



Grindings

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Rockhounds.

We're deep into fall, leaves are falling and the nights are getting colder. We had a great presentation from Sandy Blodgett on Botryoidal Agate from the Graveyard Point area. Thank you, Sandy for teaching us about this amazing formation.

We also had a great auction after the meeting, selling two saws and raising \$879 for our January banquet. Thank you everyone who donated and helped with the auction. November's meeting will have another auction, so plan on staying afterwards to get some great deals. We're having a flat lap with all the discs and three tumblers in the next auction, along with slabs and cabs and other great items. The December meeting will have another auction of Christmas present items.

November is also our election meeting. If anyone in the club is interested in joining our Board of Directors, nominations will be accepted from the floor and we will hold an election. Come join our winning team!

On December 20 and 21 we will have our Christmas Workshop from 10 am-4 pm both days. It's a pot luck so bring your favorite dish to share and grind a rock or wirewrap a nice gift for someone special. It's a fun workshop, so come and be with friends and have a good time.

December is also our Project of the Year contest. Any member can participate and it's a great way to show the world your hard work. We add the winner's name to our Plaque and you also have a special showcase at the show to show the winning entry. We all vote for the winning project, so anyone can be a winner.

January 20 is our annual Awards Banquet so get your tickets at our meetings or at Stewart's Gem Shop anytime. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-member guests. It will be at Water's Edge Event Center in Eagle. It is a special, beautiful venue that will make it a magical evening.

Then in February our show is happening at the Expo Idaho. Sign-up sheets will be available at our meetings, so get signed up for the many jobs we have in our show. Set-up is Friday, February 20, starting at 8 am. The show is Saturday and Sunday at 10 am. Come be a part of the best gem show in the Northwest. We have many display cases to fill, including blacklight cases. Contact me, Rick Corbett, if you want to do a display case. All of the information will be in the *Grindings*, or contact any board member with questions.

There's lots happening in the Idaho Gem Club, so get your dues paid, your grind on and be a part of the best gem club in Idaho.

*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

NOVEMBER

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 Wire Wrap Workshop 6-9 pm	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 Thanksgiving	28	29 Workshop 10 am-2 pm

DECEMBER

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 Wire Wrap Workshop 6-9 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15 ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	16 General Meeting 6 pm	17	18 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	19	20 Christmas Workshop 10 am-4 pm
21 Christmas Workshop 10 am-4 pm	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	6 Board Meeting 7 pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Wire Wrap Workshop 6-9 pm	14	15	16	17
18	19 ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	20 Banquet Meeting 5:30 pm	21	22 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Workshop 10 am-2 pm

FEBRUARY

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 Wire Wrap Workshop 6-9 pm	11	12	13	14
15	16 ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	17 General Meeting 7 pm	18	19 Workshop 6:45-8 pm	20 Gem Show Set-up 8 am	21 Gem Show 10 am-6 pm
22 Gem Show 10 am-5 pm Tear Down	23	24	25	26	27	28 Workshop 10 am-2 pm

*To participate in the ROLE workshops, you must complete your first level in the general workshops.



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

ROLE Workshops are the First and Third Mondays —
6:00 pm-8:45 pm

WORKSHOP LOCATION

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

\$5 Fee for each visit (kids free)



WIRE WRAPPING WORKSHOPS

Idaho Gem Club Wire Wrapping Workshops

2nd Tuesday of each month
6 pm to 9 pm

\$10 to participate, includes copper wire and stone

Maryann Weed is offering Wire Wrapping Workshops for club members at her shop. There is no longer a sign-up sheet. There is plenty of room for anyone who wants to come and there is so much to learn. Check it out!

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Recent projects

PROJECT OF THE YEAR CONTEST

Every December, we hold a contest for projects members have made related to lapidary, jewelry, earth science or geology. There are categories for Adults and Youth. The projects must be made by you, and made within the current year. There is a special showcase dedicated to display the winning entry during the Annual Gem Show and your name is added to the plaque displayed at the club workshop. Take advantage of upcoming workshops to create your project and feel free to ask members for help if you need it.

2026 GEM CLUB BANQUET

IDAHO GEM CLUB ANNUAL DINNER BANQUET JANUARY 20, 2026

Waters Edge Event Center
287 E. Shore Dr., Eagle

6:00 pm No Host Bar
6:30 pm Dinner

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

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

WATERS EDGE EVENT CENTER
287 E. SHORE DR.,
EAGLE

IDAHO GEM CLUB

ANNUAL BANQUET

Member: \$25.00 • Non-member: \$35.00
Waters Edge Event Center
287 E. Shore Dr., Eagle
January 20, 2026 • 6:00 pm

EQUIPMENT SALE

Sandy Blodgett is selling various used arbors and motors. Some need a bit of loving care, but they would be worth it. Prices will vary by piece and condition.

