


Grindings

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Happy Easter, everyone! It has been an interesting spring so far, and we are all anticipating a new collecting season. I hope some of you are able to attend the NFMS annual show and convention in May. It promises to be a fun event. I want to congratulate our editor, Linda Barlow, on her appointment to the Historian position for the NFMS. She has done a great job for us on our newsletter and I'm sure she will be a valued contributor to the NFMS newsletter, too. Be sure to watch for her contributions in the coming year. She will also have a display case at the NFMS show.

I would also like to welcome our new Treasurer, Rochelle Eytchison. She has officially taken over responsibilities from Barb Wanner. I know she will be a great asset for our club.

As the weather continues to be erratic and wet, our field trip this month will be 1 week later than normal. Sandy Blodgett is coordinating with the BLM for our clean-up (and collecting) day. It will be great to finally get out again and get some new material. The date is Saturday, April 29th, and we will be meeting at the Gem Stop just outside of Marsing at 9:00 am. It is located at the corner of Hwy 55 and Hwy 95. Since we will be doing this field trip on our regular workshop Saturday, the workshop has been postponed to the first weekend in May, Saturday the 6th.

Fortunately the weather doesn't affect our workshop activities as we are indoors. There will be a regular workshop on the Thursday after the next meeting, April 20th, 6:30 pm. Volunteer instructors will be needed for this workshop, so if you can help out, please contact Brent Stewart.

The show this month will be presented by past-president Phil Neuhoft. He has some exciting information to share about collecting fluorescent minerals. The juniors are going to be joining us for this program, as well.

We have enlisted another board member, Cheryl Peterson, to help with the Refreshment Committee duties. Please give her a call and let her know if you can bring snacks or door prizes to our next meeting. Her contact information is on the front of this newsletter, left column. Thanks in advance to everyone who participates.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, President



General Meeting Refreshments:

It should be shared responsibility to provide these items. If nobody brings snacks or prizes, the two fun elements of general meeting are gone. There is a chart in grindings that goes by last names, 2 times a year you will be asked to share cookies, veggies, punch, or door prizes. Please participate. You won't have to bring what you cannot provide, i.e. door prizes. It has been my goal to receive door prizes and set aside enough to cover a meetings worth of prizes, or 20 items. If you can share cookies or drinks, call Cheryl and help her out! She will have reserved door prizes to fill in if we are short. If you have small rock specimens, or anything that would be a neat door prize- rock & gems are typical, donate! Finished cabochons are the ultimate! Slabs are great to take to workshop and design something cool you can cab.

Cheryl was asked by Deana to take over refreshment duty so that Deana can focus on providing better programs for club to enjoy. Both refreshments and programs fall under duties of 2nd VP. It is desire of your elected officers to make this club successful and fun. Education and Growth are our goals. It is YOUR club. If you get active in club functions, everybody wins. Approach your officers with ideas anytime.

Building Fund News:

Duane Winterroth kindly agreed to fill this position of Chairman of Building/Workshop Fund Chairman. At our show, he was given a suitcase of items, a roll of raffle tickets, and very little instruction as to what he needed to do! He wished to help the club, and use his experience in fundraising to supplement and boost Building-Workshop funds. So, he did a good job of Raising \$419.30.

We are soon going to place new orders for t-shirts and other items to sell for this fund. He will be restocked with slabs to auction off during meetings. Duane has great ideas for our fundraising. Please be patient as we work to enhance this committees functions. And share

ideas with Duane for things to boost our line of products to generate interest in our club. Thank you , Duane!

Idaho Gem Club New Members:

WELCOME! Join us for General Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of each month at Church of Brethren, n. Cole Road & Settlers. 7:30 pm - 9:30pm We have a brief business meeting followed by a rock and gem related presentation and social time sharing refreshments and snacks at end of meeting.

Feel free to:

1. ask questions,
2. show other members rocks you want identified,
3. share your interests in earth science,
4. plan to attend our monthly group field trips to special claims proven to produce quality gem and mineral material,
5. come check out the club workshop at 28th & Idaho next to Stewart's Gem Shop.
6. Get involved!!
- 7.

