

# Grindings

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by DANA ROBINSON

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a great holiday season this year. The club Christmas workshop was very well attended and a great time was had by all. With that weekend and two days of wire wrapping classes, there were lots of opportunities to create gifts. I would like to thank everyone who helped out at the classes and workshops. There were many people involved and I don't want to leave anyone out in individual listings.

We also had a couple of good auctions in November and December. Many thanks to all who donated lovely items to the auctions. It really helps to offset the cost of the Banquet. Tickets will be available at Stewarts Gem Shop until January 10th.

Congratulations to Rick Corbett for winning the Project of the Year. He will receive the club plaque and a case at the Gem Show in February. Thank you to all who participated. Everyone has been creating some beautiful pieces and it is fun to share them. Congratulations also go to Dale Rawson for winning the Halite piece that was raffled separately.

It is also getting close to time for the annual show. I would like to thank John Benedict and Teresa Nebeker for chairing the Wheel of Fortune and Grab Bags this year. We will be stuffing grab bags on Saturday, January 12 from 9 am to Noon. Please bring any tumbled stone or grab bags you have to the regular meeting room at the Church of the Brethren.

Our Banquet is the general meeting this month. The location has changed since the reservation was made due to construction at the hotel. It has been changed to the lower level in the Tamarack Room. There will be signage to direct us to the correct place. We will be installing the officers and the program is being presented by our scholarship winner, Laura McSherry. I hope to see everyone there.

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*Respectful submitted, Dana Robinson, President*

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# MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING JANUARY 3rd 2018

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 3, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Present:** Twila Gallaher, Linda Barlow, Brent Stewart, Willa Renken, Deana Ashton, Dana Robinson, Rochelle Eytchison

**Absent:** Cullen Anderson, Christine Anderton, Sandy Blodgett, Cheryl Peterson, Rick Corbett

**Guests:** Mike Dome, Cheryl Link

**Minutes as printed in Grindings:** Willa Renken motioned to accept as printed. Deana Ashton seconded. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer Report by Rochelle Eytchison:**

-Reviewed the monthly financial report.

-2018 expense report provided.

-Expense questions clarified.

### **Federation Director Report by Linda Barlow:**

-Thank you email from Timberline High was read regarding those who volunteered their time to listen to the poster presentations.

Students commented that they were definitely challenged by our questions and had to think on their feet. They also learned additional information from us beyond what they had researched.

-The Recreation Council is having a meeting on January 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Club Representation by volunteers are requested. Date and time are under notices or can be obtained from Linda Barlow (contact information on front page).

-January 21st is free National Park Day, if they are open in time.

**Meeting Program Report by Deana Ashton:** Requested a locking tote to be purchased for the workshop food.

**Juniors Report by Janelle Wintersteen:** None d/t Chairperson not in attendance absence.

**License Plate Report by Deana Ashton:** Progress is reported on getting our plate reinstated. She has met with Sue Chew, Idaho State Representative, who is willing to help us.

**Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson:** None d/t absent.

### **Workshop Report by Brent Stewart:**

-There was a great turnout for the Christmas Party workshop and the wire wrap classes.

-Workshops scheduled for January 17th from 6-8:45 pm and Sat. Jan 26th from 10-2.

**Scholarship Report by Dana Robinson:** Our scholarship winner will be doing a presentation at the banquet and we are providing her dinner.

### **Old Business:**

-The church has been contacted and the room set-up for stuffing grab bags January 12<sup>th</sup>.. Cheryl Link has several buckets to hold the finished bags.

-Dana will update the return postcards for the show and get them printed.

## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 18th, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Pledge of allegiance was led by Dana Robinson.

Several guests and new members were introduced.

**Door Prizes by Rick Corbett:** 6 Juniors and 12 adults.

**Building Fund Raffle by Dale Rawson:** several winning tickets for the building fund raffle. Haylite specimen winning ticket was Dale Rawson! Congratulations Dale!

