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President's Message

We had a wonderful turnout of Club members in October. I'm expecting to see you all again this month as we will be voting for new Board members for the coming year! Please take the time to review all of the biographies of the candidates inside this issue. These members represent YOU and make the major operating decisions for the Club.

We will begin selling banquet tickets also this month for our January Annual Corporation Meeting where the new Board members and Officers will be inducted into office. Jim Prendergast is Chairman of the Banquet Committee so make sure you get your tickets early. Auctions are scheduled for our November and December meetings so please bring good "rocks" and your check book for that special item. The funds raised help support funding for our banquet in January. The December auction is typically of completed items and many times you can finish your Christmas shopping then.

If the weather cooperates the field trip will be to Graveyard Point or to Succor Creek and Leslie Gulch area. Be sure to take warm clothing along with your other necessities!

Please keep tumbling rocks, sewing grab bags, and preparing your "prizes" for your show case. Remember the dates for the show will be February 28-March 1 due to the Expo Center rescheduling events. Remember that this is YOUR show, and we need everyone's contribution to make it a success. Chairmen should start thinking about their sign up sheets and getting prepared for the Show. I'm sure Laura Lindsey could use your help and ideas for making items for the Wheel of Fortune too.

We have plenty of cookbooks available for sale still. These books make wonderful Christmas gifts, etc.

The Project-of-the-Year contest is in December so you still have about 1 month to work on your project. Club members present will vote on their favorite project during that meeting. If it's yours, you will get to display your work along with the plaque with your name on it during the show. We've had some wonderful entries through the years and I'm looking forward to seeing what you have made.

Happy Rockhounding!

Catherine Parsons
President

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING ♦
OCTOBER 21, 2008**

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

Guests were introduced by the Welcoming Committee to stand and introduce themselves. Guests were: Sharon Barnes, Douglas Keith, Kevin and Kristi Hale, Loren Frances, and Bill Newhoff.

Door prizes were won by Heather Madsen, Nancy Reed, Fred Friel, Richard Clark, Doug Heath, Shirley McCreath, Arlene Bailey, Ron Bailey, Richard Teel, Kiley Madsen, Twila Gallaher, Ed Moser, Pete Peterson, Mike Eckert, Philena Thompson, Sharon Barnes, Tony Griffin, and Tenaya Madsen.

Joe Nielson presented a bottle of petrified wood as the building fund door prize to Richard Clark.

A motion was made by John Marsh to accept the minutes as printed in the Grindings. The motion was seconded by Bill Marsh and approved by the members.

There was no Secretary's Report.

Kathy Griffin provided the Treasurer's reports for months of August and September.

No Federation report, as Chuck McCreath had nothing to report.

Committee reports as following:

WORKSHOP: Doug Renken announced there will be a workshop at their house this Thursday, October 23, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

R.O.L.E Program: Ron Bailey announced if anyone is interested to get applications from him after the meeting.

FIELD TRIP: Tony Griffin talked a little about last month's Sunstone trip and mentioned the lightening show they witnessed. He stated that this month's trip would be a combined trip with the Caldwell Rock Club to Beacon Hill. Saturday, October 25, 2008. The club will meet at 8:30 at the rest area on the Oregon/Idaho border, milepost 376. They will depart at 9:00 a.m. and proceed to Weiser to Jonathan Road. High clearance vehicles are necessary and they will divide up into vehicles if necessary. Equipment needed is shovels, rock hammers, picks, and of course buckets.

LIBRARY: Per Terry Tomberlin, "Library is open for books to be checked out."

JUNIORS: Ed Moser presented merit badges to the youths at the meeting. The age group ends up to 18.

SUNSHINE LADY: Arlene Bailey sent Cathy Parson flowers for her surgery.

BUILDING FUND: no report

OLD BUSINESS:

Doug Renken presented the club with a T-shirt signed by the Boy Scouts for a thank you to the club for all the rock that was given to them for their projects. A card was also signed by the boys and presented to the club.

Chuck McCreath talked about the License Plate project. The project is in process and as of this date 3 Idaho Rock Clubs have pledged \$4,500.00.

Cathy Parsons stated that the Minute Books have been copied up to 1989 on I CD.

Doug Renken reported on the rock wash at his place.

