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President's Message

The days are getting shorter and cooler as fall comes closer. The picnic last month was great fun and the auction was quite productive. Thank you to everyone who participated and kept the pace exciting. The field trip to Emerald Creek was successful. About ten people made the trip and everyone found lots of good material. Doug and Willa Renken have volunteered to take us out to the Beacon Hill claim for our field trip this month, since we were rained out earlier this year. See page ?? for details and meeting location.

Also this month we start the process for filling Board Positions. Three positions are open this year. If you would like to join us on the board contact committee members Sandy Blodgett or Twila Gallaher. Their contact information is on the front of the Grindings. You may also nominate another member you think might be interested in serving.

October is the month that Dues are Due. Help us keep everyone current and up-to-date by planning ahead to send or bring in your Dues. Also, at the end of October, the Gourd Society has invited us to set up a table at their Festival. Twila Gallaher is going to coordinate the volunteers this year. She will have details at this month's general meeting. This month's program will be a Show and Tell and rock Identification. Have your Juniors bring in their discoveries from this summer for sharing and identification. See page ?? for details.

I hope everyone is keeping their tumblers and sewing machines rolling. We can use all of the tumbled stones and bags you can produce. Don't forget about the great prizes at the end! If you need a tumbler, Greg Sandmeyer has a machine for sale. Several rock working machines were donated to Timberline High that are not needed. They would like to sell them to fund other items that are needed. If you are interested, contact Greg Sandmeyer at Timberline High School.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dana Robinson, President*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 16TH, 2016**

Meeting **called to order** by President Dana Robinson at 7:15 pm.
Dana welcomed guests and new members who stood and introduced themselves.

Rick Corbett drew **door prizes** tickets for 17 adults and 4 juniors.

IGC Secretary, Christine Anderton, pointed out the need to make one **change to the minutes of the last months meeting** by pointing out that Tina Fredericks put forth the motion to accept the previous month's minutes as printed in the Grindings. The error has been noted and the minutes changed. Finding no other changes necessary, Willa Renkin proposed a motion to accept the minutes of the last general meeting as printed in the Grindings with the correction. Coyote seconded the motion. The members voted and motion passed.

Secretary Report given by Christine Anderton. New issue of Rock and Gem arrived in the mail and is available from the library.

Field Trip Report given by Brent Stewart. August 20 and 21, 2016 scheduled trip to Emerald Creek for Idaho star garnets. Brent expects the group to meet in the parking lot at Emerald Creek at about 12:30 pm. The basic plan is to dig until closing at 5 pm, camp overnight at the Emerald Creek campground, dig again on Sunday morning and then heading for home about 2 pm on Sunday. This site is a fee dig location and costs 10.00 per person. A discount may be available depending on how many from our group shows up. Wear clothes you don't care about since the clay stains. Equipment is provided but you can bring your own if you want. Material is good quality and should be worth the long drive.

Workshop progress report given by Brent Stewart. All that is left is to hang the lights, maybe bring in more benches and get the equipment set up. The heating and cooling unit will be purchased and installed soon. Brent will get some signage made and we'll be ready to schedule a ribbon cutting event. Anyone interested in seeing how it's turning out is invited to come by Stewarts Rock Shop and Brent will give them a tour and answer any questions.

Dana Robinson had a related item for the members to review. The last of the expenses to complete the **workshop** have been calculated and an **adjustment to the budget** is necessary. Dana R. has asked the members to approve an additional budget of \$1500.00 for the project. With no further discussion necessary, Tina Fredericks moved that the \$1500.00 be added to the budget. Motion was seconded by Coyote. Members voted and motion passed.

IGC T-shirts are still available for purchase. Sizes are limited but we should be getting a new order soon. If interested in buying a shirt contact Tina Fredericks.

An **auction** was held tonight after the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Christina Anderton, Secretary*

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD Meeting
SEPTEMBER 6TH 2016**

Meeting was called to order by President Dana Robinson at 7:35 pm.