**Minutes as printed:** Willa Renken motioned to accept. Linda Barlow seconded. Motion carried.

**Secretary Report:** None as Christine Anderton absent.

**Treasurer's Report by Rochelle Eytchison:** Monthly statement was reviewed. Members were reminded to get their membership dues paid to continue to receive the Grindings. The NFMS member dues are paid at the end of December as well, so if you are not current on the roster you will not receive the NFMS newsletter either.

**Federation Directors Report by Linda Barlow:**

-Upcoming reviews of land status affecting recreation were reviewed.

-The date for the AFMS meeting this spring was reviewed.

**Juniors were excused** for their program by Janelle Wintersteen.

**Role Report by Brent Stewart:** The R.O.L.E. program was explained encouraged everyone to think about improving their lapidary skills by going through the program.

**Field Trip Report:** None as Cullen Anderson absent.

**Library Report by Dana Robinson:** Christine Anderton has been working on the Library so that it will be open and accessible at our meetings.

**Workshop Report: by Brent Stewart:**

-Christmas Party was a success with quite a lot of people over the two days.

-There are two upcoming wire wrapping days on Wednesday and Thursday, the 19th and 20th of January.

**Program:** There was the seasonal voting for the Project of the Year. There was a short break so all had a chance to vote, and for the votes to be tabulated. Rick Corbett had the most votes with his beautiful entry. Congratulations!

**New Business:**

-Dana Robinson, the IGC president, noted that the Gem Show is approaching quickly and encouraged everyone to get their names on the sign-up sheets that are on the back table.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 for refreshments and auction.

## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING (continued) JANUARY 3rd, 2018

-More discussion was held on the case favors for this year. There was some confusion from earlier, but things have been ironed out and Linda is going to get an order made. Many thanks, Linda!

**New Business:**

-There was discussion on the value of equipment in the workshop and it was agreed that the insurance coverage should be increased.

-There was also much discussion about the Facebook page and its intended usage. It was suggested that we enlist a volunteer who can give more time to this project.

No new membership applications were presented.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The Idaho Gem Club's Annual  
**Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show**  
February 23 & 24, 2019  
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, Basket Raffle, 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, Create Jewelry, Wheel of Fortune, Treasure Dig, and a variety of crafts

**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!**



ALAA Members, Rockhounds and Friends,  
This might be Utah now, but there is nothing to stop it from spreading like wildfire.

ALAA

## BLM UTAH MOVES TO EXPAND FEES AND REDUCE DISPERSED CAMPING WITH MINIMUM PUBLIC INPUT

**The areas affected get little visitation in the winter, yet public comments are only being accepted from now until early January!**

The Bureau of Land Management in Utah has quietly announced plans to make sweeping changes to fees at two popular recreation areas. The changes would result in higher prices for existing fee sites, many new fee sites, and fewer opportunities for free dispersed camping.

### The Monticello Field Office wants to:

- raise Cedar Mesa overnight hiking permit fees by 188% in peak season and 300% in the off season.
- raise Cedar Mesa day use fees by 250%
- impose a new fee for Butler Wash, a long-time dispersed (undeveloped) camping and day hiking area
- impose new fees for two roadside interpretive sites/rest areas along Highway 95 at Mule Canyon ruins and Butler Wash ruins

### The Richfield Field Office wants to:

- expand a small existing free campground and begin charging a fee there for the first time
- build four new individual and group campgrounds in places that are now used as free dispersed (undeveloped ) camping areas and as ATV and equestrian trailheads
- ban dispersed camping within 1/2 mile of those newly constructed campgrounds
- get approval for fees at the newly constructed campgrounds before they are even built

BLM is required to allow the public an opportunity to comment and participate in the decision - but they are doing the absolute minimum notification they think they can get away with. Since hardly anyone knows this is happening, land managers anticipate getting little feedback and will then say that the public supports their plans since they didn't hear much back. None of the areas affected receives much visitation in the winter, although visitors from around the country and the world arrive in the spring and summer.