Contact Sandy at
208-859-4080

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The winner of the Idaho Gem Club Scholarship this year is Kaiya Schmidt. She is a junior at Boise State University studying Geosciences. She is very interested in the Landslide Hazards Program with the USGS. Below is her essay. We will be scheduling a short presentation with her for the spring. Congratulations, Kaiya!

As a student at Boise State University, I am surrounded by professionals in the geosciences who truly embody what it means to be a geologist. I look up to my professors, who provide me with resources and guidance that inspire me to pursue my own career in geology. My dream is to work for the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in the Landslide Hazards Program.

In my junior year of high school, I took my first geology class with Erin Stutzman. Erin rekindled the fascination for geology I had as a child. Months later, Erin took our class on a tour to Boise State University's Geoscience Department, where I later sat in on Kerri Wepner's GEOS 101 lecture. That class period is when I discovered my fascination with landslides.

Landslides are an interesting phenomenon — I often feel that people forget they exist until they happen. The USGS has been around for many years, and as a result, it has gained the public's trust. People fear what they don't know, and the USGS has made its data available to anyone. Along with the data come articles and interpretations made by professionals. These professionals have translated said data into something everyone can understand, making essential information about our changing Earth accessible.

Before pursuing all of my goals, my next step involves attending graduate school. I hope to attend the University of Utah, studying in the Geohazards Research Department under Jeffe Moore. The University of Utah is a phenomenal school with highly accredited geoscience professors. Depending on what the job market looks like after I graduate with my master's degree, I may go on to pursue my PhD or Doctorate. Although this is many years away, I am ambitious in starting my own research and contributing to academia.

With my burning ambition for the future of geosciences, I hope to not only serve my peers, but also to educate and protect the public from geologic hazards. My education is the first step to achieving these goals, and this scholarship represents an investment in my future as both a scientist and an educator. I am determined to make my mark in geosciences, impacting both the geohazards research and the communities that rely on this essential information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Greg Decoteau

Mary Corder

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!

NOVEMBER MEETING AUCTION ITEMS

These are some of the items that will be at our November auction. Not pictured are a bag of copper wire, dowels and a box of soldering bricks. These are in addition to slabs, cabs and other items to be auctioned. Come obtain that next piece of equipment you need.



Hi-Tec Flat Lap polisher
with wheels



Lortone Tumblers



Branson 1510 Vibratory Polisher



HDX 14" Tile Cutter
Brand New in Box



Miscellaneous Dremel Tools

ANNUAL GEM SHOW SIGN-UP TIME

Once again it is time to start thinking about the annual show. It takes everyone to jump on board and participate by signing up for the different events we have. There is a Wheel of Fortune, Garnet Dig, Grab Bag Sales, Basket Raffle, Silent Auction, Club Merchandise Sales, Scholarship Fundraiser Sales, Hospitality Table at the front door directing visitors, and Entry Ticket Sales that all need volunteers! We also need a good crew for setting up the tables, Black Light Room and Display Cases. Please get involved and help us out. This show is a regional favorite and we always receive a big turnout. This is a fun way to learn more about rocks, meet fellow members and the community. Sign-up sheets will be available at meetings. You may also call the chairpeople to get added on the lists.

Our show will be held February 21 and 22, 2026 at Expo Idaho.

Schedule:

Friday, February 20, 8 am to 6 pm. Show Set Up at Expo Idaho

We need volunteers to unload the trailers and set up the entire show, including display cases, dealer tables, blacklight room, demonstration area tables, and tables for the various Club Events. Please pitch in by giving a couple of hours helping the club bring this great Gem Show to life.

Saturday, February 21 10 am-6 pm. Show opens at 10 am.

All stations need full volunteer schedules.

Sunday, February 22 10 am-5 pm. Show is open.

All stations need full volunteer schedules.

Sunday at 5 pm-8 pm Show. Tear Down.

Volunteers needed to disassemble the show and load everything back into trailers. We can't do it without you!

Members are encouraged to contact Rick Corbett to reserve a display case where you can show off your treasures to the public. You may install your case during the afternoon on Friday. You must have the glass door fronts on and secured by Saturday's door opening at 10 am.



