



# Grindings

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Rockhounds!!

At last we are doing activities and getin' outdoors! We have put together some opportunities for you to add to your collections. Many members have an overstock of rock for sale. Some are offering great deals. There are three sales happening, which are listed inside. On Saturday, May 15, we are invited to Gooding to the Idaho Rock Shop owned by Tony Funk of the Magic Valley Gem Club. At 9:00 am he will open the gate and be selling from enormous piles of new and old stock premium rock, some from Arizona this year. He has offered to have a BBQ for those who come down. Details inside.

Our Memorial Day Field Trip is a weekend outing. Friday and part of Saturday, to Hampton Butte, OR, for green petrified wood! This trip will be led by Past President Catherine Parsons and 2nd VP Cheryl Link, who really know how to collect excellent petrified wood. Sunday and Monday we will be going to Glass Buttes, OR, and visiting the Obsidian fields. Sunday morning we will be guided by the famous Emory Coons, a master flintknapper who owns most of the mining claims there. He has the most accurate information for the area. Please try and join us for the start of the collecting trip (9:00 am) when we will be briefed by Emory on locations and procedures. Please, if you collect from areas known to be his claims, offer to pay him for what you find. The public areas will be pointed out, also. Hard rock mining is a tough job. These men work hard for every dollar they earn. Let's be mindful of that when we visit their locations! Emory Coons has several YouTube videos you can watch to see how talented he is with gigantic pieces of volcanic glass. BRING GOGGLES AND THICK LEATHER GLOVES! Spare tires are a must, too. We would like to try and get a head count on those wanting to join this trip. Could you please text or call me at 208-794-5628 to let me know to expect you. We don't want to leave anyone behind!

The need for a good Field Trip Chairman is especially important for the success of our summer plans. Don Dixon has said he will help when he can for our trips to the Owyhees and I am grateful for his help so far this year. We lean hard on Robert Murphey, who is the OGMS Field Guide. Our thanks to Robert as well. Cathy Parsons and Cheryl Link have agreed to do this Hampton Butte trip and this is terrific. Cheryl Link has helped on the trips so far. If you could look over our upcoming schedule and call me if you have knowledge of an area we plan to visit and can offer help, many thanks in advance! We will pass a donation jar for our leaders to help with the rising fuel costs and hope you can offer a little for this. Often, Don and Robert make pre-trip visits to claims to be sure the roads are good. This one extra step ensures you a good outing. Thank you so much!

Come early for the May 18 meeting! We are having a tailgate rock sale starting at 5 pm! Anyone can sell from a trunk or tailgate! Phil Neuhoff from Rock Flat Minerals has a new inventory he is bringing Tuesday! Fuzzy and Gigi have been preparing, as well as myself, and Carissa is bringing some of Laura and Mikes estate pieces to sell. I am up for adding to our newsletter a sales area for you to promote your materials. We could also have a one-day sale at the church. I am all ears and will do what you, the members, wish to make the club exciting and fun. Please shake hands and greet new members at our functions, show your friendly side! We share the same interests! Make friends!

Next month is the Laura Lindsay/Mike Jones Memorial Picnic meeting at Ann Morrison Park on June 15. Mike and Laura perished in a house fire in January. The family has been working through the grieving process and sorting the belongings. They cannot believe the amount of rocks they have found for the auction we will have at this picnic. The Jones family is providing our BBQ dinner and I hope you all can attend and share stories of our times with this special couple.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!!

