

Grindings

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President's Message

Congratulations! To Jason Madsen for winning the Project of the Year! It will be on display at the Annual Show in a case with the plaque and his work. There were many beautiful and interesting entries this year and everyone should be proud of their work.

The Club ended the year on a good note with a great two-day workshop in December. We had good attendance, a lot of good food, and many interesting projects. I'm looking forward to a lot of successful rock hounding trips in the new year and hope you are also. We have had a lot of new members join this year and expect many more from the Annual Show. So we should have a good year ahead.

Remember the Banquet on January 19th which will be our annual meeting and we will install the new officers and board of directors for 2010. The tickets say the banquet will be in the "Main Ballroom" but that is incorrect. It will be in the "Gallery Hall" where it has always been.

The Show Committee Chairman will have signup sheets at the Banquet so be sure and sign up to work. And the bag stuffing party is on Saturday, the 16th, starting at 9 a.m. at the Church.

I want to thank everyone for their help these last few months. Best wishes to the new president and board members.

Marge Conley
President

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

Marge Conley called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Jason Madsen.

Guest that attended were Lauren Haloman, Dennis Lee, DaVon Beck, Chris and Tara Halberstabt, and Frank Masley.

Door prizes were won by Chuck Marsh, Hunter Solven, Kerri Chipman, Don Nafus, Carl Woodland, Tara Halberstabt, Gary Phillips, Lois McDonald, Ben Bowlman, Phil Stevenson, Sharon Allen, and Brent Stewart.

Youth Prize were won by Tes Cryer, Ava Cryer, and Tenaya Madsen.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" was made by Ed Moser. The motion was seconded by Jim Storey, and the motion was carried.

Secretary's report – Jason Madsen reported that the bookcase for the library was finished. The club received several newsletters and current issue of "Rock and Gem".

Treasurer's report – Kathy Griffin reported on the clubs balances and disbursements.

Federation report – Chuck McCreath stated that there is nothing to report.

Committee Reports

ROLE – Marge Conley recognized Elsie Schriener for her achievement of "Novice" in the ROLE program.

Field trip – Willa Reken reported that there will be a workshop on Saturday and Sunday instead of a field trip.

Librarian – Terry Tomberlin reported that Gina Gartman donated a book to the library.

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Juniors – Ed Moser reported that there is a kid's quiz in the "Rock and Gem". He recognized Chuck and Shirley McCreath for purchasing t-shirts for the Juniors and the shirts were passed out.

Marge Conley announced that there is an open position for the Grab Bag Chair and the position was accepted by Mike Jones.

Editor - Doug Reken reported that there was a delay in the newsletters being mailed out due to the printers.

Show – Doug Renken discussed getting help for the show. He also instructed the members to see Twila Gallaher for display applications.

Annual Banquet – Jim DaSilva discussed that the cocktail reception will start at 6:00 pm and the dinner will start at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at Stewart's Gem Shop.

New Business

Project of the year votes were cast. Jason Madsen won.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm followed by an auction.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jason Madsen
Secretary*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD MEETING ♦
JANUARY 5, 2010**

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

Board members and officers that were present were Marge Conley, Chuck McCreath, Ed Moser, Kathy Griffin, Willa Renken, Joe Nielson, Jason Madsen, Terry Tomberlin, and Twila Gallaher. Phil Neuhoff was excused. Newly elected Board members for 2010 present were Rick Corbett, Brent Stewart, and Deana Ashton. Guests present were Ron Bailey, Arlene Bailey, and Shirley McCreath.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" was made by Willa Renken. The

motion was seconded by Joe Nielson, and the motion was carried.

Secretary's report – Jason Madsen reported that the club received the "Rockhound Rumbings" newsletter.

Treasurer's report – Kathy Griffin reported on the balances and disbursements of the club.

