


# Grindings

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Happy Holidays to you all! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving this year. It is the time of year to share what you have been working on by entering the Project of the Year competition. The winner's name will be added to the plaque that will be presented at the Banquet in January, and the winning contribution will have a showcase at the February show.

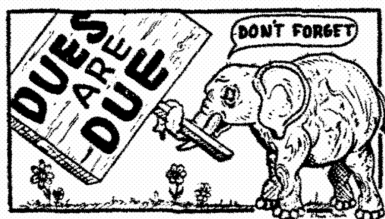
The field trip to the Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History was very interesting and informative. The curator, Nathan Carpenter, has expressed an interest in having our club be involved in the museum. There are opportunities for help in identification, case construction and maintenance, and general space maintenance. It will be a good opportunity to learn about the various minerals and rocks that are found in Idaho.

This month will not have a field trip, but we will have our traditional Christmas Party at the workshop on Dec. 16th and 17th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The club will provide chili, soup and hot beverages. Please bring a pot luck dish to share. It is a great time to get together and share some holiday cheer.

It is also time to be really thinking about the February show. There will be sign-up sheets at the December meeting and the January banquet. Please join in and help out this year. It is a lot of fun to interact with people at our show and this is a good way to get involved and support your club. We can always use as many hands as we can get to set up and take down as well. There will be a Grab Bag Stuffing party in mid-January. Details will be shared at the general meeting after the church reservation has been finalized for our date.

The workshop on December 2 was a great success. Brent Stewart is our Rock Star when it comes to showing our juniors the joys of rockhounding. He is great at keeping everyone engaged and interested. Since the event was so successful, we are working on a schedule for juniors workshops for next year. Many thanks to Brent for all of the time and energy that he puts in for the juniors and for the kids in area schools as well.

And again we must say "Happy Trails" to another of our lifetime members. We learned at our last meeting that Peggy Dean had passed away. We would like to extend our sincere sympathies to all of her friends and family. She will be dearly missed.



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**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 21ST, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dana Robinson.

Rick Corbet drew door prizes for 10 adults and 1 junior.

No building fund raffle due to the auction.

Cheryl Link drew the **winner of the Ammonite raffle**. Congratulations to the winner, **Twila Gallaher**.

No corrections were needed for the minutes as printed in the last Grindings. Sandy made a motion to accept the minutes, Steve Powell seconded, the motion was passed.

**Secretary report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Rochelle reviewed the club finances. She reminded everyone that **dues are still needed for 2018** if you haven't paid yet. She also requested birth date updates from anyone whose date has gotten misplaced in the roster. Please send her an email with your correct date. Her email is in the Grindings.

**Junior's Report:** Janelle discussed the meeting time for the juniors. She proposed meeting the juniors at the workshop on December 2 from 10 am-Noon. She also showed posters of the Mohs Scale of Hardness that have been made for the juniors. She will have them available in the Library tonight and at the workshop on Dec. 2.

**Federation Director's Report:** Linda reminded us about the **NFMS 80th Anniversary show on April 27-29**, flyers are available. Office positions are still available if anyone is Interested in volunteering. She also discussed the operating procedures for hosting NFMS shows. Several ideas were shared about making a show more interesting. (See NFMS news page 9)

-Linda discussed the advantages of getting together with other groups involved with the use of public lands to be sure our concerns are heard. The endowment funds refund to the club and the stamp collecting funds usage were explained.

-As NFMS Historian, Linda inventoried material from the NFMS and will make samples available if we are interested. The DVD of a faceted Topaz that was donated to the Smithsonian museum by NFMS will be at the NFMS show for viewing.

-Linda also requested that club members inquire with their employers about matching funds donated to the NFMS.

**ROLE Report:** None (This is competition for the novice, intermediate, etc. for cabochon cutting.)

**Field Trip Report:** Cullen is traveling for the holiday. Willa shared information about the upcoming field trip to the Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History at the College of Idaho. The mineral collection will be displayed in cases around campus, as well as the main museum. The trip will be a preview of material. We are meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Boone Science Building (Building #12 on the Campus Map). Google maps are available on the back table if needed.

# MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 5TH, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Dana Robinson, Deana Ashton, Cullen Anderson, Linda Barlow, Twila Gallaher, Sandy Blodgett, Willa Renken, Brent Stewart, Rochelle Eytchison, Christine Anderton, Ed Moser. **Absent:** Cheryl Peterson.

**Guests:** Cheryl Link, Janelle Wintersteen, Deanna Moser, Doug Renken.

There were no corrections to the minutes as printed in the Grindings. Willa made a motion to accept the minutes, Ed seconded, the motion was passed.

**Secretary's Report:** There was nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** The monthly financial reports were passed out and reviewed. No changes needed. Rochelle asked about when to mail out the Show reminder cards. She will bring them to the Grab Bag stuffing party for the group to help put stamps on, then she can mail them about one week prior to the show. She also let us know that those who have **not paid their dues by Dec. 31 will be removed from the roster.**

**Federation Director's Report:** NFMS Officers for 2018 were announced. The 2018 Yakima Convention vendors, activities, and awards were reviewed and everyone is encouraged to participate. Linda also reviewed the process for **updating the NFMS directory** and newsletter roster, and advised on who to send the information to. Any **resolutions** that the club wants to submit for consideration need to be sent in now for review.

As **Grindings** Editor, Linda let us know that the newsletter will be produced at a new printer, the ARC. Deana has several people interested in placing ads in the newsletter. She will get the information to Linda.

**Program Report:** December is the Project of the Year competition, and there will be an **auction** at the end of the meeting. This month's auction will focus on finished pieces that can be used for gift giving.