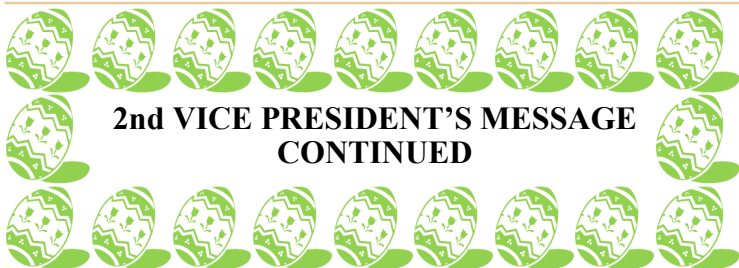
We have a club website, idahogemclub.com, and are working to get a great facebook following when we upgrade our page to a group loaded with education and information about our hobby!

We are a collection of rockhounds who are easy to approach. Many talented lapidary artists, gemologists, silversmiths, various handcrafters, mineral and gem experts, real live Geologists and professors mixed among us.

The Grindings is a monthly club newsletter and resource for contact information.

We realize that some of you don't know what a cabochon or slab might be. We use terms unfamiliar to some people! You don't know anyone in club and are uncomfortable showing up at a workshop. Don't be afraid! We can help! We want you to make a fun adventure learning new things about rocks, gems, minerals, fossils! Our members range in age from 9 months to past 90

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2nd VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

years!

Workshop is open to all members. We even provide rocks for you to work with. If you are still shy, just show up and observe. We can seem intimidating but truly don't mean to be anything but helpful to others.

Remember this:

We are excited to represent this great State of Idaho- Our Gem State - we want to continue to grow our club to be one of the best in the nation. We are one of the oldest gem clubs nationwide.

If you feel shy about getting more involved, never forget this:

WE ARE A COLLECTION OF FUN PEOPLE WHO ARE ROCK LICKERS!

Every one of us is unafraid to lick that rock to see what's inside!

Thanks for joining, and see you at the next get together!!!

Deana Ashton, 2nd Vice President

Welcome New Members

ADULTS:

- Chris & Chuck Mcquire, Caldwell
- Keri Rasmussen, Boise
- Alexander Kurgansky & Scott Anderson, Garden City
- Fralina Leatham, Boise
- Alexis Collins & Joe Frost, Boise

JUNIOR RATTLERS:

- Max Ferro, Caldwell

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING MARCH 21st, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Dana Robinson at 7:38 pm. Linda Barlow led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dana R. welcomed new members and guests who stood and introduced themselves. Door prize winners were drawn by Rick Corbett followed by Dwayne W. drawing the winners of the building fund raffle.

Finding no corrections were needed in the minutes of last months meeting Willa Renken proposed a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Grindings. Ed Moser seconded the motion. The members voted and motion was passed.

The juniors were excused to join Ed M. for their meeting.

SECRETARY REPORT by Christine Aderton:

Coupons for the Yakima Show are available for those who wish to attend, club received a nice 'thank you' from Charles McCreath for the sphere, If anyone knows anything about a couple of fossils the Club recently received from Destin, Florida please contact Christine Aderton.

TREASURER REPORT by Barbara Wanner:

Barbara introduced the newly appointed treasurer, Rochelle Eytchison, who will be taking on duties gradually as Barbara gets her up to speed, expenses are still being submitted but preliminary numbers from the show indicate a profit of \$15,000.00.

FEDERATION REPORT by Linda Barlow:

1. Remember, if you get the Grindings by email instead of regular mail you get it in color rather than black and white and be sure to update your contact info if needed.
2. Don't forget the upcoming NFMS meeting in Hamilton, MT on May 19-21.
3. Most importantly, public input on the Environmental Impact Statement and the proposed SAGE GROUSE WITHDRAWAL near the Lost River Basin, Arco & Carey Idaho areas need to be received by BLM office no later than March 30, 2017 if we want the BLM to consider our position. Also , letters to Congressman Simpson will add weight to this decision.

