

# Grindings

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## President's Message

Wow, another year has zoomed past!

Congratulations are in order for our new Board members Jason Madsen, Phil Neuhoff, Dan Phillips, and Tony Griffin (although he was already a Board member). And, I am certainly tickled that Tony Griffin has been elected as President of the Idaho Gem Club for 2009! Thank you for allowing me to serve you for the past three years but I'm looking forward to being able to continue serving in some capacity or another in the coming years also (I need a few rockhounding trips and then a rest first, though!)

Our annual Christmas Party Workshop is scheduled at the Renken's (see inside for details) on December 20 and 21. Everyone is welcome to attend and SHARE use of the machines, learn some new skills or improve old ones, and generally have a good time. We have invited the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society members to join us too. The Club will provide chili and water, but please bring snacks, etc. to share also.

This month too we'll have an auction and typically this is of completed items so you can finish your Christmas shopping. However, if you have "raw" materials to donate, we won't turn them down and someone could just love some new material to work on as their Christmas present.

Remember that the show is just around the corner and sign ups will be at the December meeting.

Banquet tickets will also be on sale at the December meeting.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season! Happy rockhounding.

*Catherine Parsons*  
President

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

President Cathy Parsons called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ron Dingley.

Guests were introduced by the Welcoming Committee to stand and introduce themselves. Guests were: David Dieball and Curtis

Door Prizes were won by Chuck Fawcett, Shirley McCreath, Gary Phillips, Veva Jencks, Kylee Madsen, Mike Jones, David Dieball, Phyllis Marsh, Bill Marsh, and Jim Dillion.

Joe Nielson presented the building Fund door Prize to Heather Madsen. The choice was between a Club T-shirt, a rock or a rock hammer.

A motion was made by Jim Storey to accept the minutes as printed in the Grindings. The motion was seconded by Tony Griffin and approved by the members.

Jean Dingley, Secretary, reported we had received several catalogs, the November Rock and Gem magazine along with several newsletters and the Federation dues letter for 2009.

Kathy Griffin provided the Treasurer's report for the month of October, and also stated that she had several membership cards ready for pick up. She also had the paperwork for the renewal of the Club's current three CDs.

Chuck McCreath presented the Federation report. He mentioned the Senate Bill 3213 in regards to Wilderness changes pending which could affect Idaho. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**WORKSHOP:** Doug Renken stated that there will be a workshop this Thursday, November 20, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at their home. The map has been printed in previous Grindings. He also announced that the annual workshop in December would be December 20, and 21st. This will be come as you can with no special sign up from 9:00 a.m.

to 5 p.m. each day. The Renkens will provide some refreshments and food with Club reimbursement, but members and guests are welcome to bring food and treats as well.

**WEBSITE:** Doug stated that the club's website had a lot of information, books, articles and links for kids. The juniors would benefit from such, so check it out!

**GRINDINGS:** Doug also encouraged club members to submit any articles, news, and other information to him as editor to fill up the Grindings, "This is your Club".

**FIELD TRIP:** Tony Griffin stated that last month's field trip was a great success with a great turn out and a lot of good material found at Beacon Hill. This month's field trip is planned for Graveyard Point or Succor Creek, Saturday, November 22, 2008. The club will meet at 8:30 at K-Mart in Nampa off of exit 33A and leave around 9:00 a.m. At that point the club will decide upon the destination. Bring a spray bottle as part of your tool kit and a good clearance vehicle.

**LIBRARY:** Terry Tomberlin thanked Marge Conley on her donation of a lovely Rock and Gem book to the club's library. Also, a CD about the Senate bill 3213 on land closures is available in the library.

**JUNIORS:** Ed Moser discussed about the American Federation merit badge program for juniors. Juniors must be a member of the Northwest Federation before working towards a merit patch with the American Federation. A junior must have achieved six merit badges with the Northwest Federation to receive the American Federation patch. The two Madsen children presented their individual rock projects to the club as a requirement of presentation.

**BUILDING FUND:** Joe Nielsen stated that there were Club T shirts for sale, proceeds go to the building fund.

**SHOW:** Doug Renken talked about the upcoming Club show, February 28th and March 1st. Participation is always appreciated and as of to date the committee lists all being headed with no resignations. In the next Newsletter there will be the grab bag pattern for sewing grab bags, and other announcements.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The License Plate project is starting to move along, as there will be a meeting tomorrow, November

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19, 2008 with the Senator writing the bill for discussion. When the Senator presents the bill there will be needed testimonies. More information will be presented after the meeting with the Senator.

