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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by DANA ROBINSON

Greetings, everyone. It is the time of year that starts getting very busy for us. This month we will be selecting people for the Board of Directors. See page 11 for the biographies of those running. Since it will take some time to do the voting, etc., that will be the program this month.

We are also gearing up for the Project of the Month in December. We encourage everyone to submit an entry for something that has been created this past year. I know you have been making cabs and other projects at the workshops, so now is the time to get a big pat on the back for your efforts. Participation has been very low the past couple of years, so I hope to see some great things this year.

Deana has been working on getting things ready for the Banquet in January. Linda Barlow has volunteered to help with flyers and decorations. Tickets for the banquet will be on sale at the back table in November and December, as well as at Stewart's Gem Shop. After December's meeting, tickets will only be available at Stewart's.

Many thanks to Dale Rawson for filling in as Building Fund chairperson for November and December. Duane Winterroth will be working out of state during that time. He will still be selling raffle tickets for the beautiful Halite specimen that was donated to the club. We will draw for a winner in December.

This is also the month that we have an auction at the end of the meeting. If everyone could bring in a rock or two to donate to the cause it would be great. Usually in November we auction rough material for making gifts, and in December we auction finished items to be used as gifts. It is a good time to restock or get those last minute gifts.

The February show is our main event that supports the club. We have open chairperson positions for Grab Bags, Wheel of Fortune and a Kid's Activity Table. Cheryl Link has donated small bottles for kids to put their collected garnets in. A cap is then glued into the top and a cord cut to make a necklace. There will also be materials for making rock animals. If you are interested, please see Dana Robinson, Brent Stewart, or any Board member. It is always fun to work with the kids at the show. There will not be the regular workshop in November this year. That Thursday falls on Thanksgiving. There will be a workshop on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the regular times of 10 am to 2 pm. Also due to the holiday there are no plans for a field trip

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The deadline for issues is the Friday after each Board Meeting for the current month's edition. For deadline and to submit articles Contact Linda Barlow Email: barlow596@gmail.com

until December. If possible we would like to do another field trip to the Orma J. Smith Museum in Caldwell. There are very interesting displays that everyone would enjoy. More information and details to come next month.

Have a great Thanksgiving everyone!

Respectful submitted, Dana Robinson, President

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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 6th, 2018

Meeting called to order 7:35pm

Present: Dana Robinson, Ŵilla Renken, Deana Ashton, Ed Moser, Cheryl Peterson, Brent Stewart, Sandy Blodgett, Twila Gallagher, Rochelle Eytchison, Cheryl Link, Linda Barlow

Guests: Mike Dome, Janelle Wintersteen, Deann Moser Absent: Secretary Christina Anderton was not present & Deana Ashton wrote minutes.

Treasurer Report by Rochelle Eytchison: She reviewed the current balances and adjustments to checking and savings accounts. She has a new format for our monthly reports. She requested the reminder to pay dues be printed on front page of Grindings again.

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: She reviewed 2 pages of AFMS information (see page 14) with NFMS report on page 13:

-Website contest reviewed with intention to help clubs improve sites,

-Junior Badge program should be designed to fit each age bracket for content,

-Suggestions for division of age junior/adult,

-Endowment Fund prizes and \$5.00 per ticket or 5/\$20. with the raffle being held in March 2019 at AFMS Convention, -Slide programs,

-Rockhound of the Year entries,

-Safety,

-All American Awards,

-Kalamazoo show growth ideas, and

-Suggestions for Facebook advertising.

Program by Deana Ashton: It is time for Idaho Gem Club Board Member November elections. There will be no special program this month due to election of officers. This month we have elections for 3 open Board of Director positions. Brent Stewart, Deana Ashton and Twila Gallagher whose 3 year terms are up. Brent and Deana wish to remain on the Board of Directors. Cheryl Link and Willa Renken endorse the nomination of Greg Sandmeyer to fill Twila Gallagher's vacancy. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the general meeting for any member wishing to run for Board of Directors. Then a vote will take place selecting the candidate. Biographies of candidates are in the Grindings (page 9).

Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson:

-Haystack Butte had a successful turnout and discovery of material. He asked that more of the experienced members help him out by checking in with others on trips especially new members.

-Deana suggested someone do a video for our Facebook page to show tools used on field trips, how to collect new material, and how to discover great treasures.

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING (continued) NOVEMBER 6th, 2018

-We will try and have sample materials at meetings just before field trips so people know what to look for, but this should also be reviewed at the site.

-Field trips are done for the year due to weather and road conditions making access difficult and dangerous.

-Deana suggested we take a group tour of the Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural Science History at College of Idaho sometime in November or December.

-Cullen is available for suggestions of new sites to schedule trips to for 2019.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: He is not available for November to hold workshop.

-Deana Ashton volunteered to hold shop open from 10:00am-2:00pm on November 17^{th} .

-Volunteers needed to help Deana assisting others with others with Genie's. Also Volunteers needed to run the saws.

-Workshop dates:

Saturday, December 1: 10am-2:30pm;

Holiday Workshop Weekend Dec. 15^{th} : 10:00am-5:00pm Dec. 16^{th} : 10:00am-4:00pm

-During Holiday Workshop Deana volunteered to have a table for jewelry gift making with crystal pendants and set various cabochons into special jewelry pieces.

-Gene Stewart had Jim Witt refurbish a 12" saw to be used at the workshop. Sandy Blodgett motioned: "I Present a motion that IGC purchase from Gene Stewart a 12" self-feed saw for \$500.00 to be used in workshop." Ed Moser 2nd motion. Motion carried.

-Brent asked if we will want him to purchase some wheels from the dealer from India when he goes to Arizona. We mostly agreed and will discuss in January.

Scholarship Report by Dana Robinson: Willa Renken made a motion to accept Laura McSherry as the scholarship winner for 2018 Earth Science Scholarship for \$500. Laura McSherry is a Senior in Geoscience/Hydrology at BSU. We will schedule a night for her to present a program in 2019. Dana Robinson will notify Philip Neuhoff to contact her with the news.

Mining Claims by Cheryl Link: The board was informed that BLM fees have increased again for the upcoming year's mining claims by \$50.00. Cheryl Link will handle this for the club.

New Business:

-Sandy Blodgett rescinds his request to have the IGC books audited by an outside firm this year. He claimed there was a lot of jostling on accounts which makes it difficult to audit at this time. He spent 7 hours with Rochelle going over accounting and taxes and procedures. Several suggestions will be made at a later time for improvements we can implement. Rochelle has ideas for streamlining some of her work.

