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President's Message

Congratulations to Tenaya Madsen for winning the Junior Project of the Year! Her project and plaque will be displayed at the annual show. I am so proud of her!

Also Jason Madsen won the adult Project of the Year. That is me. My project and plaque will be displayed at the annual show too.

I was pleased to see many other entries for the Project of the Year, and I sincerely feel that they were all terrific! I enjoyed the opportunity to view the many talents of the club's members. For those of you that need some motivation, I challenge you to start now in designing and creating a project for 2011.

January's meeting will be at Louise's Italian restaurant in Meridian. The address is 2500 E. Fairview Ave. The cocktail reception will start at 6:00 and the dinner will start at 7:00. If you need a ticket they can be purchased at Stewart's Gem Shop. Please purchase them soon so we can get a count of the number of people attending. During the meeting the new president, board members and officers will be installed.

The Show Chair committee will have sign up sheets at the banquet. Be sure to sign up to help. This is a great and fun opportunity to support your club. The 2011 show will be held February 26 & February 27. Show hours are 10am – 6pm Saturday & 10am – 5pm Sunday. The show is held in the South wing of Expo Idaho which is located at 5610 Glenwood, Boise, Idaho. Admission is \$3.00 for Adults, children 12 and under free.

We need all available help to set up and take down the show. Thursday, February 24 at 1:00 we will meet at Lock-A-Way Storage on 5246 W. Chinden Blvd in Garden City to load up everything for the show. Friday, February 25 at 8:00 am we will meet at the Expo Idaho at 5610 Glenwood, Boise to set up. Take down will begin shortly after 5:00 pm Sunday, February 27.

Grab bag stuffing party will be 9:00 am on January 15 at the Mountain View Church of the Brethren. There will be refreshments provided. If you have tumbled rocks and bags to donate please bring them. The show sells through all the bags each year.

I would like to thank everyone for their help and support this past year. Also a special thanks to everyone who has contributed to the newsletters. For me, and I am sure for many others, it is informative, interesting, and fun to receive it each month.

Best wishes to the new president and board members for 2011.

Jason Madsen
President

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD MEETING ♦
JANUARY 4, 2011**

January 2011 Board Meeting was called to order at 7:28 pm

Board Members present were: Willa Renken, Kathy Griffin, Chuck McCreath, Jason Madsen, Deana Ashton, Rick Corbett and Ed Moser.

Guests included Charlie Smith, Shirley McCreath, and Jim Clinton

A Motion was made by Willa Renken to accept the minutes as printed in The Grindings. Rick Corbett seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Notice was received by Valerie Estabrooke at our last general meeting that she would like to give the position of Librarian an opportunity to someone new for 2011. Thank you Valerie for taking on the task and doing a great job for our club. We thank you very much!

Jason Madsen congratulated and thanked that Ed Moser, Willa Renken and Jim Clinton for their positions on the 2011 Board of Directors. Their willingness to help the club and fill these positions is appreciated.

Also he recognized Twila Gallagher for your contribution and efforts to the club and thanked her for serving as a board member.

Secretary's report: Mail was dispersed.

Treasurers Report: Kathy Griffin reviewed the disbursements in the IGC accounts. All deposits and balances were approved. Thank you Kathy for your hard work!

Federation Report: Chuck McCreath noted the significant impact the State of Washington will have due to the recent passing of a bill which prohibits collecting of any petrified wood, and any minerals from Washington land. This new regulation includes restrictions on collecting many things on land managed by the Fish and Game Department, and makes it Class B and Class C Felony charges for violation of this new law. Please check with the area officials and be sure you are approved before doing any activity on the Washington State Fish and Game controlled areas. The rangers are friendly and don't mind questions. You may ask for a permit, file for a permit, including mining permits, but the State of WA has said there are no permits to be issued. Please see the NW Federation Newsletter for more information or ask Chuck McCreath.

IDAHO GEM CLUB SHOW REPORT: Charlie Smith updated some information for the Idaho Gem Club Show which is fast approaching- just a month away! There will be a few new dealers this year who are replacing some long-time dealers who have retired. There needs to be help getting the tables, showcases, etc from Lockaway Storage on Thursday February 24, 2011 at 1:00pm. The next day, Friday, February 25, 2011 at 8:00am, set-up begins for the show. The trailers need unloading, tables set up, booths put together, etc. Please plan to give time on Thursday and Friday to help club members get this show on the road! Saturday the show starts at 10:00am and goes until 6:00pm. Sunday the show will run from 10:00 to 5:00. After that we need all the help we can get to tear down the show on Sunday evening and load the trucks and unload again at Lockaway Storage. This is a task usually handled by the same club members year after year. Lets give them a break and get out to support the club with some new muscle and energy!