*Respectfully yours,  
Deana Ashton, President*

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## JANUARY

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

## APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	6 Board Meeting 7 pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 General Meeting 7 pm	21	22 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	23	24 OGMS Field Trip, Big Egg Claim, Geodes
25 Field Trip Graveyard Pt., Plume Agate	26	27	28	29	30	

## FEBRUARY

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
14	15	16 General Meeting 7 pm	17	18 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
28						

## MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
2	3 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	4 Board Meeting 7 pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 General Meeting 7 pm	19	20 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	21	22 OGMS Field Trip, Rockville, Leaf Fossils
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28 Memorial Day Burns Area Overnighter June 28-31	29 Workshop 10 am-2 pm

## MARCH

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 Rock Estate Sale, 9 am Ada Storage
14	15	16 General Meeting 7 pm	17	18 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	19	20 OGMS Field Trip Bruneau Wood Pile
21 Field Trip Queenstone & Whangdoodle	22	23	24	25	26	27 Juniors Mtg. 4 pm Workshop 10 am-2 pm
28	29	30	31			

## JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Board Meeting 7 pm	2	3	4	5 Field Trip Beacon Hill Geodes
6 Field Trip Beacon Hill Geodes	7 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Jones-Lindsay Memorial Picnic, 6pm Ann Morrison	16 Prineville Pow Wow	17 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	18 AFMS Annual Mtg. Big Piney, WY June 18 to 20	19 OGMS Field Trip, Pink Plume Claim, Plume Agate
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
27	28	29	30			

## APRIL FIELD TRIP REPORT

### April Field Trip to Graveyard Point

*by Cheryl Link and Deana Ashton*

On Sunday, April 25, the group of 14 people in 11 cars and trucks met at the Xtra Mile Gas Station at the corner of Hwys. 95 and 55. We had everyone sign-in on the log sheet for support for the maintenance on the club's claim. I will have to admit I was very concerned that we would be rained out with all the rain we had on Saturday and Sunday early morning. Don Dixon was confident we would have no problem, so we headed out. Don was correct. The weather was fantastic! It was surprising to see dust trails behind vehicles on the path to the claim!

Cheryl showed the group where our claim markers were so they would know where it was safe for them to go collecting. There was a short rain shower, but all it did was cut down on the dust.

At our April field trip we had 1 young man sign in and start the process of becoming our first "Future Rock Hound of America". Malachi chose the collection box that will hold 10 minerals or samples along with the Blue Collection Bag we are handing out for him to be able to keep his collection boxes in and transport them from home to meetings or school for show and tell. He had his rock bag, tools and a Grandma to fetch whatever he needed from the truck! Malachi found a good vein, and with a lesson from Don Dixon, they extracted a beautiful specimen. He also learned some chiseling and hammering techniques. This was not Malachi's first time rockhounding, he told me. He is working up the ranks with the production he displayed today!

Chris Berry discovered a boitroydial vug with promise and worked at getting that free, and he also shot a great video of the process!

Around 1:00, Don led us to a hillside down by Million Dollar Hill and we hiked finding little agate eggs. The weather held off and rain began just as we exited the entrance to the claim areas.

Special thanks to Don Dixon, who was an enormous help to all of us. We found a lot of pretty decent plume agate on the surface. Don's knowledge of the entire area is quite extensive and he was so helpful! He was appreciated by all who attended!

Thank you also to Robert Murphey for taking us to the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society's Big Egg Claim on Saturday! There were some real big eggs pulled out! It was nice to join up with the Owyhee club and have access to different materials!



## MAY FIELD TRIP

Idaho Gem Club Field trip day is the 3rd Sunday of each month and Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society Field trip day is the 3rd Saturday of each month.

The field trip for May will be a weekend trip to the Burns area to collect Hampton Butte green petrified wood, then to Glass Buttes for obsidian.

We will meet at the first Rest Area just over the Oregon border by Ontario at 6 am on Friday, May 28. It will be a three hour drive to Burns, with some members staying at America's Best Value motel on Oregon Ave. On Saturday morning, May 29th, meet at the Burns McDonald's at 10 am. From there Cathy Parsons and Cheryl Link will lead us to Hampton Butte for collecting. We will spend the day at Hampton Butte and head back to Burns in the afternoon.

