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President's Message

Well, summer is over and it's time to get back to a little more serious business—one item of serious business being that DUES ARE DUE! Seems that sometimes we tend to forget that October is the month for renewing our dues and they will slip by until spring. Paying dues keeps our members receiving "The Grindings" and after December the newsletter won't be sent until dues are paid. So get them in as soon as you can.

The Gem State license plate will be available January 2010. However, there will be nine low number plates that will be available at a drawing at the November meeting. Make sure you understand that the Club will NOT be purchasing the plates for anyone, but the nine low number plates will be offered at a drawing for the lucky winners to purchase. Joe Nielsen is in charge of the drawing and will have the tickets with him at the October and November meetings. Fill out the back of the ticket and give it to Joe and he will include it in the drawing in November.

Another exciting event we have coming up is the Project of the Year. I'm sure many of you are already hard at work. Exhibition and judging of the project is in December. The winner is awarded a case at the annual show and their name engraved on a plaque that is placed in the case. The Project of the Year has been won by many prestigious club members and it is one of the fun events the Club has. This is a time when all club members can show off their talents.

The annual show is not far away when you stop and think about it! We always need grab bags so those who can need to start sewing. If there isn't a pattern in this issue, (page 4) see me and I will get you going (sewing). We want to make sure we don't run out of bags and this means we need plenty of polished rocks. So let's all get busy with our tumblers. More rocks mean more bags!!

I hope everyone has been able to get out and enjoy the beautiful mild weather we have been having. It has been just right to get out and find some treasures—which means more projects for the winter months.

Sincerely,
Marge Conley
President

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING ♦
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

Marge Conley called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Guest included Mike Wadsworth, Michelle Brown, Jo Heist, Janelle Wintersteen, Richard Bradshaw, Joel Haines, Duane and Cathy Camp, Jack Coronado, and Roland Beinert.

Door prizes were won by Michelle Brown, Gene Alvey, Ron Coolbaugh, Diane Perkins, Mike George, Cindy Woolsey, Jim Clinton, T.J. Johnson, Gary Scott, Joan Alvey, Jean Markham, Janelle Wintersteen, Ray Harshman, Arlene Bailey, Sandy Blodgett, Bill Marsh, Charles Osgood, Judy Heavilin, and Chuck Marsh.

The youth prize was won by Kylee Madsen.

Bill Belknap made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grinding". Sandy Blodgett seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Secretary's Report – Jason Madsen reported that the club received several newsletters and the August "Rock and Gem" issue.

Treasure's Report – Kathy Griffin reported on the club's disbursements and balances.

Federation Report – No report.

Committee Reports

R.O.L.E. - Ron Bailey passed out how-to instructions for making cabs. He discussed judging and requirements of the R.O.L.E. program.

Sunshine – Arlene Bailey reported that Patsy Bethel had shoulder surgery and is doing well. Roy Bethel is suffering from gout. The club sent a bouquet.

Field Trip – Tony Griffin reported that the last two trips went well. The July trip was to

the Mahogany Jasper area, and the August trip was to Wagontown. The September trip will be to Carey. There will be a trip to Beacon Hill on October 10. The October field trip will be to Three Fingers Butte to collect thunder eggs and petrified wood.

Library – Terry Tomberlin asked that if anyone has suggestions or requests for the library to let him know.

Juniors – Ed Moser reported that the Dingleys' donated geodes and Marge Conley donated fossils for the Juniors. Tenaya and Kylee Madsen presented the cabs they made and wire wrapped and entered them in the Western Idaho State Fair. Tenaya received a first place ribbon, and Kylee received a third place ribbon.

License Plate – Charles Osgood updated the club on the progress of the license plate.

Workshop – Jason Madsen reported that there will be a workshop on September 24.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jason Madsen
Secretary*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD MEETING ♦
OCTOBER 6, 2009**

Board members that were present were Marge Conley, Willa Renken, Phil Neuhoff, Jason Madsen, Joe Nielson, Ed Moser, Terry Tomberlin, Twila Gallaher, and Dan Philips.

Kathy Griffin was excused.

