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President's Message



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Congratulations to Brent Stewart and one of our newest members, Ben Harju for winning the Project of the Year! Brent cut the Star Garnet and provided the Idaho Opal. A very talented Ben did the amazing wire wrapping to make a beautiful large pendant. The pendant in all her glory will be on display at the Annual Show in a case with the plaque. There were many beautiful and interesting entries this year and everyone should be proud of their work.

We did not have a junior winner this year. So start the kids on their projects for next year.

It's Banquet time, so January's meeting will be at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel in Boise. The address is 1009 Main Street. The Banquet will be on Tuesday January 15, 2013. The cocktail no host reception will start at 6:30 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 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 2013 show will be held February 23 & February 24. Show hours are 10am - 6pm Saturday & 10am - 5pm Sunday. The show is held in the South wing of Expo Idaho that 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 21st 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 22 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 24.

The Grab bag stuffing party will be 9:00 am on Saturday, January 26th 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.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for his or her continued help and support over this past year. Best wishes to all our members and board members for 2013.

Brent Stewart
President

January 26th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m

Grab Bag Work Party

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
December 18, 2012**

President Brent Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

At this time Sandy Blodgett stood to address members of a very important concern that has been brought to his attention. Marion Phillips had donated several pieces for our auction tonight and it seems one item has disappeared from the table. This is very sad, disturbing, and disconcerting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Housh.

Guests present were Michael Clavelle, Terry Simons, and Nikki Plumb.

Junior door prizes were drawn for 4 lucky winners.

Adult door prizes were drawn for 22 lucky winners.

Building fund tickets were drawn for 4 lucky winners.

Secretaries report-- I've received a new Rock & Gem magazine. There is available to anyone interested material for grab bag sewing.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" by Phil Worley and seconded by Deana Ashton. The motion carried!

Treasurers report--Kathy Griffin spoke of balances and disbursements.

Federation report-- Charles McCreath stated there was nothing new to report. He wanted to remind members of the upcoming Tucson shows happening from February 2 to 17th.

Library report-- A special "Thank You" to Gina

Gartman for the books she's given us for our library. The library will be open during our refreshments break.

Juniors report-- Ed Moser took four juniors back for their meeting. He said they would be presented with some obsidian specimens he's been given for the juniors.

Banquet tickets are available tonight for purchase. After tonight they'll be available at Stewart's Gem Shop until the banquet occurs. The date of January 15, 2013. Cocktails will start at 6:30pm and dinner will be served at 7pm. Cost is \$12.50 a member and \$25.00 for non-members.

Charlie Smith spoke to members of our Idaho Rock & Gem Show on February 23 and 24. Loading of show tables and other supplies will occur at Lockaway Storage, Thursday February 21 at 1pm. Set up at the Expo Building will take place on the 22 of February at 8am. On Sunday the 24, will be take down starting at 5pm. Then back to Lockaway Storage. Generally we are finished around 9pm.

Sign-up sheets will be available for different duties for our show, with numerous time slots. Those sheets will be available on January 15, our Annual Banquet and also January 19, for our grab bag stuffing party. At the church from 9am to 11am.

We are also in need of a someone to do door prize drawing for the Show. Charlie will be getting the "Cathedral" for our grand prize drawing on Sunday. This unfortunately is Charlie's last year to Chair our Idaho Rock & Gem Show, so please "Thank" him for all his support for all these past years. I know for one his shoes will be hard to fill.

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Workshop report-- Willa stated; for the Christmas shop there were around 50-70 people who came out; a lot of projects were started and completed; good food, laughter, and fellowship was shared by all.

There was no old business.

New business-- Rick Olmstead spoke to members about getting some pietersite rough specimens in the future. He'll keep us posted of any new information.

The Grab Bag Stuffing Party will occur on January 19, at the church from 9am to 11am.

Voting took place tonight for "Project of the Year". There were two submissions. The winner will be announced at our Annual Banquet. After our break we'll be having an Auction of donated items.

Final submissions for the "Great Grab Bag Sew Off" will be January 2, at our Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Melodee Worley - Secretary*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
Board Meeting
January 2, 2013**

President Brent Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Board members present were Willa Renken, Phil Worley, Rick Corbett, and newly elected Barb Carey. Board members excused for the evening were Phil Neuhoff, Ed Moser, Jim Clinton, and Deana Ashton.

Officers present were Charles McCreath and Melodee Worley. Kathy Griffin was excused for the evening.

Guests present were Shirley McCreath and Doug Renken.