On Sunday, May 30, we meet at the Burns McDonald's at 7:30 am, leaving for Glass Buttes at 8 am to meet up with Emory Coons at 9:30 am. Monday, May 31 will be exploring the Glass Buttes area and then back to Boise.

Questions can be answered at the general meeting or you can call Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628.

### Field Trip Leaders Contact Information:

IGC -- \*\*\* OPEN \*\*\*

**Please call Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628  
if you'd like to help lead field trips for us!**

## BEACON HILL FIELD TRIP

June 5, 2021 and June 6, 2021

Both days we will meet at the first rest stop in Oregon, just past the Snake River bridge and before Ontario. We meet at 8:00 am and depart in a caravan at 8:30am.

If people arrive at the entrance to the claim trail, they may NOT enter until Doug or Willa Renken arrive to lead group in all at once. They will open the gate at 9:00 and take us up to the claim. Do not enter the gate to get a head start, even if it's open! Crossing a lot of private property in a large group takes planning and good relations with the ranchers, which the Renkens do for us. Please wait for them.

Camping is happening at Steck Park at the end of Olds Ferry Road. It is lots of fun! Sunday, will be the same routine. If rain occurs, we cannot travel to the claim. But there are other areas we can go to. Or go back to camp!

Contact Willa or Doug Renken for questions at 208-362-3941.

*\* The only access to this claim is twice a year on scheduled IGC field trips with the Renkens. This is the first trip of this year.*

## 2021 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Saturday May 15 Trip to Idaho Rock Shop, Gooding, Rock Sale and free BBQ at Tony Funks.

Saturday May 22 OGMS Rockville Fossils/Mapleridge PW

### Memorial Day Overnight Trip to Burns, Oregon

Friday May 28 Meet at Burns McD's 10:00am.  
Hampton Butte to collect green petrified wood.

Saturday May 29 Hampton Butte Petrified Wood

Sunday May 30 7:30 am meet at Burns McD's  
8:00 am leave for Glass Buttes, 9:30 am meet

Monday May 31 Obsidian area exploration, return trip

Saturday June 4 IGC/OGMS Beacon Hill Claim

Sunday June 5 IGC/OGMS Beacon Hill Claim

**\*\*You must visit this claim with the IGC group on official scheduled dates.**

Saturday June 19 OGMS Pink Plume Claim

Sunday June 20 IGC Rome, OR, Snakeskin Agate

### Fourth Of July, Mackay/Challis Area Overnight Campout

Thursday July 1 Travel to area - details to come. Visits planned for Mackay and up to Challis. Multiple sites.

Friday July 2 to Monday July 5 Collect and explore areas (still in planning stage details to follow)

Saturday July 24 OGMS Coal Mine Basin Petrified Wood/Agate

Sunday July 25 IGC Succor Creek Thunderegg areas

Saturday August 21 OGMS Wagontown

Sunday August 22 IGC South Mountain (details to come)

**Saturday Sept 4-6 OGMS/IGC Texas Springs Campout-Jackpot**

Saturday Sept 18 OGMS Blue Egg Claim

August - Topaz Mountain trip and Fossil sites in Utah being planned

September - Tentative Sunstone Claim trip, overnight for 3 nights

## FIELD TRIP SUPPLIES

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

Good boots or hiking shoes are recommended  
Rain Coat (dress in layers for cooler mornings)  
Lunch/Dinner/Snack Foods/Camping supplies

If you have questions, please ask any board member and they can help you find the answer.

## HAMPTON BUTTE

Hampton Butte has long been a popular collecting site for rockhounds who are interested in finding petrified wood with a unique green color. The 120-acre rockhounding area, located 12 miles northeast of Highway 20 near the unincorporated community of Brothers, is listed on the Central Oregon Rockhounding Map.

The specimens here are white, gray, black, and yellow but the most prized ones range from turquoise to dark green colors that are probably caused by iron or copper inclusions. The wood appears as petrified wood or limb casts where original structures were replaced by agate, jasper, or common opal. Agate and jasper can be found here as well.

