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President's Message

Where were you Saturday, May 3? We needed you, although our 10 (Sandy Blodgett, Doug and Willa Renken, Tony Griffin, Cheryl Link, Cheryl Ellicott, Robert Burns, Lynne Davis, Dana Robinson and I :) did an awesome job along with the volunteers from the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society in our clean up of Graveyard Point. Thanks to Sandy and Tony for organizing our efforts. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the hot dogs and chips, etc. I know mine was sure tasty.

What can I do to get more people to show up at scheduled events like this? You as Club members can't keep relying on a few people to do everything the club needs done. There's all kinds of things we need your help with, including another rock cleaning and sorting activity this summer (dates to be announced).

We'll have an auction this month at the general meeting so remember to bring good materials for the auction and money to buy materials that others have donated! I'm sure we can all find something that will suit our fancy. The funds are for our banquet.

Doug and Tony are making super progress with the revised web site. Please make sure you log on and provide your positive suggestions and comments to them as they are building the site and providing links to other good information. Thanks to Betty Hare for all of her work in beginning our web site and maintaining it for the past several years!

We also have a great overnight field trip planned in conjunction with the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society—please read Tony's update inside on where and when to meet. It should be a fun trip (I'm hoping I don't have to work that weekend so I can go too).

I believe we've had some good discussions during the Board meetings about investing funds into money market and certificates of deposit so that we can keep building our accounts to continue to provide workshop activities/equipment, scholarships, and so on. We'll have a report at the next meeting on where the funds have been deposited.

Take care—have fun rockhounding (but take your "trash" back out with you!)

Catherine Parsons
President

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING ♦
APRIL 15, 2008**

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

Guest were welcomed, Jeanne Storem, Barbara Shaw, Hayden Snow, Aaron Ashton, Jen Ashton, Tim Vaughan, Harold & Jeanna Solloway, Judy Webb, Roger & Carolyn Nelson, Julie Carbajal, Roger Miller, Ron & Judy Wambert, Steve Longstrooth, Chris & Tara Halberstodt.

The Door Prizes were won by 18 lucky ticket holders. Door Raffle was won by Roy/Patsy Bethel. They had a choice of 3 prizes and they choose the Picture of an Osprey.

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

The Treasure Report / & Secretaries' Report was given by Kathy Griffin. A recap was given on the income and expenses for the February show. There were extra copies of the income/expense report available for club members.

The club received a Thank You note from Rock Art, which was a vendor in the February Show.

Federation Report was given by Chuck McCreath. For those attending the Federation Show Banquet in Ontario, Oregon, you need your reservations by May 1, 2008.

If any member of the Idaho Gem Club is not getting the Federation Newsletter, let him know and he will check on it for you.

Committee Reports:

Role Program report was given by Ron Bailey. The R.O.L.E. program allows club members to submit cabochons for "grading" by more experienced members. You will be given suggestions on ways to improve the quality of you finished stones.

Field Trip Report given by Tony Griffin. The last club outing was at Queenstone and the Whangdoodle Claim 48 people went on the trip, although it was windy and cold, everyone seemed to pick up a few good finds. Graveyard Point will be the next Outing.

The Texas Springs outing will be coming up soon, meeting in Jackpot, Nevada. Call Cathy Parsons or Tony Griffin for more information.

Librarian Report was given by Terry Tomberlin. If anyone has items checked out from the Library, please return it at the next meeting. Terry also mentioned that you should renew your subscription to Rock and Gem magazine only with the publisher, and not with a third-

party billing you may receive in the mail.

Juniors Report was given by Ed Moser. Ed welcomed new member Hayden Snow. The raffle prize for the Juniors was won by Sharon Longstraught.

Sunshine Committee. Joan Alvey sent a note thanking those who have sent cards. She is still recovering from her illness

Mining Claims Report. No report given. Building Fund Report was given by Joe Nielson. There was nothing new to report.