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

Secretaries report-- I advised the Board of my incorporating of Charlie Smith's notes regarding the schedule for loading of tables and other supplies for our upcoming show.

Votes were tallied for the two submitted "Projects of the Year". Project 1 had 7 votes and project 2 had 25 votes.

Federation report-- Charles has received information from the BLM, regarding the Sage Grouse planning strategies. To inquire about more information you can visit <http://www.blm.gov/sagegrouse>.

After our last club auction, Charles has been in care of some remaining unsold stones, that were donated by Jim Story. He's had a few stones checked out and verified what they are and will be providing the remaining stones to our "Silent Auction" table at our Show. We all agreed they would be a great addition to other materials we always receive.

Juniors report-- Ed was excused for the evening. Juniors will not need folders for this upcoming meeting because it's our Annual Banquet.

Workshop report-- no workshops will take place until the month of May.

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The "Grab Bag Sew Off" tonight was the last night for turning in completed bags. We will announce the winners at our Banquet, to award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes.

Phil Neuhooff has secured the case favors for cases this year.

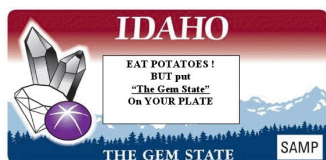
Tony Griffin will be chair for the "Display Cases" this year. Be sure to contact Tony to reserve your case for the upcoming show.

At our Annual Banquet there will be sign-up sheets available for help at numerous locations at our show.

This is going to be Jim Witt's last year with our Blacklight room. So if anyone is interested in learning more about this position feel free to contact Jim or an Idaho Gem Club board member.

There was no old or new business.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Melodee Worley - Secretary*



Purchase the Earth Science-Lapidary Special Interest License plate for your Vehicle or RV At your local Idaho DMV or online! Current registration credited towards purchase. Proceeds benefit Idaho K-12 Earth Science Education.

January 26th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m

Grab Bag Work Party

**DO YOU REALIZE
THAT OUR SHOW IS
ONLY SIX WEEKS
AWAY?**

**It's not too late to be
making items for our
show -**

**Wheel of Fortune
Silent Auction
Grab Bags
Garnet Dig
Door Prizes**

**Idaho Gem Club Show
February 25th & 26th
2012
Expo Idaho (Western
Idaho Fairgrounds)
5610 Glenwood,
Boise, Idaho
Chinden & Glenwood**

HAPPY**BIRTHDAY****JANUARY**

1/3 Helen Dillion
 1/5 Becky Gibson
 1/8 Ronald Ridenour
 1/9 Julie Mayer
 1/11 Ron Bailey
 1/11 Terry Tomberlin
 1/12 Deborah Shaffer
 1/12 Stephanie Potter
 1/15 Arlene Bailey
 1/18 Cami Horton
 1/19 Greg Biebel
 1/21 Jordan Lindsay
 1/21 Jerry Schwartz
 1/22 Steve Lane
 1/22 Mary Ostrander
 1/23 Gena Grissom
 1/25 Alice Stewart
 1/27 John Chaplik
 1/27 Valerie Lesur
 1/29 Marion Phillips
 1/31 Katelyn Luercher

2/4 Andrew Davies
 2/10/39 The Idaho Gem
 Club
 2/10 Kim Williams
 2/10 Hailey Madsen
 2/11 Rick Corbett
 2/11 John Skene
 2/11 Jim Storey
 2/13 Kensie Luercher
 2/13 Terry Potter
 2/14 Betty Metzger
 2/16 Kylee Madsen
 2/16 Shawn Blades
 2/18 Justin Seaman
 2/20 Jackson Neuhoff
 2/22 Aaron Wanner
 2/23 Jim Clinton
 2/24 Ken Woodbridge
 2/25 Deanna Moser
 2/26 Joseph Miles
 2/26 Rodney Sharp
 2/26 Erin Seaman

January Birthstones

Faceted - Garnet
 Cabochon - Star Garnet

February Birthstones

Faceted — Amethyst
 Cabochon — Onyx

FEBRUARY

2/1 Charles Osgood
 2/1 Maria Snyder
 2/3 Winnie Snowball

DUES ARE PAST DUE.**Rates are as follows:****\$17.00 per person****\$20.00 per couple****\$23.00 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**

Dates To Remember**GENERAL MEETING****3rd. Tuesday of every month****January 15, 2012****Church of the Brethren****2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho****Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.****BOARD MEETING:****1st. Tuesday of every month****February 5, 2012****Church of the Brethren****2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho****Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.****January Refreshments will be our****2013 Annual Banquet****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.

