


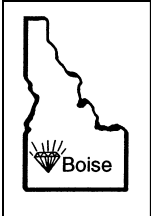
Grindings

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President's Message

Fall is finally in the air. We sure have had a hot dry summer so a little change will be welcome. Our next field trip will be off to Beacon Hill to gather some nodules. The Beacon Hill trip will be a two-day event. Look for details inside this issue.

Just a reminder that this months meeting will be at the usual spot on 2823 N. Cole Road at the Mountain View Church of the Brethren. The meeting time is 7:30 pm on September 17th.

It is getting to be that time of year again to announce that Dues are due. One thing that members can do to help keep expenses of the club down is to have the Grinding sent to you electronically. Please give this some consideration and let Tony Griffin know if you would prefer the Grinding sent via email, instead of regular post. For the current year, dues will remain the same.

Gentle nudges, to keep working on grab bags and tumbled rocks for the annual show in February. We sell through them every year. February is just around the corner. Wow, I can't believe I just said that.

There will be some Board Member openings coming up for this next year, so for those of you interested, start getting your biographies ready.

Brent Stewart
President

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
August 20 2013**

President Brent Stewart called our meeting to order at 6:30pm.

The Blessing was given by Mr. David Alley. We then enjoyed all the wonderful food and socializing before our meeting began.

Adult doorprizes were drawn for 23 winners.
Junior doorprizes were drawn for 11 winners.
Building Fund prizes were drawn for 4 winners.

Secretary report. I received several bank statements, 2 new membership applications, and a "Thank You" card from Marion Phillips.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" was made by Willa Renken and seconded by Jonathan Barnett; the motion carried.

We had several guests present, that were invited by some of our current members.

Federation report: Charles McCreath spoke of his recent trip to the NFMS Annual Show and Meeting, in Butte, MT. He has provided information for next years Annual Show and Meeting, which will be in Hermiston, OR. Anyone wanting copies of this information contact me, I'll have it available in the Library. Charles has given me a copy of the meeting minutes for viewing, and their budget printout. Charles mentioned he's met a new vendor coming to our show that will have Dryhead Jasper available for sale. The Proposal for operation procedures to Amend duties of the Scholarship Committee, by Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. was passed.

Treasurer report Barbara spoke of balances and disbursements. She's also receiving dealer deposits for our Annual Show in February 2014.

Library report: I've received two new Rock & Gem magazines. If any member has a suggestion for books to add to our Library, let me know.

Junior's report: Ed Moser was absent for this evening. "BRING YOUR FOLDERS" to the September general meeting. The subject of study will be Sand Dollars.

Workshop will take place on Thursday, the 22nd, from 6:30pm-9:30pm. Willa is wanting to encourage everyone to come, especially children. She is also needing people to help instruct. Marge Conley will be available to help with wire wrapping.

Old business Deana spoke about our Earth Science plates. We are in the process of getting Idaho maps about our states Geology to all schools in the state. Flyers are being sent out to Idaho Clubs and their members too.

New business Phil Neuhoff asked for volunteers to help with the next few months refreshments. There was an Auction after the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Melodee Worley—Secretary*

SHOP CARTS FOR SALE

Call for details

Ron Dingley

867-2912

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
Board Meeting
September 3 2013**

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

Officers present were Barbara Wanner, Charles McCreath, and Melodee Worley.

Board Members present were Barb Carey, Phil Worley, Jim Clinton, Willa Renken, Phil Neuhoﬀ, Deana Ashton, Ed Moser, and Melodee Worley.

Guests present were Shirley McCreath and Doug Renken.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" was made by Phil Neuhoﬀ and seconded by Willa Renken; the motion carried.

Secretary report: I received some returned mail from the recent mailing about our Earth Science plates. I made a request for someone to take notes for the next board meeting, due to my being out of town. Barb Carey will do so for me.

Treasurer report: Barbara spoke of balances and disbursements.

Federation report: Charles has passed along information about next years Annual NFMS Show in Hermiston, OR. He's also given me flyers for upcoming shows, and the 2012-2013 NFMS roster for the library.

The program for this months general meeting will be about "Sapphires". Phil is also getting word out for Scholarship Applicants. He will have some Idaho maps for sale, like the ones being given to schools; their cost is \$20.

Juniors report: Ed says "BRING YOUR FOLD-ERS". You'll be studying Sand Dollars. Each junior will receive 2 specimens with literature.

Workshop report Willa said there would be a shop. The last workshop was interrupted by a recent storm, power was out for 12hrs.

Old business Deana has gotten information from Charles Osgood about several license plates not meeting their numbers. He's working with several legislation people to get numbers changed, so that we might meet our goal. Brent is also going to be contacting some helpful sources.

