




# Grindings

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Well, it's another great day to be living in Idaho. What a pleasure it was to see everyone at our January Banquet. Thank You Terri Frostrom for the wonderful table gifts and all of your hard work setting things up.

I would like to welcome Jean Hoene and thank her for becoming our new club Historian. Let's support her by bringing in any club documents or photos you may have to contribute. You can bring them to any club meeting to give to her or to our club secretary, Dana Robinson.

Deana Ashton will head up our new Junior's Program with new curriculum and fun. Let's get those kids coming!

I would like to thank Ed Moser for his many years of service on our Board and welcome Liz Warner to the Board. She has taken on the Workshop Manager position. Boy those machine are running good. Come to a workshop and check out our new Titan machine.

Jenni Gudapadi is our new Field Trip Coordinator. She is working on the list of trips for this year. Can't wait for spring and a little rockhounding fun!

Please join us for our next meeting on February 21st. It's all about the show. Come learn about doing a display case or signing up for any of the different jobs at the show. We always need lots of help and there are plenty of positions still needing to be filled. This meeting is also the time to get a parking permit for the back lot, especially if you're doing a case. Show setup starts at 8 am on Friday, February 24th at the Expo Idaho. Come help and flex those muscles...The show starts on Saturday, February 25th at 10 am. If you haven't signed up, let's get to it! It's your club and your show. Let's make it "The Greatest Show on Earth."

Our show always starts the Rock and Gem Season for me and always falls on mom's birthday. Rock on Mom!

*P.S. The following weekend is the OGMS show in Caldwell. See you there, too!*

*Respectfully Submitted, Rick Corbett, 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  
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## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

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 Trailer Loading Work Party 10 am Lock-Away	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	21 General Meeting 7 pm	22	23	24 Show Setup 8 am-Noon Expo Idaho	25 Gem Show 10 am-6 pm
26 Gem Show 10 am-5 pm Tear-Down	27	28				

## MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 *CHANGE* OGMS Show 10 am-6 pm
5 OGMS Rock & Gem Show 10 am-5 pm	6 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	7 Board Meeting 7 pm	8	9	10	11
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

## APRIL

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 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	18 General Meeting 7 pm	19	20 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29 Workshop 10 am-2 pm

## MAY

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 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	16 General Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
28	29	30	31			



## Upcoming Events

**Annual Rock, Gem & Fossil Show**, February 25, 10 am-6 pm, February 26, 10 am-5 pm. Expo Idaho,  
5610 N. Glenwood St., Garden City

**OGMS Annual Rock & Gem Show**, March 4, 10 am-6 pm, March 5, 10 am-5 pm. O'Connor Field House,  
2207 Blaine St., Caldwell

**Rock, Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show**, Magic Valley Gem Club, March 11, 10 am-5 pm, March 12, 10 am-4 pm.  
Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, 215 Fair Ave., Filer

**Southeast Idaho Gem & Mineral Society Show**, March 25-26, 10 am-5 pm. Bannock County Fairgrounds, 10588  
Fairground Dr., Pocatello

## The Idaho Gem Club

presents its annual

# GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW



IDAHO GEMS • FLUORESCENT MINERALS • CRYSTALS • PETRIFIED WOOD  
FOSSILS • HOW-TO DEMONSTRATIONS • JEWELRY • BEADS • TOOLS &  
EQUIPMENT • CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES • SILENT AUCTION • DOOR PRIZES

NEW EXPANDED BLACK-LIGHT DISPLAY FOR FLUORESCENT MINERALS!

## Expo Idaho

5610 Glenwood Avenue, Boise, Idaho

February 25 & 26, 2023

Saturday 10:00 to 6:00

KIDS 12 and under FREE

Sunday 10:00 to 5:00

Adults \$5

## WORKSHOPS

See the calendar for upcoming workshop dates! Come cut your rocks and learn cabochon making! Brent Stewart, Rick Corbett, and Liz Warner keep the club lapidary workshop operating year round.