-Cheryl Peterson asked if Refreshments will continue. After discussion it was decided that Rick Corbett will be in charge of getting committee volunteers for each month. This will relieve Deana Ashton of this duty (one of the 2^{nd} VP obligations), allowing her to focus on programs and take part in meetings, leaving Rick in the kitchen. From now on, the monthly chart will be eliminated and Rick will ask for monthly volunteers to bring door prizes, set up meeting hall, clean up meeting hall and pack the supply tote for refreshments with him. Adjustments will be made to the standards for this committee and printed in Grindings.

-January Board of Directors scheduled New Year's Eve. Meeting rescheduled for January 3, 2019 at 7:00pm. -New member applications were reviewed and accepted. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm

Respectfully submitted, Deana Hshton, 2nd VP

Welcome New Members



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

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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 16th, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dana Robinson. Guests and new members were welcomed.

Door Prizes by Rick Corbett: 7 juniors and 19 adults. **Building Fund Raffle by Duane Winterroth**: 9 winners **Minutes as printed**: Willa Renken motioned to accept. Ed Moser seconded. Motion carried.

Juniors were excused to go to the Library with Janelle. They will be called back in for the fluorescent minerals program. **Secretary Report**: None

Treasurer Report by Rochelle Eytchison: Monthly finances were reviewed. Everyone was reminded that yearly dues are due this month. Question: Are new members who joined in September good for next year, 2019? Answer: Yes, but people who joined in the summer will need to renew.

Federation Director Report by Linda Barlow: Due to personal travel, not able to make the meeting. Refer to the Grindings NFMS report (page 13 & 14, October 2018 issue).

Refreshment Committee Report by Deana Ashton: Thanks everyone who brought door prizes and snacks tonight. Members were polled to see if they want to change the set-up so that someone is a chairperson for the refreshments and can call to remind volunteers to bring things. Willa pointed out that the club will only provide drinks and will not be spending funds to provide snacks. If we don't participate it may be dropped. It was generally agreed that everyone likes the snacks and wants to continue with it, but it will be easier if they have a reminder call. So we will go back to the old way. Rick Corbett volunteered to be chairperson for November and enlisted a couple of volunteers to help. At the next meeting there will be a sign-up sheet for the next year's worth of meetings.

Field Trip Report: Cullen reported that the last trip to Hogg Creek was fun and the extra trip to the Blue Egg Claim with the Idaho Falls and Caldwell clubs was a success as well. This month's trip is to Haystack Butte. It is the last scheduled field trip for the year. The meeting point will be in Adrian, Oregon, at the junction of Owyhee St. and Hwy. 201. A high clearance vehicle will be needed for this trip. The meeting time is 8:30 a.m., leaving at 9 a.m.

Workshop Report: Brent reported that the last Kid's Day was good. He may not have any more this year, but will resume after the New Year. The next workshop will be Thursday evening, Oct. 18, from 6:00 to 8:45 p.m. There will also be a workshop on Oct 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He is also getting together with Marge to set up times for her wire wrapping classes. Stay tuned.

Seasonal Business: The scholarship fund had a couple of late applications. They will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Deana will be securing the venue for the Banquet soon and

will be forwarding the information to make tickets and the flyer.

Old Business: No old business discussed.

New Business: No new business was brought up this month.

Adjourned for the program at 8:30 p.m.

Christine Anderton had a great program covering fluorescent minerals. There was an opportunity for everyone to guess which minerals may be fluorescent before lights out for the revealing.

BASKET RAFFLE DONATION REQUEST:

Our Basket Raffle is coming up during the Annual Gem Show and I am getting some bas-



kets assembled. If you have some nice baskets of any size ...even nice crates and boxes will be great! To donate, please bring to me at General Meeting or call Deana at 208-794-5628 and I can pick up. Thank you!

The Basket Raffle funds are primarily to supplement our Workshop expenses and equipment repair/ upgrade/maintenance. The generosity and uniqueness of your donations makes all the difference in drawing big ticket sales.

I put together baskets and combine items to make baskets more fetching. We are seeking donations for the basket raffle including

-gift certificates for goods or services, and -any extra gift type items you may have such as gardening tools, stuffed animals, art, jewelry, sporting goods, lapidary items or nice rock and mineral specimens, and finished jewelry would be wonderful.

I am seeking Corporate donations and sending out requests to many businesses.

We have had large donations such as the new 10" rock saw, which was a big ticket item and brought a whopping amount of tickets purchased . This type item would be fantastic. Thank you! Deana Ashton 208-794-5628

Having Fun By Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS Juniors Program Chair

Join the Patricia Egolf Rock Pals Program to Have Fun Exchanging Rocks!

Before our Internet and Facebook era—way, way back when folks like I were mere youngsters-we had this thing called "mail" (minus the "e"). This thing involved pencils or pens and paper and stamps and envelopes that you licked. In that distant time, kids may have partnered with kids from schools in countries far-and-wide to become Pen Pals. Such letter-exchange programs enabled you to reach beyond your day-to-day experience to fly via letters to distant and exotic lands to broaden your horizons as you waited for weeks on end for a response to a letter you mailed in an honest-to-goodness mailbox. The cool stamps on the envelopes were as fun to receive and collect as the message inside! In 2011, Patricia Egolf of the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, New York, suggested a new spin on this for junior rockhounds, namely, a "Rock Pals" program in conjunction with our AFMS Future Rockhounds of America program.

Kids love the different rocks and fossils to be found across our great nation, but they and their parents can't necessarily afford to buy them nor to travel widely to collect them. How wonderful it would be, Patricia thought, for juniors in a club to band together to collect local samples to trade with juniors in other clubs across the country. With that goal in mind, Pat helped us establish Rock Pals. A club gathers 20-25 or so local specimens in sizes small enough to fit in a medium-size flat-rate box available at the U.S. Post Office and, after making arrangements with another club, each mails a box to the other with samples and labels for what's inside. This, amazingly enough, is simply not to be accomplished via emails or text-messages!

Sadly, Pat passed away all-too-soon in 2012. To honor her memory and spirit, we re-named this effort the "Patricia Egolf Rock Pals Program." Participating clubs and contact persons are listed on the Kids Corner section of the AFMS website, <u>http://amfed.org/fra/rock_pals.htm</u>. To start a trade, email or call a local contact to make sure the club is still actively involved and to see how many kids are in that club and to make suitable arrangements for a rock swap.