**Junior's Report:** Janelle was very complimentary about Brent's program for the juniors at the Dec. 2 workshop. The day went very well as Brent did an impressive job in keeping the

juniors engaged. Janelle plans **to set up an email list** to keep the juniors informed and interested. Facebook seems to be a good avenue for reaching out as well. Some interest was shown from a home school group that will need to be followed up. Everyone is very excited about doing a junior's workshop again. When schedules allow, additional juniors meetings will be planned. Possible dates will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Janelle also let us know about a **donation of sunstones from Jonathan Barnett** for the juniors.

**License Plate Report:** Still in progress, no update at this time.

**Field Trip Report:** Last trip to the museum went great. The collection was phenomenal and extensive. There were specimens of everything from biological specimens and taxidermy items to rocks and minerals. They need volunteers to help with maintenance and with work at the museum. Cullen will get in touch with curator Nathan Carpenter to discuss scheduling a future work day for us. Cullen also mentioned that the Rice Museum has a virtual tour that is worth a look. The **December field trip** will be a **Potluck Christmas Party** held at the club workshop on Dec. 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. The club will provide chili, soup and hot beverages. Members will bring a dish to share.

**Workshop Report:** Brent is asking about the budget we set for a **stove to heat the workshop.** The Board discussed the problems associated with a wood or pellet stove. We are looking into getting a shop heater that is electric and mounts at the top of the wall or on the ceiling. It will be decided when we get some prices. The workshop for January is scheduled for the regular Thursday, Jan 18th, for adults and a kids workshop on the following Saturday, Jan. 20th. Details will be advertised in the next Grindings.

## Old Business:

- **Table favors** for the banquet are being taken care of by Deana.

- **Banquet tickets** are available at Stewart's and at the December meeting. Give Brent a courtesy call to bring the tickets to the meeting.

- **Grab bag stuffing party** will be on **January 13th** pending availability of church. The time will be **9 am to about noon**. Call Melodee to call the church. Someone will need to bring donuts, too. All help is welcome and appreciated.

- **Sign up sheets** for the show will be available at the December meeting for the various venues.

- We **reviewed the chairpersons** for the various positions for the show. A **new Hospitality chairperson** is needed. Ashley Ludwig may be a good fit if she agrees. Deana will contact



**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
BOARD MEETING continued  
DECEMBER 5TH, 2017**

her.

- Cheryl Link went over a proposal for **voting on the cases and awarding ribbons**. She has numbered cards to mark the cases. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards for regular cases and the black light cases. Case favors will be the same as last year as there are some left over.

- Cheryl also proposed an idea to **sell little bottles to put the garnet dig gems in**. They can be set up at the back demonstration table. This will allow the kids to make a necklace out of their garnet finds. The idea was well received and details will be ironed out before the show.

- The **Mohs Scale posters** were popular at the last meeting. Dana got an estimate to print a bunch of them. There was discussion about selling them at the Building Fund table for \$1.25 and at the Gem Show also. Willa made a motion to allow the funds to print the posters. Deana seconded and the motion was passed.

**New Business:**

- 2018 Board members having been selected, Willa proposed a motion to elect **Dana Robinson to serve as President**. Ed Moser seconded the motion and the motion was passed. Dana **reappointed all of the officers to their current positions**.

- A **new show flyer** created by Cheryl Lawson will be uploaded to the web site this month. Doug Renken will also update the officers listing.

- Deana informed everyone that **Mike Beavers**, one of our members, **passed away in May**. She wasn't informed of this until recently. She suggested that we make a donation to the volunteer fire service he was also involved with. Willa made a motion to donate \$25 to the MRW Fire Department, EMS and Rescue in memory of Mike.

- Linda Barlow shared the **status of the Grindings** and a possible entry into the NFMS contest for newsletters. She has taken a close look at our publications and noted where we need to improve and what may be missing that is used in the judging. She plans to enter the October 2017 issue as the most complete. We **need to work on getting reviews and additional information and articles from our membership**.

- Four new member applications** were reviewed. Ed made a motion to accept the new members, Willa seconded and the motion was passed.

*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, President*

**The Night Before Christmas By Edna F. Pauli**

*T'was the night before Christmas  
and all through the house,  
not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.  
With geodes and nodules under a table and chair,  
a wee little mouse can't squeeze in anywhere.  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
as visions of fossil fish swam through their heads.  
Mother dreamed of opals and me of a lap,  
and we had just settled down for a long winter's nap.  
When out in the street there 'rose such a clatter,  
I jumped out of bed as mad as a hatter,  
stumbled down a stair, two at a time,  
just as our clock tolled its 3 a.m. chime.  
I opened the door and took a long look, the sight that  
I saw there would make quite a book.  
For parking in front with a roar and a squeak,  
was dear old St. Nick in a well-loaded jeep.  
He paused just a moment to check his long list  
and made doubly certain no one would be missed.  
There's agate, onyx, turquoise, and rhodonite,  
Carnelian, crystal, sapphire and malachite.  
He named every stone I ever had heard,  
And my heart was so happy it sang like a bird.  
For rocks to a rockhound are really a must,  
right next to that stuff labeled, "In God We Trust."  
It took quite a while to do this little chore,  
But as soon as he'd finished,  
he came straight for the door, and I can't understand,  
though I've honestly tried,  
But before I could turn, he was right there inside.  
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,  
and I stood there and watched through I felt like a "jerk,"  
for he knew what I wanted more than I did myself,  
and was wise beyond reason, this right jolly old elf.  
The gifts he had brought were trips for the next year,  
and the making of new friends from far and near,  
the singing of old songs around campfires bright,  
and being with the gang every rock meeting night.  
He picked up his pack and prepared to depart,  
and I gave him my thanks from the bottom of my heart.  
For friendship we know is a wonderful  
gem,  
and the principal key to Peace among  
Men.  
He sprang to his jeep, and stepped on  
the gas*



## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING continued NOVEMBER 21ST, 2017

**Library Report:** Melodee has not had time to reorganize the material yet. Plans are in progress to work on an expansion of the current Library case.