Project of the year is voted on during the December general meeting, so bring your project for consideration.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The January Club banquet tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the December General meeting, also. Please plan to attend.

Ballots were handed out by Cheryl Link to vote on four new Board Members for the 2009 officers. A motion was made by Chuck McCreath to nominate from the floor, Philip Stephenson and was seconded by Bob Turner. Another motion was made by Chuck McCreath to nominate Brent Stewart and seconded by Philip Stephenson. Ballots were gathered during break and the results were Tony Griffin, Jason Madsen, Philip Neuhoff, and Dan Phillips.

The Club was adjourned and Sandy Blodgett conducted an oral auction.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Dingley,  
Acting Secretary*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
BOARD MEETING ♦  
DECEMBER 4, 2008**

President Cathy Parsons called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following board members and officers were present: Cathy Parsons, President, Kathy Griffin, Tony Griffin, Chuck McCreath, Joe Nielsen, Ilse Schreiner, Terry Tomberlin, Ed Moser, Arlene Bailey, Willa Renken, and Twila Gallaher. Newly elected Board members for 2009 present were: Jason Madsen, Phil Neuhoff, and Dan Phillips. Guests were Shirley McCreath, Ron Bailey, Doug Renken, Jean Dingley, Acting Secretary, Ron Dingley, David Dieball, Marge Conley, and Linda Phillips.

Willa Renken made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings", Tony Griffin seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Secretary's Report – There were newsletters from the Billings Gem & Mineral Society and the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society, along with several thank you cards from club members, and finally the December Rock and Gem magazine.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Griffin presented the treasurer's report as of November 30, 2008, and reported on the renewal of the Clubs CDs that were due. Also mentioned was the club's cash flow in regards to upcoming bills, as the Fairgrounds fee for the show will be due December 28th, and the church rent, the club's insurance, and Lock-Away storage fee are also coming due fairly soon. All bills are up to date and in consideration per Kathy.

Federation Report – Chuck McCreath mentioned the upcoming show in Billings, Montana, which will be a National show due to the fact the American Federation has joined with the Northwest Federation to present the show. The show is July 30th through August 2nd.

Workshop – The workshop for December 20th and 21st will be at the Renkens, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is no sign up, come at will, and bring potluck dishes of choice. Doug and Willa will provide chili. Willa also mentioned from the washing the rock party, that she needed reimbursement for the Pizza bought, but had no receipt, and will present the cancelled check to the treasurer for payment. She also stated that at the workshops no machines will be reserved for members or guests during workshop events, as all the machines will be available at any time to all levels and shared. The Board agreed.

Field Trip Report – There was a good turn out and the club split up into two groups, as one group went to Succor Creek, Three Fingers area, and Sandy Blodgett took a group to Graveyard Point. The party that went to Three Fingers departed after lunch with snowflakes on their tails. Tony stated that he would put an article in next months "Grindings" for input for next year's field trips. There is no planned field trip for December, however it was mentioned that going to museums in the area could be a planned activity.

Library – no report

Juniors – Ed Moser talked about getting the new juniors on the registration list for the Northwest

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Federation. The list is submitted by December 31st to the Federation for the year. The question was about how to get new juniors, who have joined the club during off times throughout the year after the December 31st deadline, registered. It was advised to call the Federation for possible options. Heather Madsen is making progress with the vests, along with a new patch design.

Sunshine - Flowers and cards were sent to the Trevithick, Belknap, and Beckwith families. A card will be sent to the Gene Stewart family, in regards to the passing of Mrs. Alberta Stewart. Also, a motion by Ed Moser was made to donate \$300.00 to Saint Luke's Hospice in memoriam for Mrs. Stewart. The motion was seconded by Willa Renken and the motion carried.

Building Fund – Joe Nielson presented to the Board the Spheres made and donated by Ron and Jean Dingley for the upcoming Show raffle, and the raffle at the Banquet. Recognition was also given to Chuck McCreath for donating rock to the Dingleys. Joe stated that he would show the spheres at the next meetings for advertising purposes.

