washington state, Jorah Barnett of Idaho, Joel Barnett of Idaho, Liliana Barnett of Texas, Jairom Barnett of Idaho, Halaia Barnett of Texas, Joshua Barnett of Idaho, Hanna Barnett of Alaska and Jethro Barnett of Alaska, as well as 12 grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Athena L. Crowley of Nampa, Idaho, and Timothy J. Barnett of Jacksonville, Alabama. Jonathan was preceded in death by his parents, and grandson, Matthew.

Jonathan's passions included bird watching across the world with his father, and rock hounding any chance he got. You could often find him in his rock shop polishing his finds to create unique pieces, or at the Idaho Rock & Gem show sharing his love of these pieces with the masses. One of his favorite lessons to share was that you can't judge something from only what you see on the outside. He would cut open a geode to show the beauty that was hidden within. He was also very passionate about music. He was an incredible piano player and prolific songwriter who produced 3 albums in his lifetime.

He was a man of many hobbies, including, but not limited to; board games, disc golf, tennis, landscaping, and photography, for which he won multiple awards.

He was one of the most gentle souls you could ever meet, lived his life kindly and genuinely. He was patient, loving, intelligent, and rock solid in his faith. He called everyone a friend, and was always known for giving the best hugs.

He was the first to crack a joke, and the first to laugh at it. He loved to create fellowship through humor.

Jonathan cherished time with his children above all else, and his last wish was to make sure his children and grandchildren knew the deep and tremendous love that he held for them in his heart.

His family wants him to be remembered for his genuine kindness, youthful spirit, humor, and his love and dedication to our Heavenly Father.



Deanna Moser

December 4, 2021

Funeral Service for Deanna Moser is Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at 9:00 am. The location is the LDS Church at 1332 Cornell St., Middleton. She will be buried at 11:00 am in the Idaho Veterans Cemetery. People are encouraged to remain at the church for a luncheon as the family returns

from burial.

Deanna was always by the side of her husband, Ed, for the 63 years they were married. Please keep the Moser family in your thoughts and prayers.



Charles McCreath

May 8, 1931-Dec. 12, 2021

Charles McCreath was born May 8, 1931, in Billings, MT. He began his fascination for rocks and geology as a young man in Montana and often spoke of his adventures finding Montana Agates and arrowheads. Charles was a retired member of the U.S.

Navy and Naval Reserves and a Korean War veteran.

He and his wife, Shirley, were married for 67 years. They were both very active members of Idaho Gem Club. He served as President, and represented IGC for over a decade as NFMS Federaton Director. He also served as field trip guide and was very familiar with the Owyhee region, collecting fine jaspers and Morrisonite, among many other rocks. He had a vast collection of amazing specimens. Charles was very helpful to all who inquired about rocks. He loved to rockhound with many friends to various destinations until recent years. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, and 4 children.

Services will be at Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Rd., Boise, on Monday, Dec. 20, 2021. Viewing is at Noon, Memorial Service at 1:00 pm, with burial at Terrace Lawns Memorial Gardens, next to Cloverdale Funeral Home. A Reception is in the Cloverdale Event Center from 4:00-6:00 pm. Please plan to attend and share stories of how Charles touched your life.

SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

By Deana Ashton

We have lost three special members this month: Jonathan Barnett, Deanna Moser and Charles McCreath.

Jonathan Barnett's service was Nov. 21, 2021. Several rockhounds attended. It was a lovely service and nice reception that followed. Please continue to keep the Barnett family in your prayers.

IGC Sunshine Lady sends cheer, get well wishes, sympathy and anniversary expressions for our club. Please text or call 208-794-5628



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Akin	Paul & Chris Deveau
Nicole Arevalo	John & Beverly Hopkins
Debbie Hoopes	Ron & Sue Cassidy
Cedar Lewis	Greg & Laura Hayes
Kent Owings	Don Ferreira & Hildy Langewis
Scott Schlagel	Paul Logan & Anita Ralstin
Kathy Swords	Rod & Shauna Marceau
Craig Murdock	Daniel & Amber Wagstaff
John & Alexis Davis	Miles & Kylee Wiscombe
John & Suzan Banks	Robert Burns & Kristan Stewart-Burns

WELCOME NEW JUNIORS

Taryn Hoopes	Tanner Hoopes
Alex Hoopes	Gwenyth Wagstaff
Brycen Wiscombe	Trevor Wiscombe

New Members:

Our website at idahogemclub.com has all of the information regarding our club operations. We also have a facebook page for interacting and socializing. Please contact any Officer or Board Member with questions or suggestions! Welcome to your Gem Club!