In recent years this program has fallen into disuse. After receiving several queries about it, in the summer of 2018 I contacted all clubs affiliated with the AFMS/FRA Badge Program to see which might be interested in continuing our exchange program. I received 30 positive responses which I am using to update our listing on the AFMS website in hopes of refreshing, revitalizing, and renewing this

ROCKHOUND



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Welcome New Junior Members



KIDS DAY & WORKSHOP PICTURE



program. AFMS/FRA-affiliated clubs interested in being added to (or removed from) our list should contact the AFMS Juniors Program Chair, Jim Brace-Thompson, jbraceth@roadrunner.com, (805) 659-3577. The renewed list of participating clubs should appear any time now on the AFMS website. Meanwhile, here's to honoring and maintaining Pat's vision of kids all across America trading rocks while having fun!

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IDAHO GEM CLUB (IGC) CALENDAR

Workshop Schedule: pg. 6 Field Trip Schedule: pg. 8 November: Native American Heritage Month Nov. 20: General Meeting Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Dec. 4: Board Meeting Dec. 18: General Meeting Dec. 21: Winter Solstice

- Dec. 25: Christmas
- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve
- Jan. 1: New Year's Day
- Jan 3: Board Meeting



WORKSHOP SCHEDULE By Brent Stewart

THURSDAY after General Meeting (usually 3rd Thursday), November: none SAT./SUN. (Saturday/Sunday after General Meeting): Dec. 1: General Workshop,10-2 November: Junior Workshop: none

ADDRESS: 2620 W. Idaho St., Boise, Idaho Next door to Stewart's Gem Shop

NOTICES

IDAHO GEM CLUB MEMBERSHIP YEARLY DUES.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PAY FOR YOUR PRIVI-LEDGE OF **RECEIVING THE GRINDINGS**, USING **THE WORKSHOP**, GOING ON FIELD TRIPS. NFMS MEMBERSHIP, & AFMS MEMBERSHIP.

PAYING YOUR YEARLY IDAHO GEM CLUB YEARLY DUES **SAVES MANY HOURS** OF TAKING YOUR NAME OFF THE ROLES, PUTTING THEM BACK ON WHEN YOU DO PAY, AND POSSIBLY LATE RECEIVING OF GRINDINGS AND NFMS NEWSLETTER.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIMELY SUPPORT.



Community Support

Education of children in October by Idaho Gem Club's Brent Stewart: Magee Elementary: 30 students October 19, 2018, Webster Elementary, Lewiston, ID: 65 students November 6, 2018, Fruitland, ID: 150 students



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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 UNA-BLE TO DRIVE, CALL ME!

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.

WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET YOU THERE!



REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE:

We will no longer be doing last name assignments to cover refreshment committee. Rick Corbett will handle Refreshments so Deana Ashton can focus on monthly programs and other 2nd VP Responsibilities.

Rick will be ask for volunteers to sign up with him for monthly duties. Those signed up will share the duties. The door prize criteria has changed to limit what you bring to a small slab, a cabochon, or other. Please wrap the items individually and mark for youth or adult.

If you have some nice items you'd like to donate to club, please deliver these items directly to the IGC President, Dana Robinson, or either, 1st VP, Deana Ashton, or 2nd VP, Willa Renken, only. They will decide the best use for items, (Auction, Basket Raffles, or for special purposes). Thank you for your donations!

Your participation is greatly appreciated! Deana Ashton

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE CHANGES CONTACT RICK CORBETT

@ 208-890-2599

Rick will have monthly sign-up sheets RESPONSIBILITIES include: Come ¹/₂ hour early to set up meeting hall Remain after meeting to clean up. Provide: Door Prizes, Beverages, & Cookies/snacks.

DOOR PRIZES include: One small wrapped item (cab, slab,other) 10 PRIZES FOR YOUTH 10 PRIZES FOR ADULT BEVERAGES include: juice, punch, tea, other COOKIES/SNACKS: include cookies, bars, breads, veggies

Thanks to volunteers this November: Edith Williams for door prizes! Otto Yurke for Orange Juice! Teresa Lyons Nebeker for 6 doz. cookies/ treats

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Idaho Gem Club Member Field Trips

December: TBD, possible Orma J. Smith Museum College of Idaho, Caldwell

FIELD TRIP REPORT (not received at time of printing) By Cullen Anderson

IDAHO GEM CLUB FIELD TRIP PICTURES by MEMBERS



YESTERYEAR BY SANDY BLODGETT, HISTORIAN

IDAHO'S STATE ROCKHOUND SYMBOLS By

From Rock & Gem, November 2018

Idaho's nickname is "The Gem State" for its abundance of mineral wealth and scenic beauty, and in 1967 it designated a truly wonderful State Gem: the Idaho star garnet, a plum-purple variety of Almandine. Needlelike inclusions of rutile produce the optical star effect in stones that have been cut and polished as high-domed cabochons. Star garnets are rare – rarer even than star rubies or sapphires – and those from Idaho have been rated the world's best. Only in Idaho have elusive sixrayed star garnets been found. Formed in mica schists, these garnets erode out and end up concentrated in river gravel. The most famous locality is Emerald Creek in Benewah County.

Idaho is known as horse country and boasts wild herds. The earliest member of the modern genus *Equis* (horses, donkeys, and zebras) was *Equis simplicidens*. It is similar in structure and statue to African zebras. Dating from the early Pinocene Epoch (3.5 million hears old), it ranged from Idaho, through Nebraska, Texas, and as far southeast as Florida, but it was Idaho that put it on the map. Along the Snake River near the town of Hagerman, one of the world's best Pliocene fossil sites was excavated in the 1920s and 30's. Hundreds of fossil horses were shipped to the Smithsonian and museums around the world, and *Equis simplici*-

dens became popularly known as the Hagerman horse. It lived on grassy plains alongside mastodons and sabertooth cats. It's speculated an entire herd drowned while trying to cross a flooded river, resulting in the dense fossil deposit near Hagerman. When erosions and pilfering threatened the locality, Idaho citizens led a move to have the site preserved. In 1968, it became the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, and the Hagerman horse was declared the State Fossil.





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CLUB GEM SHOW PREPARATIONS

SPECIAL GEM SHOW MEETING MINUTES October 30, 2018

Present: Dana Robinson, Deana Ashton, Willa Renken, Phil Neuhoff, Doug Renken, Cheryl Link, Linda Barlow, Cheryl Peterson

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

Dana Robinson gave a brief introduction of the meeting purpose of discussing the upcoming Gem Show. Doug Renken brought two copies of the show layout for reference. We discussed the placement of the Sand Dig at the back by the Garnet Table, instead of at the front with the Raffle Baskets. We also discussed providing space for a kid's activity table by the Black Light Room. Suggestions of possible volunteers to chair the table were made. They will be contacted to see if one or two are willing.