Federation report – Chuck McCreath reported that the Federation will have a midyear meeting in Kennewick, Washington on April 17. There will be a Northwest retreat "Hancock Field Station" West of Fossil, Oregon, starting on Monday September 6, 2010, and ending on Sunday September 12, 2010. The cost to the attendee will be \$270.00 for room and board, \$45.00 for workshop fee and if you desire a guided one day trip to the Fossil Beds, it will cost you \$35.00. If you take the full package, that will be \$350.00 for a one week vacation. Workshops available - based upon sign-up:

Lapidary

Basic Faceting – (Maximum of Six)

Silversmithing (Maximum of Eight)

Basic Intarsia – (Minimum of Four)

Basic Wirewrapping

Beading

Casting (Maximum of Eight)

Doublets & Triplets

Judge's Training

If you need additional info, please call Lamar Tilgner at 503-666-2905 or Email at lstilgner1@verizon.net.

Committee Reports

Field Trip – No report.

Program – No report.

Juniors – Ed Moser reported that the Juniors will meet with the general group then break for the Junior's segment after the door prizes are presented.

Editor – Willa Renken reported that submissions for the newsletter are due January 8th

Show – Willa Renken reported that the display case favors have arrived.

Banquet – Marge Conley and Willa Renken reported that the Banquet favors are taken care off and that the banquet will be on January 19.

Building Fund – Joe Nielson reported on sweat shirt and t-shirt sales. Joe lead a discussion to sell the sweatshirts at the February show. Willa Renken made a motion to purchase 50 sweat shirts to sell at the show. Ed Moser seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Old Business

There was some discussion that the License Plates are now available to order through the D.O.T.

The Grab bag stuffing party will be January 16 starting at 9:00 am. All are welcome to attend.

New Business

Jason Madsen presented his officers and positions for the year 2010, First Vice President; Willa Renken, Second Vice President; Brent Stewart, Treasure; Kathy Griffin, Secretary; Deana Ashton, Public Lands Advisor; Phil Neuhoff, Annual Banquet Chair; Jim Da Silva, Hospitality Chair; Jack and Myrtle Trevithick, Storage and Custodian Chair; Doug Renken, Mining Claims Chair; Cheryl Link, Field Trip Coordinator; Tony Griffin, Historian; Patsy Bethel, Display Cases; Twila Gallaher, Sunshine Lady; Arlene Bailey, R.O.L.E.; Ron Bailey, Building Fund Chair; Joe Nielson, Show Chair; Charlie Smith, Demonstrator Chair; Willa Renken, Field Trip Coordinator Assistant; Rick Corbett, Editor; Doug Renken, Picnic Chair; Marge Conley, Workshop; Willa Renken, Juniors; Ed Moser, Federation; Chuck McCreath, and Federation Voting Delegate; Shirley McCreath.

Membership applications were received from Scott Amos, Anneliese Gordon, David Amos, Frank Masley, Tara Halberstabt, Chris Halberstabt, and Britani Waltz. Willa Renken made a motion to accept the applicants as members. Joe Nielson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jason Madsen
Secretary*

ROCK'N FUNNIES



Yesteryear April 1958

The next field trip was to the Huntington area where road work was being done. It was a nice day and 13 cars of rockhounds took the trip.

The Gem Club set up a display for Music Week. A field trip was held Saturday and Sunday to the Whangdoodle Mine.. Memorial Day trip was planned for the Morrisonite claims.

A request was received from the Elks Convalescent Home asking for instructors for patients in Gem finishing.

In July 75 persons enjoyed a picnic supper at the Municipal Park. John Beckwith offered to lead a gold panning trip to Idaho City.

Twenty-five dollars was allowed for a member to take the cases to the Pasco show.

The Campus school renewed the contract for use of the club for \$30.00 a year. The club started looking for a meeting hall that could be bought.

It was announced the club now has two coffee makers.

The committee had been looking for a place for the January Dinner. The Second Presbyterian Church offered a chicken dinner for \$2.00 each.

The November field trip was to a new area between Sucker Creek and State line where opalized wood had been found. Members were advised to bring heavy points and sledges to work with.

