

# Grindings

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## President's Message

To serve in a leadership position as the President of the Idaho Gem Club has been a goal of mine. I have enjoyed, and am looking forward, to getting to know the members of the club better. I am honored to be serving in this capacity.

I would like to thank the Banquet committee and all those who help make the January banquet a wonderful event! There was a good turn out, good company, good hosting, and good food.

There are a few things that I am asking of the club.

First of all, please keep Patsy Bethel, and others who may be in ill health, in your thoughts and prayers. Patsy has a long history with serving in the club sharing her many talents and pleasant personality. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Next, as you all know, the annual show is this month and we will need all available help to pull off another great success. There are many opportunities to help out to set up and take down the show. There are many shifts to help with at the Wheel of Fortune, the Garnet Dig, the Juniors Table, the Grab Bag Table, the Silent Auction, and the Ticket Table. Also, we are still looking for a Show Host, which mostly involves announcing the Door Prizes.

Last of all I want to note some of the new committee chairs for this year. Tony Griffin has graciously volunteered to be the new Editor. I ask that members give him your support with the newsletter. Also Aaron Wanner will be working with Rick Corbett as the Field Trip Coordinator. Aaron, like many of us, is very enthusiastic with rock hounding. As a boon he is an accomplished mechanic. Please give Aaron and Rick your support as they plan and lead the field trips.

Please join me in thanking Doug Renken for his many contributions serving as the previous Editor. Doug has done an outstanding job of delivering a very well put-together newsletter for the past several years!

The program for the meeting will be Gene Stewart doing a presentation on setting up display cases, balancing items so they do not look too crowded, proper use of lighting, and other helpful tips.

Sincerely,

*Brent Stewart*  
President

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
BOARD MEETING ♦  
FEBRUARY 1, 2011**

2011 February Idaho Gem  
Club Board Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m. Board members and Officers present were: Jason Madsen, Kathy Griffin, Ed Moser, Chuck McCreath, Rick Corbett, Deana Ashton, and Jim Clinton. Shirley McCreath and Aaron Wanner attended as guests. Board members excused were: Brent Stewart, Willa Renken, Dan Phillips, and Phil Neuhoff. Tonight's meeting was conducted by Jason Madsen, 2nd VP,

Last month's Board meeting minutes were approved as printed in The Grindings. Deana Ashton made a motion to accept, seconded by Ed Moser, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Griffin went over the IGC disbursements and balances. All figures seemed to be in order. Our Building Fund has a balance left over after paying for the banquet. It really helped having those auctions! No questions, and approved with no objections.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report-mail had not been received as of today- so I will go by, pick up and deliver.\*\* Late note\*\* The IGC did receive two or three important pieces of mail. I delivered two letters to Chuck McCreath, who said they were personal correspondence and nothing super important.

NW Federation Report: Chuck McCreath shared input by Ed Moser regarding the latest news on the Legislative Bill which would eliminate rock hunting in Idaho on Public lands. Gov. Otter wrote a letter to Department of the Interior Secretary, Ken Salazar, stating he would bring a Law Suit

against the DOI if this Bill is Passed. Discussion suggested we should encourage our support of his rescinding of this bill at any opportunity. The Board felt it was important enough to be sure the phone numbers for Legislative/Senate leaders were printed in The Grindings, as well as an address for members to write a letter in agreement with Gov. Otter's decision to rescind this bill. Anyone who hunts, fishes, rockhounds, picks berries, etc. in the recreational areas of Idaho is impacted by this measure...Please contact Ed Moser or Chuck McCreath if you have any questions about this bill. They have the best most accurate source of information.

Workshop Report: Willa Renken is busy, busy, busy. It is tax season. It means there will be no workshop held this month due to the tax season.

Program Report: Our February Meeting will feature a segment by the Gene & Brent Stewart showing the correct way to assemble, add lighting, and fill display showcases for the Gem Show. Take part in this exciting opportunity from the pros!