Willa Renken gave an update on the case trailer and showed pictures. She will be setting up a work party to fill it once hunting season is over and the menfolk are available to help. She is also getting prices and options together for new/ rented tables. Once we have options a decision can be made for updating the dealer tables. The good tables can be kept for the Silent Auction and Demonstrators areas. We also need to think about new case bases as our sawhorses are getting a little rickety.

Phil Neuhoff suggested inviting the US Geologic Survey to set up an information table. They wouldn't need a great deal of space and could be at the end of the cases opposite the Demonstration area. There will still be room for extra chairs for guests. He will coordinate with them.

Deana Ashton asked about adding extra space for more demonstrations in a quieter place. She was thinking about renting additional space in the Western Town building out back. There was much discussion about pros and cons of two buildings, security issues, etc. It was decided that we shouldn't try to expand into a bigger space until we can be sure of volunteers to work the extra events/demonstrations. We also discussed the raffle basket larger space and set up. Cheryl Link collected some baskets and filler paper for Deana Ashton to use as well. Deana Ashton will be getting raffle tickets that are very different from the ones used at the front door and door prize areas.

Deana Ashton also had good ideas for branded items that could be sold for the building fund. More discussion is needed in the near future.

We went over having the sign-up sheets available at the November general meeting. Cheryl Peterson needs to have the volunteer names after the January banquet so she has time to make the badges. Any late sign-ups can be added later as they come in. She does have extra materials, so she should be good to go. Cheryl Link passed out some material list sheets for making notes. They will come in very handy so we don't forget the little things at the last minute.

There was discussion about club members requesting sales space at the show. It was decided that they should sign up and get on the list for any future openings as all vendors do. One idea for member sales was to hold a tailgate type sales party in the church parking lot in the spring for all members to sell their goods.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



JOIN the IDAHO GEM CLUB At the ANNUAL BANQUET MEETING Theme: Royal Purple Amethyst

RIVERSIDE HOTEL – NORTHSTAR ROOM 2900 W. CHINDEN BLVD. GARDEN CITY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019

Club Members: \$15.00 Non-Members \$30.00

AGENDA: 6:00 pm No-Host Cocktail Reception 6:30 pm Dinner Served with Music Mind Boggler: Guess the Amethyst Source BUSSINESS MEETING with INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AWARDS DOOR PRIZES

Tickets purchased at November & December club meeting. After December meeting, Tickets ONLY available at Stewarts Gem Shop, 2618 West Idaho Street, Boise. 208-342–1151



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IDAHO GEM CLUB ANNUAL GEM SHOW VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Wheel of Fortune Table:

The Volunteer's Responsibility:

The volunteer is required to stay in the booth during their twohour shift. A chair will be provided behind the table for the volunteer to rest in. The volunteer will need to collect the money from the kids and then let the kids spin the wheel. The item on the table that matches the code on the wheel is the prize won. The volunteer will need to replace the item won after each spin of the wheel. The new items are stored under the table. It is beneficial to keep a variety of items on the table if at all possible. Having two people in the booth at one time makes the time pass quickly and creates a safe environment. Spending a two-hour shift lets you get to know your fellow club member. Please help the club by volunteering at one of the tables during the show.

Silent Auction Table:

The Volunteer's Responsibility:

The volunteer is required to stay behind the table during their two-hour shift. A chair will be provided behind the table for the volunteer to rest in. There will be signage on the table explaining to the public how the auction works. The volunteer will collect the money from the public at the end of each auction cycle. The cycle can run between 7 to 10 minutes, depending on the activity of the crowd. The volunteer will need to replenish the rock material on the plates after each auctioned item has been paid for. If the public has questions the volunteer will try to answer their questions to the best of their ability. Having four to six people working behind the tables makes the time pass quickly and creates a safe environment. Spending a two-hour shift lets you get to know your fellow club member.

General item for auction start at .25 cents and increase in





increments of at least .25 cents. There are special items that are worthy of a start of more than .25 cents. These special items will be attached to a sign marked Minimum Bid Starts At: \$X.XX. Items used at the silent auction table are usually kept in the blue tubs. These items may need to be replenished from year to year. These items are pencils, paper for bidding, plates to sit the items for auction on, a timer, and several water bottles to use to wet some of the rocks. Some rocks look nicer wet. Plastic bags to give to the auction winners to keep their items in are welcomed. Small card board boxes are very useful to give to the winners as well. A large variety of rocks are usually kept in buckets. A bucket opener is also kept in the blue tub. Great items to also go on the auction table are lapidary magazines plus other outdoor type magazines.

If a volunteer finds an item in a bucket they would like to have, they may step outside the silent auction table arena and bid from the outside right alongside the public. The money for a volunteer win must be given to a volunteer watching the item involving a volunteer bidding from the outside arena.

It is nice to have a plate or two set up on the side just for kids. Nice items for the kids can be small geodes, or small crystals of some sort. Polished stones or large sized snake skin agates work really well also.

It is always "best practice" to count back the change to the public when they are giving you money. If you are unsure of how much to give back always ask your partner for their confirmation of the money going back to the public. Please help the club by volunteering at one of the tables during the show.

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IDAHO GEM CLUB ANNUAL GEM SHOW VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Entry Ticket Sales Tables:

The Volunteer's Responsibility: The volunteer is required to stay at the front table during their twohour shift. A chair will be provided behind the table for the volunteer to rest



in. The volunteer will collect money from the public as they enter the fairground building and the show. There will be a price list of the age groups on the table. There will be two different colored raffle tickets to give to the public after they have paid their entry fee. One color will be for kids and one color will be for adults. The volunteer will explain to the guest they need to take their free raffle ticket over to the hospitality table and write their name and telephone number on one ticket. The guest needs to give the ticket with their name on it to the host at the hospitality table and keep the other half of the ticket in order to collect the hourly door prize drawings. We track how many people enter the building by the number ranges of the first ticket given out to the last ticket given out each day. Having two people working at both entry tables at one time makes the time pass quickly and creates a safe environment. Spending a two-hour shift lets you get to know your fellow club member. Please help the club by volunteering at one of the tables during the show.

Hospitality Table:

The Volunteer's Responsibility: The volunteer is required to stay at the table during their two-hour shift. A chair will be provided behind the table for the volunteer to rest in during slower traffic times. The volunteer will help instruct the guests on how to complete the door prize raffle ticket. The volunteer will explain to the guest they need to write their name and telephone number on



one ticket. The guest needs to give the ticket with their name on it to the host at the hospitality table and keep the other half of the ticket in order to collect an hourly winning door prize. The volunteer will help answer questions the guests might have concerning the show. There will be a variety of flyers for other club rock shows, club events, future field trips, club membership applications and other informational pamphlets for the public to take with them. The designated host will draw one ticket out of the accumulated tickets and announce the winning ticket number roughly once an hour for a door prize winner. The guest must be present to win the hourly door prize. Having several people working at the hospitality tables makes the time pass quickly and creates a safe environment. Spending a two-hour shift lets you get to know your fellow club member.