ROCK TUMBLING

We are in need of more tumbled rocks for the show! Please run your tumblers steadily so we can have as many polished stones as possible for our grab bags. Each 5-gal. bucket turned in will earn you \$125.00 to offset the cost of grit. The more you turn in, the more you earn!

If you need rocks to tumble, just ask any club officer and we will get you some. We will be scheduling the Grab Bag Stuffing party for sometime in mid-January, so keep tumbling and/or sewing grab bags to put them in.

TUMBLING INSTRUCTIONS

ROTARY ROCK TUMBLERS

These instructions will work with any rotary rock tumbler. The specific measurements provided for abrasive materials (grit and polish) is for 3 pound barrel capacity machines. You can adjust the media amounts with the inserted chart. All of the guidelines and approaches are good practice for any rock tumbling project.

Four Step Process

Rotary tumblers use a four step tumbling process:

1. Coarse Grind
2. Medium Grind
3. Pre-polish
4. Polish

Between each of the four steps remove, thoroughly rinse your rocks, and clean out the barrel. Everything must be cleaned thoroughly to remove all grit or rock debris. This is really important as the coarser grits from one step will act adversely in the next steps, scratching your rocks. As always, it is advised not to throw used grit down a drain because plumbing will be damaged/plugged. Use a bucket and a screen to collect used grit and slurry. Do not use an aluminum colander or pan to rinse your stones as it may mark them.

Good Rock Selection

The tumbling process starts with good rock selection. Pick rocks that are of near the same hardness. Use a mixture of small and large stones, but mainly larger ones. The smaller stones will help the grinding action. Gather enough rocks to fill your



barrel between 2/3 and 3/4 full. Too many stones and they will roll too short a distance for effective action.

Step One (Coarse Grind)

The goal of this step is for all surfaces of your rocks to be well-rounded. Place rocks in the tumbler and add the 60/90 silicon carbide grit. You are looking to round your rocks in this step over 7 to 10 days. The grit to rock ratio in this step is 2 tablespoons of grit per pound of rock. Add water until it is about 1 inch below your top layer of rocks. Seal the barrel and invert it to check for leaks. Once the tumbling starts watch for a few minutes to be sure there are no leaks. At the early days of this step, check daily on the progress by opening and inspecting the barrel. If the barrel appears to physically swell, open it to vent the buildup of gas which may naturally occur, be prepared with safety glasses and precautions for that. You can also add a teaspoon of baking soda and start with room temperature water to prevent a buildup of gases. Examine your rocks and slurry (the grit and water now mixed with some rock trailings). If it seems thick enough to impede the smooth tumbling of your rocks, thin it with a small amount of water. Once you see rounding has occurred for most or all of your rocks, you can move on to step 2.

Step Two (Final Grind)

In this step your purpose is to conclude the shaping process to your satisfaction. You will be removing any declensions and pitting that may have been present after step one. This step usually takes 7 to 10 days also. Remove any rocks that are not responding sufficiently or have evolved to an unattractive shape. Put your cleaned rocks in the barrel again, and add a 120/220 silicon carbide grit at 2 tablespoons per pound of load. Add water up to the bottom of the top layer of rocks and add a pinch of baking soda. Seal and tumble as before. Your slurry should be a little thinner than in the last step varying with the softness or fragility of materials you are processing. Your goal again in this step is to see that all the scratches from the first step are ground away and the rocks have a smooth, matte finish.

Step Three (Pre-polish)

In this step the goal is to make the rocks extremely smooth. As before, put cleaned rocks in the cleaned and fresh barrel to make a full load. Use a pre-polish of either silicon carbide 500 or aluminum oxide 500 for this step, about 1 tablespoon per pound of load, and then add water up to the bottom of the top layer of rock. Tumble time here is up to 7 days, with more checking slurry consistency and general progress every day or two. For softer rocks, you may need to do a second pre-polish step or just keep them in a little longer. At the end of this step it is most crucial to really clean the rocks and barrel. It will be more difficult because you are using a finer grit. This is so important because any grit can ruin the progress of your rocks in the final polish step.

Step Four (Polish)

By this time your rocks are looking pretty good and ready for that lasting final shine. You have been extra diligent on cleaning the rocks and barrel. Place your rocks in the tumbler and add Aluminum Oxide Polish, about 1 tablespoon per pound of rock. Step four takes up to seven days, but be sure to check the rocks as you are proceeding because some will be finished earlier. The best check for

completed rocks is that they look now as they would if wet. Once that is the case you are done with this step. One final detail, it is best to clean up now by cleaning your equipment thoroughly before everything dries and encrusts. Now you'll be ready for your next project with rock tumbling.