Present: Dana Robinson, Doug and Willa Renken, Barbara Wanner, Brent Stewart, Ed Moser, Deana Ashton, Linda Barlow, Twila Gallaher, Sandy Blodgett, Cheryl Peterson, Tina Fredericks and Christina Anderton. Absent: David Douglas.

Finding no corrections necessary to the minutes of the August Board Meeting Willa Renken proposed a motion to accept the minutes of the August Meeting as printed in the Grindings. Motion was seconded by Ed Moser. Board Members voted, motion passed.

Secretary report: None

Treasurer report: None, although it was mentioned that IGC made out very well with last months auction.

Federation report given by Linda Barlow, see page 3.

Field Trip report given by Brent Stewart. The 10 or so who attended the recent trip to Emerald Creek to collect garnets had a fun and fruitful trip. Finding material of nearly record size Brent is hoping the quality will be good also. Sadly, this was the last of our regularly scheduled outings this year. We have, however, been allowed to reschedule Beacon Hill after getting rained out earlier this year. Doug and Willa Renken will be leading this trip from the rest stop right after you cross the Oregon border near Ontario. Meeting at 8:30 am and departing at 9:00 am on Saturday the 24th of September, the group will caravan to the site. Be prepared to do some serious digging!

Workshop progress report by Brent Stewart. Taking care of the last few details. Plans for the Grand Opening were discussed and will be announced when finalized. Sandy Blodgett suggested a special meeting of the Board Members be scheduled to establish operating procedures, safety requirements and address any other issues or ideas brought to the discussion. Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

The **September program** will be a member show and tell/identification of material collected this last summer. Everyone, including the juniors, are encouraged to bring in their 'I don't know box'. Ed Moser plans to bring in some Russian amber for show and tell.

Scholarship applications are still being accepted and reviewed. Various ideas about when and how award will be presented were discussed.

With the end of the year in view, the IGC has **positions to fill for 2017**. Sandy Blodgett and Cheryl Peterson, will be accepting names for review, nomination, and/or appointment. Contact them or Dana Robinson (see front page for contact info) if you're interested in getting involved or know of someone. One applicant is currently under consideration to fill the office of Treasurer.

With the annual banquet also just around the corner Deana Ashton and Barbara Wanner will begin looking into various options for this years function.

With the meeting back at the Church this month please check the refreshment schedule. Reminder from Dana Robinson: the Gourd Show is coming up and if you're interested in helping out at our booth for a few hours she has all the details. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Christina Anderton, Secretary*

NFMS NEWS

From NFMS President Hidemi Kira at the NFMS/AFMS Meeting in Albany, Oregon, he reported **180 display cases and 20 competitive cases** were on display for the show. During the NFMS meeting presentation of the award winning cases, there was a slide show of each case as the presentation was made! Very nice to see these cases and easy to see why they received their award.

The **Multi-Federation field trip** held in Prineville, Oregon August 3-6 was to Fee collecting sites at Alex McDonald's Ranch for Angel wings, Thundereggs, & Petrified Wood, to Friend's Ranch for Thundereggs & Richardson's Ranch for Thundereggs, etc. The Free diggings were at Hampton Butte for Wood Replacement, at White Fir Springs for Jasper bed, & Agate bed Thundereggs, at Bear Creek for Petrified Wood, and at Glass butte for Obsidian.

Hidemi Kira **thinks all** the Executive Board members, Committee Chairs, each Federation Director, and all who have worked hard for the NFMS and for all their support of the NFMS & the president. Jim Bosley, 1st VP and 2017 NFMS President, suggests the clubs includes antihistamines and cold compresses in their **first aid kits** for all field trips for preparation in dealing with allergic reactions of bites and stings.

Photos from the **AFMS/NFMS display cases** were shown at the Board Meeting of the NARG cases of life size thalattasaur.