**Workshop Report:** Brent noted that we will not have a workshop this week as it falls on Thanksgiving this month. He will have a workshop on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or longer if attendance warrants). The focus will be on a Kid's Workshop from 10 a.m. to Noon. Brent has also volunteered to have the juniors tour the rock yard behind the Stewarts' shop for some hands-on exploration.

-The **December workshop** is a two-day event on **Dec. 16-17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** **Chili, soup and hot beverages will be provided** by the club. Please **bring a snack to share**. It will be a **good time to make Christmas gifts**. The club has slab material and findings at the workshop to make things with. Willa pointed out the need for volunteers to help out at the workshops and reminded us to always help clean up before leaving.

### Board of Directors Elections:

Dana opened the floor to nominations from anyone interested in running. There were no nominations.

Willa Renken made a motion to close the floor nominations, Twila Gallaher seconded and the motion passed.

The **Board nominees** were introduced: Sandy Blodgett, Cullen Anderson (absent), and Cheryl Peterson (absent). Willa made a motion that the nominees be accepted by a vote of acclimation, Twila seconded, the motion was passed.

### Old Business:

-Doug Renken showed the **new and improved signs for the show tables**. The signs will hang on the new frames that were **made for the show by Jim Witt**.

### New Business:

-The club received a letter from Pat Kimball from the Spring River Gem & Mineral Club in Cherokee Village, AR, regarding any interest in **trading rock material with other groups**. The specimens should be individually wrapped and identified. If you are interested, Dana Robinson has the contact information.

-**Banquet tickets** are now on sale and will be available at the November and December meet-

ings. **Menu** option details are listed on a larger sheet at the back table. We have a **new venue** for this year; The Riverside Hotel in Garden City. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members. The tickets will also be available at Stewarts Rock Shop until January 2.

-Brent and Deana are working on the **Basket Raffle** items. If any business or person wants to donate items for a basket, please talk to either of them. They have donation forms to use for this purpose. Ashley Ludwig is also helping out with donations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. for Refreshments.

The **night's program was an Auction** to help with the Banquet costs.

## JUNIOR RATTLER'S PAGE

## IDAHO GEM CLUB COMMUNITY CLASSES FOR JUNIORS

October in Lewiston, Idaho by Brent Stewart:

1. McGee Elementary
2. Children's Home

November/December in local area by Brent Stewart:

1. Fruitland Elementary
2. Challenger School
3. Riverstone International School
4. Riverside Elementary



## 2ND VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

## 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!

If you know of any members in need of cheer or to request flowers be sent, and to inform us of illnesses and those who have passed on, please contact Deana Ashton at [208-794-5628](tel:208-794-5628).

## DECEMBER 2017 SUNSHINE REPORT

This month we sent flowers to two members for knee operations and wish them swift recovery: Gene Stewart and Cheryl Peterson.

Earlier in the year, we lost a club member, Mike Beavers who lived in Givins Hot Spring area. Mike was active member of the Search and Rescue/Fire/EMS. Idaho Gem Club is sending a memorial donation of \$25.00 to this EMS group in his name. We hope to see Deana Beavers at one of our functions soon!

Dear Santa,  
☐ I've been good this year.  
☐ Ok, most of the time.  
☐ Once in awhile.  
☒ Nevermind, I'll buy my own presents.

## 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 dozen cookies or snacks and drinks/juice. 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.

The basic duties of refreshment committee includes chair set up, cleanup and take down. Please come early and remain late to assist with these.

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.

REFRESHMENT REMINDER  
DECEMBER GENERAL MTG!!

December is an all member participation for juice, punch, door prizes, snacks. Come early to help set up chairs. Bring a couple wrapped stones for door prizes or any other little gift will do.

## COOKIE EXCHANGE!!!!

We will have take home bags for cookies. Cookie Exchange people, please bring one tray of cookies. You may take home a variety of cookies from the share plates = to the number you brought to exchange!!

Non-exchange participants, bring one plate for the refreshment counter. Can be candies or other holiday treats



## IDAHO GEM CLUB (IGC) CALENDAR

December 16th: Christmas Party Workshop, 10-5 Port-a-potty available  
 December 17th: Christmas Party Workshop, 10-5 Port-a-potty available  
 December 19th: General Meeting, Adults & Juniors  
 December 21st: Winter Solstice  
 December 25th: Christmas  
 December 31st: New Year's Eve  
 January 1st: New Year's Day  
 January 2nd: Board Meeting  
 January 13th: Grab Bag Stuffing party, 9am-12pm  
 January 16th: General Meeting is Banquet  
 February 24 & 25: Annual Gem & Mineral Show

**I look forward to another year as your 2nd Vice President. I am working with Field Trip Chairman to have the meeting program topic coordinate with the type of rock, gem, mineral, fossil we will be hunting for on the field trip that month. Our goal is to have a set calendar for Programs and Field Trips available for Gem Show handouts in February. Exciting ideas are coming together for a year of growth as lapidary artists, rock enthusiasts and collectors and for growing relationships with club members and boosting our Juniors program.**

**Please, share with me anything you wish to learn more about involving rocks. We need you to tell us your goals of joining club so we can have diversity and expand knowledge. We encourage your input so we can make our club one that you are proud of and participate in on a regular basis. This is YOUR club! Help us make it awesome for you!!!! Let's go lick some rocks together and have some fun!!**