Show – Doug Renken stated that the case favors have been ordered for the February show. Also the stuffing of grab bags will be on January 17th at the Church at 9:00a.m. Twila Gallaher mentioned that display case applications would be at the next meeting. She also mentioned emphasis on black light display participation.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The License Plate bill is in progress. An article will be submitted to the Northwest Federation Newsletter about the License plates. There were areas of discussion in regards to the five-person oversight committee to be formed. It has been suggested that this committee will have one member each from various clubs participating and will function as long as the license plates will be sold. This committee will determine on how the monies from the sale of the plates will be given out, in the area of general education. The phone numbers of the legislators who will be conducting the hearings will be made available for contact. It was advised that all Club members make sure their legislators are contacted to request their

support. Around the 1st of February the Bill will be presented to the Legislative committee or committees (per legislative protocols) and the hearing will be open to the public. There will a presentation by Gene Stewart, and others. Also in question is the possible method for reservation of the plates. Club members will be requested to approve our Club's donation for development and printing of the plate at the next club meeting.

Project of the Year – Voting will take place at the December meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

An auction will be held at the next general meeting. Typically this is of completed items so that member's can complete their Christmas lists!

Election of New Board President and Officer. Joe Nielson made a motion to nominate Tony Griffin. Willa Renken seconded the motion. Willa moved that nominations cease and Joe Nielson seconded the motion. All eligible Board members voted to elect Tony Griffin as President for 2009.

Joe Nielson brought up a discussion on members checking out Black Lights and not returning them in a timely manner. It was suggested that members check out the lights for no longer than a three-month period, and primarily be used to put on display cases at the annual show. Joe Nielson was appointed to be the contacting person on getting these lights returned so that other members can work on their black light displays also.

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Twila Gallaher made a motion to accept two new applicants to the Club membership, being David Dieball and Steve Kalange. Ed Moser seconded the motion, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned to a demonstration of the New Projector and DVD Sound System.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Dingley  
Acting Secretary*

## Christmas Auction

At the December club meeting there will be a Christmas auction. This is a chance to get that last minute gift idea. If you have any hand crafted items you would like to share with someone else bring it to be auctioned.



### 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

Flowers were sent to Jack & Myrtle Trevithick, & Barbara Belknap. Jack had hip surgery. Myrtle had shoulder surgery. Barbara had leg surgery. We hope all of you are doing well!!!

Flowers and a sympathy card were sent to the funeral of Alberta Stewart. Our prayers and condolence go to the Stewart Family.

*Arlene Bailey  
Sunshine Lady*

## Grab Bag Work Party

Hopefully your tumblers are still turning or you already have some tumbled stones ready to be put into bags. We will be filling the grab bags on January 17th 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the church in the gymnasium. This is where the club meetings are held. So we need as many tumbled rocks as possible. The club has a tumbler which has been running most of the year but it will not tumble all of the rock needed for the grab bags. The more people who show up to help with the stuffing the faster the process goes. There will also be post-cards to put stamps on as well.

## Yesteryear May 1953

At the end of the fiscal year 1952-53, the Gem Club had a balance of \$400.29

The field trip was to be at the Old Stage Stop rock house. (Over the years all of the building has been carted away.) John Beckwith was installed as President at the annual meeting and banquet at the Immanuel Methodist Church.

A new minute's book was acquired looking like the last one and it had 100 leaves.

The next field trip was to Grave Yard Point and the claim committee would visit the WhangDoodle Mine to re-stake and replace the stakes that had been destroyed.

In July the field trip was to Beacon Hill, and the Annual August picnic would be held on Sucker Creek. Mr. Fields was authorized to continue giving out permits to dig at the WhangDoodle.

Mr. George Dowell, State Mine Inspector gave an interesting talk on mining laws, assessment work, boundaries, corner posts, answering numerous questions from the club members. It cost \$1.00 to file the claim on the Morrisonite. Mr. Morrison had sold his property but he had reserved the right of way to the mine and a place on the creek for water.

The Magic Valley Gem club held a show in Jerome and some new ideas were disclosed for the show the IGC was to hold at the Art Gallery in January.