Ronna Watkins, Bulletin Chair and new 2nd VP of NFMS, suggested ways to Grow a Rock Club. The Yakima Club grew from 35 to 160 members in 7 years. They did (1) community outreach, (2) club literature, (3) developed a Communications Committee, (4) did field trips, (5) club picnics (6) geology vacations, (7) Junior Program using AFMS Merit Badge Program, (8) local school presentations, (9) designated a Social Chairman mentoring new members, (10) Greeter and door prize drawings, (11) streamlined business meetings, (12) great programs, (13) yummy snacks, (14) Sunshine Chairman, (15) events that promote collaboration, and (14) remembering to thank contributors including club members who showed up.

Reminders of meetings:

1. **Pacific North West Friends of Mineralogy Symposium** in October
2. **Next NFMS meeting** is in Hamilton Montana, May 19-21 2017

Bed Odum is new **NFMS Public Lands Advisor**. He has 2 prong proposal plan including:

1. Establish a **comprehensive list** of access pertaining to our public lands by asking each NFMS club to present at their monthly meetings asking all attending members (1) if they know of any active land access issues going on in their local area, (2) any public lands already closed off & affecting them as rockhounds, (3) any positive actions/proposals local agencies are looking to conduct to be of help to rockhounds. Ben also would like each club to have a Public Lands Representative as a communication link to Ben at NFMS who would also look at websites to local agencies reviewing Notices/Proposals of local agency. Pertinent information is listed in the NFMS newsletter for August.
2. The second prong is for Ben to place **all relevant land access issues** into one convenient locations which will be accomplished on the NFMS website with special tab for land access issues. This will be done with a **color coded map**.

Submission of **membership and address changes** go to the NFMS Circulations Chair and Directory Chair. All **Show information** goes to NFMS Show Coordinator. This info in on 2nd page of NFMS newsletter.

One last note, the **new AFMS president** for 2017 is Ron Carman.

SHOW SCHEDULES:

October 22 & 23 Sat: 9 - 6 Sun: 10 - 5 Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013 Beth Heesacker, heesacker@coho.net, 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116 ksandhorses3@gmail.com or Eileen Paul 541.672.5229 beadpatch@mydfn.net

October 22 & 23 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5 Bellevue Rock Club Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish PKWY SE, Bellevue, WA Bruce Himko bellevuerockclub@comcast.net PO Box 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009

November 12 & 13 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4 Skagit Rock & Gem Club Sedro Woolley Comm Center, 703 Pacific Street Sedro Woolley, WA Debbie Frank skagitrockandgem@gmail.com PO Box 244 Mount Vernon WA 98273

"THE BEST EVER SUMMARY CHART OF
FEDERAL LAW PERTAINING TO
RECREATIONAL ROCKHOUDING"

Www.GatorGirlRocks
American Rockhounding Law
2016 GGR Federal Law Summary Table.pdf

Save Stamps For Cancer Research

Cut at least 1/4 inch margin around the stamps.
You can turn them into Linda Barlow, NFMS
Federation Director, at our next meeting.
THANK YOU!



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>

Idaho Gem Club Field Trips 2016

SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2016

SATURDAY

MEET: 8:30 am

DEPART: 9:00 am

PLACE: I-84 REST STOP RIGHT
AFTER CROSSING OREGON
BORDER NEAR ONTARIO

LEADERS: DOUG & WILLA RENKEN

DIG SITE: BEACON HILL

Group will caravan to the site. Be prepared to do some serious digging!

Remember your food, water, first aid kits (snake bite needs), and digging materials (water, pick, protective eye wear, shovel, bucket, gloves, walking sticks, etc.)

4 wheeled vehicles are a necessity. If you are in need of a ride from road entrance to site, club members are accommodating. Please remember to ask and not just expect to jump into someone's truck. BE RESPONSIBLE. Be courteous and what you pack in , you take out! No lighting fires or matches. Our Idaho land is tinder dry and we love it. We want to keep it beautiful!

