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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has sprung early this year. I hope everyone is enjoying it as much as I am. What a difference from last year!

I thought the Annual Banquet went very well this year, (page 15). I want to thank Deana Ashton, Norm Cover and Willa Renken for all of their work setting up our Banquet this year. I heard very good comments about the meals and I think it will be a good venue to use for next year, too. Next year will be our 80th Anniversary! The table favors were larger than I expected from the description. Many thanks to the great folks over at Edwards Greenhouse for the beautiful work they did on them.

This month it's all about the annual Gem Show on Feb. 24-25 (page 4 & 5). Many thanks to all of the volunteers that helped stuff grab bags in January. The donated material was quite beautiful. It was very tempting to take one or two favorites home, but we resisted. Everyone will be very happy with their bags this year.

Please join us at our February meeting, Feb. 20, and sign up to help at the show tables. Especially for our new members. Many of you marked "Helping with the Gem Show" as an interest on your applications. **Now is the time to get involved!** There are many openings on the sign-up sheets that need to be filled. And mark your calendar to be at the Lock-A-Way storage facility, [5246 Chinden Blvd.](#), at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22nd to load the trailers with the show tables and cases. Then on Friday, Feb. 23rd we will meet at 8:00 a.m. at Expo Idaho to set everything up. I have had that Friday as a standing vacation day for more than 15 years now. I love having a Rock Holiday every February! I hope to see you there.

Respectful submitted, Dana Robinson, President

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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 16TH, 2018

- Emcee, Gene Stewart, started the evening by introducing the head table. The blessing was given by Chris Blickfeldt. Linda Barlow gave a federation report reminding everyone about the NFMS Annual Convention in Yakima. Gene welcomed new members and introduced the Past Presidents.
- Deana Ashton, 2nd VP, explained the new system to select the winner of the table centerpiece. The person who had a paper tag under their bread plate was the winner. She also announced that everyone would receive a small door prize at the end of the evening.
- A moment of silence was held for the members who were lost during the last year.
- The winner of the Project of the Year was announced for 2017. Congratulations were given to Dana Robinson. There were no entries for the Juniors Project of the Year.
- Gene thanked Ed Moser for all of his service to the club as the Junior leader and presented him with a lovely cut geode.
- Dana Robinson called the business meeting to order.
Minutes Ed Moser made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Grindings, Linda Barlow seconded, the motion passed.
Treasurer Report: Rochelle reviewed the club finances. The deposit hadn't been made yet for January, but will show on the February report.
Field Trip Report: Chairperson, Cullen Anderson, absent. Dana reported that the January field trip will be to the Orma J. Smith Museum in Caldwell again. It will be on Saturday, January 27.
Workshop Report: Brent Stewart reported Thursday, Jan. 18 is the next workshop from 6-8 p.m. Saturday Jan. 20 is the Jr. Rattlers Workshop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day will start with a tour through the rock yard to collect some material, then in to make necklaces and eat pizza.
Seasonal business: is the upcoming annual Gem Show. Sign up sheets are on the table in the hall. Everyone was encouraged to stop by and sign up before leaving. Show set-up and tear down were discussed.
Old business: None to discuss this evening.
New Business: Dana reported on two emails that were sent to the web site requesting speakers on lapidary and geology topics. They were from Mary McPherson Elementary and Hidden Springs Branch of the Ada Community Library system.
 Business Meeting Adjourned.
- Reflections of 2017 by President Dana Robinson.
- Gene Stewart introduced Lifetime Members present at banquet. Willa Renken presented the new Lifetime Members with certificates: **Brent Stewart, Cathy Parsons, Gary Moore, Cheryl Link, Twila Gallaher, Steve and Ruth Brittenham. Larry Friend and Carl Woodland** (absent). Their certificates will be given to them at the show.

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 6TH, 2018**

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

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

Absent: Brent Stewart

Guests: Doug Renken, Cheryl Link, Janelle Wintersteen, Mike Dome, Deanna Moser

Minutes: No changes as printed in the Grindings. Ed Moser motioned to accept the minutes, Will Renken seconded and the motion passed.

Secretary Report: None

Treasurer Report: Rochelle reviewed the financial statements for the month. Most of the dealers are paid in full for the show. Two deposits were made on this statement.

Federation Report: Linda reviewed various parts of interest and suggestions from the NFMS and AFMS newsletters (page 9).

