

Grindings

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The rain seems to keep hanging on, but summer is here at last. I hope everyone has a fun, safe, and productive summer. I know I harp on this a lot, but please be fire safe as you enjoy the outdoors this summer. The late Spring rains have kept many areas moist, but they also have promote growth of grass and underbrush that will soon dry out.

I am delighted to get a lot of feedback recently from new club members wanting to learn more about gems, minerals, fossils, lapidary, and related subjects through club activities. Especially for those new to the hobby, all of the new words and concepts are daunting. Please take the time to ask questions, be it at meetings, on field trips, or out of the blue via email or phone. Feel free to contact me (my information is to the left of this message)...if I don't know the answer, I can find a club member who does. Club events are a great opportunity to learn, and we continue to try make that a bigger part of our time together. Another source of information that the club provides is this newsletter. Our newsletter editor, Linda Barlow, is doing a great job publishing this space and I want to make sure the club uses it to its fullest. To that end, I have a couple of suggestions/pleas to club members. First, for those of you who are more experienced, please consider writing a short feature for the Grindings and sending it to Linda. The range of possibilities is endless: lapidary tricks, information about collecting localities, information about various rocks, book reviews, etc. I have put in a contribution this month in response to questions I hear at meetings a lot that I hope will inspire others to share with the club. Secondly, for those who may be new to the hobby and have a lot of questions, please send them to me. Within this issue is the first installment of a Questions and Answers feature that hopefully will continue to be fed by great inquiries from our members.

This month's program will be an interactive exercise in rock and mineral. Hopefully it will be a great learning opportunity for everyone. I encourage everyone to bring samples they want identified to the meeting as well (in fact, please bring them at any time) as it will be a great opportunity to share knowledge within the club. Also -we will be having our usual June auction after the meeting this month. Please be generous in donating rocks and related items for the auction. Proceeds from the auction help defray the costs of the clubs picnics in July and August.

Some years back the club purchased a set of audiovisual equipment, some of which is underutilized. Among these is a Panasonic Sound theater system that includes a receiver, surround sound speakers, remote control, and rear speaker stands. This system is barely used (if at all) and is available for \$50. Please contact me if you are interested.

Phil Neuhoff, President

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
May 19th, 2015**

President Phil Neuhoff, was absent this evening. Our Second Vice President Willa Renken, called our meeting to order at 7:30pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Teresa Nebeker.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" was by Phil Worley and seconded by Clinton Chaney.

We had several new members and guests present this evening.

Door prizes were drawn for 6 lucky Juniors and 14 adult winners.

The Building Fund was drawn for 3 winners.

Secretary report—I had nothing new. The mail was picked up by Deana Ashton and passed along to Barb Wanner.

Our Juniors went with Ed Moser and Janelle Wintersteen, additional studies of florescent materials.

Treasurers report-- Barb was needing additional information from a few new members, they weren't present. She spoke of balances and disbursements.

Federation report—Charles spoke of the upcoming event.

Federation Fieldtrip

July 2-5 Vale, Grassy Mountain and Hoo Doo Basin

Save the date for this year's federation field trip in eastern Oregon. This will be in the Vale, Grassy Mountain and Hoo Doo Basin areas. GREAT Petrified wood. The permit process for this area will take some time.

Watch for updates and if you would like to help with this one, contact Doug True, dtruefos-sils12@yahoo.com.

Scholarship information is currently available at our Idaho Gem Club website.

Our program this evening is with Sandra Mitchell, Executive Director of the Idaho Recreational Council. Any member interested in contacting her can do so at Smitchel@alscott.com or by phone 208-424-3870(W) or 208-869-3318(C).

There will be several field trips happening this month. Wang Doodle, Queenstone, Beacon Hill and Delamar Mine. As always weather permitting. David Douglass had some rocks to share with members from his recent field trip to Graveyard Point. Thanks for sharing your finds with us. As always any member is welcome to share their finds.

License plates are still being sold. Deana A. is going to be touching base with Sandra Mitchell, for anything she might help with.

