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President's Message, September 2014

Summer flew by somehow; kids are back in school, temperatures are turning cooler, and football is underway. The cooler temperatures make for some great rockhounding, particularly out in the desert. Several great field trips are coming up, so be sure to check elsewhere in the *Grindings* for the schedule.

This month's *Grindings* is the work of our new editor, Linda Barlow. I would like to thank Linda for agreeing to help the club with this important and time-consuming task. Items for inclusion in the *Grindings* can be sent to her at barlow596@gmail.com. I would also like to thank Tony Griffin for his years of service as *Grindings* editor and his help in making this transition seamless.

As many of you are aware, we only have a few months left to sell enough Earth Science and Lapidary license plates to prevent the plate from being cancelled by ITD. If you haven't purchased one for your car, truck, RV or trailer, please do so soon. Even if your registration is not due, the plates can still be ordered and the cost will be prorated. A portion of proceeds from the sale of the plates goes to a fund that supports K-6 Earth science education. The fund has already provided copies of the geologic map of Idaho to all schools with K-6 classrooms in Idaho as well as support for speakers and supplies in Idaho's classrooms. If the plate is canceled, this funding goes away. For those of us who have already purchased plates, we can still keep them after cancelation for up to seven years. However, the portion of the proceeds that was going to the education fund will now go to the state. Deana Ashton has been working diligently to prevent this from happening, but she needs your help. The best thing you can do is buy a plate, or even better more than one if you have multiple vehicles. Be insistent when you go to DMV to order the plate (which can also be done online if you want a personalized plate) and some DMV offices have been discouraging sales. If you are interested in helping with the marketing and promotion efforts for the plate, please talk to Deana at the meeting this month.

As I mentioned last month, Roy and Patsy Bethel generously donated a large collection of rocks to the club. As Roy and Patsy collected these over many years, the rocks could use a good cleaning. There will be a rock washing party on the 27th (9:00 AM - 2:00 PM) and 28th (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM) of this month at the Renken's house (where the workshop is held).

Phil Neuhoff, President

General Meeting

August 19, 2014

First Vice President Willa Renken called our gathering to order at 6:30pm.

The Blessing was given by Jason Madsen.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" with a correction of Willa Renken is 1st Vice President, not the 2nd Vice President. Motion was by Charles McCreath and seconded by Deana Ashton.

Chairs were asked if there was anything important they needed the floor for. Most declined.

Federation report, Charles M. has returned from the NFMS Hermiston event. He has given me (secretary) the newest NFMS, roster of northwest clubs. He has also given me a copy of the NFMS annual meeting agenda, from August 15th and the budget report for 2014. This information will be kept in the Library. I've also received information for the 2015 NFMS Annual Meeting, to be held in Ogden, UT.

License Plate report, Deana stated she will be meeting with the Free Masons, who are in the same license plate sales predicament, as we are. The DMV isn't advertising our plates, as we have been getting **Building Fund prizes** information.

Junior door prizes were drawn for 6 winners.

Adult door prizes were drawn for 9 winners.

were drawn for 3 winners.

The program tonight is another auction of donated raw and finished items.

The meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Two links for additional newsletters we receive as members of the rock club.

NFMS—Newsletter available at:
<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newsletters.asp>

AFMS—Newsletter available at:
<http://amfed.org/news/default.htm>

Board Meeting

September 2, 2014

President Phil Neuhoff called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Present this evening were, Phil N., Phil W., Willa R., Deana A., Ed M., Dana R., Brent S., and Melodee W.

Absent and excused was Charles McCreath.

Guests present were Doug R., and Phil Stephenson.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed with a correction was by Willa R. and seconded by Ed M.

Secretary report, Charles M. has given to me the newest NFMS Annual meeting notes, new roster of northwest clubs, and budget reports. He has also given me information for the 2015 NFMS Annual Meeting, to be held in Ogden, UT. I've personally received an AFMS newsletter for the month of September. I've got the Boardman to Hemingway Newswire with information about the project, and some possible route changes. This will be in the library and it mentions future meetings and locations.

Treasurer's report, Barb spoke of balances and disbursements. Barb also mentioned that Dealer applications are arriving for our upcoming Show, in February 2015.

Juniors report, Ed M. wants you to remember "YOUR FOLDERS" and there will be specimens handed out.

Federation report, Charles M. was absent and excused.

License Plate report, Deana A. said she had a meeting with the Free Masons. Advertising is continuing with the posters, flyers, future meetings with the DMV and local news stations. Our Facebook page is getting hits and is doing well.

The **program** for the General Meeting, September 23, will be about "Crystals and Healing Stones".