Program Plan for Feb. 20: It will be information about the show with question/answer period.

Juniors Report: Janelle received input from the Ventura Rock Club on ideas for the Saturday workshop for kids. She will review it with Brent when he is back.

Field Trip Report: Cullen brought a list of the suggested field trips for this year. The list is subject to change. This month the field trip is the show.

Gem Show Business:

- Dana passed around a new show flyer designed by Cheryl Lawson. It will be sent to Doug to put on the website. She will get the full sheets printed display in various places, and small pads printed for distribution to individuals as needed.
- New brochure for the show can be printed in color for the show. The cost would be approximately \$350.00. Everyone agreed it would be a nicer advertising piece in color.
- More pads of applications are also needed. Estimates accepted.
- Dana asked about a helper to handle the glue for the little necklace bottles for garnets. Willa suggested that students from Timberline would be good for that. Dana will contact Greg Sandmeyer and ask if he would like to chair the position.
- Deana has drawn up a new style of raffle ticket for this year. It will save confusion to not have tickets like the ones at the front.
- Deana also has asked Dana to help with ticket bag info tags.
- Guest Mike Dome has a donation of geodes to bring. Most are cut, some are not. They can be used as door

prizes, treasure dig items, a raffle basket and at the silent auction table.

- Linda has procured all of the necessary tickets for the front door.
- Doug doesn't have the parking permits quite yet, but they will be available at the next meeting or at set-up.
- Ashley Ludwig has agreed to be the Hospitality Chairperson and has been given information about the position.
- Willa has the demonstrators taken care of.
- Cheryl Link has all the black light cases filled.
- Cheryl Peterson will be taking care of name badges. She asked for clarification on the different categories to be attached to the name tags. Dana will send her an advance list of names from the sign up sheets to get started on.
- It is unknown if Phil Neuhooff will be doing something for the scholarship. Dana will email him and ask.
- We reviewed the procedure for door prize tickets versus grand prize tickets.
- Rochelle has a new design for the postcards to give out for next year's notice. Everyone voted for the version they liked best. They will be printed at Overland Printers as has been done in the past.
- Show dates and times were verified for everyone, as well as admission prices.

Old Business:

- Lifetime Members. Notice of proposed change to the Idaho Gem Club Bylaws, Article 16, changing the number of years required for Lifetime Membership from 25 years to 20 years. Discussion ensued regarding the past decision and the need to formalize the vote. Notice was printed in the Grindings, but was not voted on again. The procedure for the change will be followed up by Willa Renken; 1) Update the Bylaws document; 2) have it signed and notarized; 3) send it to the lawyer; 4) provide updated copies to the Board of Directors. Willa Renken made a motion to vote on the change as modified, Ed Moser seconded, the motion passed with one vote against.
- Rochelle had questions about the refund of banquet ticket and membership dues for the new lifetime members.
- Rochelle also had questions about the make-up of the Family designation as relates to determining dues. The Board needs to revisit the issue in terms of the changing family unit composition.

The Idaho Gem Club's Annual
Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show

February 24 & 25, 2018

at Expo Idaho

5610 Glenwood Ave., Boise, Idaho



Exhibits: fluorescent minerals booth, Idaho gems, educational displays, rockhounding in Idaho information, Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology, raffle baskets, and a silent auction table

Dealers: jewelry, gems, minerals, crystals, beads, tools and findings, chains, carvings, and more!

Lapidary and Jewelry-Making

Demonstrations:

Cabochon cutting, faceting, arrowhead knapping, beading, silversmithing, wirewrapping



Children's activities: Idaho Garnet Dig, Glass Bottle Necklace Creation, Wheel of Fortune, Treasure Dig

Saturday 10:00 am- 6:00 pm

Kids 12 and under FREE

Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Adults \$4

Bring the Family!

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.