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)



## ROCK TUMBLING & GRAB BAG CONTESTS

The Rock Tumbling Contest First Prize winner was Teresa Nebeker, who graciously donated her prize to two young helpers at the stuffing party. Grace and Jameson Holten were a great help and are very excited to be involved. Enjoy your prize! Second place went to Jenni Gudapadi and Bill Todd.

Prize winners for the Grab Bag Sewing Contest are Cathy Parsons, who turned in 647 bags, and Becky Gibson, who sewed 400 bags.

Thanks to everyone for getting involved and helping out with an important part of our annual show! We stuffed a total of 1,057 bags.



## IGC LIBRARY

Our Club Library will be open during the general meetings. Take a look at the books, magazines and videos available for check-out. Duplicate books from the library will be available for members to have.

If you have any books you would like to donate to the library, please contact Cheryl Lawson at dizzyphalarope@gmail.com. You may bring books to donate in a bag marked for Cheryl and leave it on top of the library cabinet.





GRAB BAG STUFFING



ANNUAL BANQUET



## YESTERYEAR

Hello Dear Club Members,

I am writing to introduce myself to you all. I am Jean Hoene (pronounced Hay-nee). I have been a club member for a year and attended some Workshops during the previous year.

I am just starting as Club Historian. This will entail collecting clippings, pictures and records each year and writing a short article for the *Grindings*. I would like to set up interviews for Club Members to learn more about people, places and THINGS!!!!

I, of course like all of you, have been interested in rocks, gems, fossils and artifacts. I am only now beginning to explore this wonderful world and am eager to absorb what I can about it all. When I think of the thousands of neat rocks I rode past on my horse I laugh. This means that my collection is tiny in comparison to so many of you.

I was raised in Boise from age 10, when my family moved here from Milwaukee, WI. I feel so blessed to have grown up here when there was plenty of open country to explore and there was MAGIC in the air. I can still feel that magic in limited doses, say on a hot August night or dipping my feet in a small stream somewhere. Digging through rocks or grinding a cabachon in a workshop or in the ROLE program brings an excitement that is very gratifying.

I graduated from Borah High School in 1973 (do the math). I moved to Northwester, WA, in 1985 and returned in 2015, after raising two kids who are adults in their 30s now, both of whom still live in Northwester.

Starting this Historian position I am gathering the more recent records, some of which are proving elusive. So, if anyone has any pictures, newspaper clippings, or stories of field trips, people, or discoveries, including anything that may have been stored digitally on a disc or flash drive, please get that to me or Dana Robinson.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sarah Fagan & Jordan Tanner      Mac Danielson

## WELCOME NEW JUNIORS

Liam Fagan                      Connor Fagan

## SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

By Deana Ashton

Wishing Ray Harshman a speedy recovery from knee surgery. Also keep Patsy Bethel in your prayers as she recovers from a fall and rehab stay.

IGC Sunshine Lady sends cheerful greetings to club members needing get well wishes, sympathy and anniversary expressions. If you know someone in need of cheer or attention, please text or call Deana at 208-794-5628.

## IDAHO GEMSTONE LOCATIONS

### Old Mine Dumps

Old mine dumps are an excellent place to search for crystal and mineral specimens. Every year weathering and erosion break down these old minewaste materials and new specimens are exposed to the view of the collector.

### Garnets

Garnets occur throughout the State of Idaho in a variety of rock types, including pegmatites, garnetiferous schists and other metamorphic rocks. On the East Fork of Emerald Creek in northern Idaho, gem-quality almandite garnets are found in placer gravels of the stream bed. These purple to red garnets are significant for the asterism or stars caused by inclusions aligned in layers. Collectors recover this gem by digging to bedrock and using screens to recover the garnets.

### Bruneau Jasper

The most famous jasper in Idaho is the "Bruneau jasper," a red and green gem-quality stone. The Bruneau jasper deposits are situated approximately 50 road miles south of Bruneau in Owyhee County. The Bruneau jasper deposit is a zone of jasper filled sperulite shrinkage cavities. There are two small fractures in the upper zone of the Bruneau jasper rhyolite flow in the Indian Hot Springs area. The Bruneau jasper flow is the most silica-rich rhyolite flow in the area and is the source of silica that resulted in the predominantly red and brown jasper.