**Deana Ashton**

### Idaho Gem Club Member Field Trips

**DECEMBER:** Field Trip Combined w/  
workshop Dec 16 & 17

**JANUARY:** No Outdoor Field Trip d/t weather

**FEBRUARY:** No Outdoor Field Trip d/t weather

**MARCH:** TBD, planning in progress

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

**By  
Brent Stewart**

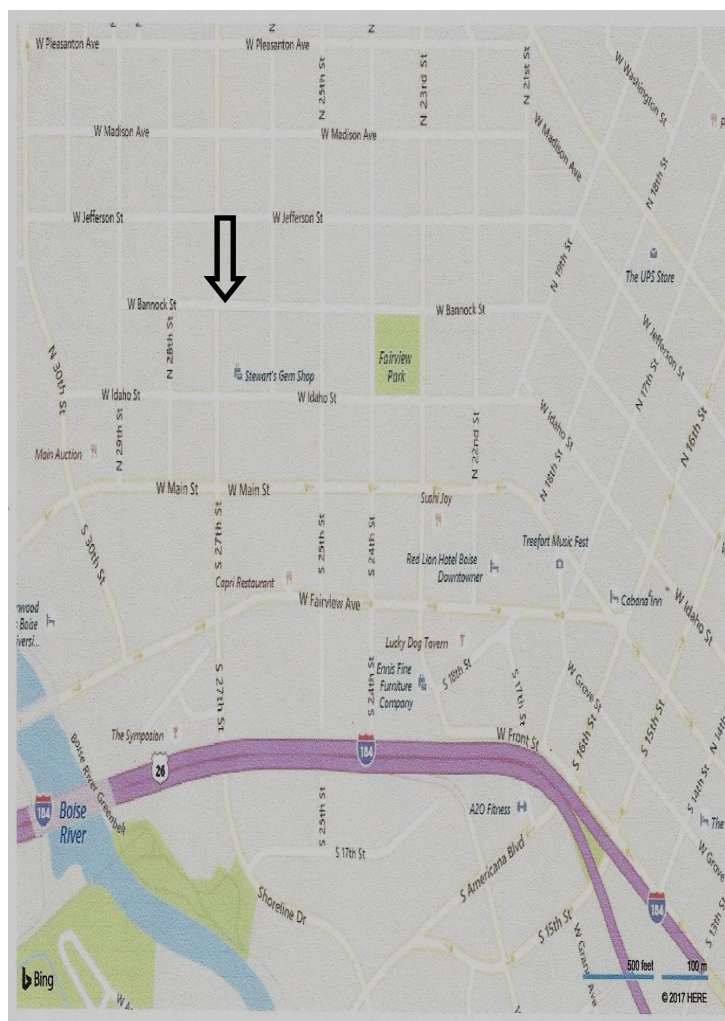
**THURSDAY** after General Meeting (usually 3rd Thursday), DEC. 21, no workshop  
**SAT./SUN.** (Saturday/Sunday after General Meeting): Christmas Party potluck  
**DECEMBER 16th & 17th**, 10-5  
**THURSDAY:** JANUARY 18TH (Adults) 6-9)  
**SAT.** JANUARY 20TH (Kids 10-2)

Helpers available for selecting stones, cutting and sawing stones, preparing stone for cabochon: size selecting, cutting, grinding, polishing, finishing.

**Wrapping needs prior notification.**

**Cost for cutting and wrapping wire.**

**LOCATION:** see map below. It is located next to Stewart's Gem Shop on corner S. 27th St & W. Idaho St. Driveway is between Stewart's Shop and Brent's house on corner. Extra Parking is across W. Idaho St. or on street.





## REMEMBERING WITH LOVE



## AN INDIAN PRAYER

O' Great Spirit,

Whose voice I hear in the winds,  
And whose breath gives life to all the world,  
Hear me! I am small and weak, I need our  
Strength and wisdom.

Let Me Walk in Beauty, and make my eyes  
ever behold the red and purple sunset.  
Make My Hands respect the things you have  
made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.  
Make Me Wise so that I may understand the  
Things you have taught my people.

Let Me Learn the lessons you have hidden  
In every leaf and rock.

I Seek Strength, not to be greater than my  
brother,

but to fight my greatest Enemy – myself.  
Make Me Always Ready to come to you  
with clean hands and straight eyes.

So When Life Fades, as the fading sunset,  
my spirit may come to you  
Without shame.

Juanita Cecilia Lazore Ashton of Boise, Idaho passed away on October 24, 2017 of natural causes. She was born on October 4, 1928 in Hogansburg, NY, and raised on the St. Regis Mohawk Indian Reservation. She was the fourth of seven children born to Thomas and Agnes Jock Lazore.

Juanita attended the Mohawk Indian School, Bombay High School, and Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas. She received a B.S. in Education in 1954 from the State University of New York in Plattsburgh. She taught at Parker Elementary School in Clarence, NY for two years before heading west in 1956. In Tucson, AZ, she worked for the Alumni Director at the University of Arizona. While studying for her Arizona Teacher Certification she was employed at the Phoenix Indian School from 1958-1962.

In 1959, Juanita married R. Dean Ashton in Phoenix. In 1962, after the birth of their son Greg, she left teaching to become a full-time mother. Their second son, Randy, was born in 1964. That same year the Ashtons moved to Denver, CO. They went on to have two more children, Deana in 1967 and Brian in 1968. The family moved to Boise, ID in 1977.

Juanita and family opened a Chrome Concepts store in the Westgate Shopping Center in 1978, which moved to the 8th Street Marketplace as Ashton's Contempra in 1981. In 1987, the shop closed and the family moved to Portland, OR where they lived for seven years before returning to Boise in 1994. Juanita returned to teaching and taught in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program in the Meridian School District from 1997-2002.

