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President's Message

The Board has approved our operating budget for 2008. Kathy will review it during the meeting along with a final recap of the show results. Once again, we had a wonderful, successful show thanks to all our worker bees! And, I've heard our dealers were very happy with their results also and definitely want to come back next year! Don't forget to keep tumbling rocks, and making grab bags – we sell out each year! If you need a copy of the grab bag pattern, we can re-run it at any time.

May 3 has been set as our clean-up at Graveyard Point! We need everyone helping out! A report is inside and I'm sure Sandy will be providing more details at our general meeting. Our regularly scheduled field trip will be to our claim at Graveyard Point and more details are also inside. Please remember that most of our trips do require a vehicle that does have clearance over some nasty rocks and double check the Grindings or with Tony before going on our rockhounding trips.

Do you know anyone who needs a \$500 scholarship – we have one available for a college geology student! Application forms are available through Terry Tomberlin, and the scholarship will be awarded this fall.

Charles Osgood also came to our Board meeting to discuss the possibility of getting a "rockhounding" license plate for Idaho. Joe Nielsen, Ed Moser and Charlie McCreath were appointed to work with Charles in his effort. It will take a lot of time and effort to make sure that good legislation is developed and passed by our legislature but I think we have a good start. If you'd like to help, please contact Joe, Ed or Charlie!

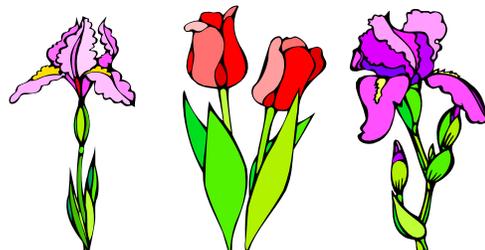
As you can see, we always have a lot going on and we need your help. I just started a full-time, temporary job through mid-July approximately so my "free" time has been curtailed but I'll do what I can and I'm expecting the same from each Club member!!! :)

We are trying to get an early trip to Texas Springs set up and the suggested date is May 10 and 11. Please contact Tony or me if you want to go.

Please keep sending your thoughts and prayers to Joan Alvey to get better soon – I miss her cheerful frankness! Our condolences have been sent to the Theo Murdock family on his passing.

Happy Rockhounding!

Catherine Parsons
President



**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING ♦
MARCH 18, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President Catherine Parsons, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New members and guests were welcomed.

Door Prizes were won by Harold Robinson, Les Murray, Richard Teel, Kevin Watson, Bill Belknap, Betty Hare, Pete Peterson, Maxine Smith, Robert Burns, and one ticket won by a Junior member that I did not get their name.

The Building Fund Door Raffle was won by Debra Burns.

Joan Alvey sent a Thank You card for the flowers, cards and prayers.

A motion was made by Jim Storey to accept the minutes as printed in the Grindings. The motion was seconded by Betty Hare and approved by the membership.

The Treasures Report was given by Kathy Griffin. She read through the totals of the February Club show and reported there are still bills to be paid.

There was no report for the Role Program as Ron Bailey was unable to attend.

The Field Trip Report was given by Tony Griffin. The March field trip will be to the Queenstone claim and the Whangdoole claim. He also brought a few samples of Queenstone to show members that good material could be found.

Sandy Blodgett also stated that the Queenstone at times seem to fade and that possibly a polish with the help of Hot Stuff, which is a glue-like epoxy, will help stabilize the color.

Juniors report by Ed Moser. He reminded the juniors there is little time left to get their applications in for display cases at the Federation Show. If you need more information give Ed a call. Cell # 1-208-340-8060.

Library Report given by Terry Tomberlin. The Discovery Center, on April 4, 2008, is going to have a Geology Day for home schooled children. They have asked for volunteers to demonstrate some of the ways rocks can be used. Roy Bethel will be doing faceting, Ron Ridenour will be showing the tumbler and how the finished stones can be used to make a variety of finished products. Contact Terry to volunteer your talents.

Building Fund report. Joe Neilson will have a 3 lb hammer for the April raffle.