Guest that were present were Linda Philips, Doug Renken, Shirley McCreath, and Charles Osgood.

Marge Conley called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Willa Renken motioned to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings", Ed Moser seconded,

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and the motion was carried.

Secretary's Report – Jason Madsen reported that the club has received several newsletters and the September issue of "Rock and Gem". The post office box keys have been updated.

Federation Report – Chuck McCreath reported that there is not any news from the Federation.

Committee Reports

Field Trip – Jason Madsen reported on behalf of Tony Griffin. The September field trip was to Carey, Idaho. Despite the distance, there were a good number of participants. Everyone found good material.

There will be a field trip to Beacon Hill on October 10. We will meet at the Rest Area just over the Snake River in Oregon between 8:00 am and 8:30 am, leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. We will travel on I-84 to exit 374 (Hwy 201), the last Weiser exit off I-84. From there we will travel on Hwy 201 towards Weiser to the Junction of Hwy 201 & Hwy 95. Go right on Hwy 95 through Annex, Or.; just over the Snake River we will turn right, before going under the Rail Road bridge. Go left at the stop sign, travel until the pavement ends and goes right, this is Eaton Rd. Take this right and go to the next stop sign at Olds Ferry Rd. Take a left here and just past the curve in Olds Ferry Rd at the Snake River, a dirt road will go off to the right through a gate. This dirt road goes 5.3 miles into the hills where our claim is located. In some places the road is for high clearance vehicles only. If you want to meet us on Olds Ferry Rd. where the turnoff to our claim leaves the main road that will be fine, too. From the Garrity exit (Exit 38) to the top of our claim is 70.2 miles. Travel time is a little under two hours from this exit. Equipment you will need: a shovel, pick, rock hammer. If you like small geodes bring a screen with a maximum ½ inch hole. Bring a lunch, water, good walking shoes/boots, sun-screen, sun hat, and any personal items you require.

October Field Trip is on Saturday Oct 24th; meet between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. We will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. The drive time is about two hours due to the gravel and dirt roads we will be traveling on. The field trip is to Three Fingers Butte area of Leslie Gulch for petrified wood and thunder eggs.

We will meet at the 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 Ion Gas Station (Ion Junction) at the corner of Highway 55 and Highway 95. 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. Our route will take us south on Highway 95 to milepost 5 which is the Leslie Gulch turnoff onto McBride Creek Road; then to Succor Creek Road and right going past Leslie Gulch towards Negro Rock where we will turn off of Succor Creek Road and head towards Three Fingers Butte and the thunder egg beds. The last part of this trip will require a high clearance vehicle preferably with good tires. Equipment needed: rock and sledge hammer, chisel, rock pick, 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.

Program – Phil Neahoff reported that Gene and Brett Stewart will be giving the program on star garnets for the October meeting.

Juniors – Ed Moser reported that the Juniors program is doing well.

Editor – Doug Renken reported that Saturday, October 9 is the dead line for submitting material for the newsletter.

Building Fund – Joe Nielson discussed t-shirt sale. There are some mediums and smalls left.

Workshop – Willa Renken reported that the October workshop is tentative. There will be more discussion at the general meeting.

Old Business

Doug Renken reported that the big saw is up and running. Jim Witt has done extensive maintenance and repairs on it.

Charles Osgood led a discussion about the License plate.

Membership applications

The club received an application from Mary and Steve Ostrander.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Madsen
Secretary