***** GRAB BAG WORK PARTY *****
Please meet at 9:00 am on January 15th at the

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church (where we hold meetings- in gymnasium) to have donuts, coffee and socialize while we stuff grab bags with tumbled rocks which will be sold at the show. Mike Jones and Laura Lindsey are in charge again this year. The more people who can help tumble rocks, sew bags and be there to stuff the bags, the faster the process goes. There will also be stamps to be placed on postcards. Please attend if you are available.

Program report: Brent said his father, Eugene Stewart will Emcee the Annual Banquet to be held in place of our General Meeting, on January 18, 2011. Louie's Italian Restaurant is on Fairview in Meridian. Dinner begins at 7:00 and cocktails- no host bar- are at 6:00. Please stop by Stewart's Gem Shop to purchase tickets. There are four meal choices and two dessert entrees - and they will need to be purchased asap so Louie's can prepare for the meals. Thank you to Stewart's Gem Shop for selling these tickets.

Building Fund: Jim Clinton sold a few shirts at the last meeting. These are available in bright colors and long sleeved- so pick one up for support of the club.

Workshop: Willa Renken reported that there will not be a workshop for January and February.

No other chairs had anything to report.

New Business: Brent Stewart, our 2011 IGC President reports he has chosen Willa Renken as 1st Vice President, Jason Madsen as 2nd Vice President, Deana Ashton as Secretary, Kathy Griffin as Treasurer, Chuck McCreath as Federation Director, Shirley McCreath as the Federation delegating vote, Patsy Bethel will continue as Historian, and Aaron Wanner as Librarian.

Membership applications were reviewed and approved for : Cheryl Lawson, Paul and Kathleen DeRig and we welcome you to our club and look forward to getting to know you. Jason Madsen made

a motion to accept new memberships, and Deana Ashton seconded motion. Motion was carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Deana Ashton
Secretary*

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

Minutes of the Idaho Gem Club General Meeting
December 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by
President Jason Madsen

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Belknap.

Special Guest this evening: 2010 Idaho Gem
Club Scholarship winner Christopher Markley

No correction to the minutes as printed in The
Grindings, motion to accept minutes was made
by Bill Belknap and seconded by Marge Conley.

Juniors door prizes were won by: Kylee Madsen,
Tony Hopkins, Aaron Wanner, Matt Kelly, Wesley
Capps.

Chuck and Shirley McCreath donated beautiful
specimens of silinite and the children's door
prize winner of the silinite was: Jayden Wanner.

***CONGRATULATIONS COYOTE SHORT!!
Coyote has passed the test and become a
Licensed Geologist! She is a great asset to
our club and to the Idaho Museum of Minerals
where she works. Well done, Coyote!

New Idaho Gem Club members approved by the
Board are: Tara Hilgert, Cole and Lisa Sgazani,
David Douglas. Welcome to Idaho Gem Club and

we look forward to getting to know you.

CONGRATULATIONS to two special IGC couples for significant anniversaries this month: 56 years of marriage- Chuck and Shirley McCreath 65 years of marriage - Roy and Patsy Bethel

New T shirts are in! Jim Clinton brought them to sell at the meeting-sizes up to XXL and they are bright vibrant colors! Be sure and pick one up!

Upcoming Idaho Gem Club show is in February. just around the corner. Twila Gallagher is the contact person and showcase coordinator. If you wish to make a display, fill out an application available in The Grindings and online. Be thinking of ideas so we can get some creative displays! There is also a really cool prize for those who participate with a showcase. There is also a Grab Bag party coming up- so please tumble rocks and prepare to attend the grab bag party where we meet at the church and fill bags to be sold at the show. It will be January 15 at 9:00 am at the church.

PROJECT OF THE YEAR:
This year there was a variety of choices to vote for the Project of the Year. Some beautiful work done by members! Winner is Jason Madsen for his handcrafted wooden cabochon cabinet, with several divided trays to keep your cabs. Nice job and congratulations Jason!