There was no old business.

New Business—Joe Neilson wanted to advise us of his new rock find. It's called "Lightning Strike Jasper". He has a few pieces for members to see.

Linda Barlow wanted to apologize for some of the "Grindings" being mailed late. If any member would prefer to get their newsletter by email, just let her know of your email address. Adjourned at 8:55pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Melodee Worley - Secretary*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
Board Meeting
June 2nd, 2015**

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

Present this evening were Willa R., Melodee W., Brent S., Phil N., Ed M., Charles M., Cheryl P., David D., and Dana R.

Excused this evening were Barb W., Deana A., and Sandy B.

Guests for the evening were Doug R. and Shirley M.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" was by Willa R. and seconded by David D.

Secretary report—I picked up the mail. We received a new magazine for the library. I had nothing else to report.

Treasurers report—Barb wasn't present but did send some balances and disbursement information to Phil N.

Federation report—Charles spoke about the NFMS field trips coming up. As noted above. He received a card from BLM, about 10 states that could be affected by public land closures. A recent email Tony Griffin sent out is this same information. Members can get involved by following steps to make their opinion known.

License plate report—Deana A. wasn't present but she hasn't been as busy, so she isn't getting funds from the account. Refreshments for months to come are taken care of.

We would like to "Thank" Sandra Mitchell for joining us at the last meeting. (5-19-15)

Juniors—Ed M. said the Juniors would be working on "Fossils". "BRING YOUR FOLDERS". He wanted to remind parents to advise their children to keep food and drink in the main meeting hall, not their classroom. We're wanting to avoid spills on the carpeting.

No news on Scholarships.

Old Business—Phil N. has been storing some sound equipment, he is asking if the board would be ok with him offering it for sale. I'm still looking into the best deal I can find for new coverings for our show tables.

Respectfully submitted Melodee Worley—Secretary

Bench Tips

SMALL PARTS CONTAINERS

I'm always on the lookout for small containers to use for holding all those little parts and tools we deal with in making jewelry, especially since I'm always traveling to classes and workshops.

My latest find are some plastic vials about 15 mm in diameter and 75 mm long. Best part is they are free. The vials are used in the doctor's office to draw blood samples. They cannot be used after their expiration date, and are thrown out. On my last doctors visit, I asked the nurse if she had any expired vials. She replied "How many do you want?" and tried to give me 400 of them. (We settled on 200).

The ones I have are called "Vacutainers", but there are probably many other names. They are clear plastic with a rubber stopper and a paper label all ready to write on. I find them really handy for small parts like jump rings, prong settings, small drills, nuts & bolts, faceted stones, and precious metal filings. TRY A TOOTHPICK

TOOTHPICKS

The round, stronger toothpicks have a multitude of uses on the jewelry bench. I use them for mixing epoxy resin, for applying paste solder, and with Zam for polishing in tight spots. Toothpicks are also handy for holding the stone while stone setting. Just break off the sharp tip, mold a little beeswax over it, and press it onto the table of your stone.

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Idaho Gem Club Field Trips 2015

APRIL 25: Plume Agate @ Graveyard Point, Idaho
 May 23: Opalene, Fire Opal, & Jasper @ Whang Doodle & Queenstone
 May 30 & 31: Geodes @ Beacon Hill
 June 6: Ilvaite & Hedenburgite @ South Mountain, Idaho
 June 20: Petrified Wood @ Bruneau, Idaho
 July 24-26: Obsidian @ Glass Butte, Oregon
 August 22-23: Agate @ Carry, Idaho
 September 19: Jasper @ Haystack Butte, Oregon

SOMETIME THIS YEAR:

Agate Nodules @ Beacon Hill, Idaho

Field Trip Contacts:

Aaron Wanner: aaronwanner@gmail.com or 208-794-9474

Brent Steward: rocksbybrent@gmail.com or 208-863-9336

Equipment needed: rock hammer, pick, shovel, bag or bucket for specimens collected, appropriate clothing for the weather and location, lunch, water, fuel, and any items you need for your personal use. A pry bar could be useful also.