For the evening program Deana Ashton, 2nd VP, introduced Allan Young who shared slides and his experiences Crystal Collecting at the Idarado Mine in Colorado. A very interesting and informative glimpse of mining in the 1970's and some beautiful slides of crystal formations collected.

Dana Robinson, President, expressed appreciation for everyone who helped with the Show: Willa Renkin, with special thanks to the chairpersons, the demonstrators, and to Show Chairmen, Doug Renkin. & Brent Stewart for all their commitment to a successful Gem Show this year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm followed by refreshments.

Respectfully submitted, Christina Aderton, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD Meeting March 7th, 2017

President Dana Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Present: Dana Robinson, Willa and Doug Renkin, Christina Anderton, Twila Gallaher, Linda Barlow, Sandy Blodgett, Cheryl Peterson, Barbara Wanner, Rochelle Eytchison, Brent Stewart and Ed Moser. Absent: Deana Ashton and Johnathon Barnett.

Dana R. announced, with the minutes from the February 7, 2017 Board Meeting unavailable for publication in the February issue of the Grindings, there will be no need for the Board Members to vote on accepting the record.

Dana R. did have one item that needs to be amended: the total number of grab bags stuffed for the Show was 1560.

Secretary report by Christina A.: The distribution of mail...

1. Revealed a package containing a couple of fossilized clam clusters from Florida. The return address (Caleko WheelsOSteel in Destin, FL) is the only indication of who sent this package or why. If anybody has additional information concerning this package please contact Christina A. who will be following up on this issue.
2. IGC received a very nice thank you from Charles McCreath for the sphere he was given in recognition at the banquet.
3. The Yakima gem club has sent discount coupons for admission to their show on April 22 and 23 which will be available at the general meeting.

Treasurer report by Barbara W. was presentation of preliminary numbers from the show provided in report.

Federation report by Linda B. included

1. NFMS Show is coming up May 19-21, 2017.
2. Information regarding a land use issue has been forwarded from the Idaho Falls gem club with an urgent request for support. The BLM plans to ban rockhounds from collecting material with the use of hand tools from a large portion of public lands in Idaho and surrounding states. Surface collecting will be the only thing allowed. We only have until March 30, 2017 to submit our comments to BLM for consideration. Some effort on our part is necessary to influence this decision to withdraw these areas from our

use as rockhounds. Additional information regarding this issue was published in March Grindings.

Juniors report by Ed M.: Nothing significant to report except interest is currently low. Ed will consider any ideas for how to generate more involvement for our juniors program.

1. Workshop report by Brent S.: Due to scheduling conflicts, Brent is unavailable to handle the workshop in March.
2. Sandy Blodgett has volunteered to have an educational workshop on saws March 23, 2017.
3. April workshop will be on the 29th rather than the usual 3rd Thursday.

On April 27, 2017 at 7pm Linda Barlow will be offering a one hour Introduction to Crystals class. Cost for members \$5 (booklet cost), non-members \$15 (booklet and donation to workshop expenses).

Dana R. had several new chair and officer appointments to announce:

1. Dwayne Winterah will be the new chairperson for the building fund.
2. Cullen Anderson will be the new Field Trip chairperson. Suggestions or information from those members with more experience which might assist Cullen in his planning the 2017 schedule would be welcomed.
3. Rochelle Eytchison will be the new Treasurer replacing Barbara W. who will be showing her the ropes until she's ready to go it alone.
4. Looking for a person to chair the Roster committee and manage the various elements of the IGC member roster.

Several items regarding the Show were discussed:

1. The Treasure Dig box and sand will be delivered to storage and kept for next year. A new box for the dig will be considered before next year.
2. Attendance this year was up from 2015 but slightly down from 2016 with 3381 attendees.
3. It was pointed out that the basket raffle did very well this year doing almost as much as the silent auction. The trim saw from the raffle this year was a big hit and there was some speculation as to the possibility of getting a similar item for the raffle in the future.
4. In addition, the task of cleaning, sorting and classifying the large pile of material in storage needs to be done again. This will go on the "to do" list.
5. In thanks a pizza party will be planned for those who helped set up and tear down the show. Details coming soon.