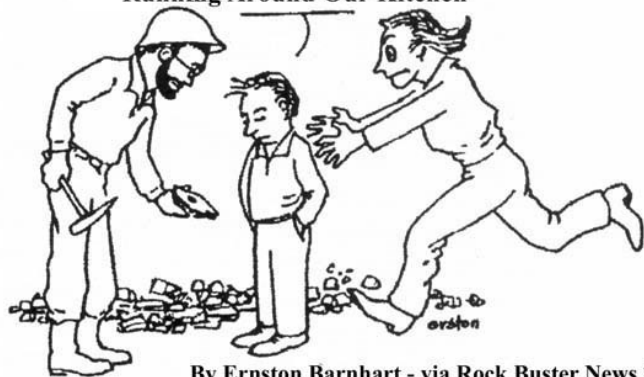
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND ANY GEM CLUB FUNCTIONS BUT ARE UNABLE TO DRIVE, CALL ME! WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET YOU THERE!

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).

FEBRUARY 2018 SUNSHINE REPORT

Everyone is healthy and happy awaiting the Gem Show!

So What's The Big Deal?
We Got Lots Of Things Like That
Running Around Our Kitchen



By Ernst Barnhart - via Rock Buster News 3/01
via Golden Spike News 8/01

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.

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

IDAHO GEM CLUB (IGC) CALENDAR

February 14th: Valentine's Day
 February 22nd: Load trailer @ 1 p.m.
Lock-A-Way storage facility
5246 Chinden Blvd.

ALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

February 23rd: Unload trailer and set up at show @ 8am
EXPO IDAHO (FAIRGROUNDS)
Chinden Blvd & Glenwood Ave.

ALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

February 24: Annual Gem & Mineral Show
 February 25: Annual Gem & Mineral Show
 February 25: 5 p.m. Take down show,
 load truck,
 unload truck at storage facility.

ALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

March 6: Board Meeting
 March 20: General Meeting

Idaho Gem Club Member Field Trips



FEB 22: Load truck for gem show @ 1p.m.
FEB 23: Unload truck and set up at Expo for gem show @ 8a.m.
FEB 24: 10-6 Annual Gem Show, page 4
FEB 25: 10-5 Annual Gem Show, page 4
MAR 24: Graveyard Point
April 21: Wang Doodle
May 19: Succor Creek
June 23: Beacon Hill (joint trip with Owyhee Club)
July 21: Reynolds Creek
Aug 25: Dismal Swamp
Sept. 22: Hog Creek
October 20: Haystack Butte (possible joint with Owyhee Club)

ALTERNATE TRIPS:

June or Sept: Oregon Sunstone Claim
April or May: Squaw Butte

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE By Brent Stewart

THURSDAY after General Meeting (usually 3rd Thursday),
 FEB. 22: NO WORKSHOP
 March 22:
 SAT./SUN. (Saturday/Sunday after General Meeting):

IDAHO FALLS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE 2017

May 27-29 Memorial Weekend	Learning days and field trips: Depending on conditions field trip may include: <input type="checkbox"/> Hammond Canyon <input type="checkbox"/> Methodist Creek <input type="checkbox"/> Ramshorn	Agate, jasper, and horn coral fossils	WM: Gerry Gibeault (208) 589-0736 Dry camp at the Gibeault's in Moore. Limited water and power are available. You can do day trips instead of camping if you choose. Difficulty level: Easy to very hard depending on the site
June 9-10	Hidden Canyon, Dubois	Wonderstone	WM: Kean Cardwell, Bill Schiess Day trip Difficulty level: Easy
June 16-17	Specific location TBD	Obsidian	WM: TBD Day trip Difficulty level: TBD
June 23-24	Pogo Claim	Pogo jasper and agate	WM: TBD Day trip Difficulty level: Easy
June 30-July 1	Big Southern Butte	Obsidian	WM: TBD Day trip Difficulty level: Rough drive and hard walking.
July TBD	Gilmore, hosted by Gary Beardall. Activities include: knapping and possible field trips that include:	Agate, opalite	WM: TBD Dry camp at Beardall's near the Gilmore ghost town. Difficulty level: Easy

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: _____

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 or @ NEXT GENERAL MEETING**CASE SET UP:** FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2017 AFTER 1:00P.M.**SHOW DATES:** 24TH-25TH FEBRUARY 2017C**LEAN AND PACK UP:** 27TH FEBRUARY 2017 5:00 P.M.**CHERYL LINK 208-375-5360**

THE GRINDINGS

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Members, Non-members, clubs, etc. can advertise in the Grindings Newsletter. This service is provided to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and is encouraged by the NFMS. The only criteria for the ad is that it be hobby related (e.g. rocks, equipment, grit, shows, etc.).