TANZANITE

Tanzanite is the blue and violet variety of the mineral zoisite (a calcium aluminium hydroxyl sorosilicate), caused by small amounts of vanadium. Tanzanite belongs to the epidote mineral group. It is only found in Tanzania, in a very small mining area (approximately 4.3 miles long and 1.2 miles wide) near the Merelani Hills.

When blue-to-violet crystals were first discovered in Tanzania in the 1960s, no one was quite sure what the new crystals were. Careful gemological study determined that they were a transparent variety of zoisite, and the gem came to be known as tanzanite.

Tiffany & Company recognized its potential as an international seller and made a deal to become its main distributor. They gave the gemstone the name “tanzanite” after Tanzania, the country in which it was discovered. The scientific name of “blue-violet zoisite” was not thought to be sufficiently consumer friendly by Tiffany’s marketing department, who introduced it to the market in 1968. In 2002, the American Gem Trade Association chose tanzanite as a December birthstone, the first change to their birthstone list since 1912.

Geology

Tanzanite was formed around 585 million years ago during the mid-Ediacaran Period by massive plate tectonic activity and intense heat in the area that would later become Mount Kilimanjaro. The mineral is located in a relatively complex geological environment. Deposits are typically found in the “hinge” of isoclinal folds.

History

Tanzanite is relatively new to the colored stone galaxy. As the most common story of the tanzanite mining boom goes, in 1967 a Masai tribesman stumbled upon a cluster of highly transparent, intense violet-to-blue crystals weathering out of the earth in Merelani, an area of northern Tanzania. He alerted



a local fortune hunter named Manuel d’Souza, who quickly registered four mining claims.

D’Souza hoped that he’d been shown a new sapphire deposit. Instead, the deposit contained one of the newest of the world’s gems.

Although it’s a newcomer to the gemstone industry, tanzanite has quickly become one of the most popular colored gemstones.

Within a short time, 90 more claims appeared in the same 20-square-mile area. No one was quite sure what the beautiful crystals were, but everyone wanted to lay claim to the profits they were certain to produce. The new gem would eventually, at times, rival the Big 3 in popularity.

From 1967, an estimated two million carats of tanzanite were mined in Tanzania before the mines were nationalized by the Tanzanian government in 1971.

Pleochroism in Tanzanite

Tanzanite’s appearance is influenced greatly by its pleochroism, which is the ability of a gemstone to show different colors when viewed in different crystal directions. Tanzanite’s pleochroism was documented in scientific papers not long after its discovery. In 1969, American Mineralogist described the gem’s pleochroic colors as “red-violet, deep blue, and yellow green.” In its rough state tanzanite is colored a reddish brown to clear, and it requires heat treatment to remove the brownish “veil” and bring out the blue violet of the stone. Today, most gems are heat treated maximizing the blue and violet.

Top-quality tanzanite can be violetish blue — similar to a fine sapphire color — or a unique, predominately violet hue all its own. Some stones might also appear more purplish depending on how the cutter chooses to orient the fashioned gem. Both the violet and blue pleochroic colors are readily visible in a fashioned stone when it is gently rocked and tilted. This means that every tanzanite is a blend of these pleochroic colors. The exact face-up color depends on the inherent color of the original rough, its size, the pleochroic colors the cutter favors when they orient the fashioned stone, and the light the finished gem is viewed under. Cool lighting — like daylight equivalent fluorescent — will emphasize tanzanite’s blue, while warm lighting — like incandescent — will make it appear more violet-to-purple.



Just like other colored gemstones, vivid strongly-colored tanzanites are highly sought after. Lighter toned pastel hues are more plentiful and affordable than vivid colors and have a subtle appeal of their own. The instant popularity of this transparent blue-to-violet gem was tied to its vivid color, high clarity, and potential for large cut stones.



Imitation and Cobalt-Coated Tanzanite

As of 2020, tanzanite has never been successfully synthesized in a laboratory, so all genuine tanzanite is naturally occurring. However, because of its rarity and market demand, tanzanite has been imitated in several ways. Among the materials used for this are cubic zirconia, synthetic spinel, yttrium aluminium garnet, and colored glass. A test of the stone with a dichroscope can easily distinguish these from genuine tanzanite, as only tanzanite will appear doubly refractive: the two viewing windows of the dichroscope will display different colors (one window blue, the other violet) when viewing genuine tanzanite, while the imitation stones are all singly refractive and will cause both windows to appear the same color (violet).