Field Trip Report: Rick Corbett and Aaron Wanner had a new list of field trip locations. The dates are not concrete yet- so as soon as we know and agree re: weather permitting for the considered locations, we will pass that information on to you. It was exciting to see the enthusiasm Aaron Wanner had taken in selecting new sites to visit with the club for field trips. Aaron has a spreadsheet detailing weather, road conditions, etc. and carefully has suggested the schedule with Rick's input. Thanks, guys for the enthusiasm and hard work you have put in.

NOTE: CALL RICK OR AARON if you have a suggestion for adding a field trip to the schedule! There will be several overnight camping opportunities this year. We should have a lot of fun and see some new places together.

Juniors Report: Coyote Short and Ed Moser wish

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to remind Rocky Rattlers to bring their workbooks to the meetings! There is a lot coming up and they want to have those notes with them! Thank you to Lois for helping out with the Juniors program as well. Ed Moser is looking into purchase or rental of a mineral ID kit from the NW Federation. This could lead to some really exciting learning opportunities for all of us interested in knowing our mineral ID!

Idaho Gem Show 2011 !!!!!!! Be there to lend a hand with the set up and take down of your show! Also, come and help out! There is a serious need for volunteers to run the Wheel of Fortune, Garnet Dig, etc. Be available for help if possible! Show info and dates are in The Grindings. Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Deana Ashton  
Secretary*

### A Thought to Ponder

Think of yourself as a gem in the tumbler. With a little grit and determination, even the friction between you and others can result in both of you developing a beautiful countenance.

The Petrified Digest June 2009  
Rock Licker 52-2

## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING ♦ DECEMBER 21, 2010

Tonight's meeting was held at Louie's Italian Restaurant, Meridian, Idaho.

This meeting was led by former club president and Banquet Emcee Eugene Stewart.

Business meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Jason Madsen and Gene Stewart.

Gene introduced the head table, and recognized past Presidents of the Idaho Gem Club.

A special moment of silence was granted to honor the memory of Gary Phillips, who passed away in 2010. Gary will long be remembered in our club for his many contributions. Our thoughts go to his wife Marianne and family. Thank you to all club members for the great turnout for this banquet and gathering tonight.

Gene reminds us that Idaho Gem State License Plate sales need to increase- we need to be doing everything we can as a club to support this program. If you ordered a personal plate, claim it! The current number of plates sold is at 200. We must promote this at the Gem Show too.

This last year there were two Projects of the Year. A Junior Project of the Year category was added and this year's winner was Tenaya Madsen for her geographic map of the United States. Jason Madsen won the Project of the Year for his gorgeous handmade wood cabinet for cabochons. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Project of the Year for 2011. It is obvious from the tough competition for a winner last year that this club holds a lot of varied talent. Some phenomenal beadwork and gemstone projects were submitted, as well as the amazing gem and mineral specimens wrapped and completed. Let's give this competition a real good challenge this year!

A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed in The Grindings by Tony Griffin, Coyote Short seconded motion- and motion was carried

Sunshine report: Arlene Bailey reports that our dear club Historian and lifetime member Patsy Bethel has taken a terrible fall breaking many bones. She is now at St. Alphonsus Hospital. She could use your prayers and thoughts for a speedy recovery. She and her husband Roy were missed tonight.

Secretary's report- There was no pressing news to report.

Treasurers report - Kathy Griffin presented the figures for the club accounts and there were no objections or questions to her figures.

NW Federation Report- Jason spoke for Charles McCreath and reported a concern in a current event

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in Legislature. Governor Butch Otter has been working with the Department of the Interior regarding law changes similar to laws just passed in Washington that eliminated the opportunity to collect rocks from land. It is worth the time to read the laws and look up NW Federation reports on this. You can also ask Chuck McCreath. Please look into this. I do not want to misinterpret the law, and I hope we have a more detailed description of what action we should be taking to save our hobby and keep our freedoms and liberties on Idaho lands.

Workshop report- Willa reports there will be no workshop held for February and possibly March.

Field Trip Report- Rick Corbett will be the leader of the rockhounding pack for 2011. There is no field trip scheduled until weather permits- possibly in March.

Two new lifetime Members were announced tonight: Mike and Sue Witchen are now IGC Life members. Congratulations! Thank you for your dedication to the club and for your generous contributions- especially of your time for the Gem Show.