Media Amount Adjustment Chart (for generic tumbler)

Some tumblers require different amounts.

Check the instructions for your specific tumbler.

Barrel Capacity (lbs.)	Step 1 Coarse Grit	Step 2 Medium Grit	Step 3 Pre-polish	Step 4 Polish
2 oz	2 oz	2 oz	1.5 oz	1.5
3 oz	3 oz	3 oz	1.5 oz	1.5
4 oz	4 oz	4 oz	2 oz	2 oz

This chart is a general guideline to grit measurements. The correct amount of grit and polish to use will vary by project task. Hard rocks and particularly rough rocks may require additional grit to be added at some point in the process.

Since most people don't have an ounce measure scale around, the following is an easy way to arrive at ounces and is based on standard measuring spoons.

1 oz. coarse grit	= 4 level tsps.
1 oz. medium grit	= 4 level tsps.
1 oz. fine grit	= 4 level tsps.
1 oz. polishing grit	= 8 level tsps.



GRAB BAG PATTERN

For those who want to sew up some Grab Bags for the February show, here are the instructions. The Grab Bag Stuffing Party is coming up in mid-January.

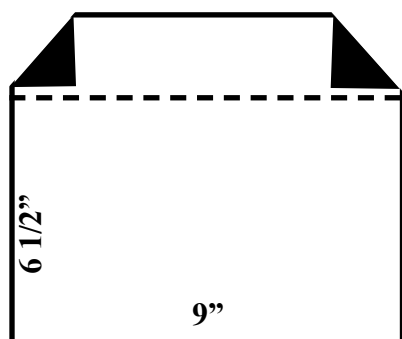
Cut out the fabric to 6 1/2" x 9" size. Press down 1/2" on the top edge of each strip. Following the pattern below, fold over the outer edge of the top hem and make the dog ears, then place your drawstring under the hem (but over the dog ears). You may want to place a few pins in the edge of the hem to make sure it stays put before you sew. Then sew the seam.

Once the hem is stitched down (be careful not to catch the drawstring in the stitching), sew the bag, beginning at the opening where you've placed the "dog ears". Stop the needle at about 1/4" from the bottom of the bag, turn and sew to the end. Then cut threads and turn the bag right-side out.

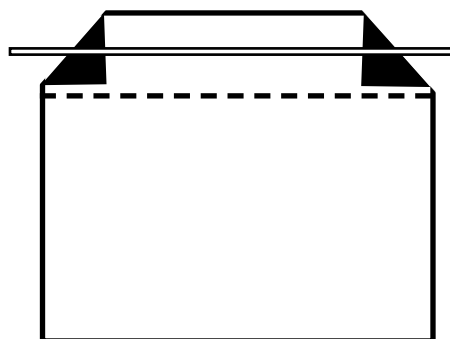
The strings should be made of any heavy cord, yarn or ribbon cut into approximately 14" lengths. Rug yarn is good, strong and colorful. Before sewing, press the folds with a hot iron or crease with the fingers to make the job easier.

Good Luck and Happy Sewing!

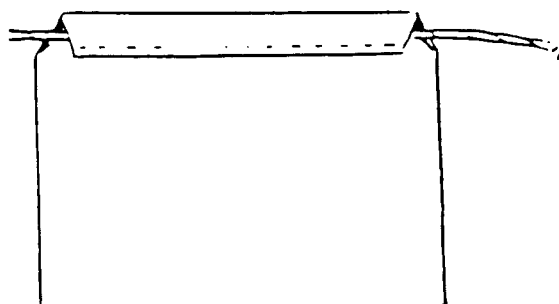
Fold corners over



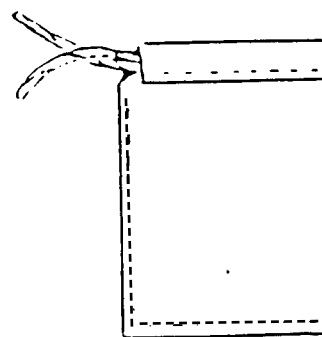
Fold at 1"



Add string



Fold the top down and stitch



Finished bag should be about 4 1/2" by 6"
It is important to have a uniform size of bags for the show





Ronald "Ron" Ridenour

January 8, 1942 -
October 21, 2025

Ronald "Ron" Ridenour was born on Jan. 8, 1942, in Hermiston, OR, to Virgil L. and Velna Ridenour. He was the second of five children, joining his older sister Donna, and later welcoming brothers Robert, Larry, Dennis (who passed in infancy) and Marvin. From a young age, Ron was known for his mischievous curiosity, kindness, and sense of responsibility. He was deeply devoted to his family, always watching over his siblings and helping his mother with anything she needed.