Old Business. Sandy Blodgett reported on Grave Yard Point. May 3, 2008 will still be a pick up trash day. There will not be a dumpster available on site, but the trash can be dumped at the Homedale landfill and the BLM will pay for it. When the club is at Grave Yard Point you will need to avoid active mining claims that do not belong to the club. An information update will be given at the meeting point, which is the bridge into the Graveyard Point area.

Terry Tomberlin gave an update on the Discovery Center "Make It Day" April 4, 2008. A few members of the club gave various demonstrations. The club was invited back on Saturdays, June through September, for the Discovery "Make It Days", demonstrating ways to make finished jewelry and other items from rocks, gemstones, fossils, etc.

Chuck McCreath reported on the Lapidary Class that now has 15 people signed up. Bring your own chair and be ready for a good time.

New Business.

Charles Osgood's idea for an Idaho License Plates that would have Rockhound on them was discussed. Support and information is still being gathered to be presented to the legislature at the appropriate time.

Doug Renken will become the Web Master of the Club Web Site as Betty Hare has moved to Twin Falls. There are plans for a few changes on the web page, such as a new name, adding the Newsletter and adding photos.

The Banquet Committee will need a new Chairperson and the Club will also need a new secretary as Gene & Joan Alvey has resigned as club officers. Tony Griffin will be the new Board member to take Gene Alveys' position.

The meeting was adjourned, followed by a coffee break. Guest Speakers are Larry Tripp and Clayton Nalder from the Mountain Home District Forest Service. The topic was on the road closure proposal for the Dismal Swamp area.

*Respectfully submitted,
Belle Witt,
Acting Secretary*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD MEETING ♦
MAY 6, 2008**

Board members present Willa Renken, Cathy Parsons, Terry Tomberlin, Ilse Schreiner, Twila Gallaher, Joe Neilson and Ed Moser. Absent and excused Arlene Bailey. Also present Doug Renken, Charles McCreath and Kathy and Tony Griffin.

Terry Tomberlin made a motion to approve the last board minutes as printed in the Grindings, Twila Gallaher seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Kathy Griffin gave the Treasurer's report. Two of our CD's are maturing this week and need to be renewed. Willa Renken made a motion to deposit \$1162.90 from checking into the Scholarship fund CD to make \$10,000 total and to move \$10,000 from the checking account General fund of which \$7500 would go to the CD and \$2500 to our money market account. Ilse Schreiner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Charles McCreath gave the Federation report. He had a copy of the Federation Directory for our library. The Federation is planning a field trip over Labor Day weekend in the Prineville, Oregon area. He also stated he had seen a report on Channel 7 that the BLM had sold 29 small parcels of land. He did not know if the Hog Creek area had been sold.

Ilse Schreiner reported the May program will be a rock auction.

Tony Griffin gave the field trip report. The Graveyard Point field trip had 24 people. It snowed on the group but was still a successful trip. For the May 3rd Graveyard Point cleanup there were 15 people from the Boise Gem club and Owyhee Gem club who turned out. They hauled seven loads to the dumpster which included an old fridge, broken TV and tires. There will be a field trip to Juntura, Oregon. He will meet the Owyhee Gem club between 7:30 and 8:00 am at Jack in the Box on 10th avenue in Caldwell. There will be camping around Warm Springs reservoir and it will be May 24th and 25th which is Memorial Day weekend.

Beacon Hill is still covered with snow. There needs to be a scouting trip to determine when we will be able to get in for a field trip.

Terry Tomberlin gave the library report. The Library is in good order.

Ed Moser reported on the Juniors. He is sending a six year old child in Hershey Pennsylvania a sample of Idaho rocks. The request came thru our web site.

Joe Neilson reported on the Building Fund. He offered a choice of three items last time and it seemed to generate more interest.

Terry Tomberlin reported no Scholarship applications have been received to date. The deadline for applying is in August. He also reported he received a thank you from the Discovery Center for the members who demonstrated. The center reported there were 666 children and their parents who attended. The Discovery Center requested more volunteers from our club for their Saturday "Make It" days that will be held from June to November. If anyone is interested in volunteering contact Terry Tomberlin who has more details.