Juniors Project of the Year was won by Tenaya Madsen.

There is a challenge on for members to work on a project to submit next year...this could be really exciting for Juniors and all members.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY
OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNER:

Business meeting adjourned and we had a very enjoyable program by our 2010 IGC Scholarship winner, Christopher Markley. Christopher was also awarded a years membership to our club. He is very knowledgeable about Earth Sciences and Lapidary Arts. His emphasis is in Geology at BSU where he is a Senior.

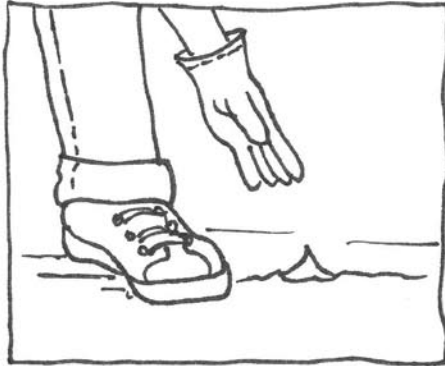
Christopher educated the club about synthetic gemstones, covering every facet! He provided a very informative segment on the differences between synthetic and natural stones, and answered many questions from the group. It is evident in the future he will be asked to speak again about diamonds, and other areas he has particular interest. Thank you Christopher and welcome to our gem club. We truly look forward to getting to know you and sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm for earth science.

We enjoyed refreshments and adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

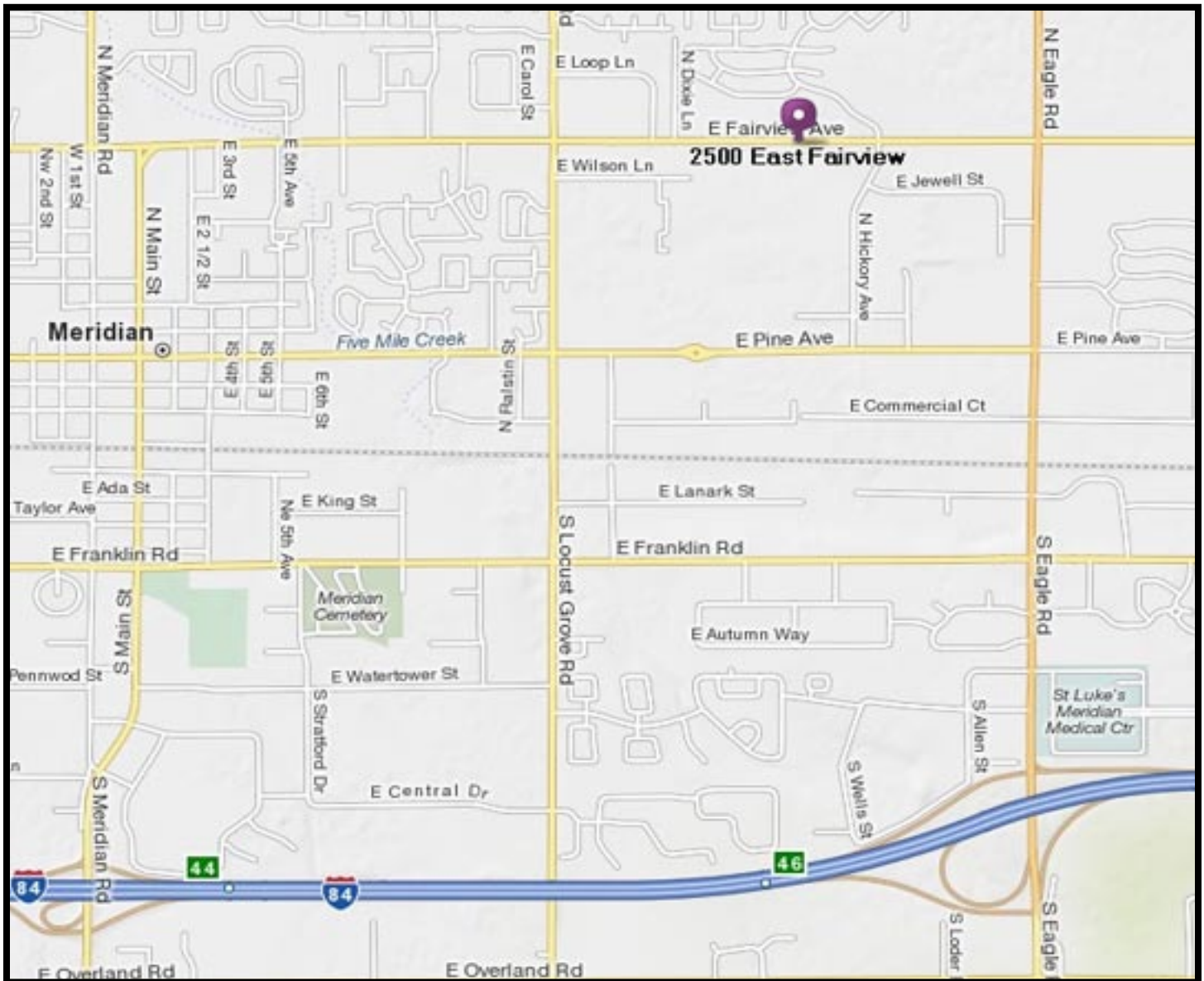
Brent Stewart, Sandy Blodgett and Chuck McCreath held our auction this evening and some really good buys were had by members for finished opals, coral, agate, in settings and wire wrappings. The auction bid was for under \$100.00. It really is an excellent chance to purchase some stones, jewelry and equipment that may be out of your financial reach otherwise. We encourage members to donate any lapidary related items in good shape to help offset the price of the banquet dinner.