*Patsy Bethel
Historian*

Idaho Gem Club B.A.NQUET January 19, 2010 Owyhee Plaza 1109 Main St Boise, Idaho

No-Host Bar: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm

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

Club members: \$13.00 Non-members: \$25.95

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

Club members: \$12.00 Non-members: \$23.95

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

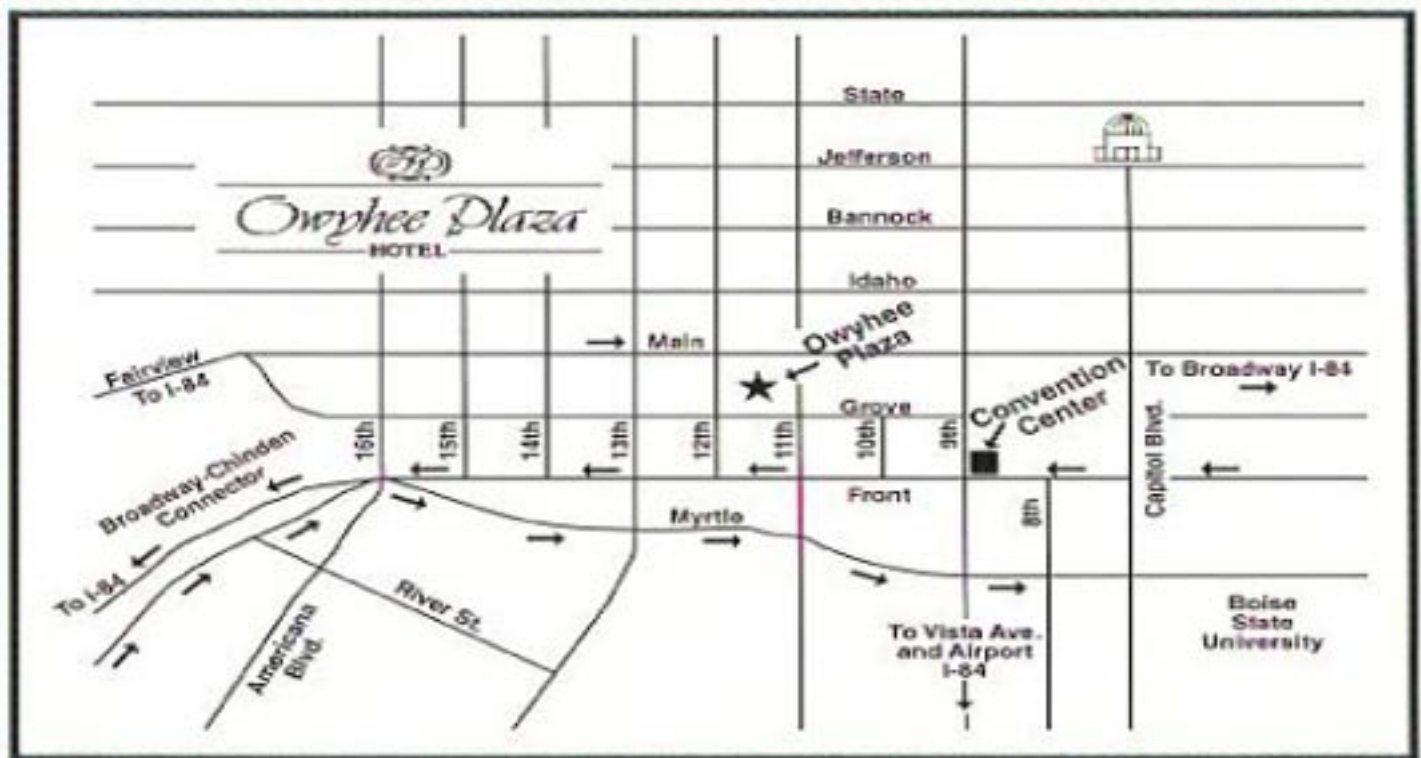
Club members: \$13.00 Non-members: \$25.95

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

Club members: \$10.00 Non-members: \$19.95

Tickets & Questions: Tickets can be purchased at the club meeting or Stewarts Gem Shop. Tickets must be purchased by January 16, 2010. Call Jim Da Silva 938-7728 for more information. Checks should be made out to the Idaho Gem Club.