ENJOY YOU ROCKHOUNDING!

IDAHO GEM CLUB PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING will be show and tell for adults and children. Bring those rocks/stones that you want identified. Our knowledgeable club members will be there to help you know what you have. Look forward to seeing you and identifying those beautiful pieces of earth you found!

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



Bench Tips

"Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" and "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry" are available on

RAISING A CABOCHON

When a cabochon sits too low in a bezel, the bezel hides a lot of the stone. The solution is to either sand down the bezel height or boost up the stone. If you're going to raise it up, question is what is the best material to use ?

I was taught to use fine sawdust but now think that might be a problem when used in rings. I reason that rings will frequently get wet, which would cause the sawdust to swell in size and push the stone against the bezel. Then when the sawdust dries out, the stone would be a little loose.

In any case, I now prefer pieces of plastic sheet to boost up my stones. Pieces are readily available from product packaging or from old credit cards. I just cut a piece to loosely fit the bezel and drop in the stone (with some dental floss) to check it's height.

TRANSPARENT CAB

When bezel setting a transparent cabochon in silver, I usually cut out the back of the bezel to allow background light to show off the colors and patterns in the stone. If this is not possible or appropriate, I worry that the silver bezel will tarnish under the stone and will ruin its brilliance. What to do?

My solution is one extra step before setting the stone. I place a piece of thin silver Mylar plastic under the stone to act as a mirror that will never tarnish. Mylar is readily available in craft and gift wrap stores, or in a pinch from a party balloon supplier. You may even want to experiment with using colored or patterned Mylar (i.e. diffraction pattern) under some stones.

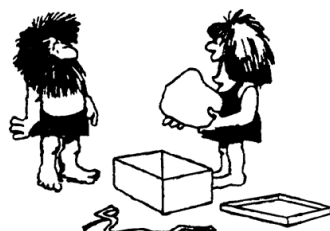


**SEPTEMBER**

9/2 William Wheeler
 9/2 Bob Ruppert
 9/4 Roy Bethel
 9/4 Denise Bowlin
 9/8 Robert Rainey
 9/14 Sarah Gambassi
 9/16 Aaron Wanner Jr
 9/16 Dana Robinson
 9/16 Robin Solt
 9/17 Dale Durbin
 9/17 Mark Stevens
 9/20 Clarence Trebilcock
 9/20 Randy Whipple
 9/23 Daini Carlson
 9/24 Melodee Worley
 9/26 Larry Ridley

Faceted: Sapphire**Cabochon: Lapis Lazuli****OCTOBER**

10/4 Twilla Gallaher
 10/9 Cindy Woolsey
 10/11 John Wold
 10/14 Dan Etter
 10/15 Mike Beavers
 10/22 James Dillion
 10/22 Betty Trebilcock
 10/25 Virginia Woods
 10/26 Janelle Wintersteen
 10/31 Brenda Frances

Faceted: Topaz or Citrine**Cabochon: Amber**

"How Sweet... My Birthstone!"

From Rock Chips 1/99

"PLACES YOU'VE NEVER BEEN"

By Linda Barlow

Rock hounding can "take you to places you've never been". Reminds me of an old song but also love the adventures of traveling Idaho for the first time. I went to Silver City, Idaho for the first time on Labor Day, 2014. The trip requires truck or off road vehicle. The way in was long and very curvy with beautiful scenery! The way out took us into Jordan Valley, Oregon, which was much smoother than going into town. Wanted change of scenery for return trip!!

We enjoyed talking to the people living in Silver City and the visitors from all over the state and other states. Found person from Wilder staying there for the weekend. Talked to a couple from Utah. The waitress at the only restaurant in town was talkative and pleasant with quick service and good food. Looked at the old buildings from when it was a mining town and people looking for gold and silver. The shops are run by very friendly townspeople.