Bruneau woodpile

When: JUNE 20TH 2014 Rain or shine.

What: We'll be collecting petrified wood

Where: 8:00 am Meeting @ D & B Supply, 555 Airbase Rd, Mountain Home, ID 83647

8:30 am Travel to Bruneau woodpile. High clearance vehicle needed for rocky terrain or ride with others from the club.

Location to the site is tricky, so the best way is to follow your way with the others.

I went to Yellowstone National Park last week and found this Obsidian rock on the right at the base of Obsidian Cliff middle picture. No telling how large this Obsidian is! Also viewed a petrified redwood tree at Yellowstone! I also went digging at Crystal Mountain, Crystal Park, Montana, & found crystals I will bring for show and tell at Club meeting. (Editor, LB)



WHANGDOODLE & QUEENSTONE FIELD TRIPS



NFMS NEWS

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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>

**Save Stamps For 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!**

Ore-Rock-On On DVD Version 5.3 Oregon, Washington, and Idaho Rock Dig Locations DVD for PC & MAC A comprehensive guide for digging lapidary, mineral, and fossil materials Includes ALL rockhounding sites in the NEW editions of Gem Trails of Washington & Oregon and Rockhounding Idaho 1094 USGS topo map & overview map images with digs clearly marked A relief map of each state points you to maps or detailed info & photos Waypoint files to upload to your GPS – Over 2,700 Waypoints! 36 detailed descriptions of dig sites that have GOOD material! \$41.70; Send Money Order only to Tim Fisher, 18403 S Clear Acres Drive, Oregon City OR 97045, for full details see <http://OreRockOn.com/CD.htm>

NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT 2015 By Lamar Tilgner Tis the time of year that we have all been waiting for. The 12th annual Northwest Rockhound Retreat is just around the corner and most of us can hardly wait for it to happen. We will be continuing with our 8 Regular Workshops this year, Lapidary, Silversmithing, Casting, Intarsia, Faceting, Wirewrapping, Beading, and Doublets & Triplets. This year we will be having a preview of things to come in an evening program on Chain Mailing. It will be put on by Chris Sorenson. We are still looking to get Knapping in but will continue to try to get schedules together so it can happen. We are continuing with our great group of instructors so you can count on getting the type of instructions that will expand your pleasure. Thirty people are registered so if you want in do not wait too long. Registration is a first come, first served situation based upon the post mark date on your registration. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Retreat on Labor Day Week

NFMS MEMBERS' SHOW SCHEDULES

June 13 & 14 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5 Butte Mineral and Gem Club Butte Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Avenue Butte MT Joe Slouber 406 494 3034 PO Box 4492 Butte MT 59702

July 17- 19 Fri & Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society Reedsport Community Building, 415 Winchester Avenue, Reedsport OR Bill Hendrickson 541 271 6816 69833 Stage Road, North Bend OR 97459

July 24, 25, & 26 Fri & Sat– 9 – 6 Sun – 9 – 5 Washington Agate and Mineral Society Parkside Elementary School, 301 Central Ave E, Tenino WA 98589 Daniel De Boer keylock1@live.com PO Box 2553 Olympia WA 98507 <https://wamsolympia.wordpress.com>

July 31 & Aug. 1-2 Fri & Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 Far West Lapidary & Gem Society North Bend Community Center, 2222 Broadway North Bend OR Don Innes 541 396 5722 doninnes.innes20@gmail.com

The AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION (ALAA) is a 501(c)(4) organization. Its purpose is to promote and ensure the right of amateur hobby fossil and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public lands managers. Your annual individual/couple membership fee is \$25 which helps support their activities. Club membership is \$50 per year. Send to Treasurer, P.O. Box 54398, San Jose, CA 95154. Make checks payable to: American Lands Access Assn. Applications can be downloaded at: www.amlands.org on the left side of the page. For more information contact: Shirley Leeson, President at: president@amlands.org or P.O. Box 23, Tendoy, ID 83468

Yesterday, the Bureau of Land Management released highly controversial new land use plans for 10 Western states. As predicted, these plans contain millions of acres of "withdrawals," which equates to huge land use closures.