Synthetic forsterite (Mg_2SiO_4 , the magnesium-rich end-member of olivine) has also been sold as tanzanite, and presents a similar appearance. It can be distinguished from tanzanite in a couple of ways. The first is by using a refractometer: forsterite will show a refractive index of between 1.63 and 1.67, while tanzanite will show a higher index of 1.685 to 1.707. The second way is by using a Hanneman filter: through it, genuine tanzanite will appear orange-pink, while forsterite will appear green.

Lower grades of tanzanite are occasionally enhanced using a layer of cobalt, as cobalt imparts a deeper shade of blue. The cobalt layer does not adhere well to these stones, and tends to rub off over time, resulting in a much less intensely colored stone. Though still tanzanite, the practice of cobalt coating is considered deceptive unless well-advertised.



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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:13 by Deana Ashton and Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were 4 guests present. Everyone was encouraged to say hello to their neighbors.

There were no corrections to the minutes as printed in the *Grindings*. Willa Renken made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, Christine Anderton seconded, and the membership voted to pass the motion.

Cullen Anderson announced that long-time member Jonathan Barnett passed away. Services will be at 2 pm Sunday, Nov. 21st at the Valley Church in Caldwell.

Rick gave out door prizes to 10 adults. Terri drew 9 winners for the Building Fund.

The Library will be open after the meeting for checking items out.

Juniors Report: We need the youth to come back out for activities. Cheryl talked about the junior program on the weekend. There was only one participant. The next meeting will be the first weekend in December on the 5th from 10 am to noon.

Secretary Report: No report.

Treasurer Report: Teresa reviewed the financial statements. She also reminded everyone that dues are due for the next year.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: Brent reviewed upcoming dates for workshops. There will be a Christmas Party Workshop on December 18 and 19, from 10 am to 5 pm. It is a pot luck if you would like to bring a dish to share. Willa added that the club will provide chili and a porta-potty, and Marge will teach wire wrapping and there will be help for making cabs as well.

R.O.L.E. Report: Brent went over the ROLE program and the requirements needed. Talk with him if you are interested in getting started.

Field Trip Report: The Idaho Mining Museum will be opening for a tour on Sunday from 1-2 pm for any members who would like to attend. Coyote Short will be available to answer any questions.

Old Business:

Thank you to all who came out to help at the Gem Faire. It was a fun weekend and we had a lot of interest in Cheryl's micro-mounts. We also had several applications submitted.

The tickets for the January Annual Banquet are available for sale at the front table. The theme this year is Geodes. The tickets are \$18 for members and \$30 for non-members. It will be held at the El Korah Shrine Center in Boise. It is a sit down dinner with a no host bar starting at 5:30 pm. Dinner is served at 6:30 pm. The new Board officers will be installed as well.

The Project of the Year competition is coming up in December. Be sure to finish up your projects. You will have your name engraved on a plaque and receive a prize.

New Business:

Deana and Terri went over the plan to move to the Maple Grove Grange for our meetings. There was no dissension offered. In a show of hands, everyone agreed with the move.

Willa went over the board member election process and rules. She introduced the nominees: Deana Ashton, Brent Stewart, and Rick Corbett. Each is willing to continue serving on the board. Liz asked for a vote of acclimation to accept the nominees. Cheryl seconded and the membership voted. The vote of acclimation passed.

Deana discussed moving the field trip day to the second Saturday of the month, instead of the third Saturday after the meeting. It will make it easier for everyone to attend our field trips and OGMS field trips, too. Cullen Anderson and Robert and Desiree will be helping out during the next season. Thank You! Also, Tim would like to donate a BBQ we can use for field trips, workshops, etc.

Remember there are items for sale to benefit the Building Fund. They are on the back table. If you need a special size or item, we can make a special order to Idaho Ink Spot.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm for the auction.

*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson,
Acting Secretary*

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2021

This meeting was held at the Maple Grove Grange to sign the contract for our new meeting hall.

Deana Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Present: Deana Ashton, Ed Moser, Cheryl Link, Rick Corbett, Teresa Nebeker, Terri Frostrom, Willa Renken, Brent Stewart, and Dana Robinson.