NEW BUSINESS:

Auctions in November and December for supporting the banquet expense.

November will be Board member voting. Contact Ed Moser for possible nominations.

Project of the Year – December meeting (all Club members vote).

Presentation: Barbershop show this Saturday at the Morrison Center.

The meeting was adjourned to a lecture. Lecture was presented by Rob Bolen on North American Indian Lithics.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jean Dingley,
Acting Secretary*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD MEETING ♦
NOVEMBER 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, Joe Nielsen, Ed Moser, Arlene Bailey, Tony Griffin, Ilse Schreiner, Terry Tomberlin, Kathy Griffin, and Chuck McCreath. Guests were Doug Renken, Ron Bailey, Shirley McCreath, Ron Coolbaugh, Phil Neuhoff, Philip Stevenson, Jason and Heather Madsen, Jean Dingley (acting Secretary). Willa Renken & Twila Gallaher were absent and excused.

Arlene Bailey 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 numerous newsletters from other clubs, some magazines, and catalogs.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Griffin found the missing receipts in regards to the check that was written to Doug Renken for expenditures for the workshop and postage. Receipts in question were for shop towels for the workshop, one gear motor and supplies for the Club's 30" rock

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saw, and for postage for the Grindings. Kathy presented the treasurers report to the Board and also received approval to renew the 3 CD's coming due 11-8-08.

Federation Report – Chuck McCreath reviewed the Northwest Federation Newsletter as having a new look to the Board. He also mentioned the upcoming Northwest Federation Show in Billings July 30-August 2. The Ontario show has not yet reported cash receipts and expenditures to the Federation. The Idaho Gem Club was listed in the upcoming show section for February. Lastly, the Federation reported the Junior Achievement Trust fund is healthy as of 8/31/08.

Workshop – There will be a workshop this month Thursday, November 20th, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Renken's.

ROLE Program – no report

Field Trip - Last months field trip to Beacon Hill was a success, in regards to the weather and participation. This month's trip is dependent on the weather; however, the intent is to go to Graveyard Point, or to Succor Creek and Leslie Gulch. Those attending will meet at the K-Mart parking lot in Nampa across from the Edward's Theater on Saturday the 26th at 8:30 a.m. and leave at 9:00 a.m. More details will be presented at the General Meeting.

Librarian – A concern was presented to the Board in regards to books being checked out and not being returned. Calls have been made to the parties in question with no response. Further action was accepted by Cathy Parsons, President, to take the names of individuals and related materials checked out and call personally as a last resort.

Juniors - A motion was made for Heather Madsen to take on the project of making vests for the juniors. Black material was decided upon, as the badges would stand out quite nicely. Motion was made by Ed Moser and seconded by Terry Tomberlin, motion carried. Ed Moser thanked Chuck McCreath for his donations of Geodes last month to the juniors. Also, a concern was brought up about Coyote Short needing transportation to and from the General Meetings to continue her duties with the Junior Program. Discussion ensued about other club members who lived close to Coyote to volunteer help in providing transportation. Tony Griffin is taking on the demographics to come up with possible names of club members living close to her to help with the transportation issue. Lastly, it was mentioned that the juniors need to be registered separately on the Northwest Federation roster. The statement was made that it is the responsibility of the juniors to provide a list to the Editor and to the Treasurer for submission to the Northwest Federation.

Sunshine Report - Christy Robinson is recovering, however, slowly. Arlene Bailey will follow up with the Robinson's to determine how and where the donation is to be submitted as the bank employee contacted did not have adequate information.

Building Fund – For the upcoming Idaho Gem Club show in February, a request was made to have a sphere as the building fund raffle item. Jean Dingley stated Ron and she would donate such a sphere. Chuck McCreath will donate material if there is enough time to make the sphere.

Show – no report.

OLD BUSINESS

License Plates – The Bill is in progress. There were two concerns. The first concern if people could attend the hearings, which is yes. Secondly, the ability to reserve a particular license plate number by individual club members is unknown at this time.

Demo of new projector/dvd/sound system - There is considerable confusion on the equipment already bought and how it works. It was suggested at the last board meeting that the sound system could perhaps be used as the microphone and amplifier during the meetings; however, that option wasn't available with the system purchased. The Board requested to have a demonstration of the new system at the December Board meeting. Cathy Parsons volunteered to purchase a simple karaoke machine for the General Meeting.