Of course, I was looking for crystals, gems, rocks, stones, etc! The streets remind me of the Wizard of Oz. The streets shine with silver looking stones. It makes you want to look at each one to be sure what is in the stone. Right on the streets of Silver City we found clear quartz crystals embedded in the stones! My trip companion has now started looking at rocks – great to have a rock hound who understands the wonder and awe of rocks with their colors and patterns with embedded crystals.

We looked in the creek, lucky not to get wet! Brought home many different colored and shaped stones. Sharing these with the Idaho Gem Club members, my ongoing crystal classes, and all my neighbors as they now line my apartment front porch and my gardens throughout!

On the way out, we found several large stones for daughter's newly built house. It was fun trying to get them into the back of the truck! What a great way to decorate with stones from all over Idaho! Stones are also good for growing plants with the stones assisting the growing energy.

Each body system has their own applicable stone for healing so now I am using crystals with my Reiki clients and new patterns for gridding with remarkable results. My clients get to pick the stones applicable for the imbalanced areas found during Reflexology; thereby continuing the flow of healing with Reiki.

YESTERYEAR

Hello Gang! It is time again to decide not “where” we go, but “WHEN” we go!

September 11, 1956 was another great day in baseball! The **Brooklyn Dodgers beat the Milwaukee Braves 4 – 2** at Ebbetts Field. **Jackie Robinson** was playing 3rd Base for the Dodgers!

The meeting of the Idaho Gem Club was called to order at 8 p.m. by Pres. Sidney Waterhouse. Visitors present were: Mrs. Burger from Austria, Barry Marcus, Mrs. Schoonover, Mrs. Frank King, Mr. Wolfe Meyer from Germany, Mrs. Moon and Mr. Nettleton.

George Fields, N.W. Fed. Convention general chairman, stated that we had a very good show. The following states were represented at the show:

Washington	208	Oregon	149	Idaho	210	California	75
Utah	29	Nevada	8	Wyoming	4	Montana	1
Illinois	4	Iowa	1	Nebraska	1	Minnesota	2
Texas	2	New York	1	Florida	1	British Columbia	6
Alberta	2						

A total of 704 registered.

It was requested that the club secretary, Ralph R. Tuttle, write thank you letters to the following organizations: Owyhee Gem Club, Gem county Rock and Mineral Society, magic Valley Gem Club, Boise-Payette Lumber Co., and Bennett Glass Company.

The field trip for Sept. 16 will be to the State Line area for black wood. The field trip will be led by Bill Hunt and will leave the state house steps at 8 a.m. Sunday.

Guest speaker Charles Silliman of the Boise club gave the evening’s program. Mr. Silliman gave a very interesting description of his trip down the Bruneau Canyon. He and a neighbor made the trip down the canyon in a canvas covered rubber raft starting at Murphy Hot Springs on the Jarbridge River July 18. They had some very interesting and exciting experiences before reaching the hot springs area near Bruneau on July 24. They went thru canyon walls that were 800 to 1100 ft high and only 100 feet wide at the bottom. Color pictures were passed around to show some of the problems and sights of the 60 mile trip. A number of rattlesnakes as well as deer were seen, and they all seemed unafraid of the men as they floated past.

Meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Mrs. Jones.

As always,
Tina

Also on this day:

In UK - Whatever Will Be Will Be (Que Sera Sera) by Doris Day was in the top 5 hits.

Lust for Life, directed by Vincente Minnelli, was one of the most viewed movies.

“Don’t Go Near The Water” by William Brinkley was one of the best selling books.

Yanks Yogi Berra ties career record for HRs (236) by a catcher.



ALAA NEWS

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.

Meeting was held July 30, 2016 at Linn County Fair & Expo Building @AFMS/NFMS Convention, Albany, Oregon.