There is a **fieldtrip this weekend to the Virgin Valley**. A few people are going. **The next fieldtrip has been cancelled**, but plans are being finalized to go to our **Beacon Hill claim** the first weekend in **October, 4th and 5th**. Details will be coming soon.

Workshop report, Willa R. said a workshop would be happening on the 25th of September, from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. See particulars in this newsletter.

A question was brought up by our Treasurer, Barb W. About the progress of our workshop changing locations. Brent S. is still looking at places. Barb W. said she has asked a client, to be on the lookout for a location for our purposes. Phil Stephenson has offered to help Brent S. come up with a business plan and costs, to get the new Workshop going. This information will be available in the next few months.

Scholarship applications are due by the end of September.

We have a new Editor. Linda Barlow, she is in the process of reaching Tony G., to get information. In the meantime, any notes or important information to be passed along will go through President Phil N.

The "**Rock Wash**" will be at the Renken's on September 27th, from 9am-2pm. September 28th, from 9am-3pm. These are rocks recently donated by Roy and Patsy Bethel.

As secretary, I'm on the hunt for sources for linens. To get new clothes for our tables at our ID Rock and Gem Show, in February 2015. I'm looking to replace our plastic coverings, that have become very tattered and torn. If anyone has ideas, contact me.

Well it's that time of the year. President Phil N. has appointed Dana R. to head up the committee. The **open positions** will be Secretary, and 3 board positions. Anyone wanting to nominate a candidate is welcome to do so. Anyone applying for an open position, will need to submit a biography.

Some future business was brought up by Phil Stephenson, with a request to borrow several of our showcases.

The event is an Agate Symposium, in Wisconsin, in July 2016.

Deana A. and Dana R. are working on a postcard, for a mass mailing, in the counties that are plates are selling well in. Dana R. has this postcard making available where she works, for a fraction of the cost.

3 New Member applications have been received and a motion to accept these members was by Ed M. and seconded by Phil W.

Our meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

BOARD MEETING: 1st. Tuesday of every month
GENERAL MEETING: 3rd. Tuesday of every month
both meetings Start at 7:30 p.m. @
Church of the Brethren
2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho

SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP

Attention all members this month will be a regular cabochon workshop. If you are interested in learning how to cut cabs or wire wrapping the club holds a workshop the Thursday evening after the General Meeting. These start around 6:30pm and run until 9:00pm everyone is welcome. If you have a slab to share there is a box for donations so everyone that doesn't have any material can cut a cabochon as well. I will be needing instructors so if you have the time to spare please come help teach those who are in need of your knowledge. Marge Conley will be available to help those who want to learn wire wrapping and if anyone knows how to do this she can always use the extra help with teaching those who don't. There will be a cost for each wire wrap project of \$10 for the wire. There will be a fire so you can roast a hotdog and make a s'more or two as well. We just ask that you help clean up the machines before going home at the end of the evening. This workshop is held at 12843 S Five Mile Rd which can be reached from Cloverdale to Kuna Rd to South Five Mile. See you all there.

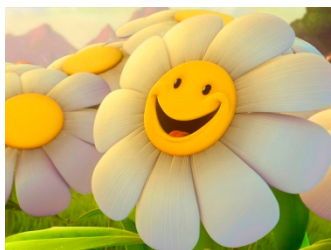
Willa Renken, Workshop Chairman

Silent Auction rock washing and sorting

Patsy and Roy Bethel have donated their rocks to the club for use in the silent auction. Most of the rock was stored in buckets but they are cracking. So we need to wash and sort the rock before putting it in the storage shed. The club did this several years ago which helped clean up the storage shed. This also makes moving the rock to the show easier. So on Saturday & Sunday September 27th & 28th there will be a rock washing sorting party. This will be located at our house 12843 S. Five Mile Rd., Kuna, Idaho. The times will be from 9am to about 1pm both days. The more help we get the faster this process will go.

Thanks in advance for your help, Doug Renken

THE SUNSHINE LADY!



We send sunshine and warm wishes to Richard Clark, for a speedy recovery and hope you are doing well.

The Sunshine Lady relies on member notification for Idaho Gem Club members who are in need of sunshine and cheer.. I will send good wishes, flowers, greetings on behalf of the Idaho Gem Club.

If you know of any members in the hospital, needing get well cheer at home, or who have lost a family member, please call Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628 or email at gemdigger2014@outlook.com

Thank you for showing concern for your fellow members!