Juanita was an avid gardener, loved to read, and challenge her mind. She was proud to be honored as a Native Elder by Native American Coalition of Boise and enjoyed the monthly celebrations, powwows, and gatherings. Traditional Indian craftwork was a hobby she enjoyed learning and teaching to others. She was an active participant in the Southern Idaho Coin Club and the Idaho Gem Club. Her biggest delight was supporting her children's pastime of hot air ballooning.

Juanita was a memorable and engaging person who was cherished by many friends. She was intelligent, funny and helpful. She retained her sharp wit and shared many stories right up through her last days.

Both of her parents, her husband Dean, and brothers Art, Harold, Ashley and Glenn precede Juanita in death.

Survivors include her sister Beatrice Cole of Hogansburg, NY, Edna Cook of Glendora, CA, children Greg (Angela), Randy (Renee), Deana, and Brian (Cyndi) all of Boise. Also missing her are her grandchildren Allee, Amber, Ashton, Austin, Brandon, Cole, Crystal, Dana, David, Tyler, and twelve great-grandchildren.

There will be a vigil at Cloverdale Funeral Home Thursday, November 2nd from 5:00 – 7:00pm and a mass at St. Marks Catholic Church Friday November 3rd at 10:00am which will be followed by a reception.



**Peggy M. Dean (1931 – 2017)**

Pietje Margariet (Peggy) Veenstra Dean peacefully passed on November 17, 2017. She was born on November 1, 1931 in Chino, California to Dutch immigrants, John & Margaret Veenstra. She was raised on a cash & carry dairy along with her older brother John Veenstra & younger brother Dirk Veenstra. She graduated from Chino High School in 1949. On October 8, 1950 she married Efton Dean. To this union, they had four children: John, David, Diane, & Laurie. In 1963, the family moved to Emmett, Idaho to continue with the Veenstra family ranching operation. She & Efton were divorced in later years.

Peggy was many things in her life. She was a mother, grandmother, honorary grandmother, excellent cook, seamstress, **rock hunter**, adventure seeker, traveler, proud Dutch girl, #1 Boise State football fan, & amateur comedian. She worked at Western Recycling as an office manager/owner for 25 plus years. She was a hardworking & devoted employee that was loved by fellow employees and customers alike.

She had an adventurous & inquisitive soul. She never met a dirt road that was left unexplored. Later in life, she shared this love of exploring through **rock hunting with her rock hunting club members & her grandchildren**. Often, she would have two **rock tumblers operating** at the same time polishing the rocks she had found. She was also an accomplished traveler. She thoroughly enjoyed gambling at yearly high school reunions held in Las Vegas. She also traveled to Mexico, the Caribbean, and Europe extensively, and enjoyed regular trips to Yellowstone National Park. One of her more recent adventures was traveling to France & the Netherlands with some of her family members. She was able to attend a family reunion where she got to re-connect in person with her many relatives. She seemed whole when she was near all the family whom she kept in touch with through phone calls & letters. She maintained her ability to speak & understand the Fresian language throughout her life.

Her curiosity did not solely manifest in what she did, but also internally. She was a great collector of random facts & information. If she was curious about something, she had to pull the string of knowledge & follow it until she had her answers. She often sent interesting newspaper clippings in the mail to those she felt would enjoy reading them. She loved being in the know & being the first to deliver ground breaking news. This matriarch's sense of adventure & seeking has rippled through the generations. Her children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren have, without exception, inherited her love of learning & exploring. Peggy enjoyed the sweeter things in life, & just like a good Dutch girl would, found joy in actual sweets, candies, & pastries. She loved her coffee flavored ice cream treats that were supplied to her on a weekly basis. She seemed to prefer these over any other food & blamed it on losing her sense of taste. It was suspected she had grown weary of pretending to like to eat anything besides ice cream. She was an excellent cook & had the ability to know a good recipe when she read one. Family dinners were always graced with a new recipe she had prepared. It pleased her to prepare the food & moreover to give the recipe to those who requested it. Her wonderful ability to cook was a definite act of love.

She also was a devout Boise State football fan. She was absolutely thrilled when she got to meet Kellen Moore. She loved going to the games as a #1 Broncos fan. In the last 2 years when her health did not allow her to attend games anymore, she still donned her BSU sweatshirt & matching pants and beaded necklace on game day & would watch the game on television.

Peggy always had a twinkle in her eye – like she was on the edge of laughing, telling a joke, or a good-natured scolding. She had comedic timing & an amazing sense of humor. Usually very conservative, she often surprised her family with how funny & open she could be. She was very gifted at making everyone in her life feel like they were her favorite. She never ran out of time to talk to friends, co-workers, or family.

Peggy leaves behind two sons, John (Olivia) Dean of Boise, Idaho; David (Luane) Dean of Meridian, Idaho; and two daughters, Diane (Chuck) Frederick of Meridian, Idaho; and Laurie May of Idaho Falls, Idaho; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Margaret Veenstra, son-in-law Stanley R. May, sister-in-law Alice Veenstra, nephew Dirk Anthony Veenstra, and great-nephew Colton Veenstra.

The family would like to most sincerely thank Keystone Hospice for their wonderful care and support through the last weeks and special thanks to Norm, Kelley, Sarah, and Justina.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 1:00 pm at Potter Funeral Chapel in Emmett, Idaho. Burial will follow at the Sweet Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations may be made to [your favorite charity](#).