Charles McCreath reported that the Fossil Preservation Act has been tabled by Congress for this year and may have died. Owyhee Canyonlands initiative is being worked on with four separate Wilderness areas being proposed. He had 18 people sign up for his rockhounding class that starts 5-7-08 at his house.

Willa Renken made a motion that the club purchases a projector with multiple connections to meet club needs. Tony Griffin seconded the motion. The motion carried. There was further discussion about if there was a need for a laptop computer and a large screen for programs. The Board decided to wait on these items for now.

Charles McCreath reported on the license plate project. The design is still being worked on along with the letter to go out. Ed Moser is the official representative for the Owyhee Gem Club on the committee.

Doug Renken reported he had talked to Betty Hare and has updated the old web site. The new web site is still under construction and the cost will be \$120 for the first two years. The web address will be IdahoGemClub.com.

Willa Renken made a motion that Tony Griffin be appointed to fill the vacant board position till the end of this year when that position will be up for election. Ed Moser seconded the motion and motion passed.

No Membership applications were reviewed
Meeting adjourned

*Respectfully submitted,
Twila Gallaher,
Acting Secretary*

First Annual Graveyard Point Cleanup

We had a decent turnout for the first Annual Graveyard Point BLM cleanup. Owyhee Commissioner Hal Tolmey made arrangements for us to drop the trash at the Johnstone Road Tipping Station near Graveyard Point with no charge to the clubs. We partially filled the dumpster, about 1/3 full, with tires, a refrigerator, numerous old cans, and pieces of metal that could no longer be identified as to what their function might have been. Lots of bullet holes in most everything we collected.

On a humorous note, the area just over the bridge and behind the BLM sign was once an old landfill. We moved junk from the old landfill to a dumpster destined for the new landfill.

We stopped for lunch about 12:30 p.m. Yummy hot dogs, cookies, chips, and drinks along with camaraderie made this field trip/cleanup a total success. Afterwards most of us collected some nice specimens of petrified wood, plume agate, and moss agate.

There was a total of 15 participants from the two clubs. John Howell, Doug Schroeder, Jerry Rose and friend Birney Maze, Vern Boyd, Doug & Willa Renken, Cheryl Link, Cathy Parsons, Tony Griffin, Cheryl Ellicott, Lynne Davis, Dana Robinson, Sandy Blodgett, Robert Burns,

Thank you to everyone that helped out and made this venture a success!

Tony Griffin
Idaho Gem Club Field Trip
Coordinator

May Program

The program for May will be an oral rock auction.

Ilse Schreiner
Programs Chair

Yesteryear September .1950

The rent for the Boise Art Gallery was paid for the year. The cost was \$30.00

The club's trip was to be towards Alkali Springs for exploration of that area. They decided to keep the annual meeting in May as usual.





The field trip was to Buck Gulch. No report on this was given. The Program was given by Dudley Stewart; a quiz on minerals was passed out on slips of paper. If the person could not answer it was passed on to some one who could answer.

A contest was held on the most interesting display of gem minerals on 2 square feet of space. 21 members entered the contest. Mr. Weltmer won the senior class and the Jr. exhibit was won by John Beckwith.

Mr. Whipple suggested the amount of opal removed from the Whangdoodle Mine to be what would be fair for each member to take out. Mr. High returned 1 ½ gallons to the club to distribute to the members. He and his associates filed on it and did the required work. He stated that members of the IGC could mine opals from the claim as long as the opals were not used commercially.

The December meeting had singing, guitar playing and the accordion. Santa showed up and distributed the gifts. The party was ended with coffee and cookies.

Patsy Bethel
Historian

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April Field Trip Report Graveyard Point

Surprisingly, with rain, snow and heavy overcast expected, most of the day was bright and sunny. Not what the weather forecast predicted, although it was quite cold and windy most of the day. Snow fell on us twice after we had been at Graveyard Point for a while. This lasted only a few minutes both times, hardly interrupting our search.