Map To Banquet at Owyhee Plaza



Grab Bag Work Party

Hopefully your tumblers are still turning or you already have some tumbled stones ready to be put into bags. We will be filling the grab bags on January 16th 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the church in the gymnasium. This is where the club meetings are held. So we need as many tumbled rocks as possible. The more people who show up to help with the stuffing the faster the process goes. There will also be postcards to put stamps on as well.

Doug Renken

Electronic Grindings

Thanks to those who signed up for the electronic Grindings. Not only does this save the club money it helps save me time putting on labels and postage. 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



JANUARY

1/3 Helen Dillion
 1/5 Becky Gibson
 1/8 Ronald Ridenour
 1/11 Terry Tomberlin
 1/11 Ron Bailey
 1/12 Deborah Shaffer
 1/12 Stephanie Potter
 1/12 Erin Snyder
 1/12 Susan Benda
 1/13 Don Drobny
 1/15 Arlene Bailey
 1/19 Gary Phillips
 1/19 Alex Wilcox
 1/20 Chuck Goertzen
 1/20 Randy Lee
 1/21 Rachel Longstroth
 1/22 Mary Ostrander
 1/24 Richard Renkamp
 1/26 Noah Loewen
 1/29 Marion Phillips
 1/30 Chris Halberstrabt

January Birthstones
Faceted - Garnet
Cabochon - Star Garnet



FEBRUARY

2/1 Maria Snyder
 2/1 Charles Osgood
 2/5 Skeeter Eversberg
 2/5 John Montgomery
 2/5 Joyce Hackwell
 2/9 Dylan Habersetzer
 2/10/39 The Idaho Gem
 Club
 2/10 Kim Williams
 2/10 Sharon Barnes
 2/10 Hailey Madsen
 2/11 Rick Corbett
 2/11 Jim Storey
 2/12 William E. Crider
 2/13 Terry Potter
 2/13 Deb Wirt
 2/16 Kylee Madsen
 2/16 Shawn Blades
 2/17 Kevin Watson
 2/18 Molly Cole
 2/19 Patsy Beck
 2/20 Jackson Neuhoff
 2/20 Sara Cole
 2/23 Jim Clinton
 2/25 Deanna Moser
 2/26 David Dieball
 2/26 Rodney Sharp
 2/28 Veva Jencks

February Birthstones
Faceted — Amethyst
Cabochon — Onyx

DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING: 3rd. Tuesday of every month

January 19, 2010

Banquet

Owyhee Plaza

1109 Main St

Boise, Idaho

No Host Bar 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING:

1st. Tuesday of every month

February 2, 2010

Church of the Brethren

2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho

Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

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

ROCK SALE

The green genie is having a rock sale

Where: 8345 Stetson Dr. Boise, ID

When: Friday & Saturday January 22nd & 23rd

What is available:

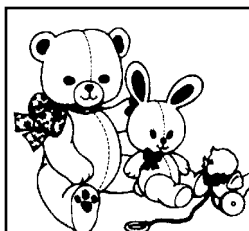
- Polished rock
- Rough rock
- Slabs:
 - o Original Owyhee
 - o Green Moss
 - o Wild horse
 - o Grassy Meadow
 - o Haystack Butte
 - o Queenstone
 - o Turquoise
 - o Variscite
 - o Petrified Wood

Prices start at \$.50 (cents)

Directions: South from Overland on Maple Grove

Left on Desert
 Cross the canal
 Left on Latigo
 Right on Stetson
 Turn right into the only Cul-de-sac on Stetson
 First house on the left after turning into Cul-de-sac

Joe Nielson
362-3522



Remember to collect and bring Teddy Bears to the meetings for our public service project. The bears and other stuffed animals are given to emergency personnel to give to the children at the scene of emergencies.