# DISPLAY CASE APPLICATION FOR 2017

## IDAHO GEM CLUB ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER: \_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ NON-MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CASES: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUBS: \_\_\_\_\_ OWN: \_\_\_\_\_

MATERIAL IN CASES: \_\_\_\_\_

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INSIDE DIMENSIONS OF CLUB CASES ARE 46.5" WIDE BY 22.5" DEEP BY 22.5 HIGH

**LINERS** AND **LOCKS** WILL NOT BE PROVIDED (BRING YOUR OWN)

RETURN HARD COPY TO Cheryl Link via [clink@micron.com](mailto:clink@micron.com) or @ NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**CASE SET UP:** FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2017 AFTER 1:00P.M.

**SHOW DATES:** 24<sup>TH</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

**CLEAN AND PACK UP:** 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 5:00 P.M.

**CHERYL LINK 208-375-5360**

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### "GEMS & GEMOLOGY"

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# NFMS NEWS

## NFMS 2018 OFFICER NOMINATIONS:

Pres: Ronna Watkins  
 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Ken Zhan  
 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Beth Heesacker  
 Tres: Lyle Vogelpohl  
 Sec: Judi Allison

## REPORTS

1<sup>st</sup> VP, Ronna Watkins: new BEAC:  
 Mickee Madden, 2536 Davison Ave., Richland  
 WA  
 509-438-5798, [mickeemadden@charter.net](mailto:mickeemadden@charter.net)  
[www.amfed.org/BEAC/contest.htm](http://www.amfed.org/BEAC/contest.htm)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Ken Zahn: NFMS Convention & Show is April 27  
 (10-6), 28 (10-6), & 29 (10-4), 2018 in Yakima, WA.  
 Competitive Cases see [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org) for AFMS Rules

## NFMS SHOW

NARG, North AM. Research Group (geosciences &  
 fossil collecting) will have skeleton of Jurassic ma-  
 rine Thalattosaur from Oregon and a 3-D printer  
 Doug True Fossils will have a T-Rex skull Replica  
 Central Washington Univer. Will have first public dis-  
 play of Audie Turner Fossil Wood Collection  
 Alberta Gem Ammonite Fossils ( 2 large specimens +  
 other fossils)  
 Wenas Mammoth Mobile Education Exhibit has fossil  
 remains of Columbian Mammoth

**STAMPS:** \$490 given on 9/2017 to Knitted Knockers  
 Project @ White Ctr. Eagles Auxiliary for yarn &  
 filler.

**WEBSITE CONTEST:** Encourage Doug Renken to  
 enter our website

**JR. Achievement Award:** deadline for entries is  
 2/10/2017 for monetary awards for sharing accom-  
 plishments of past 2 years (2016 & 17). NFMS  
 newsletter has application.  
 Age Groups: 1 is <7; 2 is 8-11; 3 is 12-15; 4 is 16  
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**NFMS DUES:** Packet received in Nov. & due by Jan.  
 10, 2018. Based on:  
 2017 Membership (not for 2018 dues paid).  
 Adults=\$2.50, Juniors=\$1.00  
 Club Information: contact person is Federation Direc-  
 tor

Membership list updates on list from NFMS not  
 club computer generated list  
 Tom Burchard is Circulation Chairperson  
 Carol Willey is Directory Chairperson

**MEMORIAL TROPHY AMENDMENT 2018:** Me-  
 morial Trophies to be awarded depends on ex-  
 hibits displayed at NFMS Annual Show in-  
 clude:

Best mineral exhibit  
 Best Petrified Wood or Wood Casts  
 Best all Northwest Material exhibit  
 Best Junior Member exhibit  
 Junior Achievement  
 Most outstanding exhibit

**RESOLUTIONS:** Proposed resolutions are due to  
 NFMS Secretary now for proper time frame  
 review and publication.

## Welcome New Members

### ADULT:

1. John Davis, Kuna
2. 6. Bonnie Sarchet, Boise
3. Tim Koah, Emmett,
4. 7. Cathy Erley, Boise
5. April Mantha, Boise
6. Kristin Hissner & Thomas Palmer, Kuna
7. Mickey Williams, Boise

### JUNIOR RATTTLERS:

1. Alisa Palmer, Kuna
2. Alissa Williams, Kuna

## 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](http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newsletters.asp)

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



**DECEMBER**

12/? Lisa Hovet  
 12/02 Cheryl Lawson  
 12/03 Steve Powell  
 12/03 David Schmidt  
 12/04 Dan Casey  
 12/04 Sidney Matous  
 12/04 Shannon T. Sharp  
 12/05 Shanna Deal  
 12/05 David Eliot  
 12/08 Lillie Rogers  
 12-09 John Sandmeyer  
 12/09 Robert Redman  
 12/10 Cheryl Link  
 12/11 Gia Stewart  
 12/13 Richard Vick  
 12/14 Cody Ashby  
 12/15 Cris Wheeler  
 12/17 Carolyn Whipple  
 12/18 Debbie Allen  
 12/19 Bill Lutjens  
 12/19 Doug Renken  
 12/20 Marc Dominguez  
 12-20 Don Nafus  
 12/21 Jeanne Snyder  
 12/22 Michael Montgomery  
 12/23 Joleen Knigge  
 12/23 Joe Nielson  
 12/24 Christina Aderton  
 12/27 Todd Presley

**JANUARY**

01/01 JoAnn Ferro  
 01/02 Tucker Briggs  
 01/04 Dave Dore  
 01/05 Becky Gibson  
 01/06 Steve LeMesurier  
 01/08 Teresa Nebeker  
 01/09 Ashleigh Ashby  
 01/09 Oscar Dominguez  
 01/11 Terry Tomberlin  
 01/14 Lori McLaughlin  
 01/16 Lee Unterseher  
 01/17 Tim Lusk  
 01/19 Greg Biebel  
 01/20 Chuck Goertzen  
 01/20 Michael Hurt  
 01/20 Greg Stewart  
 01/23 Gena Stewart  
 01/25 Cyrus Dominguez  
 01/25 Alice Stewart  
 01/27 John Chaplik  
 01/28 Tony Rose  
 01/29 Lynn Fry  
 01/29 Marion Phillips

**AFMS NEWS**

Dear Ventura Club Members,  
 As fellow Rockhounds, Know that we send prayers for your safety in this time of fires and evacuations. I receive your Bulletin in an exchange every month and have come to know you through the articles and the pictures. I feel in my heart your ache and trials at this time. As a member of the Idaho Gem Club in Boise, Idaho, I am aware of the devastation fire causes for people not only physically but emotionally and spiritually. Know you are held in sacred space by all of us here.