We had a total of twenty three rock hounds on this trip. There were two couples from the OGMS, Walt & Joan Barnett, and Dan & Diane Stevens as guests. Two juniors from the Idaho Gem Club were in attendance, also. Six of us were long time members of the club while the rest of our club attendees were new to the club this year. Very little dust was present making it easier to find specimens. Quite a bit of surface collecting was possible. Veins of agate were dust free showing their color for us to appreciate, although not easy to extract. Star drills, chisels and gad wedges will be necessary to collect larger specimens of the agate in veins. There was talk about using mechanical equipment and we had to tell everyone that our claim is surface and hand tools only! Mechanical equipment is not an option for the type of claim we have a Graveyard Point.

Quality specimens were found by most collectors. We shared collecting spots and techniques, helping everyone to at least see what is available and how to find and possibly identify what was found. We discussed finding different colors of agate from different collecting spots on the same hill. What minerals were present in the hydrothermal waters at the time of deposition determined the agate color.

Small blue mustard and chicory flowers were abundant everywhere we looked. Other flowers and grass are starting to cover the landscape in a beautiful show of green. Spring is apparent and quite showy already, making this a nice time to get out and enjoy the outdoors.

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Photo's courtesy
Robert Burns



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

May Birthstones
Faceted — Emerald
Cabochon —
Chrysochrase

JUNE

6/1 David Johnson
 6/3 Keith Chipman
 6/7 DaVon Beck
 6/7 Alberta Stewart
 6/11 Eldon Lutz
 6/11 Robert L. Turner
 6/12 Teri Hetherington
 6/15 Cheryl Ellicott
 6/16 Chris Blickfeldt
 6/18 Margaret Loewen
 6/21 Laura Lindsay
 6/21 Phillip Morris
 6/24 Gabrielle Loewen
 6/24 Tammy Vincent
 6/26 Gene Snyder
 6/28 Carol Knudsen
 6/28 Katherine Deonier

June Birthstones
Faceted — Alexandrite
Cabochon — Moonstone
Traditional — Pearl

Upcoming Show

“UP and Coming in ONTARIO” SHOW
68th Annual
NFMS Show & Convention
JUNE 2008
20th 10am - 6pm
21th 10am - 6pm
22th 10am-4:30pm
Malheur Co., Fairgrounds
Ontario, OR

DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING:
3rd. Tuesday of every month
 May 20, 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
 June 3, 2008
 Church of the Brethren
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

May Refreshment Committee

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

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 coffee pot, take it home and bring it the next meeting.

June Refreshment Committee

Chair: Lynne Davis 426-8011
 Peggy Dean 939-3018
 Max & Gary Smith 375-3435

IDAHO GEM CLUB MAY FIELD TRIP

Juntura Oregon for petrified wood and agate. This is a joint field trip with the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society.

When: 24th and 25th May 2008 – two and a half hours drive time

Meet Saturday morning between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. at Jack in the Box on 10th Ave. in Caldwell just off I-84. Departure time will be at 8:00 a.m. Jack in the Box is on the right (west) side of 10th Ave. as you head into Caldwell, it is about two blocks from the Freeway and about half a block from Wendys, which is on the east side of 10th Ave.

We will travel west on I-84 past Ontario, Or. to the Hwy 201 exit. This is the Weiser exit. Then west and south on Hwy 201 (Yturri Beltline) to Central Oregon Highway (Hwy 20/26) where we will go west to Vale. Hwy 20/26 splits in Vale, we will follow Hwy 20 southwest to Juntura. There will be a short stop at the restaurant in Juntura for everyone to catch up. The restaurant sells excellent fudge if you are interested. From Juntura it is eleven miles southwest on a gravel road to the first stop for petrified wood.

We will camp at Warm Springs Reservoir, there are no facilities, camping is primitive. I will bring a latrine and tent for the latrine. Warm Springs Reservoir is thirteen miles from Juntura.