This site has been visited frequently by rockhounds in past years but you still can find tumbler-size materials on the surface. Digging one to two feet below the surface with a shovel or pick would yield larger pieces of wood. The soil is relatively soft. Avoid digging under trees and around tree roots. Not every piece you find will polish well, there are a lot of porous materials.

The site is surrounded by BLM lands on the north and east with private property on the west and south. A beautiful Juniper forest covers Hampton Butte offering a great rockhounding and camping experience in the shady area. The site is extremely popular because of easy access and the great materials found here.





## GLASS BUTTES

Glass Buttes are a group of volcanic mountains made up of two prominent peaks and several smaller hills. They are located in the remote northeast corner of Lake County, approximately 70 miles (110 km) southeast of Bend and 50 miles (80 km) west of Burns. Rising high above the high desert plain, the buttes are an important landmark in an area once known as the Oregon's Great Sandy Desert. The buttes are named for the numerous large deposits of obsidian found on their slopes. Today, most of the mountains and surrounding land are administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The mountains offer a number of recreational opportunities including rock collecting, hiking, camping, and hunting.



The highest point in the Glass Buttes complex is known as Glass Butte. Its elevation is 6,388 feet above sea level. The buttes are steep with a number of massive basalt outcroppings scatter along the slopes. There is a secondary peak southeast of the main summit called Little Glass Butte that has an elevation of 6,155 feet.

There is a wide variety of high-quality obsidian found in the area including jet black, brown, green, red fire, pumpkin, mahogany, midnight lace, rainbow, gold sheen, silver sheen, and snowflake as well as several double flow varieties. While some rockhounds dig for preferred obsidian specimens, there are large fields of colorful obsidian readily available on the ground for easy collection.

Today, most of the land on and around Glass Buttes is owned by the US Government. Those Federal lands are administered by the BLM. Because the Glass Buttes complex has abundant, high-quality obsidian, the Bureau of Land Management has reserved 36 square miles as a free-use area where the public can gather obsidian for private use. No permits are required; however, individuals can only remove 250 pounds (110 kg) of obsidian per year. There is also some state-owned land and a few private obsidian claims in the Glass Buttes area that are not generally open to the public.



The area is very remote and extremely rugged. The access roads are not maintained so four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended. Also, the widely dispersed natural glass (obsidian) increases the chances of a flat tire on the roads.

## NOTES FROM PRESIDENT ABOUT CLAIMS

Please remember that the Whangdoodle Claim requires active Idaho Gem Club membership to collect or dig. Have your current club ID card with you. Non members may not dig there! Contact club officers to report any activity you see on the claim. Get a license plate number or photo if possible.

We are guests of the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society when we visit their claims on field trips, such as the Big Egg Claim. You may not return to rockhound without permission from an OGMS officer. Please observe this rule and conduct code.

Graveyard Point has several mining operations underway at this time! DO NOT show up and interrupt their activity without permission from the claim owner! The presence of an excavator makes for tremendous responsibility and liability! They are on limited time at a high cost per hour. They will let us know when we can see what this year yields and make purchases! The majority of Graveyard Point is under active claim by many miners, including the IGC Graveyard Point claim.

## WORKSHOPS

IGC Lapidary Workshops are your best benefit of membership. We provide and teach you to use quality equipment to create rock projects and jewelry. Come see what you can create!

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

***Masks required!***

## WORKSHOP LOCATION

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



## JUNIORS PROGRAM

We had our first junior step up and want to join the “Future Rock Hound of America” badge program. We welcome **Malachi Randell**! Malachi received the Blue Collection Bag to keep his collection boxes in. He also chose the collection box that will hold 10 specimens. The Blue Bags will hold either eight 10 count collection boxes or three 24 count collection boxes. They will also be able to mix and match the combination counts. We will give the juniors a new collection box as they continue to fill the one we have given them. This will require them to complete the labels identifying their specimens in their collection boxes to be able to receive a new specimen box and to complete the badge requirement.