New business Barb Carey is needing some new membership applications for a show she's going to be doing.

Brent will be finalizing his nominations committee. He's asked Barb Carey to be his Chairperson, she has accepted.

We had two new member applications, a motion to accept was made by Phil Neuhoﬀ and seconded by Barb Carey; the motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Melodee Worley - Secretary*

Welcome New Members

**Ethan Shurtleff & Betty Young
Michelle Shurtleff, and Jason Shurtleff.**

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Nampa, ID
208-989-9642 (moms)
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**Jan & DJ Johnson
10968 W Flintlock Dr.
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Club Information

Gem State Plate Provides Geologic Maps to Schools:

Proceeds from sales of the Earth Science and Lapidary License Plate (AKA: The Gem State Plate) have been used to purchase a copy of the Geologic Map of Idaho (see article in this issue) for every elementary school in Idaho! Idaho State Code directs monies generated through plate sales to be used to support Earth science education for grades K-6, and the plate committee thought there was no better way to start using the funds for this purpose than to make sure that every elementary school student in Idaho had access to this wonderful new resource. The maps will be shipped out to the schools soon.

New Geologic Map of Idaho Now Available!

The Idaho Geological Survey has recently released a beautiful new full color, 1:750,000 geologic map covering the entire state. The map incorporates new geologic map data along with an exquisite digital terrain base to illustrate the geology of Idaho like never before; it represents a significant improvement in description of the distribution of geologic map units over the last compilation released in 1978. The map comes printed on a large 36" by 48" poster and is accompanied by a booklet describing the map units. The digital data used to make the map are also available online at the Idaho Geological Survey's website: www.idahogeology.org. Web users can also access interactive versions of the map at that address. Hard copies of the map can be ordered directly from the Idaho Geological Survey for \$20 each plus shipping (call 208-885-7991 Tuesday 12-4, Friday 10-4). A limited number of copies of the map will also be for sale at the September meeting, with proceeds supporting the scholarship fund.

Idaho's Earth Science and Lapidary Plate is now on the Web!

Please visit the new web and Facebook pages for the Gem State License Plate. The URL for the webpage is earthscienceplate.com

and the Facebook page can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/idahorockclubplate>

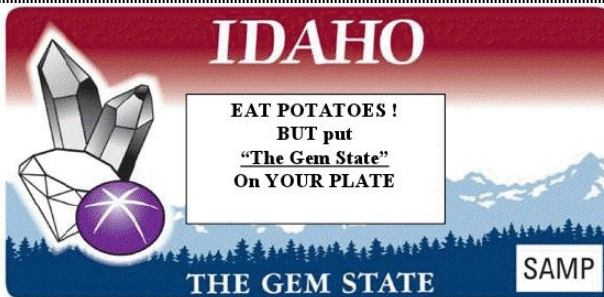
Both sites contain information about the plate (including portals for ordering personalized versions of the plate), and the webpage will be updated frequently with information about the plate and educational resources about Idaho geology and gems. Facebook users: Please like us on Facebook!!

EARTH SCIENCE AND LAPIDARY SPECIAL INTEREST PLATE:

Another new and exciting development and hope for saving our license plate from extinction, was joining forces with the Idaho Science Teachers Association President. We are composing a letter directly to teachers in Idaho, and he promises to get in in their email boxes directly. He really values the concept and with over 4,000 science teachers statewide, we may just get lucky and sell the 1,000 plate minimum soon! I also plan on attending a Science Teacher Conference in Pocatello in the fall to speak and show the plate design and promote our program.

We are working on a promotional sticker for the back windows of cars sharing information about the plate. Hopefully we can make sure the text on sticker is large enough we don't end up with hazardous rear end crashes from motorists trying to read them! Pretty creative ideas...we have to try it all! Ask me for the business cards to pass out for anyone you know. We have plenty!

Thank you for supporting the Earth Science special interest plate!



IDAHO

EAT POTATOES !
BUT put
"The Gem State"
On YOUR PLATE

THE GEM STATE **SAMP**

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.

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER

9/2 David Davies
 9/2 Bob Ruppert
 9/3 Donald Clark
 9/4 Roy Bethel
 9/5 Steve Hetherington
 9/7 Matthew Beatty
 9/7 Gavyn Coates
 9/7 Mike Doramus
 9/8 Dianna Piekma
 9/10 Rebecca Schuldenfre
 9/11 Sharon Surrarer
 9/12 Barb Carey
 9/12 Myrtle Trevithick
 9/12 Sue Witschen
 9/15 Ronald Mummey
 9/15 Celeste Jackson
 9/16 Dana Robinson
 9/16 Robin Solt
 9/16 Aaron Wanner Jr
 9/20 Annalies Clark
 9/20 Ray Harshman
 9/20 Clarence Trebilcock
 9/20 Randy Whipple
 9/21 Sanna White
 9/22 Carrie Kinnaid
 9/23 Terry L Dolton
 9/24 Melodee Worley
 9/25 John Davis
 9/27 Delorese Dewayne
 9/28 Annalies Clark
 9/30 Jessica Wilson