Equipment needed: rock hammer, chisel, shovel, pick, safety glasses, appropriate clothing for the weather and location, food for the weekend, water, fuel, and any items you need for your personal use. If you would like more information, please come to our Gem Club Meeting: May 20th, 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Church of the Brethren 2833 N. Cole Rd. or Call our Field Trip Chairman

Weather Conditions: temperatures have been in the mid 40's for the low; in the low 70's for the high. Very little moisture has fallen in the last few days (as of May 7th), but this is subject to change.

Water temperature at Warm Springs Reservoir is currently 51 degrees F.

If you cannot stay the entire weekend and need directions for coming to the area we will be in, please make arrangements to talk with me.

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OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MAY FIELD TRIP

Trip Location: Harry Ellis Petrified Wood Juntura Oregon

Date of Trip: Saturday, May 24th

Meeting Place: O'Connor field House.

Leave Time: Meet 6:30 a.m. leave 7:00 a.m.

Comments: Shovel, Pick, Rock Hammer, Tick Spray. This will be a joint trip with Boise Tony will also give a Time & place. This Ride Will be hwy 20

John Howell O.G.& M.S.
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Certified Arborist

I worked as a certified arborist [tree expert] for almost 30 years. If you have a problem or question related to trees you can contact me at 343-0487 or herkymore@aol.com. I cannot do the work any longer but I can suggest what needs to be done. I will do this for club members. I am not looking for money, Heck ill do it for a rock!

Harold Robinson

Alert to club members and friends

Many of you have or will have parents at a Nursing Home. Please check them out before deciding where to send them, and also be aware as Director's change so does care. Channel 6 showed the problems one family had. The person shown was Patricia Cantwell who is a life member of the IGC. The changes in her pictures were shocking and as I knew Pat and Carl I called their son who was happy I would write about it. He said they didn't give her baths for two or three weeks at a time. She was in a wheel chair and didn't talk any more.

Patsy was someone who knew Roberts Rule by heart and could quote passages when a question came up. She served as a Secretary to the club for a number of years. They were pleasant people to be around.

Since the report her son has moved her to another home where she is well taken care of. In just under a week she is walking and talking to people. Be aware Nursing Homes should not smell among other things. Many people never visit their people once they are in a home. If you visit as often as you can your loved ones will be cared for better. If you have a friend that has someone of their family in the same home you can check both patients if they are willing to exchange care. I was very lucky when my Mother was in one as I was not in Boise all the time and I had an angel named Tej Howell that helped me and we discovered it worked very well for our Mothers.

Patsy Bethel

Rock & Gem Article

There is an article in the May issue of Rock & Gem on Morrisonite Jasper. The rocks shown in the article are owned by one of our club members Phillip Stephenson. Phillip also took the pictures for the article. Congratulations Phillip for making the big time.

Thank you to Graveyard Point Cleanup Crew

Thank you to everyone who participated in the clean up at Graveyard Point on Saturday, May 3. Those who participated included Sandy Blodgett, Tony Griffin, Robert Burns, Dana Robinson, Lynne Davis, Doug and Willa Renken, Cheryl Ellicott, Cheryl Link and I. John Howell led the group from the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society but I didn't get their names or their numbers. I believe we did an awesome job and I'm hopeful that a "clean" roadside will have a little influence over those folks who might otherwise just throw out a used water bottle, bag, etc. Thanks for a lot of work and effort put into making one of our collecting sites a cleaner, prettier place. Hopefully, BLM is appreciative also.

*Cathy
Parsons*

A request from the website

I am Darren Marais of the Natal Mineral and Gem society in South Africa. I wonder if anyone in your club would be interested in swapping/trading South African minerals and crystals for Idaho/ Usa Minerals. We in South Africa have many beautiful crystals and rocks and it would be great if we could swap via the postal service. If anyone is interested in corresponding with me and trading rocks, please give them my email address.

I am particularly interested in obtaining a star garnet specimen from your local fee dig? I have beautiful African Amethyst, citrine and Tigers eye, the finest in the country.