At our February General Meeting we will have the opportunity to hear presentations by the other two Scholarship winners- plan to attend!

Gene Stewart will also present a mini-workshop on how to build and display a showcase for the Gem Show. He will teach us how to put the fronts on the cases, and offer suggestions for lighting, and be of great help to those who are new at display cases. If you wish to have a display at the Gem Show, hurry and submit an application with Twila Gallagher. Forms are on the website and in the newsletter.

Gem Show Information:

Help is needed during the show for the Wheel of Fortune and Silent Auction booths. Please come by the fairgrounds and offer to help out at the show wherever you can be of use. It takes a lot of help to make the show a success. We do have one of the premiere Gem Shows around. Come volunteer your time.

Help is also needed for the Juniors projects at the show making critters with rocks.

Thanks to all who participated in the grab bag assembly party. If you wish to continue tumbling rocks or making bags, do so. We always sell out of the bags. Cathy Parsons needs to get relief from duties as the Gem Show host. The long hours of standing are difficult! Please volunteer if you wish to greet and be a hostess or host at the show.

**HELP NEEDED-SHOW SET UP AND TEAR DOWN INFORMATION:**

Doug Renken reports the following schedule to get the show on the road and set up and tear down. It is as follows;

Thursday February 24th at 1:00 pm, meet at Lockaway Storage to help load trailers with cases, tables and other display items. If you have a truck available, bring it!

Friday February 25th at 8:00am- meet at the south wing of the Fairgrounds/Expo Idaho on Chinden and

Glenwood. We will unload trucks and trailers and begin set up of the tables, black light room, booths, etc. This takes until roughly noon- when the cases need to be assembled and done that afternoon Saturday, February 26th - 10:00 am doors open! 6:00pm show closes.

Sunday, February 26th, show opens at 10:00 am, closes at 5:00pm. Tear down begins at 5:00pm and we need all the help we can get. The trucks and trailers go back to storage after they are taken down, and we will have a pizza party for those who work and help out. Please plan to attend both the tear down at Fairgrounds and the unload at storage. It makes it easier on everyone when there is ample help at the tail end at storage.

Turn off the t.v. and get out to the show to support and help everybody make this year a huge success!

Tonight was indeed very special to the new officers who were sworn in. As you know, our new President is Brent Stewart. It was very touching to have Eugene Stewart present the Presidents Opal, a work of art created by Eugene's father, Dudley many years ago, to his son, Brent, IGC 2011 President. Now there is three generations of Idaho Gem Club Presidents in our midst with the Stewart family. The Stewarts have been very generous contributors to the Gem Club in many ways and from its origination. Dudley Stewart was a legendary rockhound who named the Idaho Picture Jasper and Morrisonite Jasper. In 1939, Dudley was a Charter Member of the Idaho Gem Club. His wisdom and knowledge and goodness has passed down these generations and we are so fortunate to have the company of the Stewart family in our club. Eugene's wife Alice and daughter Gina also have been the backbone to a lot of the contributions they have made for the clubs behalf and we thank all of the Stewarts for all they do.

Thank you Doug Renken for your hard work and dedication for being the Grindings Editor. Doug is being replaced by Tony Griffin! Congratulations Tony!

**2011 IDAHO GEM CLUB OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

President Brent Stewart

1st Vice President Willa Renken

2nd Vice President is held by Jason Madsen

Secretary is held by Deana Ashton

Treasurer is held by Kathy Griffin.

Northwest Federation Delegate is held by Chuck McCreath

Librarian is held by Aaron Wanner

Editor Tony Griffin

Field Trip Chairmen - Rick Corbett and Aaron Wanner

Board of Directors:

Phil Neuhoff, Rick Corbett, Dan Phillips, Ed Moser

Thanks to everyone for contributing to the Idaho Gem Club in every way you can. We have a fast growing energetic club and look forward to a fun 2011.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Deana Ashton*  
*Secretary*



This is the proposed **Law in Washington State concerning Rockhounds** and collection of minerals, collection of dead wood, mushrooms, and berries. Note: this is Department of Fish and Wildlife rules and regulations not BLM or USFS. It also suggests Department Lands are not Public Land, but owned by the Department of Fish & Wildlife.