Ron began working at the age of twelve, bucking hay and bussing tables. His strong work ethic and reliability became hallmarks of his character throughout his life. After graduating from high school in Boise in 1960, he worked locally for two years before marrying his high school sweetheart, Camille Leonard, on February 10, 1961. Together, they built a marriage that lasted more than sixty-four years, marked by love, humor, and unwavering partnership.

Ron and Camille raised two daughters, Melanie and Julie, and together they shared countless adventures as a family. Whether camping, fishing, or simply spending time together, Ron's joy came from being with those he loved.

Ron served in the Air National Guard for 12 years before joining the Boise Fire Department, where he served for seven years. His sense of duty and courage as a Fireman and Guardsman reflected the same spirit of service he carried throughout his life.

Ron then attended Boise Junior College and later transferred to Utah State University in Logan, Utah, where he completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries Management. After graduation, Ron worked as a fish biologist at the Avoca Fish Hatchery and managing Monroe Reservoir in Indiana. When he returned to Idaho, Ron transitioned careers again, becoming a truck driver like his father. For the next twenty years, he traveled the highways with professionalism and pride until his retirement.

Outside of work, Ron's passions reflected his boundless curiosity and mechanical skill. He was a classic car enthusiast, a problem-solver, and a member of the Idaho Gem Club, where he served as president in 2004.

Ron passed away peacefully on October 21, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend. He is survived by his beloved wife, Camille; daughter Melanie (Jason) Wills; sister Donna (Frank) Adcock; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Robert, Larry, Dennis and Marvin, and his youngest daughter, Julie.

SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

By Deana Ashton

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.

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.

New issues of *Rock & Gem Magazine* are added monthly.

If you have any books you would like to donate, you may bring them in a bag marked for the Librarian and leave them on top of the library cabinet. If you have questions, please contact Tia Call at tcall76@yahoo.com.



SAVE STAMPS PROGRAM

NFMS members are encouraged to use and save commemorative stamps. Cancelled stamps are collected and sorted, then sold to stamp collectors. Cut a 1/4" or larger margin around the stamp. The money generated is then donated to scholarships. The collected stamps can be given to Debbie Mitchell, the Federation Director in our club.

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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Rick Corbett and the pledge was recited. Six guests introduced themselves and commented on what brought them to our club.

Becky drew winning door prize tickets for 5 juniors and 8 adults. One grand prize was awarded.

Rick asked for any corrections to the minutes as printed in the *Grindings*. Willa made a motion to accept the minutes, Coyote seconded, the membership voted and the motion carried, with Mike opposed.

Treasurer Report: No report. Please talk to any board member with questions.

Field Trip Report: No further field trips until next March. We usually do an indoor field trip in March due to wet weather.

There is an auction tonight, including tumblers and other tools, after the program.

Workshop Report: Liz went over the workshop dates. The next ROLE advanced workshops will be on Nov. 3 and Nov. 17, 6-8:45 pm. The Oct. general workshops are Oct. 23, 6-8:45 pm, and Nov. 1, 10 am-2 pm. The November general workshops are Nov. 20, 6-8:45 pm, and Nov. 29, 10 am-2 pm. There is a brand new cab machine, making 10 total now in our workshop.

The Wire Wrap workshop for November will be on the 11th, 6-9 pm, at a cost of \$10. The class will be advanced work this week, but you can definitely come and visit!

Show Report: The sign-up sheets for the various jobs at the show are on the front table. We need all the volunteers we can get to run the show. We can also use people to do demonstrations on making cabachons.

Program Report: The program tonight will be a presentation on Botryoidal Plume Agate from the Graveyard Point area by Sandy Blodgett. Silica is the main mineral in botryoidal agate, with sagenite and rutile hematite needles occasionally trapped in the agate. To clean, use a pressure wash after soaking for a bit. You can also use an air blower and a wire brush. Using Iron Out first takes out the bad hue from the rock, but don't leave it in too long. You can also use oxalic acid in hot water — be sure to wear a mask. The purer silica solution makes a shinier surface; included minerals made the agate darker.