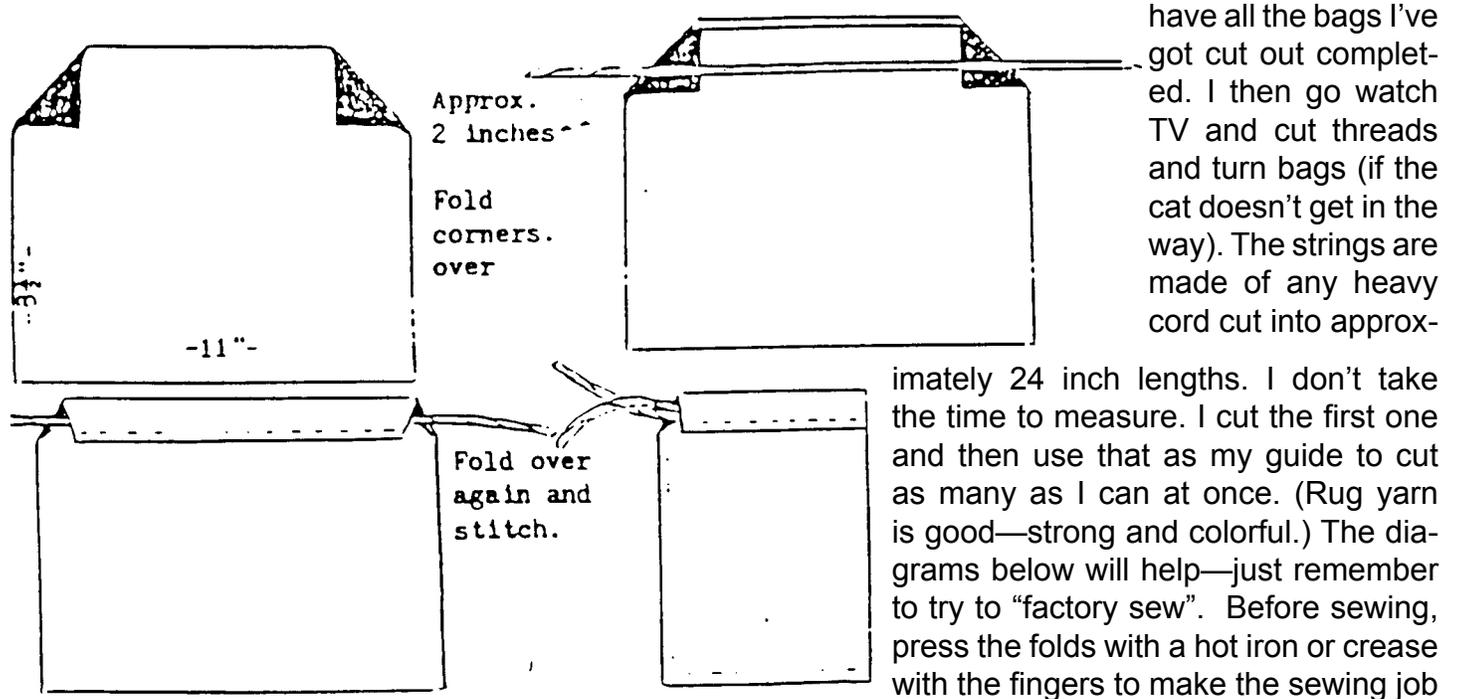
Grab Bags

For the new people, our club sells grab bags filled with polished rocks at the show in February. We have always hand-made our bags, and we completely sell out each year. We need all the help we can get. If you sew, here are the instructions with some changes provided by Cathy Parsons. You can get 16 bags from one yard of 45" wide fabric. Any color, fancy or not. Use your imagination. We will fill the bags in January, so don't forget to keep those tumblers turning, too. You may bring them to the monthly club meetings.

Easy Grab Bags

The easiest method of cutting out grab bags is to cut fabric into 8 1/2" strips. Press down 1/2" on the top edge of each strip. Fold strip in half and cut on fold (you'll have two 22 1/2 inch pieces. Cut each of those halves into two pieces (fold & cut on fold). Following the pattern, fold up the outer edges of the top hem and make the dog ears, and then place your drawstring under the hem (but over the "ears"). (I place a few pins in the edge of the hem to make sure it stays put before I sew. And, I sew each seam factory-style/chain stitching—not cutting between each bag, etc. So, if I cut out the 4 strips from the yard of fabric, I'm going to stitch down the top hem on all the bags before I go to the next step, etc.