Please help the club by volunteering at one of the tables during the show.

Garnet Dig Table:

The Volunteer's Responsibility: The volunteer is required to stay at the booth during their twohour shift. A chair will be provided at the table for the volunteer to rest in. The volunteer will need to collect the money from the guest. The volunteer



will hand the guest a tweezer to collect all the garnets they can find in the garnet sand which is in the glass pie dish within the 5 minute time line allotted. The volunteer will need to replenish the garnet sand from time to time so future collectors have a chance to find garnets. Having two people in the booth at one time makes the time pass quickly and creates a safe environment. Spending a two-hour shift lets you get to know your fellow club member. Please help the club by volunteering at one of the tables during the show.

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Grab Bag Table:

The Volunteer's Responsibility: The volunteer is required to stay in the booth during their twohour shift. A chair will be provided behind the table for the volunteer to rest in. The volunteer will need to collect the money from the guest and



then let the guest pick any grab bag sitting on the table. The volunteer can offer the guest a paper plate to pore the contents out so they can see the pretty polished stones within the bag. The volunteer will need to replace grab bags from time to time to offer a variety of colored bags on the table for guests to purchase. The new items are stored under the table in buckets. It is beneficial to keep a variety of items on the table if at all possible. Having two people in the booth at one time makes the time pass quickly and creates a safe environment. Spending a two-hour shift lets you get to know your fellow club member. Please help the club by volunteering at one of the tables during the show.

IDAHO GEM CLUB ANNUAL GEM SHOW

INFORMATION

TREASURE DIG DONATION REQUEST:

The Annual Gem Show features a Treasure Dig Sand Box for our youth participants.

Types of donations could be any small material that can be incorporated into the sand box for kids to find. These items include small rough precious stones like apache tears, peridot, and garnets make an exciting discovery! Marbles, fossils, glass beads or small cabochons are other examples to mixed in with the stones. Crystals are really great for lighting up the children's eyes!

So if you have some of the above around, I encourage you to donate. I will happily accept anything you have! Please bring to Deana Ashton at the General Meetings or I can pick up items up from you. Thank you!! 208-794-5628

NOVEM BER 2018 63 63 63 63 63 SO. "ROYAL PURPLE AMETHYST ANNUAL BANQUET MENU Idaho Gem Club Amethyst Banquet Menu Salado TOSSED GREEN SALAD Entrees BRAISED SHOULDER TENDER w/Mushroon Demi-Glaz GRILLED HALIBUT w/Lemon Sauce LEMON & LAVENDER CHICKEN w/Lemon Butter & Lavender Cream Sauce VEGETARIAN WELLINGTON w/diced mushrooms & Garlic sautéed w/Rosemary& seasonings, mixed w/Panko Oats, & Flax Egg in Puff Pastry All entrees include rolls & butter, sautéed vegetables & fingerling potatoes Desserts BERRY CHEESECAKE CHOCOLATE BOMBE CAKE Beverages COFFEE, ICED TEA, LAVENDER LEMONADE NO HOST COCKTAILS, WINE, BEEF

Display Case Application For 2019 Idaho Gem Club Annual Gem & Mineral Show

Name		Telephone	
Club Member: Yes []	No []	•	
Number of Cases:	Regular Display Case	e Black Light Display Case	
Do you want to use a c	Iub case? Yes [] No []	Do you want to use your own case?	Yes [] No []
What Material Will Be	Displayed In Your Case (th	his way we can keep similar material s	pread out in the arena):

Inside Dimensions of The Club Cases Are 45 inches wide by 22.5 inches deep by 22.5 inches high

LINERS and LOCKS will not be provided by the club - please bring your own to secure your display!

Return a hard copy of this application to the next general meeting or email Cheryl Link at <u>clink@micron.com</u>.

Show Dates Are: February 23 & 24, 2019 Display Case Setup: Friday, February 22 after 1:00pm Display Case Take Down: Sunday, February 24 at 5:00pm

Questions? Call Cheryl at 208-375-5360 or 208-859-5098

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BIOGRAPHIES OF BOARD NOMINATIONS

Brent Stewart

I work at Stewart's Gem Shop. Our family business has been open for 71 Years. Married 6 years to my wife Gia Stewart.

•My Grandfather, Dudley Stewart was the 5th President of the Idaho Gem Club 1942-43. My father, Eugene Stewart was also President of the Club in 1976. I'm the third generation in the Stewart family to have served as President of the Idaho Gem Club. I served for 3 years.

·I'm the show chairman for the I.G.C Annual show. ·Proud to be a member of three gem clubs here in Idaho and one in California.

•The club workshop that I oversee is in my garage. It is available several times a month for the club members to work on material and learn how to cut and finish stones. I feel that the workshop helps keep members interested in the club.

·I enjoy educating kids of all ages about rocks and fossils, and where they can find stones from our gem state. My presentations last about an hour just depending on the group. I do about 25 presentations a year from elementary schools to retirement centers...like I said, kids of all ages. I have taken my presentation on the road to Idaho Falls, Lewiston, and Salmon Idaho. The kids like to call me a "Rock Star".

·I travel once a year to the world's largest gem/mineral and fossil show in Tucson Arizona. Always, great new ideas and new finds at this show.

·I also travel once a year to the next largest gem show, which is in Denver Colorado, so this keeps me on top of new and exciting things in the gem world.

·I along with other I.G.C members were featured in the Outdoor Idaho PBS show about the "Gems" of the Gem State.

BOTTOM LINE: I have a love for rocks, not just because I was born into this rock life. I have found my true passion and have been fortunate to make a living out of what is a hobby for others.

GREG SANDMEYER

Idaho Gem Club member since 1999. I am a demonstrator of opal triplet lapidary at the gem show. I established the THS Rockhound Club at Timberline High School.

I've now retired from teaching, I plan on doing much more Opal work. I plan on heading out to trockhoundcountry to find new and great minerals and gems; if I can just get permission from the boss

DEANA ASHTON

Hello! I am Deana Ashton, and I have proudly served as your Idaho Gem Club 2nd Vice President, Board of Director Member, Sunshine Lady, Refreshment Committee, past Secretary and the Earth Science & Lapidary License Plate Chairman for the last 9 years!

I originated the Gem Show Basket Raffle and Treasure Dig because I wanted kids to have a little hands on get dirty time at our show, and the Basket Raffle was intended to support our workshop operating expenses and add some funds to the workshop projects. I love reaching out to our community families, getting them to join our group on weekend outings and workshop nights and help build strong family ties through our rockhounding excursions and fellowship.