This is a direct attack on the use of our natural resources, and land accessibility for hunting, grazing, job creation and economic productivity. This will make it harder for sportsmen to access these areas and for conservation work to be conducted. It will hurt hardworking families across the West. It also means increased pressure on areas that remain opened. This is not good for conservation. This is not good for sportsmen. Already, many anti-use groups are pushing for even more restrictions saying the new plans do not go far enough. These plans will take effect later this summer.

This is one of the reasons why Big Game Forever has lead the way in supporting Congressional action to protect vital state conservation plans for Sage-grouse. In the last few weeks, the House of Representatives included provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act that address concerns over the repeated attempts to force an Endangered Species listing. The bill also allows states to make the case that these draconian plans from the Bureau of Land Management are unnecessary. Why is this so important? The National Defense Authorization Act is one of only a handful of bills that is expected to pass Congress and signed into law this year. The bill, including the Sage-grouse language, has already passed the U.S. House of Representatives. It will be taken up by the U.S. Senate in coming days.

As you are aware, these BLM plans are being released in anticipation of a decision on whether to list the bird as an endangered species later this year. It will be the third listing decision in a decade for Sage-grouse. Why another decision? Repeated, wasteful lawsuits by special interest groups are pounding the courts until they get their way. These groups think they know better. They do not want the West to enjoy freedoms of economic prosperity, self-sufficiency and outdoor recreation. Simply stated, they want to change our way of life.

Congress has noticed and is stepping up to stop the endless cycle of petitions, litigation and more land closures.

Here are a few quotes from leaders in Congress on today's BLM plans:

Senator [Steve Daines](#)-United States Senator from Montana:*I have serious concerns that the Obama administration's land-use plans will have a detrimental impact on Montana's economy, our land users and Montanans' way of life. It's the people of Montana, not federal bureaucrats from Washington, D.C., who know best how to manage our state's resources, land and wildlife. The Obama administration should implement Montana's plan, which best addresses our state's unique needs and can protect the greater sage-grouse, rather than forcing another Washington-driven, one-size-fits-none policy on Montanans.*

Congressman [Rob Bishop](#)-United States Representative from Utah:*This is just flat out wrong. If the Administration really cares about the bird they will adopt the state plans as they originally said they would. The state plans work. This proposal is only about controlling land, not saving the bird...This announcement is not cooperation, it is not collaboration, and it is not a solution. It is just wrong.*

We will need the help of all 65,000 supporters of Big Game Forever. **Please send a message to Congress today!** Simply visit: <http://www.biggameforever.org/right-to-hunt> It takes just 30

seconds using Big Game Forever's automated system. Sportsmen are a powerful force for good. Your support for Congressional action is key to protecting state management of wildlife and our rights of hunters. **(This AFFECTS US ROCKHOUNDS ability to hunt rocks. Editor, LB)**

For a more in-depth article on the release of BLM's new land use plans visit:<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/05/29/rules-aim-to-protect-imperiled-bird-habitat-in-10-states/?intcmp=latestnews>

ROCKHOUNDING GUIDE BOOKS FOR IDAHO by Phil Neuhoff, Ph.D.

One question I often get at meetings is where can people find information about places to hunt rocks in Idaho. The first answer for me and others in the club is often to suggest one of the several guidebooks to rock collecting in Idaho. Rockhound guides are often a great starting point for learning about the range of materials that occur within a region and for pointers to begin one's search for them. Guidebooks are a good start, and hopefully will lead to deeper digging on the web, in the library, or other places for more information. The downside of sites in the guidebooks is that they are often well-known and heavily collected, and eventually everyone starts to seek out their own discoveries or searching other sources for that "secret spot".