Many thanks for your help and hope to hear from you soon

Warm Regards
Darren Marais
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Natal Mineral and Gem society

LET'S GET BIRTHSTONES ON STAMPS!

by Wendell Mohr, Commemorative Stamp Committee

Have you taken the time to write the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee requesting that birthstones be used on our US stamps? There are over 50,000 members of our AFMS affiliated clubs and if every one of us wrote to the CSAC we believe our requests would be hard to ignore. Involve your friends and non-rockhounding friends too.

Pictured at right is the poster that was displayed at the Tucson show this year. Although these images are photos of gemstones in the Smithsonian Institution collection, imagine how attractive stamps featuring ruby, topaz, peridot, garnet, pearl, amethyst, aquamarine, emerald, sapphire, turquoise, diamond and opal would be! Address your letters (no petitions please as these get counted as only one letter regardless of how many signers there are) to:

Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
Stamp Development
US Postal Service
1735 N. Lynn St, Room 5013
Arlington, VA 22209-6432



Taken from AFMS May Newsletter

Community Service

Our demonstration of lapidary arts at the Discovery Center on April 4th was enthusiastically received. Roy Bethel, Ron Ridenour and myself were overwhelmed with the response by all the kids as well as the parents to the demonstrations of faceting, sphere making, tumbling and cabbing. The expected attendance was between one and two hundred kids and parents. We were totally overwhelmed with over 660 kids and their insatiable questions and enthusiasm while watching our demonstrations. It was surprising to me the knowledge shown by some and the depth of their questions. It was something I would love to participate in every day if possible. Their enthusiasm and excitement made our efforts very gratifying.

I personally feel the promotion and education in mineralogy and the lapidary arts as our club founders emphasized in our mission statement is vitally important. We have an opportunity to present our craft again starting on June 28th and on any Saturday through November. The theme is "Make It" at the Discovery Center. Any presentation of jewelry, or any lapidary crafts finished or in progress would be greatly appreciated by the Discovery Center staff. This is a very worthwhile opportunity for our membership to show what we do and encourage our young people to pursue their interests in the lapidary arts and sciences. To volunteer for one Saturday please contact Terry Tomberlin at 343-7506.

Twila Gallaher

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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Thank You

The club would like to thank Betty Hare for her efforts in getting the club into the internet age. Without her efforts there would not have been a club web site. She took the initiative to create and keep the web site updated. The site has had 15,690 viewers to date that have been exposed to the Idaho Gem Club. Betty is moving to the Twin Falls area later this year and has turned over the web site responsibilities. Thank You Betty and we wish you the best in your upcoming move.

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.