The Idaho Gem Club has been vital to me since I joined the club in 2009. I am an avid rock collector, I enjoy promoting earth science education, geology, lapidary arts, and continue to learn new exciting facets of our hobby. I have also organized the annual Gem Club Banquet for several years and always try to find ways to increase our membership and provide backup to other chairpersons in organizing events. I have a lot of fun ideas to develop next year and major projects and dreams for our club I intend to see come true. I hope that you allow me to remain in my capacity on the Board of Directors because I can't seem to get out of my warm cozy chair. I strive to ensure the needs of members are met and we introduce new concepts to keep everyone rockin' on! The Gem State motto revival is my new personal challenge which will bring tourists awareness of our rich mineral and gem filled lands.

Thank you for your consideration and support!!!



IDAHO EARTH SCIENCE & LAPIDARY SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE "GEM STATE PLATE" SPECIAL REQUEST



Our previous specialty license plate failed to successfully sell over 1,000 per year, the state requirements for continuation. Therefore, it was discontinued. The funds went to support K-6 Earth Science education statewide. Brent Stewart's school presentations are a vital part of this program.

I did a survey of vehicle registrants which shows most people are unaware of the programs supported by plate sales. I have a strong proposal prepared to address the Legislature next session. I am asking several changes be considered for our plate. It will bring bigger sales of special plates, make drivers aware of our program's beneficiaries, and justify costs of the plate. A consumer awareness campaign will accompany my efforts.

I am seeking a few old license plates with the full plate design, the Elk, Trout or Bluebird in particular. Any state plate with full design is welcomed also. I also need a few plates like college plates, skiing, rafting, cycling, or snowmobile designs on them (the design is to the left of the numbers). If you have an old set and could donate them, I would be grateful. These will be used for great purpose in an effort to reinstate our Earth Science & Lapidary Gem design license plate. This process is intended for early 2019. Our original design has been enhanced to cover the full plate with a design.

I will share more information in a presentation early 2019. Thank you for helping out! Any questions, contact Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628

NOVEMBER 11/02 James Roethig 11/03 Cooper Bybee 11/03 Duane Winterroth 12/03 David Schmidt 11/04 Mike Allen 11/06 Jaden Wanner 11/07 Peggy Blickfeldt 11/08 Sandy Mills 11/13 George Everett 11/14 Robert Burns 11/15 Chris Clougherty 11/17 Canyon Sandoval 12/09 John Sandmeyer 11/18 Otto Yurke 11/19 Richard Ames 11/19 Misty Payne 11/20 Alisa Palmer 11/22 Boulton Blaine 11/22 Patty Harris 11/23 Marge Conley 11/25 Nick Smith 11/26 Mark Clary 11/26 Phil Neuhoff 11/27 Charles Smith 11/28 Bonnie Sarchet 11/30 Jason Russell



FACETED: Topaz or Citrine

CABOCHON: Amber



DECEMBER 12/02 Cheryl Lawson 12/02 Joann Whiteman 12/03 Steve Powell 12/04 Sidnev Matous 12/05 Norman Stevens 12/06 Reese Russell 12/07 Jim Wise 12/08 Maria Carruthers 12/08 Lillie Rogers 12/09 Jeffrey Bilson 12/10 Cheryl Link 12/11 Gia Stewart 12/13 Sophia Oakley 12/13 Richard Vick 12/14 Ken Helderman 12/16 Chris Sagar 12/17 Gabriella Vania 12/18 Mike Snyder 12/19 Petra Bilson 12/19 Doug Renken 12/20 Don Nafus 12/21 Jeanne Snyder 12/21 Jessy Stevens 12/22 Ms. Lenny Burdick 12/24 Christina Anderton 12/26 Guy Webster 12/30 Kristan Burns 12/31 Breanna Swensen FACETED: Blue Zircon **CABOCHON:** Turquois



See all Brad's jewelry books at Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith www.BradSmithJewelry.com

MANDRELS

Straight rod mandrels have a multitude of uses in helping to bend sheet and wire, and frequently we need a round rod for winding jump rings. Common sources for different sized rods are knitting needles, wooden dowels and clothes hangers. Metal rods can also be found in hardware stores and hobby shops.

But to get the right "look" in chain maile designs, you must have exactly the right size mandrel, and often those are not easy to find. Jewelry catalogs sell selections of straight rod mandrels for \$50 or more, but my choice is a set of transfer punches used in woodworking. The set has 28 sizes, from 3/32 inch to 1/2 inch, and is only about \$12. In the US it is available from Harbor Freight as item number #3577, and in Europe, it's available from MZS in the Netherlands as item number 250575



JUST SAY NO TO OPTIVISORS

I was having my annual vision-check and the light-bulb went on: why not have my reading glasses made with bifocals that would magnify the same as the Optivisors? So I asked the ophthalmologist if he could add around +2.00 diopters into bifocals.

He checked with his supervisor and came back all excited. They all agreed that was a great idea and even gave him a special device to measure how far I hold a jewelry piece from my eye, so they could get the focal distance exactly right. So if all goes well, no more sweaty bulky Optivisors! (Thanks to Gary Strickland)





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NFMS NEWS

- Organizational Mtg: 10/20/2018 @ Lewiston, Idaho
- NFMS Newsletter information page to be brought into conformance with listing in NFMS Operating Procedures & AFMS listings.
- NFMS Website should be checked by local clubs to be sure individual listing was up-to-date.
- Rules & Awards by-laws proposal change to be presented at Mid-Year meeting in June & voted on at General Meeting in October.
- Treasurer position becoming available soon
- **Directory:** 2017 revisions added. Treasurer's form specific format asks for additions & deletions therefore, directory only checks those areas not all 6000 NFMS member names.
- **Endowment fund** is "holding its own". Clubs need respond with ideas for fund use.
- Historian: Museum list preliminary completion. If any additions from individuals or clubs, please submit now.
- Juniors: Requesting Darryl Powell return for 2019 NFMS Show. NFMS has purchased for 2-year subscription to Mini-Miner Monthly Publication for Junior Leaders to use. IGC has paid for all Junior Rattlers to receive monthly at \$2 cost per family with Junior Member.

Newsletter: Linda Barlow acting as "pro tem". Will be published 6x/ this year (Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/June, July/Aug, Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec) per Procedure Manual. Deadline for submissions are 15th of month prior to publication. Nov/Dec 2018 newsletter has deadline Nov. 15th.