2" x 4" (business card size): Non-members \$15,
Member notices are \$5.

4" X 6" AD (1/4 page): Non-members \$30,
Members \$10 Payable to Idaho Gem Club.
Give monies to Treasurer & AD to Editor



GEM SHOW INFORMATION

2018 Show Chairs

Show Chairman	Brent Stewart 863-9336
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Set up Chairman	Doug Renken 362-3941, 890-1633
Case Setup Chairman	Cheryl Link 375-5360
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Hospitality	Ashley Ludwig 914-5711
Demonstration	Willa Renken 362-3941
Black Light Room	Cheryl Link 375-5360
Wheel of Fortune	Melodee Worley 890-6834
Grab Bag	Melodee Worley 890-6834
Garnet Dig	Dana Robinson 345-3823
Silent Auction	Cheryl Link 375-5360
Basket Raffle	Deana Ashton 794-5628
Credentials	Cheryl Peterson 887-5363
Scholarship	Phil Neuhoft 939-4508
Publicity Committee	Stewart's Gem Shop, Doug Renken and Deana Ashton

New! Glass Bottle Necklace Table:

The Chairperson for this table needs to have 1 or 2 volunteers for a two hour shift for both days. (There are four shifts per day starting from 10-12, 12-2, 2-4 and 4-6).

The people volunteering for this table will help the kids/adults who have already sat at the garnet table and have dug their garnets from the sand. The kids/adults should have their garnets in a 2 X 2 collection zip lock bag.

These glass bottles come with a cork and eyelet loop ready to be transformed into an instant beautiful personalized piece of jewelry.

Because we are using a hot glue gun to seal the glass bottles closed, we don't want the kids/adults to burn themselves. The volunteer will help the kids/adults pour their garnets into the glass bottle. The volunteer will glue the bottle shut and cut the leather cord to an appropriate length depending on the need of the kid/adult.

The cost per glass bottle necklace will be \$1.00 which the volunteer will need to collect from the kids/adults.

The club needs one chairperson and a small handful of volunteers to setup and make this a successful table at the show. Please contact Dana at [208-713-8582](tel:208-713-8582) or Cheryl at [208-859-5098](tel:208-859-5098) if you have questions or would like to chair this table at the show.

**Why volunteer at the club's yearly show?**

The first time I ever volunteered at the club show was at the front door ticket sales table during the 1997 show. Helen Dillion had paired me up with Peggy Dean who had been a member of the club for several years and was experienced at training people on what to do at the volunteer stations. I sat at the front table collecting the money from the people entering the show while Peggy sat next to me giving out the free raffle ticket. Peggy explained to the people to take their raffle ticket over to the hostess table to complete their name and phone number and deposit the raffle ticket into the box so they could win something hopefully. Peggy made that two hour shift go so fast I could hardly believe it was over when our replacements showed up at the table to take over. During the gaps of people coming in she talked to me about all the places she had gone rock hounding and the wonderful things she had collected since she joined the club. Every year I always signed up for multiple shifts at the front door ticket sales table usually sitting one shift with Peggy Dean, Marilyn Ferguson and Ruth Brittenham. I also gladly sat with any new members who wanted to learn more about our hobby and where we go locally to collect rocks throughout the year. These were some of the most interesting times I had at the show learning new things from people who had gone to other states collecting and enjoying the same hobby. I strongly suggest any new member to sign up for one of the many volunteer tables at the show and ask to sit with someone who has done this before so you too can learn how to help your club and more importantly learn from others in our hobby about our area and their skills. I spent the next ten years going out on field trips with Peggy Dean both on same day field trips and on many overnight club field trips to Oregon and Nevada. She was truly a person who loved to share her knowledge and her love for the hobby.

So why sign up to volunteer at our show? *Best way to network with club members!*

Best regards,
Cheryl Link, *Lifetime Club Member*

NFMS NEWS

Good day everyone. I hope this newsletter finds all in good health and spirit.

For the latest and greatest newsletter for January 2018, it can be located at this location: [January 2018 NFMS Newsletter](#)

Note, we now have our own domain name for our website. It is now located at <http://northwestfederation.org> I have updated our site which was at <http://amfed.org/nfms> to forward to our new site at <http://northwestfederation.org> and am contacting others to change their link to our new location, so there is no delay of response for our site. Also, the minutes from the annual meeting has also been posted at <http://northwestfederation.org/documents/FederationMinutes/2017NFMSAnnualMeetingMinutes.pdf>

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Facebook Mobile: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>

In Review of Jan. 2018 NFMS Newsletter:

President, Keith Fackrell, asked us to reflect on 2017 accomplishments w/contemplation of our activity improvements for 2018.