T-shirts & Hats were sold for 12.00 at the March meet-

ing, and after running out of hats, the T- Shirts sold for 8.00 each.

Charlie Smith thanked everyone for thier help in loading and unloading before and after the Club show.

Doug Renken also thanked everyone once again for their support of the entire club show and also how smooth the loading and unloading went, and how fast the process was. There will a better PA system for next year. He reminded everyone to start polishing rocks for next year's show.

Kevin Watson thanked everyone for a job well done with the set-up and take-down efforts for the club show.

Old Business: Sandy Blodgett gave a report on Grave Yard Point. He is working with the BLM to obtain an alternate route into Grave Yard Point, instead of the privately owned bridge currently in use. A complete update on the bridge will be printed in the April Grindings. There will be a meeting May 3, 2008, at the bridge into Grave Yard Point. The Owyhee Gem Club and the Idaho Gem Club will be removing trash from this popular rockhounding area. Representatives from the Bureau of Land Management will also attend, and supply a dumpster for the collected trash. There will be a large area to cover in this clean up, and several volunteers will be needed. This will be a kick off for the upcoming Federation Show.

Doug Renken has the current club roster available at the sign-in table.

Old Business: Chuck McCreath reminded everyone that the Federation Showing is coming up in June. Also, if you are not getting your Federation News letter, let Ed Moser know and he will help ensure you are on the mailing list. Chuck asked to meet with those attending his rockhound class in May to discuss the schedule and other details for the class.

President Catherine Parsons also thanked everyone for the help that was given at the February Club Show. She again reminded us to sew bags for the polished rocks.

Betty Hare gave an update on the web site, which has had over 18,000 "hits".

This evenings lecture will be entitled "Life in a Mining Camp" by Suzy Osgood.

Meeting was adjourned, followed by the coffee break and lecture.

*Respectfully submitted,
Belle Witt,
Acting Secretary*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD MEETING ♦
APRIL 1, 2008**

Board met at the Church of the Brethren. Board members present Cathy Parsons, Willa Renken, Joe Neilson, Twila Gallaher, Terry Tomberlin, Ed Mosier and Arlene Bailey. Ilse Schreiner was absent, Gene Alvey absent and excused. Others present Marge Conley, Charles McCreath, Shirley McCreath, Doug Renken, Tony Griffin, Kathy Griffin, Gene Stewart, Ron Bailey and Charles Osgood.

Ed Mosier made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Grindings. Terry Tomberlin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Kathy Griffin gave the Treasurer's report.

Gene Stewart congratulated the club on a successful show and stated we have a reputation of one of the better shows.

Charles McCreath gave the Federation Report. The Federation Show will run for five days counting field trips. If anyone wants to put in a display case they need to get their applications in now.

Tony Griffin gave the field trip report. There will be a special work day at Graveyard Point on May 3 in cooperation with the BLM. There were 48 people on the last field trip to Whangdoodle opal and Queenstone. There were four or five visitors from the Mt Hood Rock club in Oregon. Graveyard Point is our regular April field trip on April 20th. We will meet at the K Mart in Nampa and go thru Marsing.

Terry Tomberlin gave the library report. As an April Fools joke he told the board he spent the library budget on a set of books about talc, and a book about asphalt. The board had a good laugh when we realized it was a joke.

Terry also reported that the club would have representation at the Discovery Center home school days. Terry Tomberlin, Ron Ridenour, & Roy Bethel will demonstrate faceting, making cabochons and crafts using rocks for an estimated 100 to 200 home schooled youngsters and their parents on Friday April 4th. The Discovery Center will be having Saturday "make it" days from June to September. Anyone who would like to volunteer to demonstrate for one or more of those days contact Terry Tomberlin.

Arlene Bailey gave the Sunshine report. Recent mem-

ber Theo Murdock passed away. Joan Alvey is still very ill and appreciates cards and calls from members.

Joe Neilson reported on the Building Fund. The club logo hats were all sold at the last general meeting. We still have a large number of t shirts that need to be sold.

Terry Tomberlin reported he has distributed the Scholarship applications and it is available on the BSU website, but is hard to find.