September Birthstones

Faceted - Sapphire
 Cabochon - Lapis Lazuli

OCTOBER

10/4 Gina Gartman
 10/5 Nicole Baron
 10/6 Kevin Chase
 10/8 Todd Jackson
 10/9 Jo Thompson
 10/9 Cindy Woolsey
 10/14 Patricia Dailey
 10/14 Rebekah Jackson
 10/15 Dawn Schuldenfre
 10/15 Katie Vanderbeek
 10/16 Ted Reynolds
 10/17 Elley Folks
 10/21 Violet Gomm
 10/22 Jim Dillion
 10/22 Betty Trebilcock
 10/22 Bryce Dethlefs
 10/23 Colleen Lamansky
 10/25 Karen Butler
 10/26 Michael Baker
 10/26 Lois McDonald
 10/26 Christopher Griffin
 10/26 Janelle Wintersteen
 10/27 Ben Harju
 10/28 Sue Clark
 10/28 Allan Young
 10/29 Sandy Johnson

October Birthstones

Faceted — Tourmaline
 Cabochon — Opal

Dates To Remember

GENERAL MEETING

3rd. Tuesday of every month

September 17, 2013

Church of the Brethren

2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho

Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

BOARD MEETING:

1st. Tuesday of every month

October 1, 2013

Church of the Brethren

2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho

Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

September Refreshment Committee

Chair Brent Stewart 863-9336

Aaron Wanner 794-9474

Phil Neuhoft 939-4508

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

October Refreshment Committee

Chair: Rick Corbett 383-9930

Ilse Shreiner 362-2416

Sheryl Peterson 991-6631

THE GRINDINGS

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SUNSHINE LADY REPORT:

Please let me know if you are aware of any of our members having surgery, an illness, or just in need of cheer. We all can use some good cheer! We try and keep in touch with all our members, and I apologize if we have overlooked any member who has lost a loved one. Please let us know if we can help in any way. Contact Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628 or any Idaho Gem Club Board Member/officer.



As a Private duty Hospice Care provider, and I am more than willing to offer respite care to any families in need of a break caring for their loved one who is preparing to pass on. It would be my pleasure to help out a family caregiver while they go catch a movie, take some time alone, make arrangements, care or themselves, whatever they need. I encourage you to call Deana at 208-794-5628. I will gladly help if I can.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND ANY GEM CLUB FUNCTIONS BUT ARE UNABLE TO DRIVE, CALL ME! WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET YOU THERE!

Deana- 208-794-5628

Scholarship: The deadline for the 2013 Idaho Gem Club Scholarship is September 30. Any currently registered 2-year or 4-year earth science student at a college or university is encouraged to apply. Application materials and instructions can be found on the club webpage.

Idaho Geologic Maps and UV Lights For Sale: Support the club's scholarship fund and get yourself some great tools for rock hunting. We will have two items for sale. The first is a great handheld 4W UV lamp that has longwave, short-wave, and midwave output. The lamps come with a carrying case, telescoping magnetic handle, and a special fluorescent mineral sample, all for only \$95 (\$5 less than retail). We also have a limited quantity of copies of the new Geologic Map of Idaho available for purchase. This beautiful 36" by 48" map comes with a booklet and sells for \$20 (same as retail, but shipping would cost an additional \$9.32).

YESTER YEAR

February 1972

Directions were given for those who wanted to go find fossils on Succor Creek.

The College of Idaho was planning to send one or two displays to our Show this year. The new club directories was available for \$1.00

Mettie Clay announced the March program would be a slide show of Al Larson's trip to Tom Miner Basin. March's field trip would be to the Queenstone Claim to do the assessment work.

The next field trip will be to Hog Creek in the Weiser area and a possible side trip to Beacon Hill if any one was interested.

A motion was made and passed by the board they would meet every month at the Provident Federal building and no refreshments were to be served. Before it met at various board members homes and they had refreshments afterward.

George Fields reported the Rock Show was a success grossing approximately \$1800.00.

Arthur Hart was the program speaker and he presented a very interesting program of early Idaho and it's mining history. Clarke Elwell reported that he had given a rock program to the 6th grade at Garfield school and also to the 2nd grade at Lowell School.

The club didn't think the building would hold more than 5 dealers at the show. Pat Bethel made a motion that there be seven dealers and the motion held. (This is the same place we now hold the Show) Ted Miller was still having trouble finding a trailer to hold all the club equipment and ask for two more members help him to make a decision.