*Patsy Bethel  
Historian*

## Project of the Year

In case you have not heard December is when the project of the year competition is held. Competition is good, but this event is mostly about fun and sharing each other's talents and ideas. The winners name is put on the club's plaque and provided a special showcase at the annual show in February 2009.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## DECEMBER

12/3 Steve Gillis  
 12/3 Tom Duke  
 12/4 Jack Trevithick  
 12/4 Tenya Madsen  
 12/7 Pete Peterson  
 12/8 Lillie Rogers  
 12/9 John Sandmeyer  
 12/10 Joan Alvey  
 12/10 Cheryl Link  
 12/10 Tucker Longstroth  
 12/14 Harold Holloway  
 12/16 Kerri Chipman  
 12/18 Dan Phillips  
 12/18 Michael Snyder  
 12/19 Robert Burns  
 12/19 Doug Renken  
 12/19 Rich Nickelson  
 12/19 ShirleyMurphy  
 12/21 Dee Hanes  
 12/23 Joe Nielson  
 12/24 Rick Lake  
 12/26 Sandy Jean Hillebrant  
 12/27 Mary Ann Bowman  
 12/27 Fred Friel  
 12/30 Tony Griffin

**December Birthstones**  
**Faceted - Blue Zircon**  
**Cabochon - Turquoise**



## JANUARY

1/3 Helen Dillion  
 1/8 Ronald Ridenour  
 1/11 Terry Tomberlin  
 1/11 Ron Bailey  
 1/12 Deborah Shaffer  
 1/12 Stephanie Potter  
 1/12 Erin Snyder  
 1/15 Arlene Bailey  
 1/16 Alberta Clark  
 1/19 Gary Phillips  
 1/21 Rachel Longstroth  
 1/26 Noah Loewen  
 1/29 Marion Phillips

**January Birthstones**  
**Faceted - Garnet**  
**Cabochon - Star Garnet**

## Upcoming Show

**ANNUAL GEM,  
 MINERAL, JEWELRY &  
 FOSSIL SHOW**  
**February 2009**  
**28th 10am - 7pm**  
**March**  
**1st 10am - 5pm**  
**Expo Idaho**  
**Fairgrounds**  
**Glenwood & Chinden**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**GENERAL MEETING:**  
**3rd. Tuesday of every month**  
 December 16, 2008  
 Church of the Brethren  
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho  
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

**BOARD MEETING:**  
**1st. Tuesday of every month**  
 January 6, 2009  
 Church of the Brethren  
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho  
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

## December Refreshment Committee

Chair: Cheryl Link 375-5360  
 Bill Marsh 761-8347  
 Chuck Marsh 884-0962  
 Jason & Heather Madsen 378-4666

### 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.

## January Refreshment Committee

Banquet Committee  
 Chair: Jim Predergast 938-7728

## November Field Trip Report Succor Creek/Graveyard Point Field trip

No rain, it was a bright, sunny, but cool morning. Nineteen rockhounds were in attendance at Kmart. Seven wanted to go to Graveyard Point while the rest wanted to go to Succor Creek. Sandy Blodgett led the group to Graveyard Point and showed them the better areas for newcomers to start. He also showed them areas that are under claim and off limits to us.

The rest of the group went to the red thunderegg area close to Three Fingers Butte. After an hour and forty five minutes of driving we finally arrived at the thunderegg beds. The OGMS led by Walt Barnett was already there and having a wonderful time.

This area was relatively unknown, so there were plenty of thundereggs for us to dig out. And dig we had to; a pick axe was quite necessary to dig the little gems. Some of the eggs were embedded in rhyolite making it a little tricky to get them out without crushing or cracking them. Chisels came in handy to extricate the eggs from the rhyolite.

Shortly after lunch clouds started moving in and they were rather gray and nasty looking. Before long a few snow flakes wisped around us. This went on for awhile, but no one was really worried and we continued digging. Before we knew it, the ground was getting wet from the melting snow and conditions worsened. If any one has ever been in the mountains with muddy roads you know the problems associated with mud building up on the tires, filling the tread and causing a loss of traction. The last of us left about 1:50 p.m. hoping the ground wasn't too wet before we made the descent out of the area. It was slow going coming out of the mountains, but a good feeling knowing we had had a fun time at our last planned field trip of the year.

I need to know where you all want to go on field trips next year! A couple of the trips this last year the attendance was very poor. This is your club and your field trips, hopefully next year the economy will be better and gas prices will be lower than this last summer. Please email me or let's talk at the Meetings to plan trips next year so we can go where you want to go.