Board Member Nominations - Four nominees were presented to the Board: Jason Madsen, Phil Neuhoff, Tony Griffin and Dan Phillips. Phil Stevenson and Brent Stewart have also expressed interest in serving on the Board and they will be nominated from the floor at the General Meeting. Written ballots will be provided for all current Club members and the four top vote getters will be the new Board members.

NEW BUSINESS

Auctions for November and December General Meetings.

Non-Profit organization report will be updated and submitted to the State by Kathy Griffin

Show Case favors will be taken care of by Doug Renken

A Life Membership Report was presented in regards to eligibility and service.

Copies of CD's containing Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and Minutes through 1989 were presented to Club by Tony Griffin. One CD will be in the Club's Library, and copies will be available through Tony.

New Membership Applications - Sharon Barnes, Richard W. and Elsie Forney, John Trembath and Lianna Erickson, Philip Neuhoff, Loren J. Frances. Tony Griffin made a motion to accept these new members to the club and Ed Moser seconded. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jean Dingley
Acting Secretary*

Juniors Report

The youth still have time to join the Merit Badge Program. Contact Ed Moser 340-8060 or go online to the Idaho Gem Club website www.idahogemclub.com.

The Rock and Gem magazine for November 2008 page 42-43 has a quiz for kids to submit. The answers are due by November 30, 2008. The juniors will meet in the general meeting room and separate to their own room after the break. Thanks to the McCreath's for the geodes they donated to the youth. Thanks also to all the others who have donated to this cause.

Ed Moser
Cell 340-8060
Juniors Chair

Welcome New Members

Richard & Elsie Forney
1615 Warm Springs Ave.
Boise, ID 83712-8142
(208) 850-9265

Sharon Barnes
2019 Blue Sage Ln.
Boise, ID 83716-5724
(208) 315-3029

John Trembath & Lianna Erickson
4030 Patricia Ln.
Boise, ID 83704-3256
(208) 830-7538

Phil & Christine Neuhoff Family
1595 N. Sundown Way
Eagle, Id 83616-7028
(208) 939-4508

Loren Francis
396 Holland Dr.
Nampa, ID 83651-2059
(208) 467-1498

Yesteryear *January 1953*

The Club was invited to put a display in The Hobby Show and John Beckwith agreed to look after the display. After the show was over it was discussed how to keep the exhibits safe and people from handling the display. Plate glass was the method they decided on. Before that they were usually on shelves where they could be picked up.

Assessment work and placing of signs were to be done on the clubs claims.

The annual Banquet will be on the 12th of May. The report on the Whang Doodle mine was that the posts and sign was set in concrete and was very sturdy.

The next field trip would be an exploratory one south of Murphy and beyond Oreana in quest of petrified wood.

The board discussed taking over the Whang Doodle mine for the club.

The Banquet was at the Immanuel Methodist Church May 12th and the price of Dinner is \$1.50 per plate.

The next field trip would be for shell fossils in the vicinity of Grandview. Starting at the Statehouse at 8A.M. (End of Book #1.)

Patsy Bethel
Historian

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!

November Program

The program for November will be an oral auction. Bring any extra material you would like to donate.

Ilse Schreiner
Programs Chair

October Field Trip Report Beacon Hill Field Trip

The day was beautiful from the start. A few wispy clouds were in the sky, the sun was bright, but it was a cool day. We left in two groups from the rest area just over the Oregon border. Doug led the first group and unlocked the gates and I led the second group that showed up a little later. There were over 50 attendees on this trip. We had more visitors than club members, most visitors were from the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society. Rick Wagner and his son came from LaGrande to join us.

It is 5.2 miles from the pavement to our claim, all on a road that needs a high clearance vehicle. The ruts in the road are the main problem; they are so deep the center of the road scrapes the bottom of our trucks. Quite often drivers had to drive on the side of the road with a tire in the center of the road to keep from getting high centered.

This is the third trip to our Beacon Hill claim this year and there were fewer geodes laying on the surface. Most of these were smaller than were found on earlier trips. A few die hard rockhounds persisted in digging in areas previously known to produce quality geodes and their efforts did not go unrewarded. They left with a few five gallon buckets packed with respectable-sized geodes.