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**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD Meeting
MARCH 7th, 2017
continued**

6. IGC plans to purchase a gift card to thank the individual with the Idaho Expo who returned to unlock the fairgrounds late Sunday night allowing one of our members retrieve their car.
 7. The condition of the tables we use for the show is becoming an issue the members need to address. They are starting to fall apart. New tables will need to be built or bought soon. This is an expense either way and needs to be looked into.
 8. Also, purchasing an enclosed trailer designed to store the show equipment instead of a storage unit will be explored. More discussion to come.
 9. Various aspects of advertising for the show were discussed.
- 13 new member applications were reviewed. Twila G. proposed a motion to accept those applications. Ed M. seconded the motion. Board voted, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christina Asderton, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD Meeting
APRIL 4th, 2017**

Called to order 7:35pm by President Dana Robinson

Board Members present: President Dana Robinson, 1st VP Willa Renken, 2nd VP Deana Ashton, Treasurers Barb Wanner & Rochelle Eytchison, Federation Director Linda Barlow, Board Members Sandy Blodgett, Ed Moser, Cheryl Peterson, Brent Stewart, Sandy Blodgett, Absent: Secretary Christine Anderton, Jonathan Barnett, Twila Gallagher.

Guests: Doug Renken & Cheryl Link.

Willa made motion to accept minutes as printed in Grindings. Deana Ashton 2nd motion. Motion passed.

Secretary Report: None. Deana accepted Dana's request to take minutes in secretary's absence.

Treasurer Report: Barbara Wanner officially resigned and turned Treasurer position and all books over to Rochelle Eytchison. Rochelle has been listed on clubs accounts and will be sure she is on BLM accounts.

Federation Report: Linda Barlow confirmed dates for NW Fed. Meeting in Hamilton, MT and AFMS will be June 9-11 in Ventura, Ca.

Program Report: General Meeting Program for April will be given by Phil Neuhooff, PhD and topic is: New Revelation in Collecting Fluorescent Minerals.

Old Business: Dana is checking into a microphone/sound system for use at meetings and will report to us next meeting.

Juniors Report: will be allowed to stay for fluorescent program by Phil Neuhooff this month.

2017 First Club Field Trip:

Sandy Blodgett is taking our club to Graveyard Point on April 29. Meet at 9am at the Gem Stop Junction- Hwy 95 & 55 intersect there. The Chevron station is called Gem Stop. Use google to find meeting location or ask at meeting for directions. Sandy will go over items to bring on field trip at meeting.

NOTE: Field Trip will be the Saturday following meeting this month. (not on 3rd Sat. as usual)

Workshop Report:

1. Thank you, Sandy Blodgett for providing excellent education/instruction on using big saws at your workshop. 12 members attended and were taught how saws are built and used. Very helpful class, Sandy!
2. Workshop: Thursday, April 20 6-9pm Brent & Sandy will commit to be on hand to help teach, oversee workshop. They can always use skilled volunteers to help.
3. Linda Barlow will hold workshop on "Introduction to Crystals" Thursday April 27th. \$5.00 members, \$15.00 non-members. BYOC (bring your own chair). Reserve a seat in this special class because space is limited and need exact number for color booklets provided! RSVP to Linda Barlow, see first page Grindings contact info.
4. Brent Stewart is having another workshop date added of May 6, 2017. Sandy volunteered to help Brent host workshop on the first Saturday in May from 11:00am -3:00pm. Please show up early to set-up, stay and make something cool, stay to clean up after.
5. Workshop: Looking for a donation of a 8-10 or 12 inch saw to cut material slabs for [members](#). This will save use of 16" blade, cut faster, be very useful for average size specimens. If you have a 10" saw you'd like to donate to club,

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD Meeting APRIL 4th, 2017 continued

please call Dana Robinson. She will gladly accept any donations of equipment for Idaho Gem Club workshop use and be sure you receive proper donation forms. She will also ensure equipment and material donations are properly documented and added to IGC asset inventory records. Thank you very much!