WSR 10-21-120  
PROPOSED RULES

[ Filed October 20, 2010, 11:48 a.m. ]

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 10-02-074 on January 5, 2010.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 232-12-251 Removal of minerals, wood and artifacts from department lands.

Hearing Location(s): Natural Resources Building, Room 172, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, on December 3-4, 2010, at 8:30 a.m.

Date of Intended Adoption: On or after January 7, 2011.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: The department currently lacks the ability to prohibit people from cutting down snags and taking mushrooms and berries on land it owns or controls.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: Snags provide habitat for many species. This proposal will protect that habitat from destruction. The proposal will also minimize the amount of downed dead wood that people can collect and use on the department's lands, and it will limit the amount of mushrooms that can be taken, to conserve these resources.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012 and 77.12.047.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 77.04.012 and 77.12.047.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**GENERAL MEETING:**  
3rd. Tuesday of every month

February 15, 2011  
Church of the Brethren  
2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho  
Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

**BOARD MEETING:**  
1st. Tuesday of every month

March 1, 2011  
Church of the Brethren  
2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho  
Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm.

### FEBRUARY

2/1 Maria Snyder  
2/1 Charles Osgood  
2/5 Skeeter Eversberg  
2/5 John Montgomery  
2/5 Joyce Hackwell  
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  
2/11 A. Rene Seeley  
2/12 William E. Crider  
2/13 Terry Potter  
2/16 Kylee Madsen  
2/16 Shawn Blades  
2/17 Kevin Watson  
2/17 Sheryl Crowe  
2/18 Molly Cole  
2/18 Paul Thomas  
2/20 Jackson Neuhoff  
2/20 Sara Cole  
2/22 Aaron Wanner  
2/23 Jim Clinton  
2/25 Deanna Moser  
2/26 Rodney Sharp  
2/28 Veva Jencks  
2/28 Nick Romans

**February Birthstones**  
**Faceted — Amethyst**  
**Cabochon — Onyx**

### MARCH

3/2 Heide Finnegan  
3/5 Gene Alvey  
3/6 Jean Dingley  
3/6 Jason Madsen  
3/7 Ronald Dingley  
3/15 Dave Webster  
3/20 Gerry Koen  
3/22 Andrew Housh  
3/28 Larry Friend  
3/30 Heather Madsen

**March Birthstones**  
**Faceted -**  
**Aquamarine**

**Cabochon -**  
**Bloodstone**

**100% Safe!**

**by Theodore J. Rieth, Safety Chair**

**Interesting title, isn't it? Bet you never thought you could be 100% safe from anything, did you? Well, you can be almost perfectly safe in at least one aspect of this great hobby!**

**I'll borrow a topic from OSHA and my employer (before retirement) - ZES, or Zero Energy State. Here's the info: <OSHA regulation 1910.147> defines the unexpected movement or release of mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic, chemical, or thermal energy as "hazardous". While this energy is vital to the operation of a facility, it must be properly controlled and isolated to help prevent its unexpected release during equipment maintenance.**

**Establishing a "zero energy state" is the best method of controlling hazardous electrical energy. What does this mean to you? Many of us may process our specimens in some fashion after collection. We'll use saws, sanders, polishers, faceters, and a myriad of other electrical devices in our processing. What would happen if a piece of equipment started when we didn't expect it to start? Saws can do obvious damage.**

## ***Display Case Application***

**Idaho Gem Club Annual Gem & Mineral Show  
February 26 & 27 2011  
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, 26 February and Sunday, 27 February, 2011

Set-up: 3:00 P.M. Friday, 25 February, 2011

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, 19 February 2011

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

### ***2011 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  
841-1081 or 841-1321  
Hospitality Chairman...Open

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 ...Open  
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

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Other rotating equipment may create a nasty abrasion. Any equipment with a pinch point (a drive belt going around a pulley, for example) that could draw in a finger or a part of clothing into it may cause an injury.