Thank you to everyone for making this year a success. We've made new friends as the club grows. I feel we are a friendly club that has had numerous and diverse activities. Our club workshops have been a success, new members have been able to attend classes with Chuck McCreath as well as the workshops at Doug & Willa's.

Again, thank you for making this year a complete success,

*Tony Griffin  
Field Trip Chairman  
467-9286 home phone  
863-5990 cell phone.  
Email: [tonygriffin@heritagewifi.com](mailto:tonygriffin@heritagewifi.com)*

## In Remembrance



**Alberta Stewart  
1906-2008**

Once again we must bid farewell to another of our lifetime members. Alberta Stewart left us to join her husband Dudley on Nov 27, 2008. She was born June 7, 1906. Her father was a minister so her youth was spent in various parishes until her parents passed away. At the age of 16 she went to Missouri to live with her older sister where she attended school and graduated as valedictorian. Alberta enjoyed school and went on to get her teaching certificate so she could begin teaching in a small country school. It was during this time that she met the love of her life Dudley Stewart and they were married in Tilden Nebraska in 1934. They began their life in Denver Colorado where Dudley worked in a hardware store. In 1937 they came to the Boise valley where eight years later they were able to begin their family business Stewart's Gem Shop. The business kept the family busy attending rock shows throughout the US where everyone learned the art of lapidary along with hard rock mining. Life was a challenge which they all met head on building their business into a thriving jewelry store. They became actively involved with the Idaho Gem Club early on and were instrumental in much of the growth and direction of the club. They donated the beautiful "Ardith" opal which was made into a president's pin that is passed each year to the presiding club president. In later years they were granted lifetime memberships for all their hard work and dedication. When Dudley passed away in 1974 Alberta kept herself busy with her church and her friends the "Happy Hoofers". In her last years she was blest with many happy memories of time spent with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. We will miss Alberta but know the gathering on the other side is filled with joy at her arrival, just as we are saddened by her loss.

*In Loving Memory  
Willa Renken*

**Idaho Gem Club  
B.A.NQUET  
January 20, 2009  
Owyhee Plaza  
1109 Main St  
Boise, Idaho**

***No-Host Bar: 6:00 pm  
Dinner: 7:00 pm***

**Roast Prime Rib of Beef:** Choice aged beef, 10 oz., served with natural juices & creamy horseradish sauce.

Club members: \$12.50 Non-members: \$25.00

**Chicken Oscar:** Boneless breasts of chicken crowned with crab and asparagus spears laced with béarnaise sauce.

Club members: \$11.50 Non-members: \$23.00

**Pacific Coast Salmon:** Salmon filet, oven broiled and topped with a lime cream sauce.

Club members: \$12.50 Non-members: \$25.00

**Pasta Primavera:** Medley of fresh seasonal vegetables cooked with fettuccine pasta and topped with marinara sauce

Club members: \$10.00 Non-members: \$20.00

**Tickets & Questions:** Tickets can be purchased at the club meeting or Stewarts Gem Shop. Tickets must be purchased by January 17, 2009. Call Jim Prendergast 938-7728 for more information. Checks should be made out to the Idaho Gem Club.

## Juniors Report

The youth will meet in the general meeting until after the door prizes have been drawn. There are four more Juniors that are enrolled in the Future Rockhound Program. Thanks to those who donated rocks for the Juniors.

*Ed Moser  
Cell 340-8060  
Juniors Chair*

## ***Display Case Application***

**Idaho Gem Club Annual Gem & Mineral Show  
February 28 & March 1, 2009  
Display Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of material and/or type or kind of display: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of cases: \_\_\_\_\_

Borrow a case \_\_\_\_\_ Will provide own case \_\_\_\_\_

Size of your case: \_\_\_\_\_

Inside Dimensions of club cases are 46.5" wide by 22.5" deep by 22.5" high

(Please note: Loaned cases do not have liners -- you need to bring your own.)

Show dates: Saturday, 28 February and Sunday, 1 March, 2009

Set-up: 3:00 P.M. Friday, 27 February, 2009

A maximum of 150 watts of lighting will be provided per case. Security is provided around the clock. However, no responsibility will be assumed by the Idaho Gem Club, Inc.