### Spencer Opal Deposit

The Spencer opal deposit is located about 5 miles east-northeast of the town of Spencer. One of the best deposits in the area is the well known Deer Hunt Mine. The Deer Hunt Mine is open to rockhounds interested in digging the opal for a set price per pound.

### Corundum

The mineral corundum is composed of aluminum oxide and is second only to diamond in hardness. All of the Idaho deposits of gem-quality corundum are found as placer deposits. Crystals have been found at the following localities:

Gravel bars along Rhodes and Orofino Creeks in Clearwater County near Pierce, placer deposits of the Stanley Basin in Custer County, in the Gold Fork tributary of the Payette River in Valley County, and between McCall and New Meadows on the headwaters of Goose Creek is a collecting area known as Rocky Flat.



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## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING

**JANUARY 17, 2023**

The Banquet Program opened at 6:20 with emcee Gene Stewart. The head table was introduced; Gene and Alice Stewart, and Rick Corbett and Becky Gibson. Linda Barlow offered the invocation, after which everyone enjoyed a good meal.

Gene told a few good jokes and Rick drew door prize tickets for 2 people.

Debbie Mitchell, NFMS Director, encouraged everyone to save cancelled stamps for cancer research. Cut 1/4" around the stamps and save in a bag.

Brenen Helgerson was awarded Rockhound of the Year for 2021-2022, and Past Presidents were introduced. A moment of silence was held for late member Jim Storey.

Deana Ashton was awarded the Project of the Year plaque for her entry this year.

Liz Warner went over the ROLE program and gave out certificates. There are 14 students in the program at this time. A Novice certificate went to Ryan Osborn.

Willa Renken presented a recognition gift to Deana for her years of service as President of the club. It was an electric blue labradorite pendant, created by Rick Corbett with material from Jonathan Barnett's estate. A Thank You gift was also presented to Ed Moser in recognition of his many (8 or 9) years on the Board of Directors.

**Business Meeting**

Deana asked for any corrections to the minutes as printed in the *Grindings*. Willa made a motion to accept the minutes, Terri seconded, the membership voted and the motion carried.

**Secretary Report:** No report.

**Treasurer Report:** A financial statement sheet is on the back table for anyone interested.

**Workshop Report:** Liz went over the location of the workshop and reminded everyone that lots of equipment is available there. The ROLE workshops for February will be Feb. 6 and 20, 6-8:45 pm.

The next workshops are going to be in March. The Thursday after the February meeting is too close to the show setup day to be practical, and the Saturday workshop on March 4 would conflict with the OGMS Annual Show. The workshop schedule will return to normal with the workshop on March 23rd.

**Old Business:** Sign-up sheets for the Gem Show are at the back table with Liz. We need several more volunteers to fill time slots and each table needs a chairperson, as well. There is lots of interest in the show this year.

Jenni Gudapadi reported that she is working on the field trip schedule for the next year. It will be in the newsletter when finished.

**New Business:** Deana delivered her reflections from the past year.

The Table Favors were awarded. There were three winners for each table.

Terry Tomberlin and Larry Ridley were announced as new Lifetime Members.

There will be a trailer loading work party on February 12th at Lockaway Storage. We will be meeting there at 10 am to move as much as the trailer will hold. The show set-up starts at 8 am on Friday the 24th.

## Installation of Officers:

President: Rick Corbett  
 1st Vice President: Willa Renken  
 2nd Vice President: Cheryl Link  
 Secretary: Dana Robinson  
 Treasurer: Teresa Nebeker  
 Federation Director: Debbie Mitchell

Gene then thanked Terri Frostrom and Becky Gibson for their work on the Banquet. He then announced that after 32 years of being the Emcee for our Banquets, this may be his last year. Many thanks were offered for his service.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary*

## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Rick Corbett called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Present:** Rick Corbett, Deana Ashton, Willa Renken, Teresa Nebeker, Terri Frostrom, Brent Stewart, Cheryl Link, Jason Smith, Liz Warner, Debbie Mitchell and Dana Robinson

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Ed Moser, Cheryl Lawson

Rick asked about the reservations at the park for the summer picnics. They haven't been made yet. Dana will call the Parks office and notify Rick when the reservations are set.