Ronna Watkins, 1st VP, is still searching for BEAC (Bulletin Editor Aides Chairman). She is judging this year along w/hosting the NFMS 80th Annual Convention in Yakima, WA. and representing NFMS at Raleigh, NC AFMS convention.

2nd Vice-President, Ken Zahn reminded our club to associate w/large local Recreation organizations w/same desires for multiple use of public lands to be ONE in speaking w/regulatory agencies including BLM & Forest Service. Ken also reviewed the 2017 Rockhound Retreat at Hancock Field Station near Fossil, Oregon including the multiple activities and inclusive cost. Pictures were included by Bert Kae-Je. He also promoted the Sept. 2018 Rockhound Retreat. Never too early to apply. See you there.

Laurie Ellis, NFMS Chairman of the Rockhounds of the Year (ROY), encourages (1) ROY participation to recognize our exemplary members, (2) ROY submissions to Laurie Ellis @ 65shark@gmail.com, & (3) encourages interaction between clubs of NFMS r/t each clubs programs for ideas for members.

See NFMS newsletter for (1) registration for NFMS 80th annual convention in Yakima, (2) applications for competitive and non-competitive display cases, (3) applications for Metal Silver-smithing class held during convention & (4) the resolutions to be voted on at convention.

Endowment Fund Committee Chairman, Jim Brain, NFMS Financial Advisor, asks for input for utilizing monies from the Endowment fund in compliance w/UNIFA of 2009 guiding charitable institutions in spending funds donated to them as endowments. This will be discussed at 2018 annual meeting. Responses are requested by April 1st including description, estimated cost, & how it would benefit NFMS membership.

Editor, Beth Heesacker, reminded us of the importance of cataloguing our rock collections.

NFMS Secretary reported on our OCT. 21 Organizational Meeting which was highlighted in previous Grindings and can be found in January 2018 NFMS newsletter online.

JUNIOR RATTLER'S PAGE

**IDAHO GEM CLUB COMMUNITY EDUCATION
ADULTS & JUNIORS @ GEM SHOW
GARNET DIG, WHEEL OF FORTUNE,
TREASURE SANDBOX DIG, GRAB BAGS
DEMONSTRATIONS, BLACK LIGHT DISPLAYS,
ROCKHOUND DISPLAY CASES**



NFMS NEWS

Although this is not a Resolution change, The Golden Spike Club wished to submit it early so that directors would have an opportunity to review the information in order to cast an informed vote at the Annual Meeting which will be on April 27th at the NFMS Show in Yakima.

Thanks for taking the time to review this and thank you for your volunteerism.

Judi Allison, NFMS Secretary

The Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society moves to amend Operating Procedure:

OP Committee – 2 Rules & Awards Committee,

Part B Specific Duties of Committee Members,

Section 4 Memorial Trophy,

To add Subsection 2, to read:

“2. Depending on appropriate exhibits being displayed at the NFMS Annual Show, the Committee may award the following Memorial and Special Trophies:

□ The Lester Ziehen Memorial Trophy for best “Mineral” exhibit.

□ The John T. Heddon Memorial Trophy for best “Petrified Wood or Wood Casts” exhibit.

□ The Rodney J. (Rod) Smith Memorial Trophy for best “All Northwest Material” exhibit.

□ The Isabelle B. Mattison Memorial Trophy for the best exhibit by a Junior Member or Junior Society

□ The Lucille Lindner Junior Achievement Award (to be administered by the NFMS Junior Committee.)

□ A special Sweepstakes Trophy may be awarded to the most outstanding exhibit at the Show.

Rationale for OP amendment:

At the 2017 NFMS Show in Hamilton, the Rules & Awards committee searched our fallible collective memories for what Special and Memorial Trophies were in place for presentation at the Awards Banquet. Since there seemed to be no written list anywhere, we recommend this Operating Procedure change to correct this omission.