Mike Hunerlach gave a presentation on **Access to our Federal Land through the Law**. He presented depiction of “WHO OWNS THE WEST?” Presenting the Federal Land as Percentage of the Total State Land Area from Federal Real Property Profile 2004. 50.2% of Idaho is owned by the federal government! Forest Service Rockhounding Prospecting web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/geology/>

At the **AFMS meeting**, 7-30-2016, the 5th Regional VP representing CFMS presented “Getting Rockhounding Notices as a National Recreational Hobby.” In it, she describes the issue of our collecting areas being high on the list of concerns to sustain our hobby. Her suggestions include good will and preparedness allows for smoother organization & planning when working with government agencies. I quote from her article: If you feel inclined and we hope you are, there are two bills of legislation recently introduced which are researching economic impacts of recreation, & we’d like Rockhounds & Rockhounding to be included in this project. All you need to do is send them an email asking them to please include the hobby of Rockhounding in their research of economic impacts of recreation, & mention a little history about your society. Most societies have an explanation of their purpose and history on their webpage or bulletin, and that would be a wonderful introduction to use. Please also send a copy of your correspondence to canatmonu-ments@amlands.org, so we keep a history of efforts. Thank you!” (The purpose of Idaho Gem Club is printed on the last page of this bulletin.) Other sites to regarding these bills are:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/2219>

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/4665>

CURRENT OFFICERS: President: Doug True, Vice Pres: Lauren Williams, Secretary: Susy Martin, Treasurer: Frank Mulloney,
& Membership: Ruth Hidalgo

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

We encourage member participation in bringing cookies snacks and beverages to share during break at general meetings. Total provision among members assigned to bring refreshments is for 8-10 dozen cookies or snacks and drinks/juice for approximately 50-70 people. That can be veggie trays, breads, any other treats. We ask for 10 adult and 10 youth door prizes which are wrapped in a bag. Usually minerals or rocks or slabs.

Club provides coffee service and paper plates napkins and cups.

Please contact **Deana Ashton, 208-794-5628** and let her know if and what you will be bringing for the current month so she can coordinate and be sure enough is provided for snack, beverage, and door prizes. Some could bring food, some could bring beverages, some could bring door prizes. Thanks for your participation.

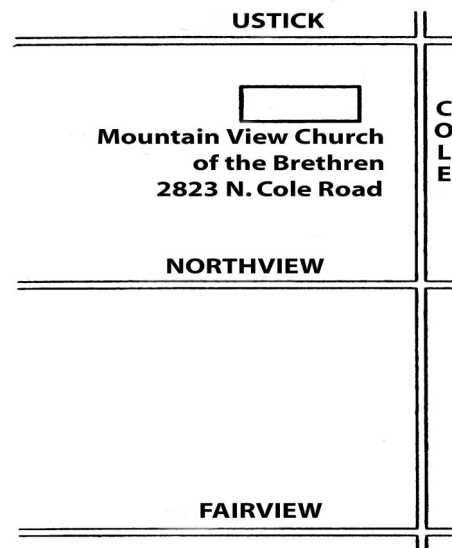
Members whose last name begins
with letter listed below,
are asked to bring after meeting snacks
for the month indicated.

JANUARY	_____	-BANQUET
FEBRUARY	_____	--A-D
MARCH	_____	---E-K
APRIL	_____	----L-R
MAY	_____	-----S-Z
JUNE	_____	-----A-D
JULY	_____	PICNIC: A-K*
AUGUST	_____	PICNIC: L-Z*
SEPTEMBER	_____	---E-K
OCTOBER	_____	----L-R
NOVEMBER	_____	-----S-Z
DECEMBER	_____	HOLIDAY COOKIES BY ALL



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 sciences.

Dues:

\$22.00 per person
\$25.00 per couple
\$28.00 per family

Subscription:

\$10 per year

General Meeting:

3rd. Tuesday of each
Month at 7:30 p.m.

**JUNIOR
RATTLERS:**

**REMEMBER TO
BRING YOUR
FOLDERS**