All in all, it was a wonderful day and we had the opportunity to make new friends and spend time with old friends not seen in awhile.

*Tony Griffin
Field Trip Chairman
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NOMINEES FOR NEW IGC BOARD MEMBERS

Philip Neuhoff Biography

I have just moved to the Treasure Valley this fall. I was born in Dubuque, Iowa, where I got interested in rocks, minerals, fossils, and gems at an early age while hunting for fossils and agates near my home. This led me to pursue geology as a career, and I hold degrees in geology from The University of Iowa and Stanford University.

For the past seven years, I worked as a geology professor at the University of Florida. During that time, one of my biggest accomplishments was establishing a joint program between the local gem and mineral society and the geology department to hold educational events aimed at exposing the public (especially kids) to gemology, geology, and rock hounding.

I hope to continue similar work here and am delighted to see the commitment of the IGC to increasing public awareness of the hobby and exposing children to the joys of Earth's treasures.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



NOVEMBER

11/1 Peggy Dean
 11/2 Robert Griswold
 11/5 Tom Johnson
 11/6 Tom Menten
 11/7 Peggy Blickfeldt
 11/7 Terrie Bybee
 11/9 Maria Longstroth
 11/12 Penny Dudley
 11/14 Robert Burns
 11/20 Judy Clymens
 11/21 Gary Hanes
 11/22 Christa Wakefield
 11/23 Marge Conley
 11/24 Gary Smith
 11/26 Phil Neuhoff
 11/28 Amanda Loewen
 11/28 Robert Hoffman
 11/28 Diane Perkins
 11/29 Ferman Ansel

November Birthstones
Faceted - Topaz or Citrine
Cabochon — Amber

Upcoming Show

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

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 Shirley Murphy
 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

DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING:
3rd. Tuesday of every month
 November 18, 2008
 Church of the Brethren
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEETING:
1st. Tuesday of every month
 December 2, 2008
 Church of the Brethren
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

November Refreshment Committee

Chair: Open
 Debbie Knudsen 322-5527
 Nancy Schlossman 322-5527
 Randy Knudsen 939-8365

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.

December Refreshment Committee

Chair: Open
 Bill Marsh 761-8347
 Chuck Marsh 884-0962

IDAHO GEM CLUB NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP

Field Trip to Graveyard Point for plume agate or Succor Creek/Leslie Gulch for petrified wood and thundereggs. Weather and road conditions will determine which location we will go to. Graveyard Point roads are very conditional for travel during rainy seasons. If roads are good, we will go to both places by dividing up, you can make a choice of which location you would like to go to.

When: Saturday November 22nd; 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 and meet anyone else that wants to go from Marsing at the Park by the Snake River just after the bridge going into Marsing.

How to get there: Travel West on I-84 to Exit 33A, the new Highway 55 exit. Kmart is on the south side of I-84 across from Edwards Theatre on Karcher Road.

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. If you would like more information, please come to our Gem Club meeting. November 18th, 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Church of the Brethren 2833 N. Cole Rd. or Call our Field Trip Chairman

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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP

Trip Location: Succor Creek for thundereggs [Weather permitting]

Date of Trip: Saturday, November 22nd

Meeting Place: ION junction, West of Marsing Idaho. Chevron gas station at the junction of Highway 95 & 55.

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

Comments: Only 4 wheel drive and high clearance vehicles. If you do have a car you will need to park at the cattle guard and ride with someone bring your lunch, shovel, pick, hammer, and buckets Some of these eggs have blue opal in them.

*Walter Barnett
(541) 889-3672*

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***

NOMINEES FOR NEW IGC BOARD MEMBERS

Tony Griffin Biography

I was born (in 1948) and raised in Pocatello, Idaho, educated at Idaho State University. In 1968 I enlisted in the U.S Navy where my schooling included SCUBA and Aviation Ordnance (guns and bombs on aircraft).

My life at work includes: clerk at Union Pacific Railroad; pipe fitter helper, Brown & Root; courier, United Parcel Service; supervisor, UPS; courier and tractor trailer driver, FedEx. Currently, I take care of adults with disabilities.