Congratulations to Malachi and the future Idaho Gem Club and Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society juniors who want to play.





## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Deana Ashton

Youth participants in the Badge Program should sign up with the AFMS online: [amfed.org](http://amfed.org), Future Rockhounds of America. Program graduates will move from “future rockhound” to “full rockhound” status as they achieve the first 6 badges in the program. Super-achievers are rewarded for achieving all badge levels. Their names are featured in the AFMS newsletter and posted on the web site. They also receive special pins.

\* NOTE: The last Idaho recipient of recognition for FRA was awarded in September 2015! We need to represent Idaho The Gem State much stronger!! Sign up your young children and grandchildren and watch them succeed!

*Visit [amfed.org](http://amfed.org) and look for the “Future Rockhounds of America” tab, fill in the form and submit to register!*



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ed Flagan & Susan Powell	Emily McCoy
Kathy & Stephen Mucher	Allen Korman
Andrzej & Jolanta Midak	Brenen Helgerson
Edgar & Scarlett Randall	Michael Hurt
Jerry Schwartz	Claire Opperman
Jennifer Caldwell & Adam Sheerer	
Holly Roisum & Amber Biddulph	
David Hopkins & Corrine Christ	

## WELCOME NEW JUNIORS

Taylor Hurt	Kimber Biddulph
Kaitlyn Mucher	Everly Biddulph
Nathan Mucher	Jason Biddulph
Rowan Caldwell	Malachi Randall

## New Members:

Our website at [idahogemclub.com](http://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!

### THE GRINDINGS

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CHECK OUT THE CLUB WEBSITE!  
[www.idahogemclub.com](http://www.idahogemclub.com)

## SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

By Deana Ashton

Deepest sympathies go to Alice Stewart and family for the loss of her mother, Irene Coonce.

Heartfelt sympathy goes out to Kathie and Steve Schultz. Steve's father, "Mr. Wildhorse" Ed Schultz, passed away recently. He was a longtime miner who discovered, named and mined Wildhorse Jasper in 1968.

Please keep Deanna Moser 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 or email [gemdigger2014@outlook.com](mailto:gemdigger2014@outlook.com) and I will follow through reminding our members we care.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow

Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show

17-20 June, 2021

### Field Trips

- June 18: Field trip free dig to Bear Creek, weather permitting  
This is a BLM site for petrified wood
- June 19: Two trips, fee digs on private ranches for thundereggs  
Friends Ranch and Ochs Ranch
- June 20: Field trip fee dig to McDonald's Ranch for petrified wood, thundereggs and agate  
We may also do another trip to Friend's Ranch if there is interest

All trips leave the fairgrounds at 7:30 am sharp

You must sign up in advance and be a member of the POW WOW  
Sign up sheets and memberships are available at the POW WOW office trailer

Note: At this time we do not know what restrictions or precautions will be imposed by the Crook County Fairgrounds or the private ranches

### FREE PUBLIC ADMISSION

9:00am to 5:00pm Thursday through Saturday  
9:00am to 4:00pm Sunday

Excellent selection of materials, tools and machines  
obsidian, jade, petrified wood, jasper, plume agate, limb casts,  
moss agate, thundereggs, crystals, precious gems, jewelry,  
and LOTS MORE!

Crook County Fairgrounds  
Prineville, OR

The I.O.N. Mining Cooperative will be selling high end products from our region at this show, like new inventory from SilverStreams NW — Steve and Kathie Schultz.



## ESTATE SALE

comprised of materials, gemstones and minerals  
from decades of rock hounding, sawing and polishing

The quality of materials in these lots is unparalleled, rare and, in some cases, unattainable in the field. Whether you are a collector, reseller or finisher these lots of gemstones are an investment that will enhance your gem portfolio and provide a source of enjoyment and income for years to come.