Peace and Blessings,  
 Linda Barlow, Editor & Federation Director, IGC  
 Historian, NFMS

Thank you Linda, some of our members have suffered large losses – although every person is saved! That is most important. Now to repair the “mental” and other physical losses. I will pass your words on to members. Thank you again,  
 Diane Cook  
 President, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

**No further AFMS news at this time.**

**DECEMBER BIRTHSTONES**

December's birthstones offer three ways to fight the winter blues: tanzanite, zircon and turquoise – all of them, appropriately, best known for beautiful shades of blue. These gems range from the oldest on earth (zircon), to one of the first mined and used in jewelry (turquoise), to one of the most recently discovered (tanzanite). All of these stones are relatively inexpensive, but their beauty rivals even precious gems. Colorless zircon is a convincing replacement for diamond, tanzanite often substitutes sapphire, and turquoise is unmatched in its hue of robin's egg blue. Whatever your style preference or budget, one of

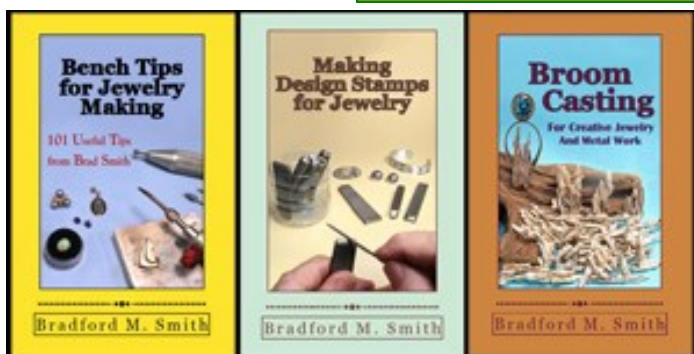
December's three birthstones will match your true blue desires.

Via: 'Rockhound Rambling' Volume 63, No. 11, Nov./Dec. 2017 and OGMS 12/17 .





## Bench Tips



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

### New Book on Foredom Tool Bits

Confused by all the tool bits available for your flexible shaft or hand-held motor tool? "Accessories for the Foredom and Dremel" explains what each is good for, which ones save the most time, and the tool bits that best improve the quality of your work. Also included are bench tips for getting good results and cautions for safe use.

The book is available on Amazon at [amazon.com/dp/B074LG35ZV/](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B074LG35ZV/)

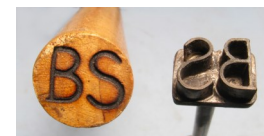
### MARKING YOUR TOOLS

It makes sense to mark your tools if you ever lend them to friends or take them out to classes or workshops. Question is how to mark them permanently. For metal tools, I use a very small ball bur running fast in the Dremel or Foredom to "engrave" my initials. Other times I'll form the initials with a number of hits with a center punch.

But for hammer handles and other wooden tools, the country boy in me came back and thought "Why not make a branding iron?" If you'd like to try one, all you need is a little scrap copper or nickel about 22-24 gauge, a piece of heavy brass or copper for a base, about 6 inches of metal rod and a piece of wood for the handle.



I formed my initials from a couple 4mm wide strips of sheet nickel. The "S" was one piece, but the "B" was three pieces soldered together with hard. (Remember to form the letters backwards). I then soldered the letters with medium onto a piece of 1/8 inch thick brass bar to act as a heat sink. Finally, I soldered a piece of 1/8 round rod on the back of the brass bar as a shaft to join to a wooden handle.



## GEOLOGY IN THE NEWS

reports spotted by Jim Brace-Thompson in recent newspapers

### A Supervolcano's Next Blow May Come Sooner than Expected

A hot spot underlying Yellowstone National Park in northwest Wyoming has blown in times past as cataclysmic mega-eruptions blanketing huge portions of North America in volcanic ash. As reported last month in USA Today, that same hot spot—extending 34 by 45 miles on the surface and known as the Yellowstone Caldera—may blow again soon. ("Soon" in geological terms could mean "tomorrow" or "within 3 million years".) The results would prove devastating. Arizona State University researchers have determined that the supervolcano could spew over 1,000 cubic kilometers of rock and ash, or 2,500 times more material than erupted from Mount St. Helens in 1980. That would blanket most of the United States in ash and plunge the Earth into a volcanic winter. The so-called Yellowstone Supervolcano has erupted three times: 2.1 million, 1.3 million, and 630,000 years ago. Should that relative time cycle continue, we're due for another eruption and researchers have determined that conditions for such eruptions could take mere decades to form, not millennia as previously thought. Duck-and-cover?