Kathy and I met in late 1969 and were married in Pocatello in 1970. We have two natural children and four special needs children that we adopted while living in Houston, Texas where we lived for twenty two years before returning to Idaho. Our two natural children and our youngest daughter, Kimberly, have given us five beautiful grandchildren.

My interests include: reading about archaeology, geology, paleobotany, and paleolithics; research on the internet related to the reading interests; spending time with my grandchildren and adult children. Learning how to make cabochons is a new interest just developing.

I enjoy gardening and am a Master Gardener, Master Composter and Junior Master Gardener through the University of Idaho County Extension offices in Canyon and Ada Counties. This extension service opportunity offers a great opportunity to teach gardening to a variety of ages and groups.

The past four years I have done presentations at the Nampa Public Library representing the Idaho Gem Club and the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society. These presentations are done for the Summer Reading program for younger school age children.

I have been the Field Trip Coordinator for the last two years and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and talking with members and visitors of the club. It is a joy to see smiles on rockhoulder's faces when they find a nice specimen.

Other volunteer opportunities with which I have been involved are: Board member Idaho Gem Club; editor of Owyhee Gem; teaching parents of children with disabilities how to use computers; gardening presentations at the Nampa Farmers Market. I am also an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (the Mormons). Service to others is of supreme importance to me.

Dan Phillips Biography

My wife, Linda and I retired five years ago and moved to Middleton, Idaho from Northern California.

We have spent the last two winters in Quartzsite, AZ. where we became members of the Roadrunners Gem Club. We really had a great time going on rock hunting trips and working in the club house making cabs and learning how to silversmith. We were hooked. When we returned home we continued to pursue our hobby by going out looking for rocks. We bought a saw and love cutting open each rock to see the treasure inside. We were excited to find out there were two local clubs.

NOMINEES FOR NEW IGC BOARD MEMBERS

In March of 2007 we joined the Idaho Gem Club and the Owyhee Gem Club. Idaho is a great place for rock hounding and we have learned a tremendous amount about our hobby from members of both clubs.

Now that we have been members for almost two years, I would like to volunteer for one of the open positions on the board. In this capacity I look forward to becoming more involved and helping wherever I can.

Jason Madsen Biography

I grew up on a family farm in the small town of Jerome, Idaho. At an early age I had many opportunities to learn about the positive values of hard work and honest living. (Mostly from picking rocks out of the fields.)

I learned a great deal from my father as he instructed me in safely working with the tools in his machine shop and on the farm. I have gained a deep appreciation for being self reliant, resourceful, creative, and constructive.

In my teenage years I achieved to rank of an Eagle Scout with bronze, silver, and gold palm merits. I was also involved with the Order of the Arrow, an associated program of the Boy Scouts of America.

I am currently working towards a bachelor's degree at BSU in the Allied Health program, but the majority of my interests lie in sculpture, ceramics, and industrial arts.

I am employed at the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired as the Industrial Arts Instructor in the Assessment and Training Center. I enjoy the atmosphere of instructing, sharing, and helping others to achieve greater independence and integration into the work place and the community.

I have been married for ten years to my beautiful wife, Heather, and together we have three terrific daughters. I enjoy many wholesome activities with my family, including passing on the tradition of picking up rocks.

Philip Stephenson Biography

- Rough rock and gem dealer.
- Owner on RareRocksAndGems.com- Internet web site dedicated to selling rough rock and gems of the northwest. In addition to educating the public on rocks and gem in general.
- 6 year member of the Idaho Gem Club
- Morrisonite Collection in the Rock&Gem Magazine featuring article about Morrisonite
- Morrisonite Collection in the premier European Rock and Gem Magazine- The Italian Gemological Review January 2008

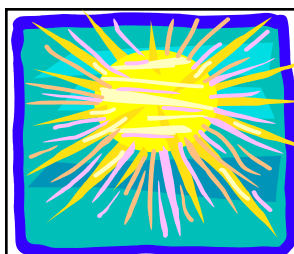
Brief Education and Employment Experience

- B.S. History Idaho State University
- Sales and Marketing Director- Phillips Colleges Inc.
- Project Manager- Hewlett Packard
- Project Manager- Directv
- Business Owner- RareRocksAndGems.com

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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**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.