Lots are priced individually based on either quantity, value or weight. Prices per Lots range from \$20-\$1000. Lots will NOT be broken out for individual piece sales. Discount of 10% for purchases of 5 or more lots. Purchase of ALL lots will get a 20% discount.

**Shown by APPOINTMENT ONLY.**  
**Local Sales—CASH ONLY—No Shipping.**

**Serious Buyers Only Please**  
**FIRST COME--FIRST SERVED!**

If part or all lots are sold, I will update this ad, so please DON'T contact me with "Is it Still Available request" Thank You.

Contact Doug Stringer by email or phone (510-825-1959)  
to request a price list and appointment date/time.

### Lot #/Description

- 1 Assortment of Washington petrified wood, geodes and Graveyard Plume (39 pieces)
- 2 Assortment of Graveyard plume, petrified wood and cut bookends (50)
- 3 Assortment of geodes, and plume agate (60 pieces)
- 4 Assortment of geode slabs, plume agate and petrified wood. (84 pieces)
- 5 Friday thunder egg geodes from the Richardson Ranch which is now CLOSED to the public. (153)
- 6 Petrified wood, geodes, jasper (87 pieces)
- 7 Jasper, petrified wood, geodes (118 pieces)
- 8 2 Boxes of Graveyard Point agate and quartz crystals
- 9 3 Boxes of Grassy Mountain petrified wood, 1 box of misc. gem materials
- 10 8 Boxes of geodes and assortment of gemstones with 7 individual gemstones
- 11 Assortment of petrified wood, agate and Montana moss (85 pieces)
- 12 Geodes, Jasper, petrified wood and obsidian (89 pieces)
- 13 9 Boxes of sliced obsidian
- 15 Quality Picture Jasper, large plume agate (52 pieces)
- 17 21 Boxes of geodes, plume, agate, Jasper, etc.
- 18 Large thunder eggs (215 lbs)
- 19 Large specimens of petrified wood and Picture Jasper (205 lbs)
- 20 1 Large Owyhee Picture Jasper, 2 Graveyard Plume Agate (60 lbs)
- 21 Large specimens of gemstones (assorted) (325 lbs)
- 22 1 Box of fossils
- 22b 2 Boxes of Tortilla Agate (40 lbs)
- 23 Jade (25lbs) 1pc. Petrified wood, 1 pc. Wyoming fossil
- 24 1 Box of Rose Quartz (35 lbs)
- 25 2 Buckets of Apache tears (70 lbs)
- 26 2 Specimen boxes of gems/mineral/fossils
- 27 Assortment of rough gem rock (approx 845 lbs)

## DEAL OF THE YEAR!!

After having all my rock sale venues in Idaho cancelled for over a year, I've decided to sell my fabulous inventory in one bulk offer! My pain is your gain!

Over **1900 ITEMS** for an average of  
**UNDER \$10 EACH!**  
(\$19,000 total)

I'm betting it's the most unique assortment you will find anywhere. Collectible Jaspers like Morrisonite, Bruneau, Biggs/Deschutes, Polychrome, Willowcreek, Original Owyhee, Ocean, and more. A plethora of agates and geodes, Labradorite, Spectrolite, Celestite, Aragonite, Calcite, Amethyst, Grassy Mtn., Blue Forest, Arizona, and other petrified woods, jewelry items, cabochons, spheres, hearts, freeforms, bookends, slabs and more. I have 80 photos that you can see on the Idaho Gem and Mineral Mart site on Facebook.

Please call Jonathan Barnett at 208-869-5164  
or email him at [naturallyrockin@gmail.com](mailto:naturallyrockin@gmail.com)  
*if you are serious —*

**FIRST PERSON TO CLAIM IT, GETS IT ALL!**

Sales tax will be added, unless you have a seller's tax permit for Idaho, or you live in Oregon. Local pick-up in the Treasure Valley. No shipping.