Below I briefly review the guidebooks (plus one computer program) that I know are currently in print for Idaho. The opinions of their content are solely my own, and others in the club can certainly provide additional insights. All of the books should be available on Amazon.com or other online booksellers, and many of them are available at our local rock shop and other stores. I have omitted older guides that are now out of print and difficult to obtain, along with atlases and books that merely list GPS coordinates. I will mention one classic, however, which is Shannon's "Minerals of Idaho" which can be viewed at http://www.mediafire.com/view/yn71ptdn71jihio/Minerals_of_Idaho.pdf or downloaded as a pdf from the Smithsonian. It provides a great mineral by mineral list of localities known by the 1920's and is an important primary source for much information about Idaho minerals. The references below are discussed alphabetically by author.

Beckwith, J.A., 1972, *Gem Minerals of Idaho*, Caxton Press, 129 pp. This classic work by a storied member of the IGC is still available after over 40 years. It differs from the other books discussed here in that it provides descriptive and mineralogical information about many of the gem species occurring in Idaho. If one wants to learn about the materials themselves, this is probably the best of the guidebooks. It is replete with considerable locality information both as narratives in the text and at the end of the book, where a series of regional field trips are suggested with crude maps to localities. There is a lot of great historical information about Idaho gem localities within the narratives. The downside of the book in my mind is largely its age. Many of the localities mentioned are no longer accessible, and often the directions are too vague to locate them without other guidance anyway.

Eckert, A.W., 2000, *Earth Treasures, Volume 3, The Northwestern Quadrant*, iUniverse, 660 pp. I include this reprinted volume for completeness sake. It covers much more than just Idaho, but is basically a useless reference. Many of the sites are inaccessible, don't have the materials listed, or are located so poorly that one would never find them. It lists state by state, county by county, supposed locations for finding various materials and is accompanied by maps that do not lead one to the actual collecting localities. Don't bother.

Fisher, T., 2014, *Ore-Rock-On v. 6.0*, DVD (available at Orerockon.com). OK, so not technically a book, but a great interactive DVD-ROM with sites not only in Idaho but also Oregon and Washington. It runs on Windows and Macs (though some users with Macs report some issues) and apparently on smartphones and tablets as well now. Every collecting site listed by Romaine (2010) and Ream (2012) is included, as well as many other sites not in the guidebooks. The DVD essentially runs in a web browser, and contains a series of maps at several scales that show the locations of sites. One of the map levels also has land status information, and GPS coordinates are provided for all of the sites (including a file that can be ported into Google Earth). Descriptive text and photos are provided for many of the key localities and the materials they hold. Tim Fisher periodically updates Ore-Rock-On and offers upgrades at a reduced price. When you really get into rockhounding, this is a must have.

Ream, L.R., 2000, *The Gem and Mineral Collectors Guide to Idaho*, Gem Guides Book Co., 80 pp. This small book may be out of print but is still available. It lists a mere 36 sites, accompanied by brief descriptions and detailed maps (which are annoying collated at the end of the book so you have to flip back and forth). The sites were carefully selected for being productive and often not previously published (though note that site 1 is not longer accessible). The biggest problem with the book is that it is too brief in its descriptions of the sites and material. It does contain several sites not listed in the other guides. I typically have not had too much trouble finding the sites in it even without GPS coordinates (it came out about the same time Selective Availability was disabled). Of the three true guidebooks listed here, I would rank it third largely because of the small number of sites and lack of depth.

Ream, L.R., 2004, *Idaho Minerals*, Museum of Northern Idaho, 373 pp. This book will primarily be of interest to mineral collectors. Its main feature is an list (accompanied by brief descriptions) of the minerals known to occur in Idaho, with localities listed by county under each mineral. It is a fairly comprehensive compilation, but there are some glaring omissions (for instance, rhodonite is not listed despite the well-known occurrences near New Meadows). Locality information is typically general in nature, though for some localities that Ream discovered there are detailed directions. The first part of the book provides detailed descriptions of the mineralogy of three world-class sites that are essentially off-limits to collecting: the Sawtooths, Blackbird District, and the Coeur d'Alene District. The book is interspersed with a lot of beautiful color mineral photos.