Charles McCreath will be giving a rockhounding class at his home on May 7, 14, 21, and 28th with the class attending a workshop on June 6th. He has limited the class to 12 and only had one more opening. There may be a field trip also.

Terry reported on research he had done on getting projector and laptop for the club for programs. More research will be done before any decision is made.

Willa Renken presented the proposed budget of income and expenses for the club for the year. Arlene Bailey made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Terry Tomberlin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

There was a motion made by Willa Renken and seconded by Arlene Bailey to move \$1,163 into the Scholarship fund CD to meet the original goal to have a \$10,000 fund. Motion passed.

New member Charles Osgood reported on a project he is involved with to have a Gem State rock hound license plate. He explained the process of having a new plate approved by the legislature, what is required in way of design and the expense of getting it approved. He provided a proposed design featuring star garnet and Crystals. He will be visiting clubs around the state to get their input. It is a multiyear project and he may request support from our club in the future.

Cathy read the membership applications. Terry Tomberlin made a motion to accept the applicants as new members. Ed Mosier seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

*Respectfully submitted,
Twila Gallaher,
Acting Secretary*

April Program

Larry Tripp, Clayton Nalder and possibly Bart Lander of the Forest Service- Mountain Home District will present their proposal for Dismal Swamp, followed by discussion.

Ilse Schreiner
Programs Chair

Graveyard Point Cleanup May 3rd

We are planning a cleanup of the Graveyard Point area on the first weekend in May, everyone is needed. The plan is to have the Vale District BLM represent Malheur County, Oregon and the Marsing Field Office represents Owyhee County by putting in "dumpsters" for us to collect trash. We will divide into teams that will be responsible for a given area that will be determined by the number of people that show up for this opportunity.

The road into Graveyard Point is dry. My son Chris and I were there on, Sunday, March 30th. checking out the roads and the amount of debris that has collected over the past season and winter. The wind has been quite helpful in removing most of the paper debris, what is left are tires, wood, metal, rifle and shotgun shells and some plastic from who knows where.

If you would like more information, please come to our Gem Club meeting. April 15th, 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Church of the Brethren 2833 N. Cole Rd. We will discuss this opportunity further!

Sandy Blodgett is coordinating this effort!

Tony Griffin
Field Trip Chairman

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

Our raffle at the Gem Show was a resounding success again this year. Although the exact amount is yet to be determined I know we once again generated more than enough for our five hundred dollar scholarship. A big thanks to Gene Alvey for the beautiful sterling silver with Spencer Opal Pendant and to Jim Dillion for his excellent Owyhee Jasper Bolo and Belt Buckle set. Thanks once again to a great team of volunteers, Dan Conley, Arlene Bailey, Belle Witt, Cheryl Link, Dick & Nancy Reed, Pete Peterson, Jack Stillinger, Ruth B., Twila Gallaher,. The prize winners Kim Mancuso was very thrilled to win the pendant and Todd Joyner was especially happy with the Prized bolo and belt buckle. It is always a real pleasure to present the prizes, but it may be best to have paramedics on hand in the future. The success again this year is only possible because of such great support by our club volunteers and the members who directly support this cause.

THANK YOU ALL.

Terry Tomberlin
College Scholarship Chairman



March Field Trip Report Queenstone _ Whang Doodle

Our first field trip for the 2008 season was a success! There were forty eight intrepid rock hounders braving the wind and cold! As usual, the weather forecast wasn't even close; we were supposed to have a nice warm sunny day.

The ground was still moist enough to not have any dust, but dry enough that we didn't have any mud. Specimens were easy to see and identify making them readily available for collectors to make a haul. We spread out in all directions; we younger folks stayed on more level ground, while the energetic ones climbed hills and slopes. From what I saw, everyone found something that could be identified as Queenstone.

We had a visiting group made up of gentlemen from the Portland and Seattle area join us for the field trip. Garret Romaine, an author, is updating a rockhound book for collectors in Oregon. He and his guys were checking out the Succor Creek area the three days prior to Sunday. One Dad and his kids had difficulty finding us at Kmart; he had to make a couple of phone calls to my family to find out where we had gone. I left directions with my wife, Kathy, just in case this happens. My cell phone didn't pick up his call; we were already out of contact with the cell towers when arriving in Marsing! I apologize to any and everyone this has happened to on this and previous trips!