New Business:

1. Cheryl Peterson has agreed to relieve Deana of the Refreshment Committee Chairman role. Please follow up and call Cheryl if you have duty for bringing snacks, drinks and door prizes this month. If you do, Cheryl so we can be sure there are plenty of refreshments and prizes at meeting. Last month did not work well. Thanks to Tina Fredericks, who made a run to the store to buy enough cookies and drinks for all of members to enjoy.

2. IGC Calendar:

April 20 -Workshop 6:00pm-9:00pm

April 27 -Intro to Crystals class 7-8 pm
RSVP Linda Barlow
5member/\$15 nonmember

April 29 - Field Trip Graveyard Point
9am meet at Gem Stop Hwy Jct. 95&55

May 6 - Workshop 11:00am-3:00pm

3. Workshop fees need to be set. Sandy Blodgett made a motion we charge 30 cents an inch for cuts with 16" saw. Willa Renken 2nd motion. Motion passed. This prompts request for donation of a smaller 8-10-12 inch saw for club members to cut smaller rocks. Still working on logistics to deliver IGCs 30inch saw to workshop. It is safe and sound for now, but we do plan to house it in new workshop.

New membership applications were accepted! Our new Treasurer Rochelle is going to update roster to sort out birthday errors etc. Please be patient with her! And thank you, Rochelle, from Board of Directors! You will be terrific and we appreciate stepping into this vital position.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Deana Ashton, 2nd Vice President

IDAHO GEM CLUB PROGRAM SCHEDULE

JUNIOR RATTTLERS:
Enjoy the Fluorescent Minerals that Phil Neuhoﬀ will present.

**REMEMBER TO BRING
YOUR FOLDERS**



April 18: General Meeting. PROGRAM by Phil Neuhoﬀ on Fluorescent Minerals.

April 20: Workshop @ 6:30 by Brent Stewart & volunteers

April 27: 7-8 pm. Introduction to Crystals by Linda Barlow at Workshop. \$5/members, (covers handouts) \$15/non-members (extra to workshop fund). Space limited, reserve your spot with Linda. Call at 208-724-3309

April 29: Field Trip to Graveyard Point for rock hunting and clean-up

Idaho Gem Club Member Field Trips

APRIL 29th, 2017, SATURDAY

MEET: 8:30 am

DEPART: 9:00 am

PLACE: Gem Stop Hwy 95 & 55
(Chevron Gas Station)

LEADER: Sandy Blodgett

DIG SITE: Graveyard Point

Group will caravan to the site from Gem Stop. Be prepared to pick up trash and do some serious Rock collecting!

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 plus but not necessary. If you are in need of a ride from Gem Stop to site, club members are accommodating. Please remember to ask and not just expect to jump into someone's truck. BE RESPONSIBLE. BE COURTEOUS. What you pack in, you take out! No lighting fires or matches. Our Idaho land is beautiful & we love it. We want to keep it beautiful!

ENJOY YOU ROCKHOUNDING!



NFMS CLUBS SHOW SCHEDULE

April 22 & 23 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4, Yakima Rock and Mineral Club, Central Washington State Fair Grounds Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima WA 98901 , Marti Sondgeroth, 2013 S 41st Ave., Yakima, WA 98903, Phone evenings 509-248-6401 leave a message, Cell daytime 509-9103484, marthams@q.com

April 22 & 23 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4, Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA Mary Lou Omstead, 509 783 2798 PO Box 6652 Kennewick WA 99336 ,

April 22 & 23 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5, Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society, Idaho Falls Recreation Center, Corner of Memorial Drive and B Street, Idaho Falls, ID , Nicole Strong 208 768 7953 nicolek_hansen@hotmail.com or Gerry Gibeault 208 589 0736 PO Box 2362 Idaho Falls ID 83403