Workshop Report

Your November workshop will be on Thursday November 20th at 6:30 pm. I will be needing volunteers to help instruct so please let me know if you can help. This is your opportunity to learn about the art of lapidary and get some experience within this field. All we ask is that you help clean up the machines at the end of the night. If you are interested in attending give me a call. We usually have about eight people at a time. Marge has been helping those who have an interest in wirewrapping to get started. We are located at 12843 S Five Mile Rd off of Kuna Rd. See you at the meeting.

Willa Renken
 Workshop
 Chairmen
 362-3941

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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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www.idahogemclub.com



Treasures From Dismal Swamp “Muddy Holes In The Mountains”

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Up high in the mountains of Idaho,
there is a place you really should go.
You can dig for crystals and treasures untold,
at Dismal Swamp, you may even find gold!

You can dig in the dirt for aquamarine,
it's the prettiest crystal I've ever seen.
Along with that, there's topaz, too,
and smoky quartz, just waiting for you!

You can have a fun day with a picnic lunch,
sandwiches, cookies, and chocolate crunch!
So let's get going, there's no time to spare,
I can't wait to breathe that fresh, mountain air!

From Boise, we'll travel to Mountain Home,
hang a left on 20 and start to roam.
Past Little Camas and over the hill,
left at the gravel pit, my what a thrill!

The prairie's alive with flowers galore,
fields of blues, whites, yellows, pinks and more.
An eagle is flying high in the sky,
riding the currents, soaring up high.

Up past the reservoir, Featherville, too,
and into the mountains - wow, what a view!
Mountains as far as your eyes can see,
mountains and mountains all covered with trees.

A spectacular vista, it is quite a sight,
up ahead on 290, we'll turn to the right.
We'll straddle deep cuts and bump
down the road,
in two miles, or so, we'll start to unload.

You will need a bucket, shovel, and screen,
some crystals are small but still can be seen.
So, sift the dirt and look for some color,
aquamarine through shades of yellor!

So, into a hole, go ahead and jump,
you may land in mud, up to your rump!
The muck and mire can really be sticky,
and digging, for crystals, can be tricky!

So, pile the muck on top of the screen,
rinse it with water and search for green.
Maybe instead you'll find aquamarine,
the crystals are small but easily seen.

If you hear a "clink," while shoveling away,
perhaps a smoky quartz will make your day!
It's body is tan, its point rather black,
hopefully perfect - one with no crack.

On your way out, if you're very lucky,
you might see the swamp, it's really quite yucky!
All green and brown and full of dead trees,
the air is all eerie and hums like bees!

So aptly named, it gives me the willies,
but the crystals I've found, have all been dillies!
With crystal, clear skies and clouds
made of pearl,
Idaho scenery - the best in the world!

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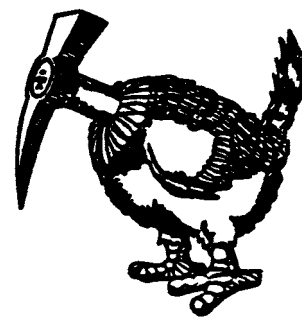
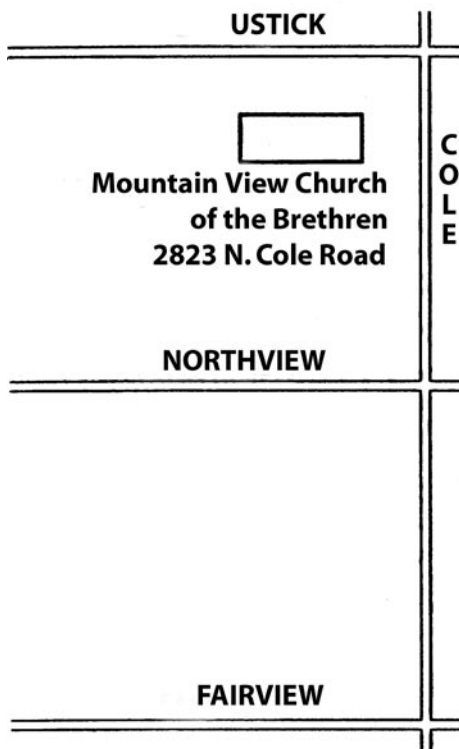
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The Whangdoodle Bird
 (Often seen on field trips)



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