After lunch we headed for Whang Doodle. I thought for sure the wind would be blowing harder there than at Queenstone, much to our surprise it was nicer! Most of the specimens found were small common opal. Some collectors found opal still intact in the lava, while others sifted through the dirt and sand for specimens that had already weathered out of the lava. Most specimens were found in the dirt and sand while sifting. If you go alone to the Whang Doodle claim, most specimens can be found on the south side of the area where we park.

Ticks are starting to appear, use spray or wipes to help prevent them from attaching to you. Numerous crickets and grasshoppers are present, unusual for this time of year! No sign of snakes, yet. They are reptiles so the weather has to be warm for them to appear. Just beware, if the ticks are out snakes will be out soon!

Thank you to everyone that attended this field trip!

*Tony Griffin
Field Trip Chairman
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DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING:
3rd. Tuesday of every month
 April 15, 2008
 Church of the Brethren
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

BOARD MEETING:
1st. Tuesday of every month
 May 6, 2008
 Church of the Brethren
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

APRIL

- 4/3 Bill Marsh
- 4/6 Gwen Hillebrant
- 4/8 Phyllis Marsh
- 4/8 Wayne O'Bleness
- 4/10 Douglas Williams
- 4/11 Tom Cooper
- 4/12 Nathaniel Loewen
- 4/12 Joyce Murray
- 4/13 Rick Olmstead
- 4/13 Edwin Moser
- 4/15 Dorothy Snowball
- 4/17 Jim Prendergast
- 4/18 Chuck Padgett
- 4/22 Willa Renken

MAY

- 5/5 Deb Butte
- 5/6 Richard Clark
- 5/6 Jeremy Schuster
- 5/12 Kaitlin Vincent
- 5/14 Carl Woodland
- 5/16 Mike Witschen
- 5/18 Mildred Beckwith
- 5/19 Twila Gallaher
- 5/20 Camille Ridenour
- 5/21 Amy Watson
- 5/24 Mary Ridley
- 5/26 Chuck Fawcett
- 5/27 Joan Dethlefs

April Birthstones
Faceted — Diamond
Cabochon — Rock
Crystal

May Birthstones
Faceted — Emerald
Cabochon —
Chrysoprase

Upcoming Show

Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club
Annual Show
APRIL 2008
19th 10am - 5pm
20th 10am - 4pm
Benton-Franklin Fairgrounds
building #1
10th & Chemical Dr.
Kennewick, WA

April Refreshment Committee

Chair: Kevin & Amy Watson 362-6413
 Jim & Helen Dillion 344-7645
 Dana Robinson 343-0487

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES
 Need approximately 15 dozen cookies. Wrapped door prizes are also needed. Arrive early enough to set up the chairs. The chairperson brings the coffee urn, coffee, punch, cream, sugar, cups and napkins. Afterward, put meeting tables & chairs away, clean kitchen and sweep the room. Gather and take all the trash with you. Don't forget it is the responsibility of the chair for the coming month to pick up the coffeepot, take it home and bring it the next meeting.

May Refreshment Committee

Chair: Ron & Arlene Bailey 562-8030
 Chuck & Shirley McCreath 344-5085
 Ed & Deanna Moser 585-2233

IDAHO GEM CLUB APRIL FIELD TRIP

20th April Field Trip to Graveyard Point for plume agate

When: Sunday April 20th, meet between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. We will leave promptly at 9 a.m.

Where to meet: Kmart parking lot on Karcher Rd (Highway 55) We will caravan from Kmart to the Snake River Park just after the bridge going into Marsing. We will stop here to meet anybody else that will join us at this point.