*Respectfully submitted,
Deana Ashton
Secretary*

ROCK'N FUNNIES



**Map To Banquet at Louie's
Pizza & Italian Restaurant**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



JANUARY

1/3 Helen Dillion
 1/5 Becky Gibson
 1/7 Amy Brasley
 1/8 Ronald Ridenour
 1/8 Nikki Griffith
 1/8 Paul Derig
 1/10 Wayne Larsen
 1/11 Terry Tomberlin
 1/11 Ron Bailey
 1/11 Makensie Denton
 1/11 Meagan McNeel
 1/11 Shelley Shearer
 1/12 Deborah Shaffer
 1/12 Stephanie Potter
 1/12 Erin Snyder
 1/13 Don Drobny
 1/15 Arlene Bailey
 1/18 Kevin Kelly
 1/19 Alex Wilcox
 1/20 Chuck Goertzen
 1/20 Randy Lee
 1/20 Koraeve Koen
 1/22 Mary Ostrander
 1/24 Richard Renkamp
 1/26 Noah Loewen
 1/27 John Chaplik
 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
 2/10/39 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

DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING: 3rd. Tuesday of every month

January 19, 2011

Banquet

Louie's

Pizza & Italian Restaurant

2500 E. Fairview Ave.

Meridian, Idaho

No Host Bar 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING:

1st. Tuesday of every month

February 1, 2011

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

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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...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 ...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

Jewelry Tips

BURNISHING BEZELS

A dapping ball can sometimes be used to burnish a bezel. I noticed this when setting some 8 x 10 cabs on a piece of filigree. It was difficult to get enough pressure with a regular burnisher, so I tried a dapping ball and found it much easier. Make sure the ball is well polished (hit it with the Zam wheel) and let it ride along the base of your piece. Select a ball big enough to hit the top of the bezel at the right angle to burnish it down onto the stone.

SUPER PICKLE

We've all made the mistake of putting some steel in the pickle pot. This can cause all your pieces to be coated with copper. Easiest way I've found to clean it off is to fill half a coffee cup with the pickle and put in an ounce or two of hydrogen peroxide from the drug store. Throw your pieces in and the coating is gone in about 10 minutes. When finished, pour the solution back into your pickle pot.

More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at
groups.yahoo.com/group/BenchTips/
or
[facebook.com/BenchTips](https://www.facebook.com/BenchTips)

Editors note: Brad Smith contacted the club offering to provide tips to publish in the newsletter. Please make sure to access Brad's sites listed above if you find these tips helpful.

Yesteryear May 1964

The May field trip will leave at 8:00am from the Albertsons lot to go to Beacon Hill. John Beckwith brought emeralds from South America to display. There were also displays from McBride Creek, Beacon Hill and Queenstone areas. Dudley Stewart told of garnets in the Emerald creek area, how and where they were found. Also in a trip to High Valley-north of Ola he found tourmaline and quartz crystals. Most were around the elevation of 7000 ft.