April 28- 30 Fri – 10 – 5 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4, Mt Hood Rock Club Jackson Armory 6255 NE Cornfoot Road Portland OR 97218 Wayne King mhrcdc@gmail.com 503 284 7195 www.mthoodrockclub.com

April 29 & 30 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5, West Seattle Rock Club , Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40th Avenue SW Seattle WA Diane Christensen diane@purns.org 206 582 2267 www.westseattlerockclub.org

May 6 & 7 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5, Everett Rock and Gem Club, Everett Community College Walt Price Student Fitness Center, 2206 Tower Street Everett WA, Fritz Mack 425 232 0809 PO Box 1615 Everett WA 98206 Website: www.everettrockclub.com

May 6 & 7 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4, Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club, Douglas County Fairgrounds, I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg OR Sue Woodman 541 672 3486 rocksandhorses3@gmail.com

May 6 & 7 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4, Billings Gem and Mineral Club, Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium 1125 Broadwater Avenue Billings MT Doug True dtruefossils12@yahoo.com 406 670 0506

May 13 & 14 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4, Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society, Hermiston Conference Center, 415 Highway 395 South, Hermiston OR, Mike Filarski, 541 571 2593 stonemorlin1@netscape.net

May 19 - 21 2017 NFMS Show Fri, Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4, Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society, First Interstate Center Ravalli County Fairgrounds 100 Old Corvallis Road Hamilton MT, Steve Vieth, 406 381 7597 viethsteve88@gmail.com

NFMS SHOW

Hosted by Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society

First InterstateCenter

Ravalli Fairgrounds

Hamilton, Montana

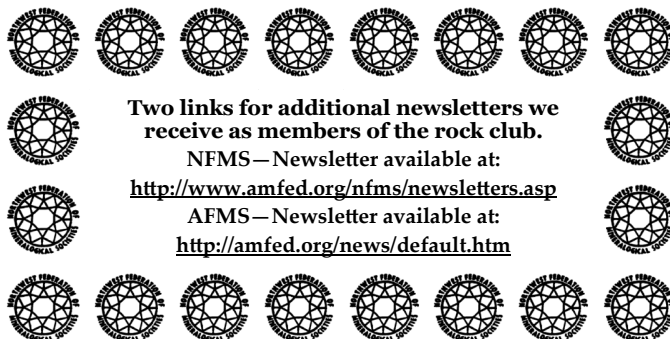
Speakers:

- Dave Trexler, Palenontologist, Two Medicine Center
- George Stanley Jr., Professor of Geoscience & Director of Paleontology Center at U of M
- Ted Antonioli, Consulting Geologist, Member of Montana Mining Association
- Bruce Baty, Talk on Glacial Lake Missoula

Lee Filliman, Fossils & Petrified Trees of Yellowstone

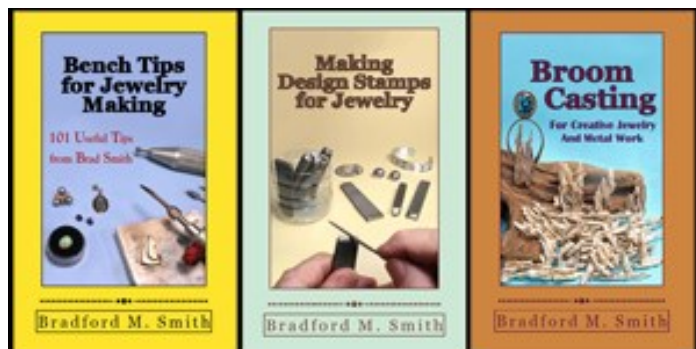
Save Stamps For Cancer Research

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!



Bench Tips

See all Brad's jewelry books at
[Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)
www.BradSmithJewelry.com



Making wire for filigree is quite simple. Take a double strand of 24-26 gauge silver wire, twist it tightly, and then flatten it a bit. While the basics are straightforward, here's a few tips that will quickly make you an expert with filigree.