How to get there: Travel West on I-84 to Exit 33A, the new Highway 55 exit. Travel West on Highway 55 through Marsing to the Junction of Hwy 55 and Hwy 95. Continue straight through this junction, Highway 55 becomes Hwy 95. Proceed to just past Milepost 31 where we will turn left onto Graveyard Point Rd., continue until the pavement ends at Sage Rd., go left for about a mile. The road will curve to the left again; just before this curve you will see a bridge that crosses the canal. On the bridge there are signs that state "No trespassing"; we will have permission to cross! From here there are numerous dirt roads that go to various claims, if you have been to our claim in the past and know how to get there, continue on. If you haven't been to the claim before, please caravan with us. It's a big desert out there!

Equipment needed: Rock hammer, chisel, shovel, safety glasses, appropriate clothing for the weather and location, food for the time you will be there, water, full tank of gas, and any items you need for your personal use. It is possible that ticks will be out, so bring tick spray or wipes! If you would like more information, please come to our Gem Club meeting. April 15th, 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Church of the Brethren 2833 N. Cole Rd. or Call our Field Trip Chairman

Tony Griffin

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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY APRIL FIELD TRIP

Trip Location: Pink Plume Agate

Date of Trip: Saturday, April 19th

Meeting Place: O'Connor field House.

Leave Time: 8:00 a.m. leave 8:30 a.m.

Comments: Shovel, Pick, Rock Hammer, Tick Spray. Pot Luck Dinner, double up save some gas.

*John Howell O.G.& M.S.
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Sunshine Lady

Arlene Bailey is the club sunshine lady. Her job is to send some cheer to members who are ill or just need some cheering up. But she needs your help in doing this job. If you know of someone who has been recently ill let her know so she can send them a card. Her phone number is 562-8030. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sunshine Report

I sent a sympathy card to the Theo Murdock family.

Also I went to see Joan Alvey and she is doing a little better. Anyone wanting to call or send a card she would appreciate it.

*Arlene Bailey
Sunshine Lady*

CABS CORNER

Have you ever wondered what the chemical makeup of a rock is? Recognition of mineral colors goes back into prehistoric time when our ancestors would use pigments and colors to make cave drawings. It was important to them to identify areas that had certain rocks or types of terrain that would help them find what they are looking for.

It is the same today; mineral colors help Geologists identify what and where to look. Idiochromatic colors are ones that are true to the mineral. At times color is not always true to the mineral due to trace impurities in their composition or defects in their structure, this is called allochromatic.

In the case of pseudochromatic colors, light diffraction will cause a change in color as in opal or the schiller reflections of labradorite. A good example of this is when light is bent going through a prism creating a rainbow.

The following website has a list of minerals by color that will help you identify some of those elusive rocks you have collected over the years. This list is quite comprehensive and make take awhile, just remember to look for the location of the mineral listed, making sure it is from the area the specimen was found. An example of a beige mineral "Nordstrandite" would not be found in our area, it's Location: B?renstein Quarry, Niederschlag, Oberwiesenthal, Erzgebirge, Saxony, Germany. This information is found with the image on the web page:

<http://webmineral.com/help/Color.shtml>

Enjoy this site, don't limit your search to one site. Find other sites on the web by using your favorite engine. Libraries that have books on Rock and Minerals are also a good source of information. Build a library of your own so you can share knowledge. Our club library has numerous books that start you on your quest for knowledge of this great hobby.

Tony Griffin

Yesteryear June 1950

The Board voted to combine the August Picnic with a field trip to Barrel Springs to explore the mine dumps. The May field trip was to the Hoover Cinnebar mine east of Weiser. Cinnebar, Opalite, and cinnabar agate were found. Also red banded agate farther up the hill. In the Valley very pretty chert was found. The next field trip was to be at Beacon Hill. The Emmett Club had a field trip to Silver City and several of the IGC members went with them. Club members who wished to participate at the Boise Writers League Bazaar would be welcome. Cost is to be 10% of their sales. The rent to the Boise Art Gallery of \$30.00 for another year was paid. It was decided to take a pioneering field trip towards Alkali springs. The club voted to send 16 cases to the NWF Show, but it was discovered only six cases were good enough to be sent. Some of the others were repaired, costing \$6.00. The cases were insured for \$100.00 and shipped by Consolidated Freight. In August it was discussed to change the official meeting to December or January. The reason being to get all paid up members in the directory and the correct list of officers and board members. The September field trip was to be to Succor Creek. The Board voted to give the display cases to the NFMS as upkeep, storage, shipment, was too much trouble.