Lyle Vogelpohl has done some research from the treasurer's records about the awards and clubs/persons that established them:

· “The JOHN T HEDIN MEMORIAL was established in June 1973 by Mrs. John T Hedin for the “best display of petrified wood or wood casts at our annual NFMS Show”. The initial trophy was presented at the 1973 NFMS Show in Lewiston, Idaho.

□ Mrs. Rodney J (Jane F) Smith established the RODNEY J (ROD) SMITH TROPHY for malachite. The first trophy was presented at the 1980 NFMS Show in Boise, Idaho. Sometime later because of limited number of malachite exhibits and same persons receiving the award, the trophy was changed to “All Northwest Material” that is materials from within the boundaries of the NFMS.

□ The ISABELLE B MATTISON TROPHY was established

in July 1990 by the Three Rivers Mineralogical Society, Kennewick, Washington, for the best exhibit by a Junior Member or Junior Society. The minimum score of 60 points is to be used to qualify for the trophy.

□ The LUCILLE LINDNER JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD was established by the Rock Rollers Club, Inc. of Spokane, Washington in August 1997, and was to be administered by the NFMS Junior Committee. This award was in the form of a petrified wood desk pen set with a brass plate engraved with the awardee's name. A supply of polished petrified wood slabs and pen sets were donated with the Trust Money for the plates.

Unfortunately, during the transfer of Junior Committee Records and Materials all of the Records and the Materials donated by the Spokane Rock Rollers was lost.

□ The DARRELL DALTON TRUST FUND was established in April 1998 by the Tualatin Valley Gem Club for the best display of obsidian. This trust fund was reclaimed by the Tualatin Valley Gem Club for lack of awardees in February 2007.

□ In May 1999 the LESTER ZEIHEN TRUST was established. I do not have a copy of the contract establishing the award, so do not know what materials the award covers. If someone has a copy of the agreement, I would like to have a copy.”. Joe Slouber advised that the trophy was intended for either competitive or non-competitive displays, and for “Minerals Only”, not as part of a broader exhibit.



NFMS NEWS continued

The Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society moves to amend Operating Procedure:

OP Committee – 2 Rules & Awards Committee,

Part B Specific Duties of Committee Members,

Section 2, JUDGING DIRECTOR,

To add a sentence after “Prepare judging teams of

.....special and memorial trophy awards”

To read:

“The Judging Director shall request the NFMS Treasurer to reimburse participating Judges and Clerks for their entrance fees paid to the Host Club at the NFMS Annual Show.”

Rationale for OP amendment:

At the 2017 NFMS Show in Hamilton, the Rules & Awards committee discussed proposing an Operating Procedure change to recognize the contribution that Judges and Clerks make to the Federation at the Annual Show, by having the NFMS reimburse their entrance fees.

It is universally recognized that both Competitive and Non-competitive Exhibits add a great deal of direct benefit to the attractiveness of the Show to the public. Host Societies have always extended the courtesy of free admission to Exhibitors, and *occasionally* to Judges. The Judges and Clerks do not supply a direct benefit to the Show and Host Society, but certainly do so to the NFMS by facilitating competitive awards and consequential eligibility for National (AFMS) awards. Most Judges have expended considerable effort and money traveling to AFMS Uniform Rules seminars, and keeping up with changes to the complex rules. They also spend a lot of time at each Show working to evaluate the competitive exhibits, and to select Memorial and Special Trophy winners. This OP change represents a small “Thank You” to them.

Signed,

Evan E. Day, Vice-President,

Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society

ARTICLE XIV of the By-Laws reads:

Amendments

Section 1. All amendments to these By-laws and all resolutions must be sponsored by a member Society in good standing.

Section 2. These By-laws may be amended at any Annual meeting by two thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates present, PROVIDED, that written notice has been given each of the member Societies at least three (3) Months in advance.

This means that corrected proposed Resolutions must go back to the Secretary by January 15, 2018 in order for the Secretary to inform the member Societies by the deadline of January 26th. So, If your society is considering proposing a change in By-laws, remember this time frame. Just as a reminder, Operating Procedures can be discussed and voted on at the time of the meeting; but often there may be a section in the By-laws that will also need revision in the event something is changed in the OP's. So do your homework, and be certain you reach every part of whatever you hope to have amended. Remember, the Resolutions Chair is there to help you through the process. (Many Resolutions might fall under a category of helping to “clean up” By-laws to reflect what is actually being practiced and bring everything in line with what we are possibly doing, even though we may not be following the By-laws.)