"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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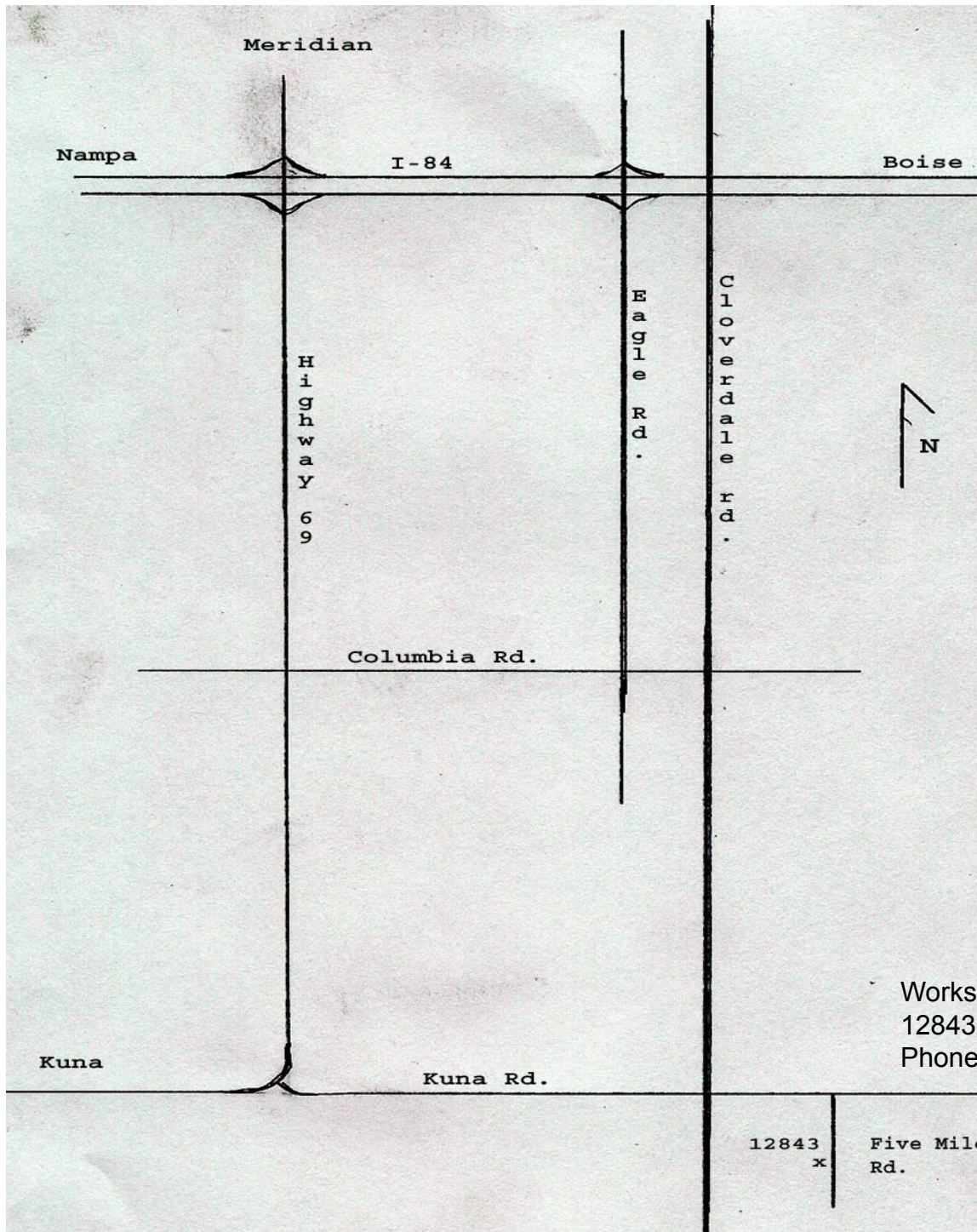
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Workshop Report

Your first workshop will be on May 22 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*



Workshop address:
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12843 x Five Mile Rd.

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:

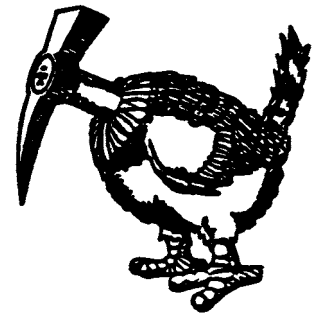
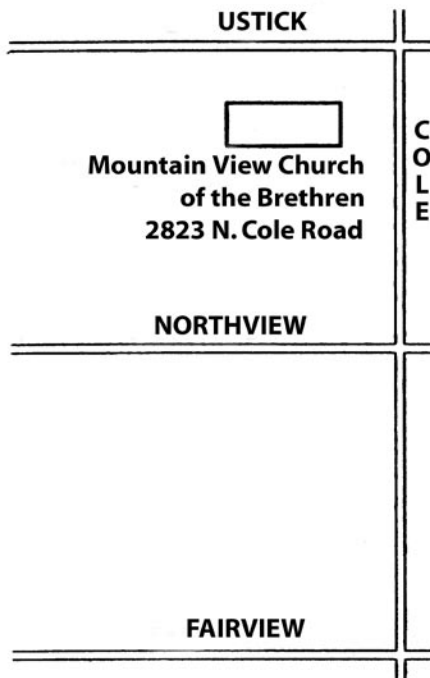
\$12.00 per person
\$15.00 per couple
\$17.50 per family

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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HAPPY
Mother's Day