Once the hems are stitched down (be careful not to catch the drawstring in the stitching), I sew the bags beginning at the opening (where you've placed the "dog ears".) I stop the needle at about the 1/4" mark from the bottom of the bag and sew to the end (backstitch to secure the thread). I then pull the finished bag out a bit and start the next bag. As you can probably see, I don't do any cutting of threads, etc. until I



have all the bags I've got cut out completed. I then go watch TV and cut threads and turn bags (if the cat doesn't get in the way). The strings are made of any heavy cord cut into approx-

imately 24 inch lengths. I don't take the time to measure. I cut the first one and then use that as my guide to cut as many as I can at once. (Rug yarn is good—strong and colorful.) The diagrams below will help—just remember to try to "factory sew". Before sewing, press the folds with a hot iron or crease with the fingers to make the sewing job

easier. Also keep tumbling those stones to put in the grab bags. We need to fill about 800 bags for the show next year.

September Field Trip Report Carey, Idaho

We had a well attended field trip this month. There were forty seven attendees; twenty seven adult members and three children; thirteen adult guests and four children.

We arrived at the Little Wood Reservoir camp ground to make a decision where to start from all the GPS coordinates and to listen to Frank Markham describe what it was like in this area when it was less known. Frank had a beautiful slab of Carey Lace that he passed around as he described the lace agate as what it is originally know by. He talked about different areas to hunt and what to find at each. We split into three groups; two smaller groups that were familiar with the area went looking for specimens they hadn't collected on previous trips. The rest of us stayed together as one large group.

We were able to stop at four different locations and found material at three of them. At the dam there was very little, but as we were getting ready to leave and rounding everyone up, some of the group found petrified wood in a gravel pit next to the road where we had parked.

I had used LR2000 (GeoCommunicator) to locate some areas of interest that showed promise in the aerial view, as it turned out these areas of interest were nice little meadows next to a stream. Not a total waste of time as we did find some tailings with some nice pieces of moderate tubular agate and some very nice specimens of Carey Lace in a draw next to the tailings. Norman Vincent found a few large pieces of Carey Lace that should make some nice slabs.

We started for Muldoon Summit about 3 PM arriving at the Summit a little after 4 pm. My coordinates were a little off so we wandered looking for specimens until Don and Ilse found us. After they arrived and showed us where to go we found some nice specimens of agate and petrified wood.

Brad and Red Larson from the Owyhee Club tried to find the ammonite location near the site of Old Muldoon. Brad reported no ammonites were located. A little more research needs to be done in finding the location or determining if indeed there are ammonites in this area.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



OCTOBER

10/4 Mike Ekert
 10/4 Gina Gartman
 10/4 Scott Benda
 10/6 Dick Reed
 10/8 Tod Jackson
 10/9 Cindy Woolsey
 10/12 Jacan Habersetzer
 10/12 Tess Cryer
 10/13 Larry Tomberlin
 10/14 Rebekah Jackson
 10/22 Jim Dillion
 10/22 Betty Trebilcock
 10/22 Bryce Dethlefs
 10/23 Samantha Ingle
 10/24 Leroy Castle
 10/25 Steve Bouffard
 10/26 Lois McDonald
 10/26 Christopher Griffin
 10/28 Sue Clark
 10/28 Allan Young
 10/28 Leslie Brown
 10/29 Sandy Johnson
 10/30 Larry Bybee
 10/30 Chuck Murphy

October Birthstones
Faceted — Tourmaline
Cabochon — Opal

NOVEMBER

11/1 Peggy Dean
 11/2 Robert Griswold
 11/5 Tom Johnson
 11/5 Deborah Every
 11/6 Tom Menten
 11/7 Peggy Blickfeldt
 11/7 Terrie Bybee
 11/7 Christopher Brewer
 11/9 Maria Longstroth
 11/11 Jim Kirschbaum
 11/12 Penny Dudley
 11/14 Robert Burns
 11/20 Andrew Every
 11/20 Anna Picano
 11/21 Gary Hanes
 11/22 Christa Wakefield
 11/22 Ricky Renkamp
 11/23 Marge Conley
 11/24 Gary Smith
 11/25 Ava Cryer
 11/26 Phil Neuhoff
 11/27 Jim Ingle
 11/28 Amanda Loewen
 11/28 Robert Hoffman
 11/28 Diane Perkins
 11/29 Ferman Ansel

November Birthstones
Faceted - Topaz or Citrine
Cabochon — Amber

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!

DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING:
3rd. Tuesday of every month
 October 20, 2009
 Church of the Brethren
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEETING:
1st. Tuesday of every month
 November 3, 2009
 Church of the Brethren
 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
 Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

October Refreshment Committee

Chair: Twila Gallaher 853-6703
 Bill Belknap 336-7110
 Deana Ashton 559-4520
 Leslie Brown 891-7273

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.

November Refreshment Committee

Chair: Robert Burns 888-3084
 Ron Mummy 376-4133

IDAHO GEM CLUB OCTOBER FIELD TRIP

Field Trip to Three Fingers Butte area of Leslie Gulch for petrified wood and thunder eggs.

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Equipment needed: rock and sledge hammer, chisel, rock pick, 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. October 20th, 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Church of the Brethren 2833 N. Cole Rd. or Call our Field Trip Chairman

Tony Griffin

Field Trip Chairman

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DUES ARE NOW 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

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October Program

The October program will be a special talk by Gene and Brent Stewart of Stewart's Gem Shop on Idaho's State Gem, the star garnet. They will be bringing numerous samples of rough and cut garnets and will talk about hunting and cutting these unique Idaho treasures. They will also be happy to evaluate rough star garnets from the audience and suggest cutting strategies for specific stones.

Phil Neuhoff



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.

Rock hound trip to Saddle Mountain for petrified wood and to the
Diatom Mine near Vantage, Washington.

By Ron and Jean Dingley

We turned off the main road out of Mattawa, Washington and traveled 6.5 miles north on government road labeled "R" towards our destination. The road was steep and windy up the mountain towards the big transformer towers to a place where petrified wood is collected.

The place or mountain range, on BLM land, is called "Saddle Mountain". We parked on top and viewed where the public collecting is permitted. We went to an area that was dug up but a lot of petrified wood was still visible in the rock walls. Ron worked out a piece about 700 lbs, but we could tell the piece was bog wood and very junky after the fact. We left it. That's the story of a rock hound. We did find underneath the piece some smaller chunks to make spheres that looked promising. But this wasn't the highlight of our trip to this area in Washington.

We stayed in a town called Vantage, near the Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park. There was a rock shop there along with a visitor center explaining about the geology of the area. There were many beautiful, big specimens of petrified, Ginkgo wood in the visitor center. We hiked up the trail to where one can see these huge petrified wood pieces in the hill banks. The specimens were dug out to be viewed and iron grates were on top to protect the wood from vandalism. We also viewed living Ginkgo trees in the area.

From our stay in Vantage we drove out east off of I-90 to the Diatom Mine. This mine is in full operation where they mine commercially the fine

white powder called Diatom Powder. However, in the mine tailings is common opal rock in odd colors. This is dug out and dumped out for rock hounds, or visitors to collect for free. The mine workers were friendly and even helpful in gathering up this common opal rock for us. The rock is in colors of lime green with swirls of yellow, red, and tan. Some pieces are dark emerald green, and others snowy white like ice cream. I found some brilliant red swirled throughout the white and green common opal, very unusual. The Foreman of the mine talked to us about the Diatom powder they mine. This powder is used as a filtering substance, but is mostly used in paint and plastic products. It makes the paint color even when light reflects the color to our eyes. I looked up on the web about Diatom, and found out it was microscopic, unicellular organisms with outer cell walls of silica. These diatoms are a major group of algae and most common phytoplankton. These once living cells came in various shapes and sizes. After dusting ourselves off from the fine white powder blowing around, as it was windy that day, we realized we were brushing off marine fossils. We found the geology aspect of our collecting the opalized rock just a "by product" of our rock hounding that day.

With a load of rock we headed for home through apple orchards.

ROCK'N FUNNIES



Yesteryear September 1956

George Fields reported that we had a very good Federation Show. The attendance and income was less than expected. Letters of Thanks were written to clubs in the area who helped with the show.

The field trip was to the state line for black wood. There was a good turn out with 17 cars making the trip.

It was reported \$4,130 was made at the show and \$2,016 was the total expense, unless BJC requested pay for the use of their Gym.

The field trip to Haystack butte was discussed and some of the large pieces of wood that was found there.