Tony Funk  
IDAHO ROCK SHOP

**Saturday • May 15th • 9:00 am**  
**Rock Sale and BBQ**  
1727 S. 2150 E., Gooding

Tony Funk, owner of Idaho Rock Shop in Gooding, has invited OGMS and Idaho Gem Club to come down and shop from the massive collection of 300,000 pounds of premium rock he has gathered. He just brought an enormous load of great new materials from Arizona!

He has a \$1.00 per pound pile, a \$3.00 per pound pile and a \$6.00 per pound premium pile to pick from.

Quantity discounts available, please bring cash.

Robert Murphey will meet people at the first Mtn. Home exit, at the Chevron with a Burger King, at 8:00 am and leave at 8:30 am if you'd like to caravan down to Gooding.

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### MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 20, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by President Deana Ashton followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 31 adults and 5 juniors in attendance. Several new members and guests were introduced.

**Door Prizes/Building Fund:** Rick Corbett drew door prizes for 5 juniors and 8 adults. Deana gave out plume agate pieces for any who wanted them.

Christine Anderton drew 3 winners for the Building Fund raffle. The raffle winner for the large quartz crystal on the back table was not drawn this month due to low raffle ticket sales. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The final drawing will be at the May meeting if more raffle tickets are sold.

**Secretary Report:** POSITION OPEN-Dana Robinson standing in

**Treasurer Report:** Teresa was absent but provided account summaries for the Board meeting and they were reviewed.

**Federation Director Report:** No report.

**Program** by Cheryl Link: Cheryl did a presentation on loaner backpacks she is creating. They will be filled with tools to use on field trips. They can be checked out to use for 2 weeks to see what tools you might like to purchase. Deana will have a checkout form and a liability release form. The backpacks will be numbered and documented for tracking. Tools will also be painted for easy identification. Brent can do a bucket loaner kit as well.

Brent did a talk on Graveyard Point Plume Agate. His grandfather, Dudley, discovered it and originally named it Idaho Plume, but changed it to Graveyard Point when it was discovered it was in Oregon. The agate formed in cracks and the plumes are inclusions in the agate. Cheryl had a sample on the microscope and Marge brought in finished pieces.

**Workshop Report** by Brent Stewart: The regularly scheduled workshop will be the Thursday workshop open from 6-8:45 pm on Apr. 22nd. The following workshops will be Sat., May 1 from 10 am-2 pm; ROLE on Mon., May 3 from 6-8:45 pm; Thurs., May 20 from 6-8:45 pm; and May 29 from 10 am-2 pm. All workshops are listed on the calendars on page 2. There is a \$5 fee for machine maintenance.

May will be starting the Kid's Day at the workshop. Brent explained the agenda he has for the day, and lunch is provided.

**Field Trip Report** by Cheryl Link: Cheryl will lead the field trip to the Graveyard Point claim on April 25th. The club will be meeting at the Xtra Mile station at the corner of Hwys. 55 and 95, just outside of Marsing at 8:30 am, leaving at 9 am. Cheryl will also partner with Cathy Parsons to lead the Memorial Day trip to the Burns area. Deana Ashton will be introducing Emory Coons, a miner at Glass Buttes, to lead us to collection areas also.

Robert Murphy reported on the OGMS Field Trip. They are going to the Big Egg claim for geodes. Four-wheel drive with some clearance will be needed. Bring picks, rock hammer, pry bars, gad

bar, etc. Meet at the Xtra Mile station at the corner of Hwys. 55 and 95 at 8 am, leaving at 8:30 sharp. It will take about 15 minutes to get there.

**Juniors Report** by Cheryl Link: The field trip this month will give the juniors an opportunity to work on their badges. They will each receive a specimen box to start their collection, and log books to document their finds.

**Old Business:**

No old business.

**New Business:** Deana and Cheryl went over the Rockhound Code of Ethics and claim markers.

Mike Dome demonstrated a cool shaker box he built for Emerald Creek and Plush, OR.