Filigree looks best when the wire has a very tight twist. The way I do this is to start with dead soft wire and twist it until it breaks. It always seems to break on one end or the other. I like to use a screw gun, although a Foredom also works well. Be sure to keep a little tension on the wires as you twist. Then to get a real tight twist, I anneal the wire and twist it a second time until it breaks.

The final step in prepping the filigree wire is to flatten it slightly with a planishing hammer or rolling mill. The amount of flattening is a personal preference. I like to reduce the diameter about 25%. The wire will be quite stiff at this point, so it's best to anneal it again before starting to make the filigree shapes.



A new melting dish or crucible must be given a protective coating of borax before its first use. Borax extends the life of the ceramic material. Once done, it generally does not have to be repeated.

The procedure is straightforward. Heat the new melting dish to red with a large torch. You'll need plenty of heat. I use an acetylene/air Prest-O-Lite torch with a large #5 nozzle.

When the dish is hot, sprinkle in a half teaspoon of borax, let it melt, and spread it with a carbon rod over all of the interior surface of the dish. Add more borax if needed.

Sometimes you will have to hold the dish at an angle to coat the sides up to the rim. And don't forget to coat the pouring spout itself.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL

04/02 John Benedict
 04/11 Jewels Haines
 04/12 Tony Lamansky
 04/13 Jan Benson
 04/13 Ed Moser
 04/13 Rick Olmstead
 04/14 Linda Barlow
 04/17 Devon Koyle
 04/19 Rick Corbett
 04/20 Alexader
 Kurgansky
 04/29 Keri Rasmussen

MAY

05/01 Suzanne McNeil
 05/08 Ben Ferro
 05/10 Fralina Leatham
 05/11 Carolyn Fritschle
 05/13 Tim Justice
 05/15 Vanessa Bailey
 05/18 Gerri Goertzen
 05/19 Twila Gallaher
 05/22 Janice Edger
 05/23 Max Ferro
 05/25 Mike Edger

FACETED: DIAMOND



CABOCHON: ROCK CRYSTAL



WRITE YOUR LOCAL CONGRESSMAN TO KEEP OUR ROCK HOUNDING SITES OPEN AS DISCUSSED LAST MEETING AND INSERTS IN GRINDINGS. PREVENT YOUR LOSS NOW!

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 and door prizes 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

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

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

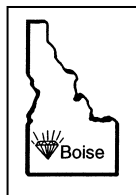
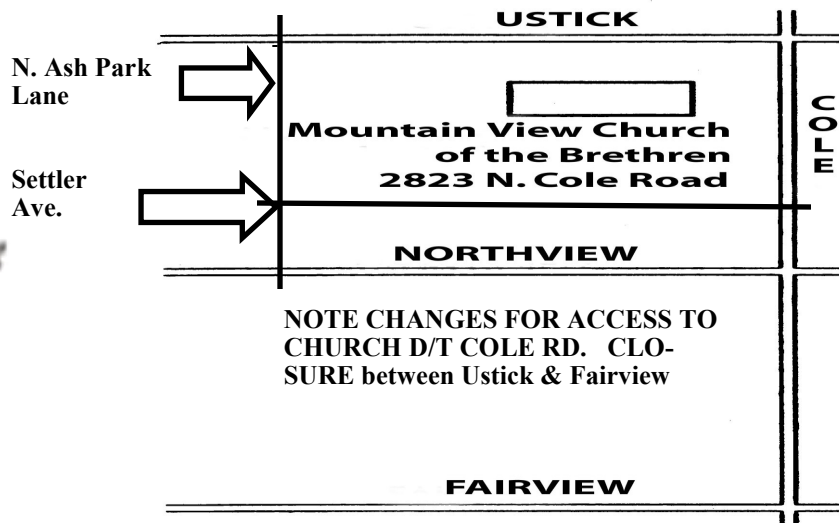
Subscription:

\$10 per year



GENERAL MEETING
3rd. Tuesday of every month

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