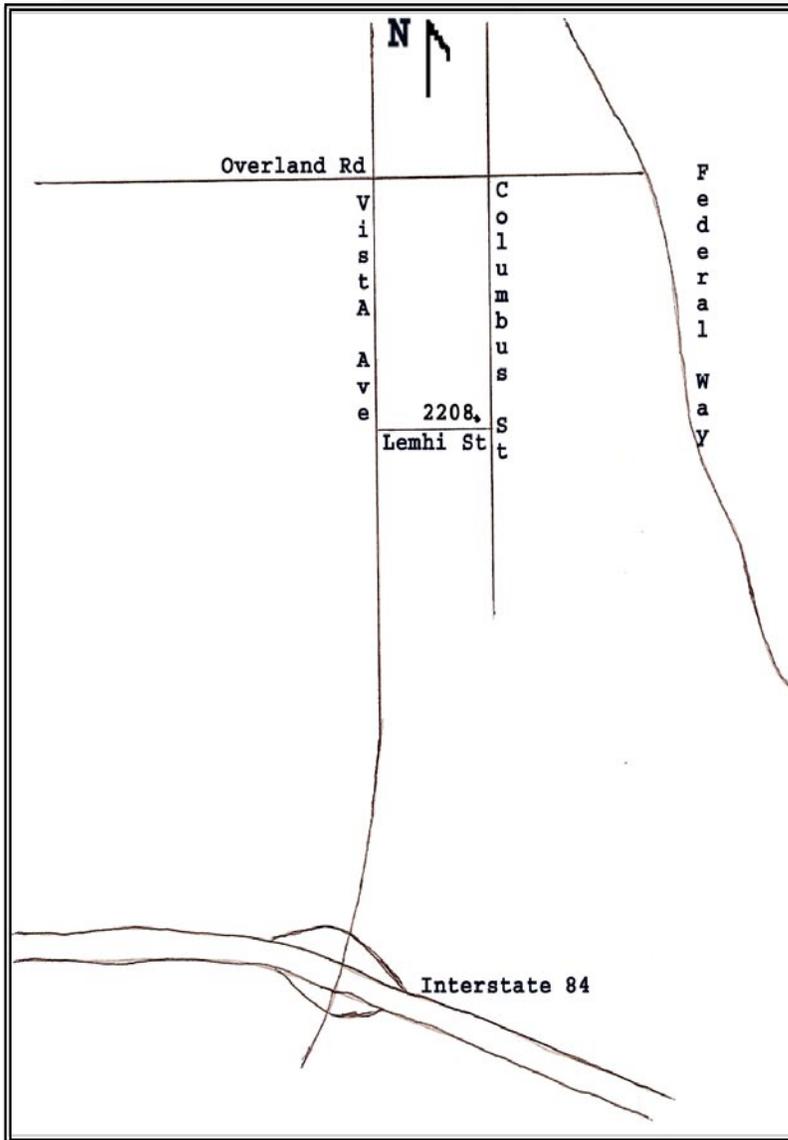
*Patsy Bethel
Historian*

In Remembrance

Mabel F. Castelin "Sherry" died March 23rd at a local hospital. She was a member of the Idaho Gem Club for a number of years. She was born in Scotland and had a beautiful Scottish accent from which you never heard a complaint. Only words to cheer up your day.

Patsy Bethel

Basic Rockhounding class



This class will have 4 two hour sessions. The class will be held in May and will be set for Wednesday nights, the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Classes will begin at 7pm and end at 9pm.

There will also be a field trip (location to be determined).

To complete the course there will be an evening at the Renken's shop June 5th, with the Renken's to assist and give additional tips. This is to cut, shape, and work a cabochon. Class size 12 max.

Location: 2208 Lemhi St. Boise
see map for directions

About the class:

1. Understand what a person is looking for
2. Not to bring too much junk home
3. How the material is formed and where to look for it.
4. Why does the material have different colors
5. Dangers in rockhounding
 - a. Field
 - b. Materials
 - c. Working with materials
6. Hands on With different materials
7. Many other items that students bring up.