FIELD TRIPS

By Brent Stewart

The Last fieldtrip of the year for the club will be to Beacon Hill. We will be going on Saturday October 4th. Everyone is to meet at the rest stop right after you cross the Snake River in Ontario. We will gather there at 7:30 and leave at 8:00. Hope to see everyone for this last trip, should be a fun time.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

As of September, you may notice a change in the Grindings. I have agreed to this so I ask for patience and input as to the sections you like and those you don't like with your reasons. I will be at the September meeting doing the program presentation. I look forward to meeting you and discussing my love for Crystals and Rocks for Healing Purposes.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Damon Bork
- 9/2 Steve Murrow
- 9/2 Bob Ruppert
- 9/3 Donald Clark
- 9/4 Roy Bethel
- 9/8 Dianna Pieksma
- 9/9 Afton Johnson
- 9/11 Lynda Selbach
- 9/12 Barb Carey
- 9/12 Sue Witschen
- 9/13 Amanda Huston
- 9/15 Ronald Mummey
- 9/15 Celeste Jackson
- 9/16 Joanna Bork
- 9/16 Dana Robinson
- 9/16 Robin Solt
- 9/16 Aaron Wanner Jr
- 9/17 Daini Carlson
- 9/20 Janet Bailey
- 9/20 Annalies Clark
- 9/20 Clarence Trebilcock
- 9/20 Randy Whipple
- 9/23 Pete Moore
- 9/24 Melodee Worley
- 9/26 Serra Kerpa
- 9/28 Annalies Clark
- 9/29 Harrison Bork
- 9/30 Alan Steele

September Birthstones
 Faceted - Sapphire
 Cabochon - Lapis Lazuli

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Joanie Demer
- 10/3 Tasia Mayfield
- 10/3 Gaetana Nesbit
- 10/4 Gina Gartman
- 10/8 Todd Jackson
- 10/8 Cory Petross
- 10/9 Cindy Woolsey
- 10/11 John Wold
- 10/14 Patricia Dailey
- 10/14 Rebekah Jackson
- 10/15 Victoria Kerpa
- 10/17 Andy Main
- 10/18 Woodrow Wyerman
- 10/22 Jim Dillion
- 10/22 Betty Trebilcock
- 10/22 Bryce Dethlefs
- 10/23 Colleen Lamansky
- 10/26 Lois McDonald
- 10/26 Christopher Griffin
- 10/26 Janelle Wintersteen
- 10/28 Sue Clark
- 10/28 Allan Young

October Birthstones
 Faceted — Tourmaline
 Cabochon — Opal



EARTH SCIENCE & LAPIDARY SPECIALTY

LICENSE PLATE UPDATE:

MASS MAILING PROJECT:

It has been a very busy month! I appreciate the assistance of Dana Robinson who helped design a postcard advertising the Earth Science plate. She is arranging a mass mailing to 10,000 Idahoans in the top ten counties for DMV Registrations. They will be presorted, random addresses. I hope we get a boost in sales from this project!

Western Idaho Fair:

I had hopes that the State sponsored booth for specialty plates would allow display of our posters, brochures and business cards. This did not occur. The focus of their booth was strictly to promote sales of a new DVD for drivers manual. I took that disappointment and turned it into a positive by approaching many merchants who had booths throughout the fairgrounds. Mostly jewelry booths, but I did get a variety of vendors to display our posters/brochures/cards. There is always a positive feedback when people understand what this plate funding does for Idaho's benefit. All the vendors will carry our signage and ads to the next fairs they attend statewide. Thank you for supporting our Idaho K-6 science students. I have two club members who are interested in promoting our plate at their booth at flea markets and bazaars where they display beautiful jewelry, rough rock and lapidary interests. I will have these done in a few weeks. Any help you are giving us to reach a broader audience and promote the plate is critical right now. Thank you!

CLUB MEMBERS: PLEASE CONSIDER UPGRADING YOUR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TO THE EARTH SCIENCE & LAPIDARY SPECIAL PLATE! AS A CLUB MEMBER AND ROCKHOUND, PLEASE HELP OUR CAUSE! THE MONEY YOU

SPEND IS EQUIVALENT TO SENDING THREE STUDENTS ON A FIELD TRIP.

EDUCATION= PRESERVATION OF IDAHO'S GEM AND MINERAL RESOURCES.

I have a dream that one day I can look into the parking lot of our meetings and see every car showing off our plate, and sharing our love of the Gem State. Please help by looking into purchasing. Full credit towards your current registration is given at DMV. COST IS APPROX. \$38 TO \$50.00 OVER THE REGULAR FEES.

Time is running out and we are in serious need to sell 600 plates by Dec. 1st, 2014 in order to keep our plate active and avoid cancellation by State of Idaho!!