I am happy to announce we have a new Resolutions Chairperson who looks forward to helping you develop a viable proposal. Audrey Vogelpohl is our new Resolutions Chairperson. Thank you, Audrey



Two links for additional news-letters we receive as members of the rock club.

NFMS—Newsletter available at:

<http://northwestfederation.org>

AFMS—Newsletter available at:

<http://amfed.org/news/default.htm>



Save Stamps For Cancer Research

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



MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING continued JANUARY 16TH, 2018

- Gene performed the Installation of Officers with the presentation of badges of office and a review of duties: President: Dana Robinson; 1st Vice President: Willa Renken; 2nd Vice President: Deana Ashton; Secretary: Christine Anderton; Treasurer: Rochelle Eytchison; Librarian: Melodee Worley; Historian: Sandy Blodgett. Board of Directors: Twila Gallaher, Brent Stewart, Sandy Blodgett, Ed Moser, Cheryl Peterson, Cullen Anderson.
- Gene presented the President's Opal and Jade Gavel to Dana Robinson.
Banquet adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Christina Anderton, Secretary
& Dana Robinson, President*

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING continued FEBRUARY 6TH, 2018

- The one year membership term was adjusted to ending at the end of October rather than the beginning to match the NFMS one year term.
- Four new membership applications were reviewed. Willa Renken made a motion to accept the new members, Sandy Blodgett seconded and the motion was passed.
Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Christina Anderton, Secretary &
Dana Robinson, President*

Welcome New Members

ADULT:

1. Naomi Davenport & Raymond Murphy, Boise
2. Jana Toothman, Boise
3. Corinne & Terry Legg, Nampa
4. Guy Webster, Boise
5. Gerard Svahn, Boise

JUNIOR RATTLERS:

1. Cainin Davenport
2. Justinian Legg
3. Xania Legg
4. Keelyn Legg

FEBRUARY

02/03 Ilse Schreiner
02/06 Colin Fox
02/10 Kim Williams
02/11 Rick Corbett
02/11 Jim Storey
02/12 Christy Powers
02/13 Arlene Purchase
02/14 Mickey Williams
02/15 Jessica Taylor
02/19 Kitty Bryner
02/20 Jan Benson
02/20 Jackson Neuhoﬀ
02/25 Deanna Moser

FACETED: AMETHYST

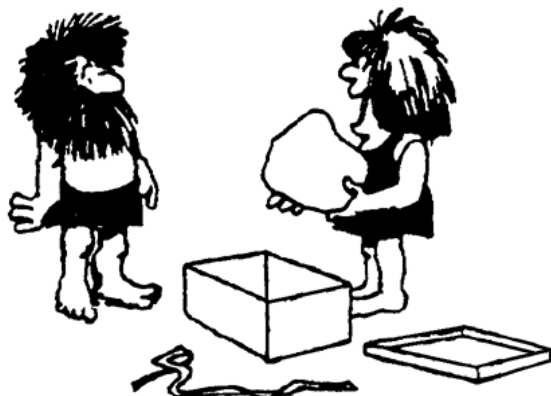
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MARCH

03/03 Jady Johnson
03/06 Karen Kelley-
Sass
03/07 Judy Blodgett
03/09 Miles
Shepardson
03/13 Cyndy Schmidt
03/14 Jason Sheehan
03/21 Kelly N. Sass
03/22 Andrew Housh
03/23 Mike "Red"
Lovette
03/23 Phillip Worley
03/28 Larry Friend
03/28 Gene Stewart

**FACETED:
AQUAMARINE**

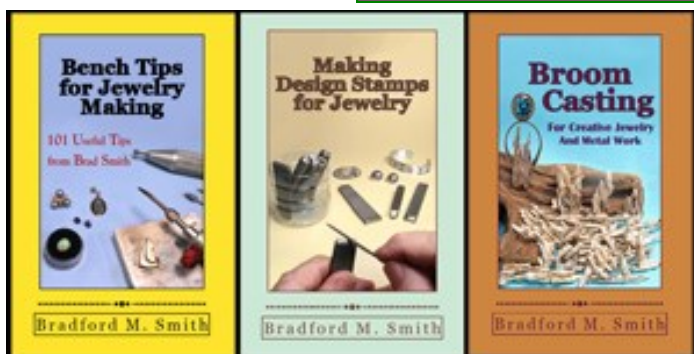
**CABUCHON:
BLOODSTONE**



"How Sweet... My Birthstone!"