Absent: Randy Harrison, Jason Smith.

Guests: Theresa Barnes, Jackie Eschelmann, Ron Mummey.

Ed Moser announced that his wife Deanna Moser has passed away on Dec. 4th. The memorial service will be announced when scheduled.

Willa let us know that the Bethels have moved into an assisted living facility called Willow Creek.

Our guests tonight represent the Maple Grove Grange. Terri went over the contract for the venue. Cost will be \$100 per month with an extra \$50 for the storage closet. There will be no change in charges for months with no general meeting at the Grange. The contract contains requirements of us to clean up after meetings, i.e., put away tables and chairs (only stack 4 tables on one standing table), take out all trash and replace trash bags, lock doors and turn lights out, except kitchen light. An insurance rider is needed for the Grange for their files. We will put a photo in the *Grindings* of what the room should look like when we leave.

The contract was reviewed by the board members and then signed. Teresa gave them a check to pay for the first year. Our first board meeting will be in January and the first general meeting will be on February 15.

Deana asked for any corrections to the minutes as printed in the *Grindings*. Willa made a motion to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Ed. Board members voted, motion carried.

Secretary Report: Deana read the exit letter to the church and went over plans for the cabinet and library move.

Treasurer Report by Teresa Nebeker: Teresa went over the monthly financial statements and disbursements.

We need a Building Fund chairperson. Teresa is willing to fill in for the time being, but need a replacement. The new price for T-shirts is \$15 each, and tickets for the drawing are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Field Trip Report: The trip to the Idaho Mining Museum went very well. About 12 people turned out and Coyote was very helpful.

Robert and Desiree Garner will be the field trip chairpersons for next year. Cullen Anderson will be helping them out.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: Brent went over the plans for the Christmas Workshop. It is the 18th and 19th from 10 am to 5 pm. He has ordered the porta-potty and also will set up a place for Marge to do wire wrapping in the house where it is quieter. It will be the last workshop of the year. There will not be a workshop on New Year's Eve. Some nicer, new findings have been purchased for the workshop. They will need to be paid for by those that want them.

Program: The program for December is the Project of the Year contest.

Youth Group: There were no participants at the last group meeting. Cheryl will have craft items for the kids to work on at the Christmas Workshop.

Old Business: The Banquet is coming up quickly and we haven't sold many tickets. Need to push the sales in President's Message. They will be for sale at the next meeting, at Stewart's Gem Shop, or at the door. We do need to have those who pay at the door sign up early so we have a count of beef, chicken, vegetarian for caterer. Contact Stewart's or Teresa Nebeker for questions or reservations.

New Business: We need to get the case favors ordered for the show. Willa suggested printed coffee mugs for this year. We will need 65-70 of them. Cheryl will order them. There was also discussion on raising the door cost to \$5. There shouldn't be show restrictions in Garden City.

Lifetime members were reviewed. Willa made the nominations, which were seconded by Cheryl. The board voted and the motion carried.

The Caldwell Library has a good display to check out that was set up by the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society members.

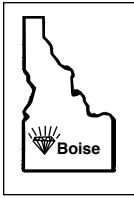
Willa nominated Deana Ashton for President for 2022, Terri seconded, the board voted and the motion passed. Congratulations Deana!

Willa has a new address for the Bethels and she will send it for the newsletter mailing list.

Thirteen new member applications were reviewed. Dana made a motion to accept the new members, Ed seconded, the board voted and the motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson
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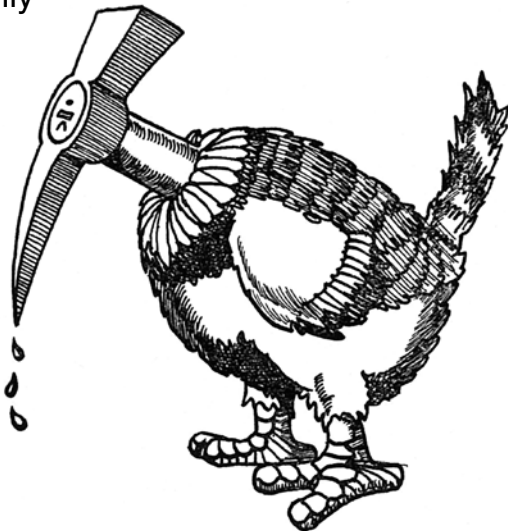
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