Application deadline is: Saturday, 21 February 2009

Mail application directly to: Twila Gallaher 208-853-6703 Or  
8143 W. Prince Dr. tkgboise@cableone.net  
Boise, ID 83714-2179

### ***2008 Show Chairs***

Show Chairman...Charlie Smith (208) 628-4002  
Asst. Show Chairman...Doug Renken 362-3941  
Show Setup Chairman...Kevin Watson 362-6413  
Ticket Sales Chairman... Robert and Debra Burns  
888-3084  
Hospitality Chairman...Cathy Parsons 342-5339

Demonstration Chairman...Tom Rogers 465-5529  
Black Light Room Chairman...Jim Witt 362-6042  
Wheel of Fortune ...Laura Lindsay 703-6133  
Grab Bag Chairman...Arlene Bailey 562-8030  
Garnet Table ...Mike & Sue Witschen 336-4556  
Silent Auction Chairman...Ron Ridenour 336-5619  
Scholarship Chairman...Terry Tomberlin 343-7506  
Display Chairman....Twila Gallaher 853-6703  
Credentials Chairman...Marge Conley 375-8935

**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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**Kuna ID, 83634**

# ***DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE.***

***Rates are as follows:***

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

***Dues are due by October 31 each year .  
Please pay at the next meeting or send  
them to***  
***Kathy Griffin, Treasurer***  
***P.O. box 8443***  
***Boise, ID 83707-2443***

*Welcome New Members*

**Steve Kalange**  
**P.O. Box 23**  
**McCall, ID 83638-0023**  
**(208) 315-3198**

**David Dieball**  
**840 S. 13th E.**  
**Mountain Home, ID 83647-3532**  
**(208) 587-4459**

**"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.

**THE GRINDINGS**

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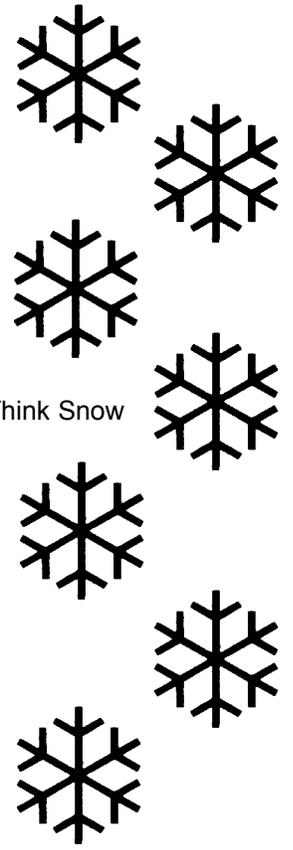
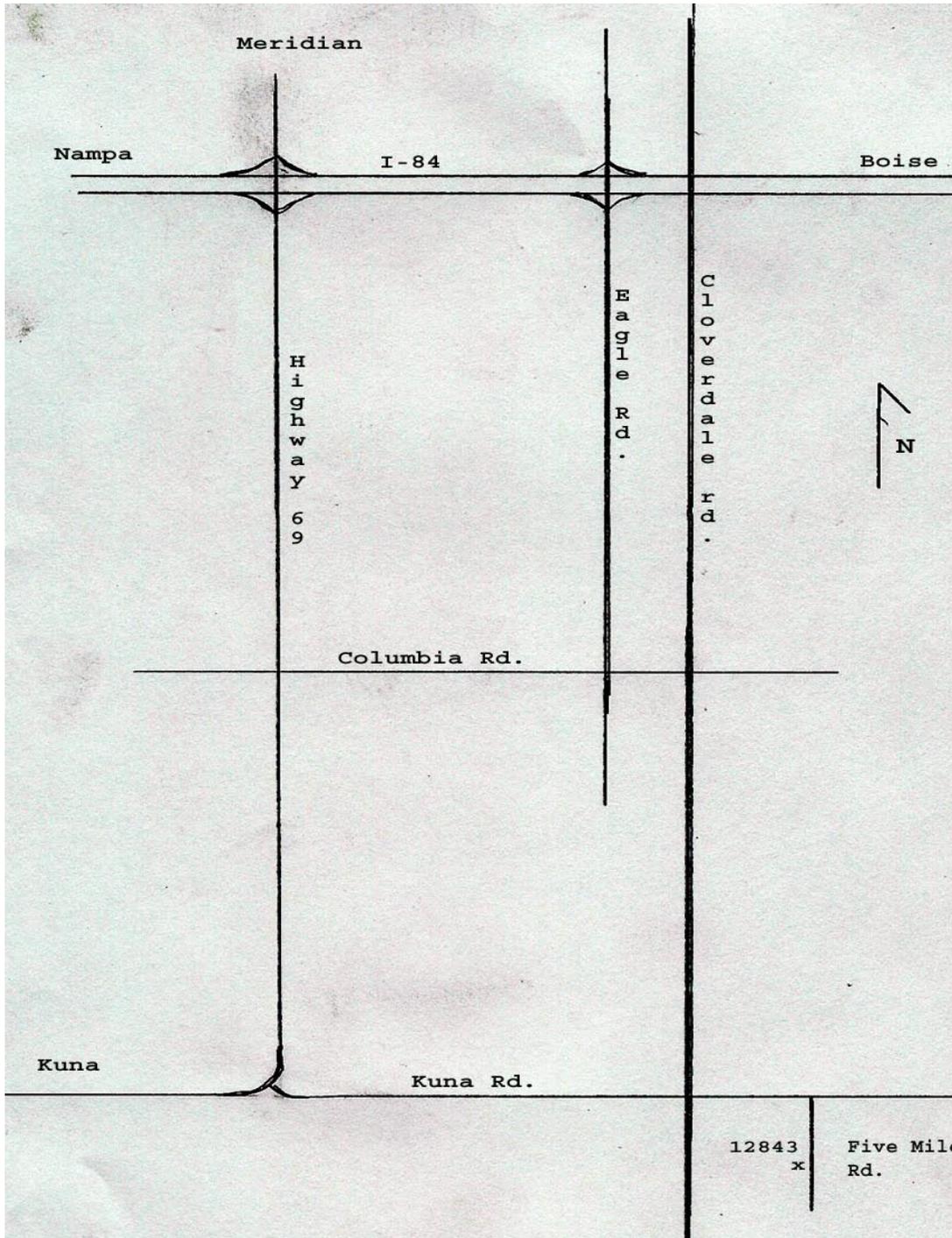