- **Nominations**: Chair is Keith Fackrell, immediate Past President. Needs representative from each state. Soliciting for 2nd VP and current executive committee members to remain.
- NW Rockhound Retreat: Limited to specific number and only one year was that number reached. Returnees and new attendees need to submit their names as early as possible even before applications available. Retreat Committee has 3 positions: Chairperson, Registrar/Treasurer, & Publicity Chair. Lamar will to teach.

Past President's Council: Responsible for future show bids.

PLAC (Public Lands Advisory Committee) : Katherine working to keep people well informed.

See the NFMS on Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1 (for the desktop/laptop/tablets) https://m.facebook.com/grups/NFMS1 (for mobile devices like phones)

- **Resolutions**: Chairperson offers assist & guidance in process to create updated bersons of Committee's functions & duties.
- Safety: There should be a First Aid Kit at all NFMS activities. Scholarship: NFMS Scholarship fund received \$710 so far this year.
- Show Coordinator: Pat Lambert receives & disseminates local club show information.
- Stamps: \$325 to "Knitted Knockers" & \$104 to start this year. Fiber Fill donated by Paul Heesacker.
- Supplies: Current supplies on hand is sold at NFMS Shows. Suggestion for patches or any items will have money from ordering person before ordering. Silent Auction for 2019 Show will be jointly run by Hells Canyon and NFMS with improved microphone system.
- Website: Local Clubs need to check their information for accuracy.

Misc.:

-Newsletter pro tem editor thanked.

- -NFMS Field Trips proposal: South Dakota, Oregon, Big Piney, WY (in conjunction with RMF 2020 Show)
- NFMS Vacancies: Bulletin Aids, Education, Newsletter, & Public Relations
- Endowment Unrestricted funds use suggestions: training to support societies' officers & classes for competitive case displays.
- NFMS Newsletter advertisers need to get info to newsletter at least 3 months in advance.
- NFMS unable to coordinate dues, circulation, & directory submission s/t formats & timelines.
- Mid-Year meeting is June 1, 2019 in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho



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AFMS NEWS

WEB SITE CONTEST: contact Cheri Georgecherig1946@yahoo.co PURPOSE: to improve your web site to make it more meaningful to visitors & club members. Each entry will receive constructive comments from judges outside NFMS re: strengths & are to be improved.

Rule changes which are easily implemented include:

-logos on Home Page (AFMS, NFMS, IGC).

-Club Basic Meeting information on Home Page.

-Club contact information must be easily found (submit form for Webmaster or Main Contact) on all pages.

-Search Engine not required (Bonus points if included).

-Keywords are not required.

These forms required are found on AFMS Web Site, WEB SITE CONTEST ENTRY FORM, & WEB SITE CONTEST SCORE SHEET, WEB SITE CONTEST GUIDELINES (includes how to help protect use of email addresses in Web Site).

PRESIDENT, Doug True: Reviewed his personal history (from NFMS) & his Rockhounding history. **Goal**: f/u previous president's goals includes strengthen our committees & long range planning. **How:** quality silent auction material, advertising with all avenues (flyers, FB,TV, radio, special exhibits) with goals to promote the hobby (special sales & auctions).

JUNIOR PROGRAM, Jim Brace-Thompson (Chair): Encourages Junior Coordinator to adjust the level of activity of AFMS/FRA Badge Program to match age range of kids involved. Find at www.amfed.org Scroll down to FRA (Future Rockhounds of America). Items: FRA Badge Manual, FRA Badge Program, & "A Menu of Ideas for Kids Show Activities".

AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND: Donations or purchase of tickets helps support juniors badges, judges training, digitizing slide programs, etc. See Idaho Gem Club Federation Director for Tickets=\$5 or 5/\$20. Items donated for raffle See color pictures at Idaho Gem Club general meeting include:

-Amethyst Plate & holder donated by Doug True, \$375 (NFMS) -3 spheres donated by MWF

-10.64 T.O. of silver donated by Sue Dale Mille, \$175

-Almadine Garnet in graphite, Red Embers Mine, Erving, MA donated by Carolyn & Steve Weinberger, \$75 (EFMLS)

-Mexican Geode donated by Long Island Mineral & Geological Society, \$75 (EFMLS)

-Jasper Sphere donated by Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club, \$90, (EFMLS) Quartz from MT. Ida Hot Springs, AR, donated by Island Rock Hounds, \$365, (EFMLS)

-Half Brazilian Geode donated by Gangi Gems, \$75, (EFMLS)

Do Not have to be present to win. Donations accepted in advance (<u>ciervo.neary@gmail.com</u>) with minimum value \$75 not > 5#.

AFMS ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR , Judi Allison, AFMS Acroy Coordinator

-California Federation: Dick & Phyllis White from Conejo Gem & Mineral Club

-Eastern Federation: Bill Chapman from WCGMC, Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club of Newark, NY

-Midwest Federation: Norvin (Bid) & Jean Green from Spring River Gem & Mineral Club of Arkansas -South Central Federation: Nikki & Bob Atkinson from Austin Gem & Mineral Society

SAFETY, Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair:

Safety matters everywhere! Planting plants, breaking a rock, driving, &/or grinding a stone.

-Club Meetings

- -Shows
- -Workshops
- -Collecting trips
- -Talking about hobby in school, church, civic groups
- -Rock trimming
- -Identification activities
- -Mindful of rules, guidelines, obvious & less obvious hazards
- -Preparation & aware of potential danger in every situation

ALL AMERICAN AWARDS ENTRY, R. Kapta, AFMS Chair:

Yearbook: Paper Scrapbook or Digital PDF Applications @ AFMS website, <u>www.am/fed.org</u> AFMS Deadline: Feb. 1, 2019 NFMS Deadline: Send directly to AFMS Covers: January-November 2018 Changes to AACA requirements: None d/t AFMS Convention, March 22-23 @ Cedar Rapids, IA

Kalamazoo & Minnesota Clubs Grow their Shows by Regina Kapta (MWF Public Image Chair) & Tony Kapta (MWF Past President). HOW:

-Advertising aimed for slow growth

-Added children's activities

-More Facebook involvement: focus using FB Ads to go viral" (Reach a threshold of "Interested" clicks then goes viral, about 12,000- can expect half to show up at show);pre-event FB included Amethyst cathedrals w/show details (one paragraph); demographic target women 23-38, living in urban area w/in 2 hrs driving), pre-show give way 6 weeks out w/picking up prize at show; FB interests groups Rockhound & Collector groups, Lapidary groups, Faceting groups, Agate interest groups, members who posted stuck around and fielded questions & promoted details about show); daily posts on club web site (commented on ads, posed questions about specific minerals or gemstones, talking about favorite parts of show, favorite dealer highlight, most interesting kids activity, special features talked about, speakers presenting); reviews & testimony-type commenting about show (worth the drive, pointing out educational aspects)

-Email Blasts timed at 6 weeks & 2 weeks, 3000 each; features show highlights & linked to club website

-No newspaper, radio, or TV ads

-Growing attendance not more than they could handle based on club Volunteers

-Dealer space

-Member support in donated items & prizes.