February Refreshments**To Be Arranged**

Deana Ashton is our Sunshine Lady

Her job is to send some cheer to members who are ill, in need of prayers, or need some cheering up. Deana needs your help in accomplishing this, you can help by letting her know of anyone that is in need of a little sunshine. Deana will send a card or flowers depending on their situation or occasion.

Deana's phone number is 794-5628



YESTER YEAR Jan. 1970

Clarence Bryant was nominated President. As of this date there are 192 members in The Gem Club.

George Fields reported that he had more dealers wanting to come to the show than he had space for them, also he would like to know what would interest the club. The gavel was handed to Clarence Bryant by Harry Samuels. (This is not in the record book, but it is an interesting story and after spending time in the Rehab N.H. I can understand it. When Harry sold his garages they decided to move to Parker, Arizona. Joyce died and Harry was not able to take care of himself so he was move to a nursing home. Harry was not a nursing home person but all his attempts to leave were aborted, so he called the Police to come get him out as he was being held captive. Not once but twice.)

The Board decided to invite other clubs to display outstanding displays that they had and make a special display of them.

Letters of Thanks from Neil Armstrong for the necklace his wife had received was put in the record book along with the one he sent the Governor thanking him for making him a member of our club.

Members for 1970 were installed at the Chuck Wagon Dinner. Later Governor Samuelson spoke of the trip he and his wife took to the Canary Islands, and the one to Spencer, Idaho for Opal. He also thanked the club for picking up litter at places they went.

The President said there was a very good show this year. 216 man hours were spent on new cases. 71 cases were exhibited this year 24 cases listed were from outside of the club.

The NW Federation fund is now \$80,000 and has 5 scholarships per year. The first open date for hosting the NWF Show is in 1972.

The April Field trip will be to Graveyard Point.

*In Loving Memory
Patsy Bethel - Historian*

**Idaho Gem Club
Banquet 2013 Tickets
January 15, 2013**

Owyhee Plaza Hotel

**1009 Main Street, Boise,
Idaho**

**6:30 PM no host cocktail
reception**

7:00 PM dinner served

**Tickets: Available at Decem-
ber Club Meeting**

\$12.50 for Club Members

\$25.00 for Non-members

Petite Prime Rib of Beef

Salmon with lime

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Pasta Entrée

**After the December Club
Meeting, tickets will only be
available
for purchase at Stewart's
Gem Shop, 2618 West Idaho
Street, Boise
(Phone 208-342-1151)**

**Grab Bag Rock Stuffing
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 26th, 2013 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.

Start off the year at our annual Rock Show
Two more the two following weekends:

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

58th Annual Rock & Gem Show

Location: O'Conner Field House Canyon Co. Fairgrounds
2200 Blaine Caldwell, Idaho

Dates: Saturday March 2nd, 2013 from 9am - 6pm

Sunday March 3rd, 2013 from 10am - 5pm

Magic Valley Gem Club

62nd Annual Rock & Gem Show

Location: Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer, ID

Dates: Saturday, March 9, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. -

6:00p.m. Sunday, March 10, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. -
5:00 p.m.

Lot's of god things going on throughout our State

Idaho Falls Mineral Society

Annual Rock Show

April 13th & 14th, 2013

More information available later.

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Dues:

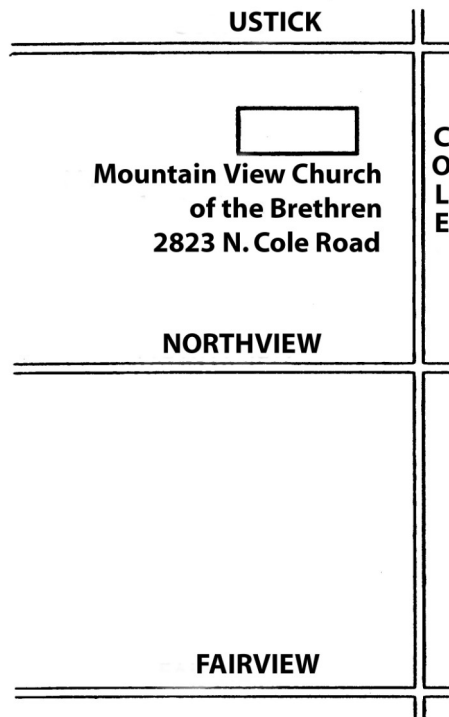
- \$17.00 per person
- \$20.00 per couple
- \$23.00 per family

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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