In November committees were named for the December Christmas party and \$25.00 was authorized for expenses. The annual Banquet will be held January 8, 1957.

Changes to the By-laws were to be made, but some of the members were objecting because the Board could make them and not the General Membership. A report on the history of the club was read and motion made to send this to all members.

At the Christmas Party a letter from the Hell's Canyon Club was read stating that the \$54,850.00 libel suit against their Board of Directors had to be dismissed by the presiding judge hearing the case. The gift exchange along with candy was passed out to everyone. Refreshments were served by the ladies along with singing and accordion playing.

Patsy Bethel
Historian

ROCK SALE

Mark November 7th On Your Calendar!

BIGGEST BULK & SLAB SALE OF THE YEAR!!

Private collection. Wide Variety of jaspers, agates, wood, obsidian, opal and much much more. Hundreds of slabs, and tons (literally) of bulk rock. Never before offered in a public sale like this before - be the early bird and catch the best stuff!

Highlights:

- 1) An entire area of material (Maury Mtn Moss, Agatized Wood, Green Jasper, Red Jasper, various forms of agate, etc) for only 50 cents/lb, or... bring empty 5-gallon buckets and fill them up for only \$25/bucket!
- 2) Hundreds of slabs for 50 cents/each. Also, hundreds more slabs for \$1 and up. Incredible selection!
- 3) Large selection of end pieces and cut geodes that you could turn into beautiful display pieces.

Sale will begin promptly at 10:00 AM, Saturday, November 7th, 2009. Cash Only. Please no arrivals earlier than 9:30 am that morning. This is private property in the Horseshoe Bend area. A flyer with directions will be available at the October Idaho Gem Club meeting. Optionally, you can e-mail: naturallyrockin@gmail.com for directions, or call Jonathan Barnett at 208-869-5164.

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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Welcome New Member

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Electronic Grindings

There has been a few members sign up for the email version of the newsletter. There is fifteen on the list so far. But that means we continue to mail 188. Currently it costs around \$1.70 per issue or \$20.40 per year to print and mail each newsletter.

If you would like to receive the Grindings newsletter through e-mail let me know. Please send an e-mail to WLR_DKR@msn.com and I will add you to our e-mail list. The Grindings will be sent in PDF format.