We will be having auctions at the end of the meetings in November and December to help offset the cost of the banquet.

Elections: All directors that are at the end of their term have agreed to continue on the board. Anyone can still be nominated from the floor at the November meeting. If so we will have an election.

Banquet: Tickets are now available for our Annual Banquet. It is on January 20, 2026. Tickets will be available at the meetings and at Stewart's Gem Shop, as well.

Old Business: The Project of the Year Contest is coming up in December. There are entries for adults and juniors in this great competition. The winner in each category receives their name on our plaque and a display case in our annual show to show off your entry. Anyone can win!

Our December Christmas Workshop will be on Dec. 20 and 21, 10 am to 4 pm both days. It is a pot luck, so bring a dish to share. There will also be wirewrap classes with a minimal charge.

New Business: No new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm for the auction.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2025

Present: Rick Corbett, Willa Renken, Teresa Nebeker, Lynn Hansen, Debbie Mitchell, Terri Frostrom, Jason Smith, Liz Warner and Dana Robinson

Excused: Cordell Blaine

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Rick Corbett.

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 Terri. Board members voted and the motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Teresa went over the financial statements for deposits and disbursements. The deposit check to the Riverside was voided and a new check written to Waters Edge for the banquet.

Federation Director Report: Debbie reported that the Federation Show was fun and they had a good trip. The president was voted in for the next year and stamps were turned in. The meeting for next year will be in Missoula.

Juniors Report: No report.

Program Report: Terri will ask Brent if he will do his case display program for the November meeting. There will also be the auction after the meeting. We have 3 tumblers and a flat lap to sell, along with any other donations.

Workshop Report: Liz went over the dates for the next workshops. The November regular workshops will be Nov. 20, 6-8:45 pm, and Nov. 29, 10 am-2 pm. The ROLE workshops will be Nov. 17, Dec. 1 and Dec. 15, 6-8:45 pm. The December regular workshop will be Dec. 18, 6-8:45 pm, and the Holiday Workshop will be on the 20 and 21, 10 am-4 pm. The workshop on the 27th has been cancelled.

Banquet Committee: The deposit has been paid to Waters Edge for the banquet and the menu has been amended. Tickets will be available at the next two meetings, and at Stewart's Gem Shop as well.

Old Business: Project of the Year is coming up in December.

The Christmas Workshop is on December 20-21. It will be from 10 am-4 pm both days. It is a Pot Luck event and Brent is getting the Port-a-Potty. We will have either Marge or MaryAnn, or both, to do wirewrapping on Saturday. Willa will bring chili and chicken noodle soups, and Dana will bring cream of potato soup.

Sign-up sheets are going for the show. They will be at upcoming meetings. We need to put the grab bag pattern in the newsletter and something about tumbled rocks is also needed.

Rick also asked about ideas for case favors for the show. They should be in the \$7-\$8 price range, maybe tools. Send a group email to the board members with ideas. A decision will be made in December.

Dues were due in October. Send an email reminder to membership.

New Business:

Rick presented the application Phil received for our scholarship award this year. Her name is Kaiya Schmidt and she is a Junior at Boise State in the Geosciences Dept. She is interested in studying landslide hazards and has a 3.56 GPA. She has been a member of the club, but her membership is not current.

Dana made a motion to award her the scholarship, Liz seconded, the board voted and the motion carried.

Rick will contact Phil to let him know and we can have her do a presentation in March and receive her check.

There were two new member applications this month. Dana made a motion to accept the new members, Debbie seconded, the board voted and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary



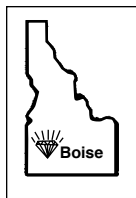
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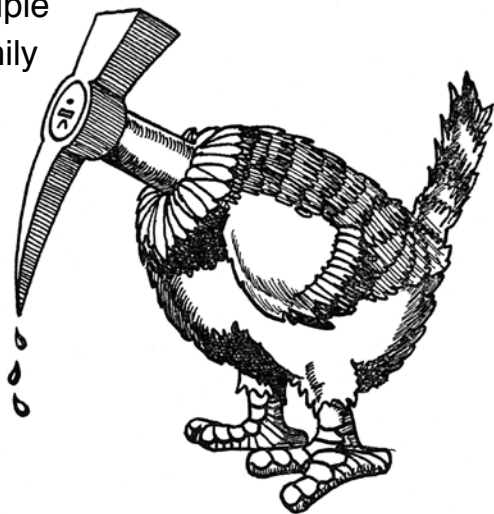
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