Ream, L., 2012, *Gem Trails of Idaho and Western Montana*, Gem Guides Book Co., 256 pp. Ream is one of the deacons of modern Idaho mineralogy (see his other titles I mention). This, his most recent effort, lists 55 sites in Idaho and another 44 in Western Montana. Generally the sites are productive collecting localities and each is accompanied by a good location-specific map and GPS coordinates. There is a narrative describing each location and what is found there along with some collecting tips. Like most guidebooks, the descriptions of the sites and materials are kept brief and leaving the reader wanting more but he does do a good job of listing what occurs at each site both geologically and in terms of samples. If I was starting out and could only buy one of these books, this would be it.

Romaine, G., 2010, *Rockhounding Idaho: A Guide to 99 of of the State's Best Rockhounding Sites*, Falcon Press, 264 pp. This book by prolific guidebook author Garret Romaine provides directions and some collecting information for a large number of sites around the state (and was partially aided by help from several club members). At first glance, the large number of sites in the book makes one drool with excitement at the possibilities, but a thorough reading reveals that many of them are gold/black sand panning sites (he also has a panning guide just out to the Northwest, including Idaho) or sites where little was actually found by him. That said there are a number of great localities in this book that you won't find in the other guides. He provides GPS coordinates for all sites, which is helpful because I often find his written directions confusing. He also has a narrative about how to collect at the sites, though these could use more detail. Like most modern guidebooks, you won't learn much about the materials you are hunting for when reading it. It sorely lacks maps of individual collecting sites, and provides little description of the materials found at each site. It is a decent guidebook, however, and would be my second choice on the list.

YESTERYEAR

JUNE 1973

Meeting at the State Fish & Game meeting room was called to order by President Al Larson.

The door prize was won by Everett Coon. Jim Waller announced the club would place a display case in the new library and would change the display each month. This will be for a 12 month period. Dan Black raffled off a rock hammer and chisel which was won by Mettie Clay. George Hamilton stated that we would go to Beacon Hill and June 24th. It was suggested that a culvert be placed in the road to keep it from washing out. The next overnight trip will be July 7 & 8 to Three Mile Creek area near Burgdorf for star sapphire. The unclaimed door prize from the last show, a tumbler, will be raffled off at the July picnic. The program was announced by Jim Waller, was on fluorescent minerals.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DAYS GONE BY

Marge Conley - Historian

Auction After the June Meeting

To help defray the costs of the club's picnics in July and August, there will be an auction after the meeting this month. Please donate specimens, gem rough, fossils, finished pieces, or other related materials that others would want. This is a great opportunity to add to your collections while supporting the club.

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Welcome New Members

Adults

1. JD & Tara Lancaster
2. Michael Hurt
3. Robert & Wilma Redman
4. Danielle Bragg
5. Christina Anderton
6. Dana Dancer
7. Dennis & Lindy Meyers
8. Brian & Angie Reynolds
9. Tim & Susie Justice
10. Dane Niehus

Jr. Rattlers

1. Rowan Lancaster
2. Milo Lancaster
3. Gray Lancaster
4. Taylor Hurt
5. Branden Reynolds
6. Kaitlynn Reynolds
7. Jacob Reynolds



Rocky Rattlers

Juniors need to bring their folders to the meeting this month

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, sups, & napkins.
 Afterward, put meeting tables & chairs away, clean kitchen, & sweep the room.
 Gather & take all trash with you. Don't forget it is the responsibility of the chair for the coming month to pick up the coffee pot, take it home, & bring it to the next meeting.