## NFMS CLUBS SHOW SCHEDULE

February 10 & 11 Sat 9–5 Sun 9–4	Whidbey Island Gem Club Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE Jerome Oak Harbor WA	Keith Ludemann 360 675 1837 rock9@whidbey.net
February 23, 24, & 25 Fri – 9:30 – 5:30 Sat – 9:30 – 5:30 Sun – 9:30 – 5:30	Oregon Agate and Mineral Society OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry) Auditorium, 1945 SE Water Avenue, Portland OR	Sonia Watt sonywatt@yahoo.com 4821 Grant St., Portland OR 97215
February 24 & 25 Sat 10 – 6 Sun 10 – 5	Idaho Gem Club Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood Boise ID 83714	Brent Stewart 208 342 1151 rocksbybrent@gmail.com
March 3 & 4 Sat 10–6 Sun 10–5	East King Co Rock Club Pickering Barn 1730 10th Avenue NW Issaquah WA	Cindy Smith showchair@eastkingco.org 206 953 3456
March 3 & 4 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society O'Conner Field House 2200 Blaine, Caldwell, Idaho	Darell Ehlers 208-674-1213 ddeh- lers@fmtc.com
March 10 & 11 Sat 9 – 5 Sun 10 – 4	Magic Valley Gem Club Twin Falls County Fairgrounds 215 Fair Avenue Filer ID	Chris Funk 208 539 5369 or Jon Cromer 208 293 5846 rmetts@cableone.net Magic Valley Gem Club PO Box 725 Twin Falls ID 83303
March 10 & 11 Sat 9–5 Sun 9:30–4	Rock and Arrowhead Club Klamath Co. Fairgrounds 3531 South 6th Street Klamath Falls OR	Laura Limb 541 281-8058 POB 1803 Klamath Falls Or., 97601 or Garwin Carlson 541 882-8276
March 10 & 11 Sat 10–6 Sun 10–4	Northwest Montana Rock Chucks Flathead County Frgrnds Expo Building, 265 North Meridian Road, Kalispell MT	Lloyd Fager old- grayelf@sbcglobal.net 608 436 0780
March 16, 17, & 18 Fri & Sat 10–7 Sun 10–5	Timpanogos Gem and Mineral Society Spanish Fork Fair Grounds 475 South Main Street Spanish Fork, UT	Keith Fackrell at 801-592-0410 krfackrell@gmail.com Karl Brough at 435-660-0032 jkbrough@gmail.com



## REMEMBERING WITH LOVE



In loving memory  
of all the rocks  
overturned and collected by:

Mike Beaver and Peggy Dean

Expressing hollow geode feelings of  
the rockhounds of  
Idaho Gem Club

A big thank you to the club members from me for your kindness and support during the last part of my mother, Juanita's life. Prayers offered much comfort. Sandy Blodgett visited the hospital to pray the Rosary with Juanita which meant more than words can say. The flowers that were sent for her funeral were absolutely beautiful and having club members present for her services meant the world to me. I will never forget how special you made mom and our family feel. Thank you so very much. Deana Ashton

## NOTICES

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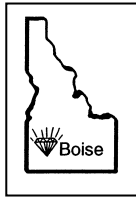


## MICHAEL E. BEAVERS

10/15/1958-5/22/2017

Mike Beavers, 58, of Melba passed away from cardiac arrest at his home on Monday, May 22, 2017. Mike is now at peace & no longer in pain because he is in heaven with his Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ. Mike was born the youngest of three children to Carl & Carol Beavers on October

15, 1958 in Boise, Idaho. He spent much of his youth at the family cabin near Crouch hunting with his Granddad, Dike, & cutting firewood with his Dad. Mike graduated from Borah High School in 1978 & the following year met the love of his life Deana Weast. Outdoor adventures bonded their relationship for nearly 38 years from their first date of snow-mobiling to their recent Alaskan fishing trip. Mike passed along his love of the outdoors to their three children teaching them to shoot, hunt, fish, ride motorcycles, & everything in-between. Mike was a devoted husband & father who selflessly supported the kids in their many 4-H & FFA projects on their small family farm in Kuna. Mike was a skilled truck mechanic working for Eddy's Bakery in Boise for 28 years. After opting for an early retirement & moving to Melba, he found a truly rewarding career as an Owyhee County Sheriff Reserve Deputy & volunteer firefighter for the Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire District. On May 4, 2017, Mike became an Owyhee County Marine Deputy. Their move to Melba afforded Mike the opportunity to regularly pursue his outdoor activities and also express his artistic skill with wood & metal projects. He loved the opportunity to build gifts that enriched his family & friends lives. With the Owyhee Mountains out their back door, many weekends were spent exploring & hunting close to home. He also loved to run the Snake River with friends in their jet boats. Mike was the proud grandfather of four granddaughters who he dearly loved to spoil. One of his greatest delights was to plan an extravagant Easter egg hunt for them each year. From an early age, Mike was never without a reliable four-legged companion at his side. Black Labs & Cocker Spaniels were his lifelong favorites, particularly his lab Kitty who saved him from drowning during a fall in the river while duck hunting. Mike leaves behind his wife & best friend, Deana, daughter Rebecca (Dennis) Rutan, son Joe (Lucia) Beavers, daughter Katie (Tyrel) Dyer, brother Carl (Barbara) Beavers, sister Debbie (Norm) Rudolph, father-in-law Gerald Weast & granddaughters: Madilyne, Paisley, Makayla, & Hailey. He was preceded in death by his parents, mother-in-law, Helen, & sister-in-law, Norma Beavers. In Memory of Mike, donations can be made to the Owyhee County Sheriff's, Posse, POB 128, Murphy, ID 83650 or MRW Fire & EMS, 11606 State Highway 78, Givens Hot Springs, Idaho 83641



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\$25.00 per couple  
\$28.00 per family

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3rd. Tuesday of every month

**BOARD MEETING:**  
1st. Tuesday of every month  
Church of the Brethren  
2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho  
ALL Meetings Start at 7:30 p.m.

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