-School flyers, postcards, bookmarks (promotions featuring next year's show handed out at other shows during the year), Kid's Day,



http://northwestfederation.org

AFMS—Newsletter available at:

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



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NFMS CLUBS SHOW SCHEDULE

December 8 & 9 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club- house, 8802 196° ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collmall@comcast.net
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February 9 & 10 Sat. 9 – 5 Sun. 9 – 4	Whidbey Island Gem Club 54th An- nual "Sweetheart of Gem's" Show	Oak Harbor Senior Center, 51 SE Jerome, Oak Harbor WA	Keith Ludemann 360 675 1837, rock9@whidbey.net
February 22, 23, 24 Fri. 9:30-5:30 Sat. 9:30-5:30 Sun. 9:30-5:30	Oregon Agate & Mineral Society Annual Show	OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science & Industry) Auditorium 1945 SE Water Avenue Portland OR	Ken Thistle 360 891 8088 kthistle815@qmail.com
March 2 & 3 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society 65th Annual Gem & Min- eral Show	O'Conner Field House 2200 Blaine Caldwell, Idaho	Darrell Ehlers 208 674 1213 ddehlers@fmtc.com
March 8 & 9 Fri. 8:30-6 Sat. 9-5	Panorama Gem & Miner- al Club	Colville Fairground Colville Ag & Trade Center 317 West Astor Colville WA	Johnie Pitman 509 684 8887
March 8, 9 & 10 Fri. 10-5 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	Tualatin Valley Gem Club 61st Annual Rock & Mineral Show	Forest Grove National Guard Amory 2950 Taylor Way Forest Grove OR	Rose Jackson 503 349 7418 1jeweledrose@qmail.com Website: www.tvrqc.org
March 9 & 10 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	Magic Valley Gem Club 69th Annual Rock, Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show	Twin Falls County Fairgrounds 215 Fair Avenue Filer ID	Chris Funk 208 539 5369 rmetts@cableone.net Magic Valley Gem Club, PO Box 725, Twin Falls ID 83303
March 15, 16, & 17 Fri. 10-7 Sat. 10-7 Sun. 10-5	Timpanogos Gem and Mineral Society "Parade of Gems"	Spanish Fork Fair Grounds 475 South Main Street Spanish Fork, UT	Keith Fackrell 801 592 0410 krfackrell@gmail.com Website: timprocks.weebly.com
March 16 & 17 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Hellgate Mineral Society	Hilton Garden Inn 3720 North Reserve St. Missoula MT	Neil Maier atttoodz@yahoo.com 406 240 1079
March 29, 30, & 31 Fri - 10 - 6 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA	Spokane County Fair & Expo Cen- ter N.404 Havana at Broadway Spo- kane WA	Mike Shaw , 509 251 1574 showchair@rockrollers.org
March 30 & 31 Sat. 10 – 6 Sun. 10 – 5	Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club 58th Annual Rock and Gem Show	Bloedel-Donovan Park, 2214 Electric Ave., Bellingham WA	Dick Carr, rjcarr@juno.com
March 30 & 31 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	South East Idaho Gem and Mineral Society (SEIGMS) 63rd Annual Rock and Gem Show	North Bannock County Fairgrounds 10588 Fairground Dr. Pocatello ID 83201	Larry Manhart 208 705 7273 mlarry13@msn.com or Joe Rodriquez 208 237 6941 joe.rodriquez@itd.idaho,gov

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San Diego Mineral & Gem Society

Hobby collecting may be allowed for the first time in more than 20 years in Southern Utah Nat'l Monuments but the BLM needs to hear from the public by Nov 30th.

Grand Staircase-Escalante (GSENM) & Kanab-Escalante Planning Area (KEPA)

Would you like to be able to collect rocks, minerals, petrified wood and common invertebrate fossils on some of the lands that have been off limits to hobby collecting in Southern Utah since 1996?

Now is your chance to let the BLM know. The agency is proposing to restore hobby collecting but needs supporting comments from the public.

Southern California Paleontological Society (SCPS) has drafted a great <u>comment letter</u> that recreational users of public lands can support. Clubs, Societies and Individuals are invited to join SCPS and ask the BLM to restore casual collecting in GSENM-

KEPA. One authoritative letter supported by many organizations and individuals is effective! *(Boilerplates and form letters are not.)* **SCPS Deadline:** *November 27, 2018*

Individual personalized letters are great! But *instead* of **or** *in addition to* sending a personal letter **or** sending an over-used boilerplate letter (which is ineffective, by the way), please consider signing onto a well-crafted letter that has already been prepared. The **Southern California Paleontological Society** (SCPS) has written a great letter on behalf of the paleontological community and rockhounds.

Ask your club or regional federation or professional organization to sign onto it -- the strength of numbers will reinforce the authority of the message. We encourage everyone, especially members of **AFMS** affiliated clubs and its regional federations, to sign the **SCPS** letter.

There are three easy steps:Download the SCPS letter (available on the SDMG website at short URL: https:// goo.gl/Vj3zp4) Take the SCPS letter to your organization's board ASAP.Upon approval, send an email to Karol McQueary (socalpaleo@yahoo.com) with your club signature info to add to the letter. SCPS needs to hear back from you *no later than Nov. 27th*.Read more details about which of BLM's proposed alternatives is good for hobbyists in a print-friendly article on the SDMG website.

Got questions, need help?

Email: <u>Karol McQueary</u> or <u>editor@sdmg.org</u> <u>Download the GSENM-KEPA flyer »</u> (and pass it on, post it on your club website, publish it your newsletter, etc

Want to submit your own personal letter to the BLM?

Deadline: November 30, 2018

669 S Hwy 89 Kanab, UT 84741 Attn: Matt Betenson

Be sure to include a Subject reference:

GSENM-KEPA RMPs-EIS Vol. 1-508, Comment on Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Kanab-Escalante Planning Area Draft Resource Management Plans and Environmental Impact Statement

Download a flyer on what's effective and what's not in a comment letter »

San Diego Mineral & Gem Society, 1770 Village Place, Spanish Village - Balboa Park, San Diego, CA 92101





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Boise, Idaho 83707-2443

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: 7:30 p.m.

BOARD MEETING: 1st. Tuesday of every month: 7:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: Church of the Brethren 2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho



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