The club was worried about being liable for any injury to livestock, or anyone digging at the Whangdoodle claim. It was decided to paint an iron plate and erect it on a post saying "Open to all members of the IGC. All others progress at their own risk. Mr. Jefferson offered some wire to erect around the hole. Discussion on having a Bull Dozer come in and fill the pit at the Whangdoodle was made, also to scrape the heavy overburden from the claim area. That would also count for the assessment.

The July field trip will be to High Valley area for tourmaline. It was reported that fifteen cars went on the trip and every one found some material. The next trip will be to upper Cow Creek for bog.

It was announced that the club had to pay \$90.00 for the use of the Campus School and there would be an extra charge if the room is used for the Annual Meeting Dinner. If the Janitor or Lois Marker (member) is present the club could use the kitchen.

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

Green Genie slab & rock sale #2

Rock Sale

Slabs and polished collections
10% off all Sales

Original Owyhee
Owyhee Reds
Bruneau
Green Morrisonite
Biggs
Haystack Butte
Brazilian
Carnelian

Plume Agate
Mexican Lace
Red & Green Moss
Grassy Meadow
Sycamore Wood
S. Dakota Wood
Botswana
Geodes & Thundereggs

Rough for Sale – Inquire if interested

Sale at 8345 Stetson Dr. Boise
Friday 1/21/11, Saturday 1/22/11, & Sunday 1/23/11
9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Joe Nielson – 869-6325

South on Cole Rd. to Colt Dr., Right on Colt. Left on Stetson, Left into my Cul-de-sac. First house on the left.

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 15th 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. Mike Jones and laura Lindsey will be in charge again this year.

Doug Renken

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.

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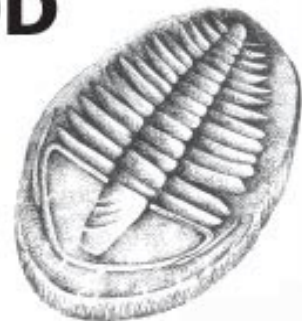


The Idaho Gem Club Presents a
Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show



February 26 & 27, 2011
Located at Expo Idaho
5610 GLENWOOD
Boise, Idaho

EXHIBITS of fluorescent minerals, gems,
fossils & one of a kind jewelry



Retail **DEALERS** of jewelry, gems and minerals

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS of gems, minerals and fossils

LAPIDARY DEMONSTRATIONS in the art of
cabochon cutting, faceting, lampwork beads &
the fabrication of silversmithing



Hours

Saturday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

ADMISSION: \$3.00 Adults
children 12 and under FREE



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:

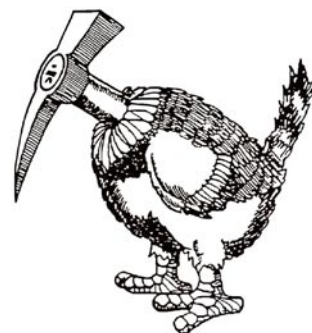
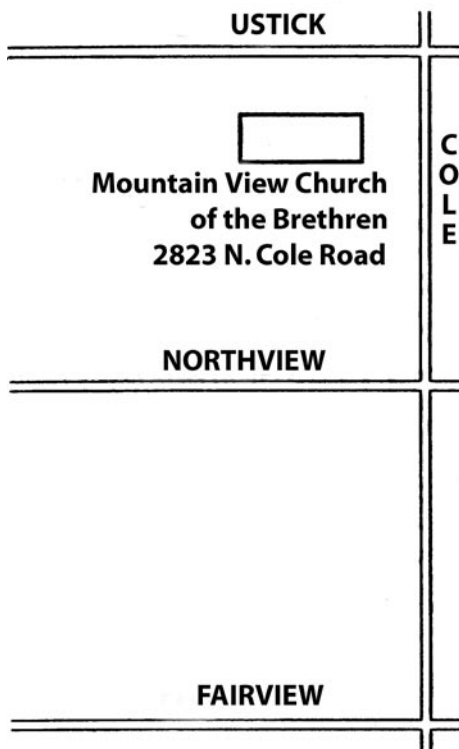
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\$15.00 per couple
\$17.50 per family

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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