***By this spring and summer, if the BLM gets its way, visitors will find these changes are a Done Deal.***

The only thing that can stop this runaway train is significant outcry from the public - right now - about this rigged process while the brief comment period is underway. We are not asking you to interrupt your holiday festivities to read the lengthy and complicated proposals. (Although if you would like to they can be accessed at [THIS LINK](#).)

We are asking you to insist that a meaningful opportunity for public input be provided. It would be best if you put your comment into your own words, but it's a busy time of year so here is some suggested language. Please modify and personalize this to fit your personal concerns.

Dear BLM Utah Recreation Manager:

I object to the stealthy and rigged process by which sweeping changes to recreation fees in the Monticello and Richfield Districts is being conducted.

The process is stealthy because comments are only being accepted in the middle of winter and over the busy year-end holidays although the areas affected receive little winter visitation and most visitors are completely unaware this is happening.

The process is rigged because BLM has already decided to go ahead with the proposals regardless of public input. For example, the cover letter of the Monticello proposal refers to the public comment period in the past tense and has an approval date of January 15, 2019 already filled in - even though the comment period is currently open. For another example, both



*No, really. We'd rather not hear from you.*  
- BLM Utah

## USDA Under Secretary Jim Hubbard in Boise to sign historic agreement with Idaho

(Boise) – The State of Idaho and U.S. Department of Agriculture will enter into a new agreement to improve forest health conditions across Idaho that sets an example of interagency collaboration for other states to follow.

Jim Hubbard, USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment overseeing the Forest Service, will join Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter and Governor Elect Brad Little in signing the new “Shared Stewardship Agreement” on Tuesday in Boise.

The strategy is called “Toward Shared Stewardship across Landscapes: An Outcome-Based Investment Strategy,” and you can read more about it [here](#).

The Idaho Department of Lands and USDA Forest Service will present updates on Good Neighbor Authority and the new Shared Stewardship concept during the State Board of Land Commissioners (Land Board) meeting on **Tuesday at 9 a.m.** in the Lincoln Auditorium at the State Capitol.

Immediately following adjournment of the Land Board meeting there will be a signing ceremony for the new Shared Stewardship Agreement.

USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue recently held up Idaho as a shining example of what can be achieved when agencies work together to implement a shared vision of healthy, productive lands that positively contribute to people’s lives.

Idaho’s Good Neighbor program shows what can be achieved by state and federal agencies working together to increase active management and find collaborative solutions to challenging natural resource issues. The Shared Stewardship Agreement will take these collaborative efforts to a new level.

### **As part of the new strategy, IDL and the Forest Service will:**

- Continue to focus on reduction of fuels and wildfire risk to communities, improvement of forest health and watershed conditions, and support markets to sustain and create jobs.

Plan together, invest wisely, and create real outcomes at a landscape scale across boundaries while respecting all ownerships values.

The partnership between the Forest Service is strong and the new strategy strengthens what can be accomplished working together.

The Under Secretary will be available to answer questions from the media, immediately following the signing ceremony.

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Please see below for the latest update on the partial government shutdown impacting the U.S. Forest Service and BLM. AFRC is preparing additional guidance and information regarding potential contract suspensions, which we will distribute soon.

While we expect timber sales currently awarded to be operable till about the 14<sup>th</sup>, after that, we can assume that nearly all of the 3,500 active FS timber sales will be suspended. A less remarked upon aspect of the shutdown is the disruption of important administrative reforms – including the proposed revisions to the FS NEPA handbook, which was due to be issued no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. The Forest Service staff who have been working to prepare the handbook for revisions have been furloughed. If this shutdown drags on for weeks (as noted by Majority Leader McConnell), that important effort will be delayed. Likewise, project and plan level decisions could be delayed as review and response to public comment is halted.

proposals will be submitted on January 11, 2019 to the statewide Resource Advisory Council for their approval. That's only five days (or four or one depending on which deadline you believe - there are three different dates specified in the documents) after the comment period closes. Clearly no honest analysis can be accomplished in such a short time.