When asked about the yearly budget, Willa suggested an amendment to the Bylaws, Article 12, to move the budget meeting to June.

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

**Secretary Report:** No report.

**Treasurer Report:** Teresa reported that the insurance waiver has not been received by Expo Idaho. Need to be sure it gets there. There is a requirement for our Event ID on the vendors' tax forms. Teresa is getting that.

The reminder postcards have been sent out. She will also check the supplies box to see if we need show items like pens, tickets, etc.

Teresa went over the financial statements for deposits and disbursements.

**Workshop Report:** The next ROLE workshop is on the 20th and it was decided there will not be a regular Thursday workshop immediately before the show.

Teresa reported that the power bill was quite high for last month. We need to keep the heaters in the workshop off when not in use.

Jason reported that the Titan machine has partially arrived. When the main unit arrives it can be set up. It will be here soon.

**Show Report:** Cheryl reported that we will not have the case contest this year.

Terri made a motion to raise the price of grab bags to \$3. Liz seconded, the board voted and the motion passed.

The price for the raffle tickets is \$1/each or \$5/6 tickets. The library maps and books will be setup on and sold from the Silent Auction table.

Cheryl Lawson set up a nice display case in the Hillcrest library to advertise the Gem Show.

**Junior's Report:** Deana reported that the club is now signed up on the AFMS site for the Future Rockhounds of America program. Juniors can now sign in and receive the *Rock Pals Rock Exchange* newsletter. She also showed patches from the program that kids earn. Terri is getting permission to use a side room for the juniors.

**Workshop Report:** No workshop for February 23rd.

**Program Report:** Brent will do his Case Setup Demonstration for our program.

**Old Business:** The Work Party for loading the new trailer is on Sunday, February 12th, 10 am, at Lockaway Storage. A goal is to empty the storage space by the end of March. Need to buy a used rock trailer after the show for the silent auction rock. Maximum size can be no more than 14". May be able to use some of the shelving from the storage unit.

**New Business:** It was suggested that we procure a larger venue for the banquet next year. To give extra time for planning, Rick suggested naming a Banquet Committee now. Terri Frostrom, Becky Gibson and Dana Robinson will form a committee to research locations/costs for next year.

We need to buy wheel covers for the trailers that will be sitting through the year to preserve our investment.

Two new member applications were reviewed. Willa made a motion to accept the new applications, Dana seconded, the board voted and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

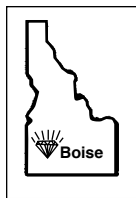
*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary*

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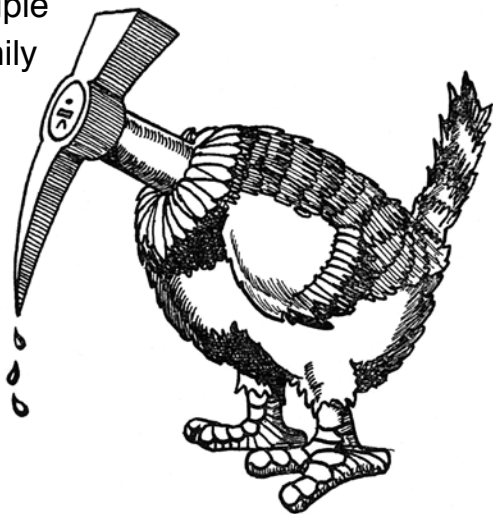
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**GENERAL MEETING:**

3rd Tuesday of every month: 7:00 p.m.

**BOARD MEETING:**

1st Tuesday of every month: 7:00 p.m.

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