*Please give your animals to Debbie Knudsen or Skeeter Eversburg. **THANK YOU!***

Upcoming Shows

ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL, JEWELRY & FOSSIL SHOW 2010

February 27th 10am - 7pm

February 28th 10am - 5pm

Expo Idaho

Glenwood & Chinden

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

March 2010

6th 10am - 6pm

7th 10am - 5pm

O'Conner Field House

2200 Blaine Caldwell, Idaho



Sunshine Lady

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

Sunshine Report

Flowers and our condolence were sent to the funeral of Life member Elaine Weeks.

Arlene Bailey
Sunshine Lady

Question

Can you ask a question in the Grindings for me? I have been trying to find out who the lady is that brought the Zucchini Coffee Cake to the summer get together this year. It was the best I have ever had and would like to get the recipe from her if at all possible.

You may give my email address and have her put on subject line: Coffee Cake

Liana Rodden
idagypsy@hotmail.com

The Earth Sciences and Lapidary special interest license plate went on sale January 1, 2010.



A \$35 special program fee is charged when the new plate is first purchased; each subsequent renewal will have a \$25 special program fee. These program fees are in addition to all other applicable annual registration fees. All but \$13 of the proceeds from these plates will be transferred by the state treasurer for deposit to the Idaho Gem Club, an Idaho nonprofit organization. The proceeds shall be used to provide classes for

kindergarten through grade 6 to promote understanding about earth sciences and lapidary.

This new plate may be displayed on passenger vehicles, light trucks with a gross vehicle weight of up to 26,000 pounds, motor homes, and camper trailers.

These special plates can also be personalized with up to five letters and/ or numbers. The cost to personalize these plates is \$25 in addition to both the special program fees and all other required annual registration and plate fees. The renewal fee for a personalized plate is an additional \$15 per year.

Individuals can also purchase sample versions of the Earth Sciences and Lapidary plate from the transportation department for \$30 of which \$17 shall be transferred to the Idaho Gem Club. Sample plates can be personalized at no additional cost; these plates cannot be displayed on motor vehicles, but they do make unique gifts for friends and family.

Personalized and sample plates are only available directly from the Idaho Transportation Department's Boise office by either mail, fax, or by using the department's online services which are available at www.itd.idaho.gov/dmv. Application forms for ordering personalized or sample plates can be found at your local county motor vehicle office or online at www.itd.idaho.gov/dmv. Purchasing of the standard sequentially numbered Earth Science and Lapidary plates can only occur at county assessor's motor vehicle offices.



Project of the Year

Congratulations to Jason Madsen for winning project of the year. Jason made a very beautiful wood vase with cabachons mounted in it. His project will be on display at the Gem show in February.

Thank you to the other participants all project were deserving to win. Your efforts and participation are greatly appreciated



In Remembrance of Elaine Weeks



Once again we have to bid a fond farewell to one of our life members, Elaine Weeks who entered into rest on December 29, 2009. If you ever had the pleasure of her company you were in for a real treat. Her enthusiasm for our hobby was abundant and her generosity astounding.

She was born in an era most of us only get to know through stories and books, Elaine lived it with gusto. She was raised on the McPherson ranch out of Eagle and as those of you who have experienced that life know it is filled with much hard work but it also carries a great reward. It was a life that taught her about family, responsibility, and sharing her love with her siblings and others. She attended grade school at Pleasant Valley and went on to High School in Eagle where she met her high school sweetheart Dick Weeks. They were married in October of 1938 and it was to last for almost 65 years.

In 1955 Elaine and her husband started "AA Plumbing and Heating" she worked just as hard as everyone else and there wasn't an area of the business that she couldn't do, from the books to threading pipe when needed. As retirement came upon them Dick began building their home which overlooked Eagle Island with a wonderful view of the Willow creek canyons where she grew up. I still remember her pointing this out and telling of riding the fence lines checking for breaks making sure the cows stayed where they belonged and how she had carried a rifle just in case. I wasn't sure what the in case was but there was no doubt in my mind she knew how to use it. They lived in this beautiful home until after Dick passed when she decided to move closer to Meridian. Her life was rich with experience which she loved to share as this was far more important to her than monetary things. Her love for her family was always her greatest joy and she spent many happy hours with them cooking, camping, rock hounding, and sharing her favorite memories of her earlier life.