Charles McCreath
344-5085

Juniors Report

The youth application for the NFMS Junior Achievement Award Program was due by post-mark deadline on the first of April. This is to be done the same day each year. If you did not enter this year keep this date in mind for next year. Start now on your project and keep records of your achievements.

If you have any questions contact me.

Ed Moser
Cell 340-8060
Juniors Chair

FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for articles is the board meeting, if it needs to be typed. If the article is sent via e-mail the deadline is the Saturday after the board meeting.

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SAVE STAMPS

Just a note to remind people to save their postage stamps to donate to the Federation. The stamps are sold and the proceeds are donated to cancer research. Cut at least 1/4 inch margin around the stamps. You can turn them into Chuck McCreath at our next meeting. **THANK YOU!**

	<p><i>Remember to collect and bring Teddy Bears to the meetings for our public service project. The bears and other stuffed animals are given to emergency personnel to give to the children at the scene of emergencies.</i></p> <p><i>Please give your animals to Debbie Knudsen or Skeeter Eversburg. THANK YOU!</i></p>
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"CODE OF ETHICS"

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or federation officer, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", I will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

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Rock Sale

May 17th and 18th
 Sat. 9 AM to 4 PM
 Sun. 10 AM to 3 PM

1982 Fenton Dr, Emmett ID
 Take ID 52 (Washington Ave) past the cemetery
 turn right onto E Idaho And right on Fenton Dr.

Agates, Jaspers, Petrified wood, Opal,
 Biggs Canyon, Turquoise, Jewelry,
 Some Findings. Large Pieces, Small Pieces,
 Thousands of slabs
 NO EQUIPMENT.

Rockhound Humor

WHAT TO DO WITH LEAVERITE.
[as in leave er right there]

Fix the chuck holes in your driveway.

Throw them at bill collectors an door to door salesmen.

Take them to club displays and leave them.

Slip them into your competitors display case when nobody is locking.

Put them in your doctors office aquarium.

John Brandt Estate & Rock Sale

April 26th 8:00 AM
16957 Franklin
Nampa, ID
Corner of Franklin & Cherry
Fine rocks, saw, flat lap & tumbler

The purpose of the Idaho Gem Club is to promote mutual, educational and scientific interests and benefits of its members in mineralogy, geology, gemology, the art of lapidary and kindred arts and sciences.

Dues:

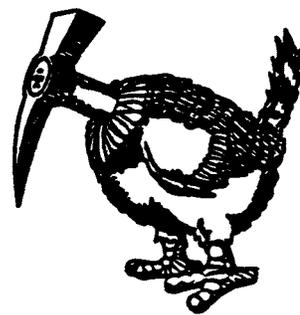
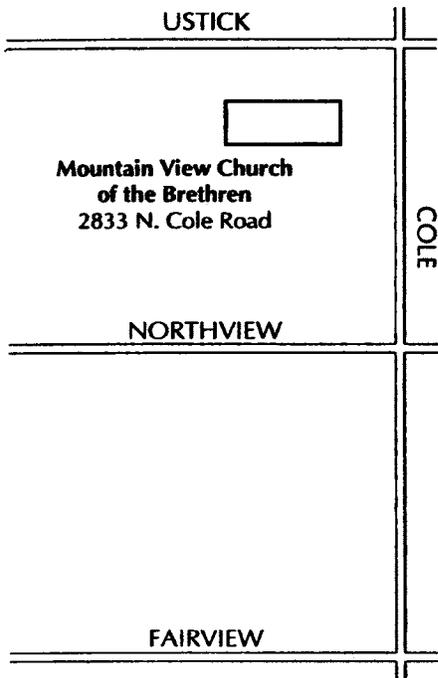
\$12.00 per person
\$15.00 per couple
\$17.50 per family

Subscription:

\$10.00 per year

General Meeting:

3rd. Tuesday of each
Month at 7:30 p.m.



The Whangdoodle Bird
(Often seen on field trips)



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