# Workshop Report

The Annual workshop will be December 20th & 21st. Bring a slab to cab and your favorite goodie to share. We will start at 9 a.m. and go until 4 or 5 p.m. both days. This will be a combined club funtion with the Caldwell club so come prepared to meet some new friends. This is your opportunity to learn about the art of lapidary and get some experience within this field. We will also have wire wrapping so you can learn how and maybe make a Christmas gift. There is a small charge for the wire for each project. All we ask is that you help clean up the machines at the end of the day. We welcome one and

all to 12843 S Five Mile Rd off of Kuna Rd. We hope you will come and enjoy the good food and friendship.

*Willa Renken  
Workshop  
Chairmen*



Think Snow

Workshop address:  
12843 S. Five Mile Rd.  
Phone 362-3941

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**Dues:**

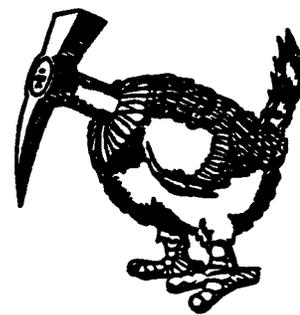
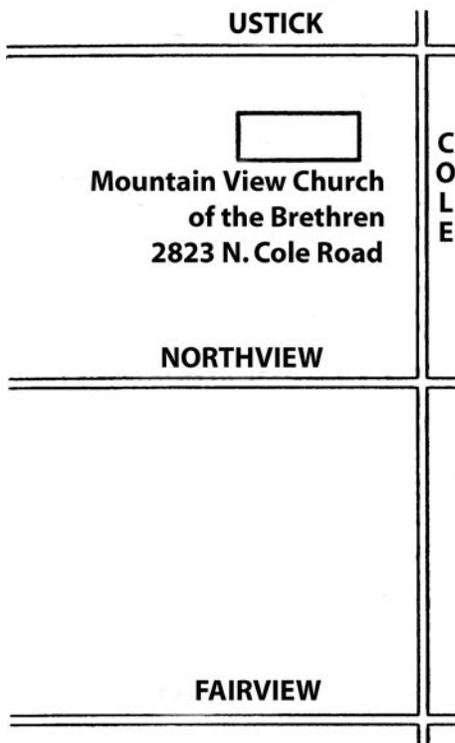
\$12.00 per person  
\$15.00 per couple  
\$17.50 per family

**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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