If we can reach this goal this year, we are safe for the next few years which I have full faith we can get into a safety zone of numbers actively registered. But right now, we have to get all the plates sold we can.

PERSONAL DMV VISITS:

I have visited many area DMV's in search of a solution to low awareness by public about license plates available. I discovered some surprising facts about how transactions are handled (or not) at the DMV counters. Clerks aren't asking anyone if they wish to upgrade their plates to a specialty plate.

Some people report being hurried through the registration process and not given time to request special plates or upgrade. There is no brochure or advertisements in lobby informing the public of their choices. And at the DMV window, clerks are in the routine of pulling standard plates from a stack behind counter. Our plates have to be made and sent to you. Therefore, clerks have to issue a temporary registration to go in your window for the 3-4 week period it takes to create and ship your Earth Science & Lapidary plates. If you go to the DMV and are told that our plate is no longer

available, or that it is going to be cancelled, or if in ANY WAY YOU HAVE BEEN DENIED THE ABILITY TO BUY OUR PLATE, CONTACT ME ASAP!!

The Board of Directors is in agreement to do what is necessary to have fair and equal opportunity to sell our plate and is working on a solution to the resistance by DMV clerks and Ada, Canyon and Kootenai County Assessor's office.

Idaho State Science Teachers Association is hosting the annual Math and Science Teachers Conference here in Boise October 3 & 4, 2014. Brent Stewart, Phil Neuhoﬀ and I will be presenting a program to inform teachers about our plate opportunities. Brent will show teachers a glimpse of what students will learn through one of his special visits to K-6 classes. Stewart's Gem Shop is graciously willing to display a variety of gems rocks and minerals at our booth. This is our most critical group to target for sales and support of plate since they are statewide, and they benefit from the funding generated from plate sales.

Facebook ads have reached over 14,500 viewers this month alone! I thank my teacher friends for sharing our page and information with their contacts and friends and to those great guys at Social Eyes Media for promoting our page and helping me learn how to target audiences. We also are close to seeing our Google ad campaign launch.

Blane Russell at Social Eyes Media also encouraged me to develop a "**Street Team**" to pass out literature and flyers at major Boise area events. I found five energetic, friendly and helpful people to fill this role. We passed out so many flyers at the Western Idaho Fair we had to do an emergency re-print! They worked hard over the weekend at Boise Hot-air Balloon Classic passing out flyers to families. We

distributed over 1500 flyers, letters, brochures and cards to Boise residents. WOW!

I am working on the media and press release this week and hope to have it sent out very soon.

We intend to do a presentation on Idaho Living TV show, at a later date. This show is on from 11:00am to 11:30 am Friday mornings. We postponed our September show but hope to be aired in October. I will send out an update when we have a date set in stone.

Special thanks to Barbara Wanner, our IGC Treasurer for keeping our license plate accounting books in order and being available to write checks for expenditures. She does a great job, with no complaint and often on short notice. Thank you, Barbara.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! PLEASE, UPGRADE YOUR PLATE TODAY AND SHOW OFF OUR GEM STATE!! HELPING IDAHO EARTH SCIENCE K-6TH GRADE STUDENTS!

If you have any questions or can help advertise our plate, contact Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628.

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

September 2014 Chair: Sandy Blodgett

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:

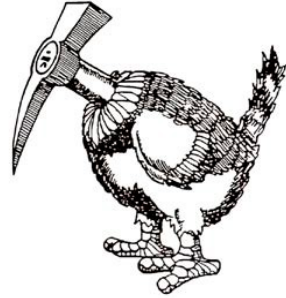
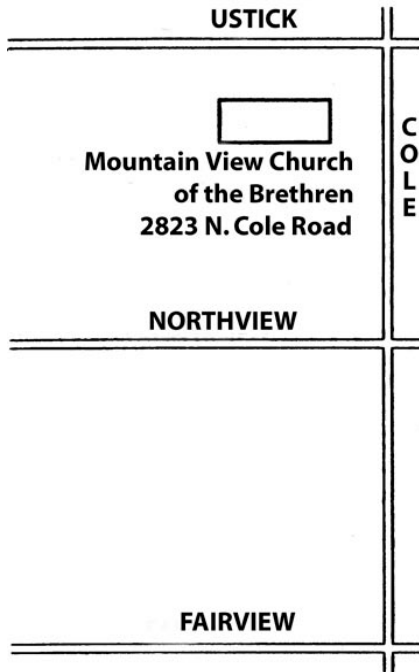
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\$20.00 per couple
\$23.00 per family

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**The Whangdoodle Bird
(Often seen on field trips)**



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