The answer - require more than one event for that equipment to be started. Most of us will simply turn off the switch on a device when done, or when taking a break. That's fairly safe if the switch is on the equipment, and reasonably protected against accidental operation. If the device is on an extension cord and plugged into a switch-controlled outlet somewhat removed from the device, then it's much less safe. The easy way to do this is to turn off the power switch AND unplug the tool. If the switch is accidentally engaged, nothing will happen because it's under zero energy. To be extra, super safe, also turn off the breaker controlling the equipment, such that it will require 3 events to happen before device operation (breaker on, plug in, switch on). In a manufacturing setting, one would disable the power source and lock it out with a personal, unique locking tag to absolutely create a safe environment.

One final point - many fairly modern devices have guards, which provide a barrier to pinch or danger points. The guard over saw blades, which protect you from the rotating blade, but pivot out of the way as the specimen is cut, is a good example of guarding. If your devices are not guarded, it would be advisable to find a commercial guard, create a home-made one, or at minimum provide a brightly colored warning near the danger point.

Ref: AFMS Newsletter 2/09

## **For Sale**

For Sale- Highland Park 20" rock saw in very good condition with nearly new blade \$650. Provide your own help to move. 724-1968 or 336-5619 Ron Riddenour

## **Yesteryear October 1964**

The October field trip is to the Hagerman fossil beds.

Oregon just passed a law that no more than 24 pounds of agate a day was to be taken from state lands. The next field trip was to Rocky canyon or Willow creek.

Rocks were brought in for the Veteran's Hospital therapy shop and delivered.

Inventory of the Gem Club has been completed for the year. Marian Faubian was elected president.

In January a pot luck supper was held. There was accordion music and Harold Nelson with the BLM, gave a talk and on a trip to Brazil.

Sorry it was so short; I will try to do better next month.

**Patsy Bethel**  
Historian

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet I am still enjoying (as of the 26th) and a special thank you to all of the club members who came to visit.

**Patsy**

*Patsy Bethel*  
*Historian*

## **For Sale**

I have a Thumler Tumbler A-R 12, 12 lb. rock tumbler for sale, I only used it 3 times its just like new! I have all the owners info, I paid \$209.75 will sell for \$150 OBO, for info call me at 208-921-0929  
Wayne Larsen



**Washington State Law (continued from page 5)**

**Name of Proponent: Washington department of fish and wildlife, governmental.**

**Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Lori Preuss, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, (360) 902-2930; Implementation: Mike Cenci, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, (360) 902-2938; and Enforcement: Bruce Bjork, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, (360) 902-2373.**

**No small business economic impact statement has been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW. This rule only affects recreational use of department lands.**

**A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328. This proposal does not involve hydraulics.**

**October 20, 2010**

**Lori Preuss**

**Rules Coordinator**

**OTS-3733.1**

**AMENDATORY SECTION(Amending Order 437, filed 5/11/90, effective 6/11/90)**

**WAC 232-12-251 Removal of minerals, wood and artifacts from department lands. (1) Except as provided below, it is unlawful to cut down or remove dead standing timber, live trees, wood, soil, petrified wood, minerals, fossils, ((wood products)) plants, mushrooms, berries, or artifacts from department lands unless such ((removal)) activity is authorized by a permit issued by the director.**

**(a) Downed dead wood for camping on department lands may be collected without a department permit in a quantity not to exceed one-half cord. However, such wood may not be transported from department lands.**

**(b) Mushrooms or berries may be collected for personal use without a permit in quantities not to exceed the following limits:**

**(i) For wild edible mushrooms, five United States gallons; and**

**(ii) For berries, no limit.**

**(2) Unlawful cutting down or removal of dead standing timber, live trees, wood, soil, petrified wood, minerals, fossils, or plants constitutes theft under chapter 9A.56 RCW.**

**(3) Unlawful removal or exceeding limits for downed dead wood, mushrooms, or berries is punishable under RCW 77.15.230.**

**[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.210 and 77.12.320. 90-11-049 (Order 437), § 232-12-251, filed 5/11/90, effective 6/11/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.040. 81-12-029 (Order 165), § 232-12-251, filed 6/1/81. Formerly WAC 232-12-550.]**

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# **Workshop Report**

Thanks for everyone's help last year on the workshops. Due to the start of tax season there will not be any workshops in January, February, & March. Depending on how things go with the tax season we will possible start the workshops again in April.