Elaine's love for her rocks was very apparent and she could facet a stone or turn a sphere just as easily as making a table top or bolo tie. She talked Dick into taking her all over the Treasure Valley hunting for rocks to bring back and turn into works of art. When she was preparing to move I can still see her standing on that mound of rocks telling me "her boys were going to move them with her" followed by such a sweet chuckle. What a job that must have been!!

We will truly miss our friend and her sweet laughter. May she have found the biggest pile of rocks up there, as I know she is busy teaching the angels how to cut them!

In Loving Memory
Willa Renken

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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My mailing Address is:
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12843 S. Five Mile Rd.
Kuna, ID 83634

Welcome New Member

**Chris Halberstrabt & Britani
Waltz**
460 W. Melrose St.
Boise, ID. 83706-4658
(208) 342-0043

Scott Amos & Anneliese Gordon
9194 W. Alderberry Dr.
Boise, ID. 83709-6678
(208) 473-0953

Frank Masley
2915 N. Innis St.
Boise, ID. 83703-4408
(208) 345-4429

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!**

"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



Display Case Application

**Idaho Gem Club Annual Gem & Mineral Show
February 27 & 28 2010
Display Application**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Type of material and/or type or kind of display: _____

Number of cases: _____

Borrow a case _____ Will provide own case _____

Size of your case: _____

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

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

Show dates: Saturday, 27 February and Sunday, 28 February, 2010

Set-up: 3:00 P.M. Friday, 26 February, 2010

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

Application deadline is: Saturday, 20 February 2010

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

2010 Show Chairs

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

Demonstration Chairman...Willa Renken 362-3941
Black Light Room Chairman...Jim Witt 890-8035
Wheel of Fortune ...Laura Lindsay 703-6133
Grab Bag Chairman...Mike Jones 703-6133
Garnet Table ...Mike & Sue Witschen 336-4556
Silent Auction Chairman...Cheryl Link 375-5360
Scholarship Chairman...Phil Neuhoff 939-4508
Display Chairman....Twila Gallaher 853-6703
Credentials Chairman...Marge Conley 375-8935

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:

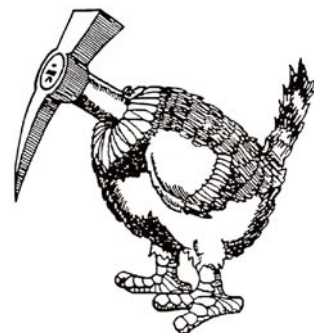
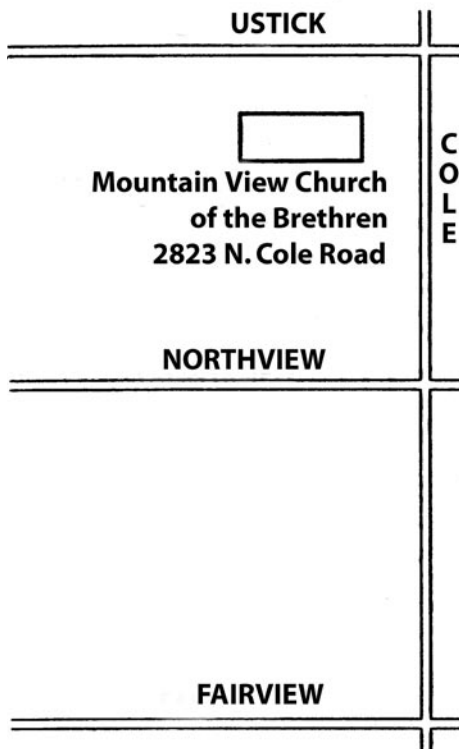
\$12.00 per person
\$15.00 per couple
\$17.50 per family

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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WINTER