"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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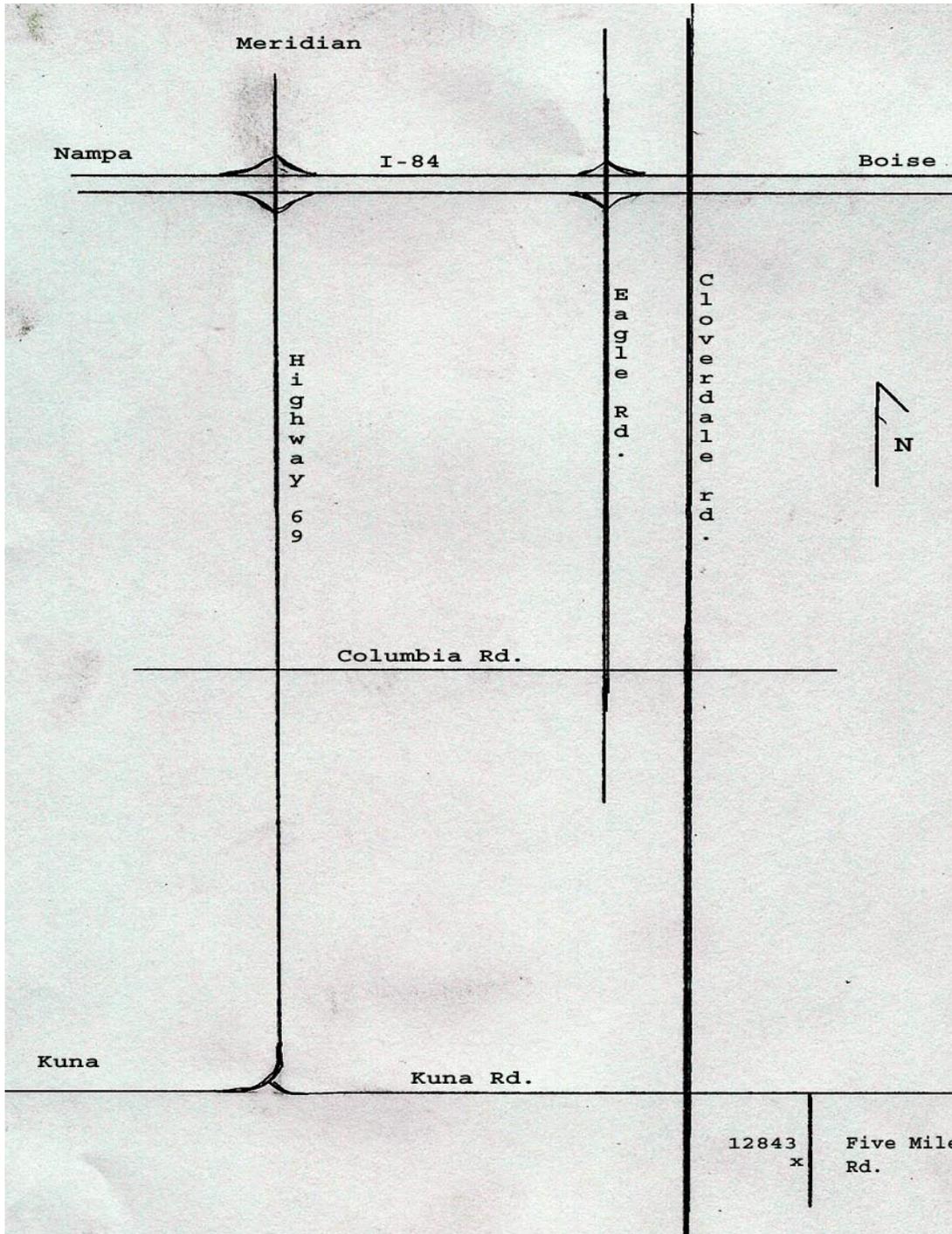


Workshop Report

Our next workshop will be on Thursday October 22nd. Bring a slab to cab and come have some fun. We will start at 6:30p.m. and go until 9:30p.m. 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 gift or a piece of jewelry for yourself. 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 evening. We welcome one and all to 12843 S Five Mile Rd off of Kuna Rd. If you are interested there will be a sign up sheet at the

next meeting or you can give me a call. We hope you will come and enjoy the fellowship.

Willa Renken
Workshop Chairmen



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

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:

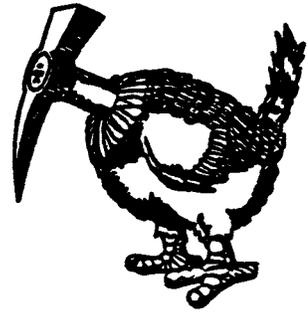
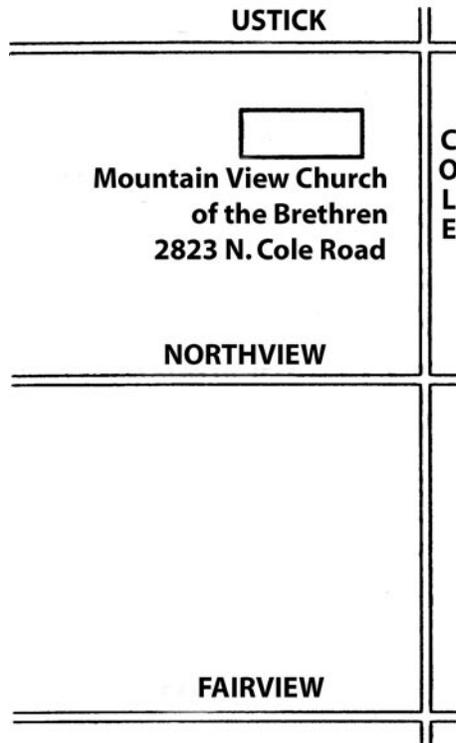
\$12.00 per person
\$15.00 per couple
\$17.50 per family

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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Halloween