*Willa Renken  
Workshop Chairman*

**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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**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.

**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!

**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.

**"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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## Gem Show 2011

The Annual show is upon us again. For the new members in the club this is the main fund raiser for the club. This is a club show and does require full club support. All who contribute will be allowed into the show for free. If you are a club member and do not want to contribute you will be required to pay admission.

Setup will begin on Thursday February 24th at 1:00 p.m. at Lockaway Storage 5246 Chinden Blvd. At that time we will unload as much of the storage unit as possible depending on available empty trucks. The tables will be loaded into the u-haul truck. Then all other show equipment (electrical, lights, cases, case fronts, silent auction rock) will be loaded into empty trucks. The more we can load on Thursday the easier the setup will go on Friday. Then on Friday February 25th at 8:00 a.m. we will unload and setup all dealer tables and display cases. After these are setup the skirting will need to be placed around the tables. The black light tent will also need to be setup. The more help we have the easier it is during setup.

We have the ticket sales, silent auction, grab bags, wheel of fortune, garnet table, hospitality, and scholarship raffle as stations needing help. Shifts are in two hour increments so if possible please sign up for a couple of stations. There is a list of the committee chairs on page 11. Please contact them if you have not already signed up.

There is also 72 display cases that need to be filled, contact Twila Gallaher 853-6703 to reserve your display case. The black light room also needs to be filled this year. There is room for 20 Black Light cases. This is one part of the show people look forward to seeing each year lets do our best to fill these cases. Cases can be setup until 8:00 p.m. on Friday night during setup. After that everyone is required to leave.

I need a list from the committee chairs of who is working so I can reserve parking passes for those people. We also need this list so Marge Conley can make name tags. This is a large job so all help in providing names would be greatly appreciated.

After the show closes at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday February 27th the tear down begins. Again we will need as many people helping as possible. All of the equipment that was taken out of the storage unit will need to go back at this time. The last few years we have been done by 8:30 p.m. after a long weekend most everyone is very tired, so all help at this time would be greatly appreciated.

*Doug Renken*  
Assistant Show Chairman

### February Refreshment Committee

Chair: Heather Madsen 378-4666  
Mrytle Trivithick,  
Ilse Schreiner,  
Marge Conley

#### **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.

### March Refreshment Committee

To Be  
Announced  
later

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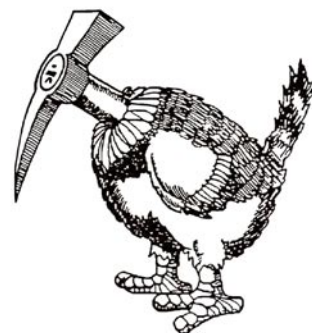
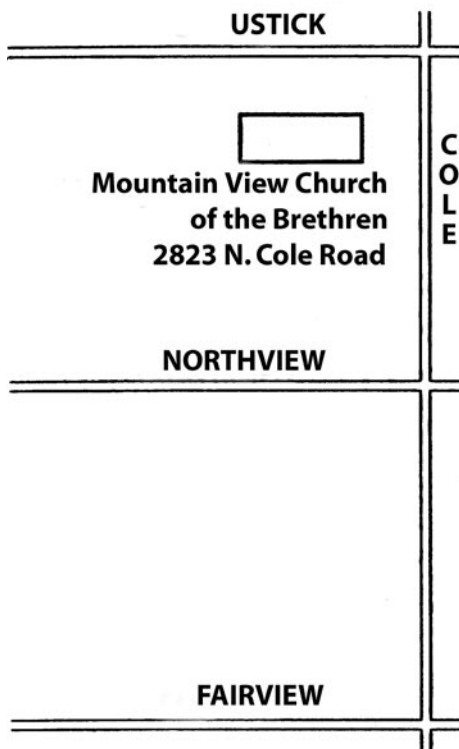
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3rd. Tuesday of each  
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