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

JUNE

6/1 Larry Brasley
 6/4 June McConnell
 6/10 Tina Frederick
 6/15 Chuck Fawcett
 6/15 Sarah Neuhoff
 6/16 Chris Blickfeldt
 6/17 Sandy Blodgett
 6/20 Jodie Harrison
 6/21 Cheryl Peterson
 6/23 John Conklin
 6/29 Steve Markel

June Birthstones
 Faceted— Alexandrite



Cabochon—Moonstone



Traditional—Pearl

**JULY**

7/3 Loren Francis
 7/7 Philip Thompson
 7/7 Edwin Mumford
 7/12 Melody Parpart
 7/12 Steve Fogdall
 7/20 Patsy Bethel
 7/20 Gary Dailey
 7/22 Tom Rogers
 7/22 Kiana Rainey
 7/22 Angie Reynolds
 7/24 Helen Smith
 7/25 Dan Doersch
 7/26 Larry Ridley
 7/26 Dustin Fisher
 7/28 Philena Thompson
 7/29 Catherine Parsons
 7/29 Randy Harrison
 7/30 Debbie Housh

July Birthstones
 Faceted—Ruby



Cabochon—Carnelian



METAPHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF STONES & CRYSTALS

ALEXANDRITE

Are you trying to rebuild your self-respect & self-worth? This stone will realign and center you reinforcing your sense of who you really are. It will strengthen your willpower & dreaming. It facilitates emotional maturity and encourages your joy every day.

Because Alexandrite shows 2 colors, red & green, it links the heart and mind allowing you to see both sides of a perspective encompassing the rational and the intuitive viewpoint.

This stone symbolizes royal power thus acting as a guardian stone. Wear this stone over the heart for luck in love & the feeling of grace & elegance.

MOONSTONE

Life is a cycle of waxing and waning like the moon, thus the name for this stone because of its connection to the moon & assistance to wearer of calming overreactions and emotional triggers.

If it is worn as a pendant, over the heart, it encourages acceptance of your psychic abilities and clairvoyance development. Wearing it over the solar plexus, it will draw out old emotional patterning so it can be understood and dissolved. If worn over forehead, it will enhance your spiritual experiences.

It will help men get in touch with their feminine side. It is an antidote for an excessively macho men or an overly aggressive female. Warning for Women: remember to remove moonstone at full moon due to energy exerted by the moon at that time.

PEARL

This product of the pearl oyster signifies faith, charity, & innocence & enhances personal integrity. If you need assistance in focusing attention wear or carry this stone. To assist those children with boisterous behavior, put in their room or in their pocket to carry with them.

Pearls can stimulate purity of body and mind helping with acquisition of wisdom and spiritual guidance.

**Workshop Report
 No Workshop month**

Dates To Remember

SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

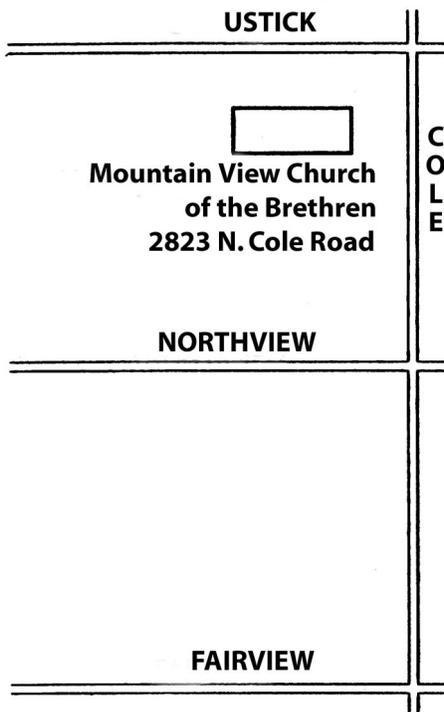
Please let me know if you are aware of any of our members having surgery, an illness, or just in need of cheer. We all can use some good cheer! We try and keep in touch with all our members, and I apologize if we have overlooked any member who has lost a loved one. Please let us know if we can help in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

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

GENERAL MEETING
3rd. Tuesday of every month

BOARD MEETING:
1st. Tuesday of every month
2 September 2014
Church of the Brethren
2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho
Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

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



The Whangdoodle Bird
(Often seen on field trips)