Willa Renken's silversmithing classes will be starting this Friday. Cost is \$125 and the silver is provided.

We are again signed up for a booth at Nyssa's Thunder Egg Days. It runs from July 8 to 10.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Dana Robinson, Editor*

## CLUB POSITIONS OPEN:

- \*1 Board of Director position open
- \*Secretary position is open
- \*Field Trip Chairman/ Field Guide

Contact Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628 to inquire about openings please!

## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING

**MAY 4, 2021**

Deana Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

**Present:** Deana Ashton, Willa Renken, Cheryl Link, Brent Stewart, Ed Moser, Jason Smith, Dana Robinson.

**Absent:** Randy Harrison, Teresa Nebeker, Teri Frostrom, Rick Corbett.

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 Cheryl Link. Board members voted, motion passed.

**Secretary Report:** There is a new Rock n Gem magazine and the current AFMS newsletter.

**Treasurer Report** by Dana Robinson: Teresa delivered the monthly reports to Dana, who reviewed the month's financial statements. Dana will submit receipt to Teresa as well as the new applications.

**Federation Report** by Ed Moser: The AFMS meeting will be on Zoom. They will be doing an Endowment raffle drawing. For Raffle tickets, contact Judy Beck, AFMS President. Time is limited.

**Program Report:** No ideas at present.

**Juniors Report** by Cheryl Link: There was only one junior on the trip this month. He received a bag with specimen case and a log book for recording. He even found a couple of nice seams.

Send the juniors articles to Denise Stringer for inclusion in the OGMS newsletter.

**Field Trip Report:** There were 11 cars and 12 people on the trip. Good material was found. It was not wet at all in that area.

Cheryl and Cathy Parsons will be leading the trip to the Burns area on Memorial Day weekend. Hampton Butte will be first and then on to Glass Buttes. Emery Coon will show where to find the various obsidians in the Glass Buttes area. He is also knowledgeable about any claims.

**Workshop Report** by Brent Stewart: Upcoming dates are 5-20 6-8:45pm, 5-29 10am-2pm, 6-7 ROLE 6-8:45pm, 6-17 6-8:45 pm, 6-26 10am-2pm.

**Scholarship Report:** There were some questions about timing of application and schools to include. Deana will check with Phil Neuhoft to clarify.

**Old Business:** Lifetime members were discussed. Karol Cawthon, Dana Robinson, and Willa and Doug Renken are eligible this year. Will recognize at next banquet.

Checked Whangdoodle again and more digging is going on.

**New Business:**

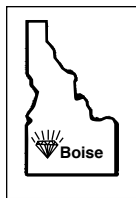
There is a claim marker down at Queenstone. Cheryl will plan a work day in June to get it fixed.

Fourteen new applications were reviewed. Willa made a motion to accept the new members, Cheryl seconded, the board voted and the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson  
and Deana Ashton, President*





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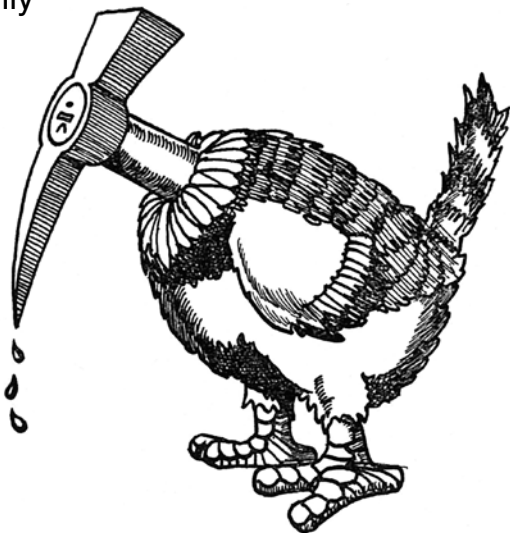
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**BOARD MEETING:**

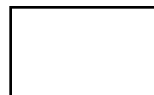
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