From Rock Chips 1/99

Bench Tips



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

MOBILE FLEXSHAFT STAND

A handy mobile stand for your flexshaft can be made easily and quickly from the base of an old swivel office chair. You can find these chairs being thrown out at office buildings and schools. I just asked the custodian in my building to set one aside for me.

To separate the chair from the wheeled base, simply remove the spring clip from the center bottom. I use a small screwdriver or a pair of pliers.

To make the stand, you'll need two pieces of threaded galvanized steel pipe and a pipe fitting from a hardware store. The first length of pipe is 3/4 inch diameter to fit the hole in most chair bases. The second piece is a length of less expensive 1/2 inch pipe.

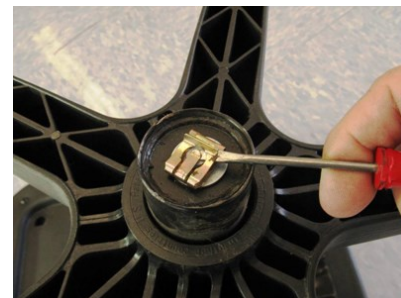
The total length of the two pipes should be five feet. I used a two foot length of 3/4 pipe and a three foot length of 1/2 pipe. They are joined together by a pipe fitting called a 3/4 to 1/2 reducing coupler.

LOCAL METALS SOURCE

Local companies that use sheet metal typically have barrels of scrap copper, brass and aluminum sheet that they save for recycling. The shop owner/manager will usually let you go through it to select the shapes and thicknesses you want. Prices vary but will generally be close to the wholesale per-pound scrap value. For me at this time, that's \$3 per pound for copper.

I've found it's much cheaper to buy metal this way than ordering from a catalog. There are no shipping charges, and you'll be supporting a local small business in your community.

Remember to bring your work gloves if you try this. Also useful is a thickness gauge. When I asked if they had any 14 gauge, they didn't know. Turns out they measure the thickness of copper by its weight per square foot.



NFMS CLUBS SHOW SCHEDULE
SEE NFMS NEWSLETTER FOR COMPLETE LISTING OF SHOWS IN THE NORTHWEST

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 rocks- bybrent@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 oldgrayelf@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

AFMS NEWS

As Grindings Editor, I received this from the Ventura GMS Editor for your info.

Sadly, while the club was lucky in that it did not lose the clubhouse or the meeting room to this horrible fire here in Ventura County, a few members did.

Raul and Maria have lost their home and a vehicle in the early part of the fire. They have been the driving force for the Pebble Pups education program for the last few years, and it shows in how many kids have joined.

Dani and Dane Shriver, and their Pebble Pup, Henry, also lost everything. They have a long road ahead of them, and we want to help in anyway we can.

Any amount will help, especially this time of year. Thanks for your support.

Here are the links ...<https://www.gofundme.com/raul-and-maria-barraza-fire-relief>

PAGE 14 <https://www.gofundme.com/dani-and-danes-fire-relief-fund>

IGC BANQUET



Norm Cover, Deana Ashton, Brent and Gia Stewart



Alice & Gene Stewart, Sandy & Judy Blodgett, Dana & Kristy Robinson



PAST PRESIDENTS

Gene Stewart, Dana Robinson, Cathy Parsons, Marge Conley, Willa Renken, Brent Stewart



Lifetime member awards by Willa Renken to Brent Stewart, Cathy Link, Ruth & Steve Brittenham, & Twila Gallaher.



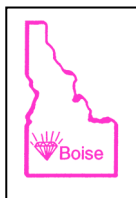
BANQUET MEMBERS AT LARGE



INSTALLATION OF 2018 IDAHO GEM CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

OFFICERS: President, Dana Robinson, 1st VP, Willa Renken, 2nd VP, Deana Ashton, Secretary, Christine Anderton, Treasurer, Rochelle Eytchison

BOARD MEMBERS: Sandy Blodgett, Ed Moser, Cheryl Peterson, Twilla Gallaher, Brent Stewart



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Dues:

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

Subscription:

\$10 per year



GENERAL MEETING
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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