*In Loving Memory
Patsy Bethel-Historian*

Idaho Gem Club Field Trip

The Clubs field trip to Hooker Creek was very good to those who joined in the fun. Lots of very nice petrified wood was collected. Well done to those that braved the heat.

The Haystack Butte trip has been canceled.

This months field trip will be two days, the 21st and 22nd of September 2013. Weather permitting. You will need to bring a bucket, shovel, rock hammer, pick, chisels, pry bars and anything else to extract material from the ground. Bring plenty of water and sunscreen. High clearance vehicles are a must and recommended for this trip. Snakes, scorpions and ticks are still out, so be aware of them. We will meet each day at 8:00am mountain time at the first rest area as you enter Oregon from Idaho on Interstate 84 just over the Snake River. We will be departing the rest area at 8:30am mountain time and arriving at the gate to the clubs Beacon Hill claim around 9:15am mountain time. These times are for both days. The club has also done some work on the claim, to make it a little more enjoyable for all. Come out and have some fun with the club. See y'all there. Phil

Happy Hounding
Phillip Worley
Field Trip Coordinator

September Program:

Phil Neuhoff will talk about sapphires and sapphire hunting, including a discussion about sapphire mines and prospects in Montana and Idaho.

Federation & Other Club News More Dates to Remember

Magic Valley Gem Club—September 21st—Texas Springs—meet at the General Store at 7:30 a.m. On October 4-5-6 will be their Carey trip—meet at the campground, leave at 9 a.m.

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
 September 21st—McDermitt, OR/NV—agate, jasper, petrified wood

Upcoming shows: Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Annual Gem & Mineral Show September 14-15 from 10am-5pm. Located at the Walla Walla County Fair Grounds Community Center. Admission is 2.00 for adults, and kids are free.

Denver Gem & Mineral Show September 13 from 9-6pm, 14 from 10-6pm, and 15 from 10-5pm. Email www.denvermineralshow.com. Admission adults \$6, Seniors & teens \$4, Kids 13 and under free.

Hellgate Mineral Society 19th Annual Show & Sale. At the Hilton Garden Inn. September 21 from 9-6pm, and the 22nd from 10-5pm. Admission for adults is \$2, kids under 14 are free with parents.

Clackamette Mineral & Gem's. Clackamas County Fairgrounds, in Canby, OR. October 26 from 9-6pm and 27 from 10-5pm. Free admission. Email www.clackamettegem.org.

Kitsap Mineral & Gem Society. November 23-24 from 10-5pm. Free admission. At the Presidents Hall on the Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Bremerton, WA. Email www.kmgs.org.

Inter-Regional Fieldtrip in Terry, MT. July 31, August 1-3, 2014. Email dtruefossils12@yahoo.com2014

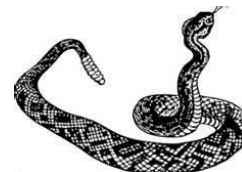
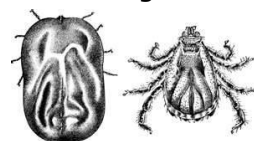
NFMS Rock & Gem Show & Convention. Hermiston Conference Center. August 15-16 from 10-6pm, and August 17 from 10-4pm.

Workshop
 September 19th
 6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

A map for directions can be found in the August "Grindings" on our website idahogemclub.com

Watch out for these critters when you are rockhounding!

female & male tick



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:

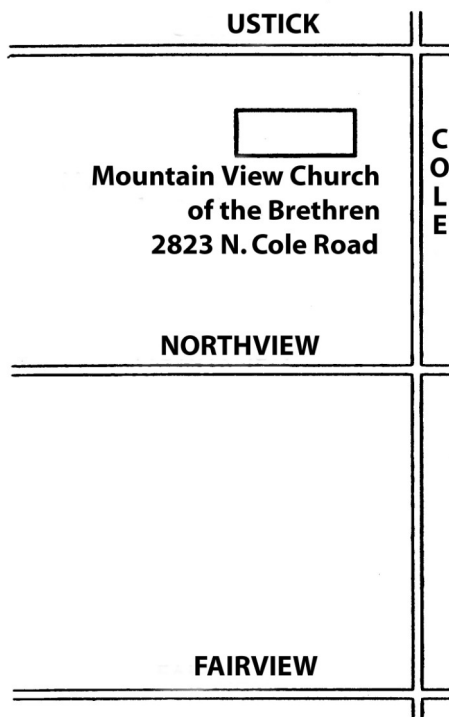
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\$20.00 per couple
\$23.00 per family

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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Rocky Rattlers

Juniors need to bring their folders to
 the meeting this month