BLM UTAH  
MOVES TO  
EXPAND FEES  
(CONTINUATI  
ON)

I oppose these fee increases of as much as 300%. I oppose reducing opportunities for free dispersed (undeveloped) camping. I oppose approving new fee sites before they are even constructed.

Include your name and address and send your comment to BOTH the Monticello and Richfield Districts at these addresses:

**BLM\_UT\_MT\_Comments@blm.gov with the subject line "Cedar Mesa Business Plan Comment"**

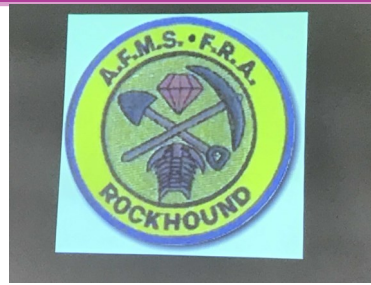
**BLM\_UT\_RF\_Comments@blm.gov with the subject line "Richfield Campground Business Plan"**

**ROCKY RATTLER'S PAGE**

By  
**JANELLE WINTERSTEEN,**  
Juniors Chairperson

In an attempt to present a more full program for the children attending this club, the Rocky Rattlers will be taken out right after the door prizes are passed out. This gives us time to go through an activity or planned rock experience before refreshments. No child ever wants to miss those. Plus parents needing to get their children home to bed may find this easier.

Since the January meeting is the banquet, this is not an issue but it may be for February. Coyote and Janelle are planning on presenting local rocks in February, local rocks that never on display at the February Rock and Gem show but are right under our feet. Home rocks Coyote calls them. Rocky Rattlers and adults are invited to bring for the Rocky Rattlers the most, common, under-our-boots, home rocks they find. The more, the better! Coyote can always identify them and discuss their origins.



Earn this free AFMS badge in our Juniors program!

**Welcome New Junior Members**

None this month, Bring your friends and grandchildren to enjoy seeing, touching, & learning about rocks and stones.

**IDAHO GEM CLUB SUPPORTS COMMUNITY**

Hey Greg,

Next week during EOCs, my students will be presenting their volcano projects. I'd love if you or other members of the Gem Club could come Wednesday, Thursday, and/or Friday to view my students' presentations. You've been super helpful in the past by pushing students' understandings further, so please try to make it if you can! I know how much you love pestering students... :)

Club Members: Mr. Yeggy wants you to know that he much appreciated the help provided to his classes provided for by club members with the presentations made by students concerning volcano research. Students told me that the questions asked by the adults was much more difficult than that of their classmates and teacher. Those questions required them to quickly learn (quick research or having the club member provide the necessary information) more than they thought there was still to learn. Thanks



## IDAHO GEM CLUB (IGC) CALENDAR

Jan. 12: Grab Bag Stuffing,  
9-12 @ General Meeting.  
Bring tumbled rocks & sewn  
donated bags

Jan. 13: Stephen Foster  
Memorial Day

Jan. 15: 6-9pm Annual Ban-  
quet & Installation of officers  
w/presentation by Laura

McSherry, Idaho Gem Club Scholarship winner. Riverside  
Hotel, Tamarack Room.

Jan. 12: Idaho Recreational Council General Meeting 10-3

Jan. 17: Workshop 6-8:45 pm

Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 26: Workshop 10-2 pm

Feb. 18: President's Day

Feb. 21: Load Trailer for Gem Show

Feb. 22: Show set up. All members needed.

**"Many hands make light work"**

Feb. 23 & 24: Idaho Gem Club Show ,  
Idaho fairgrounds, Glenwood Ave.



### Idaho Gem Club Member Field Trips

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

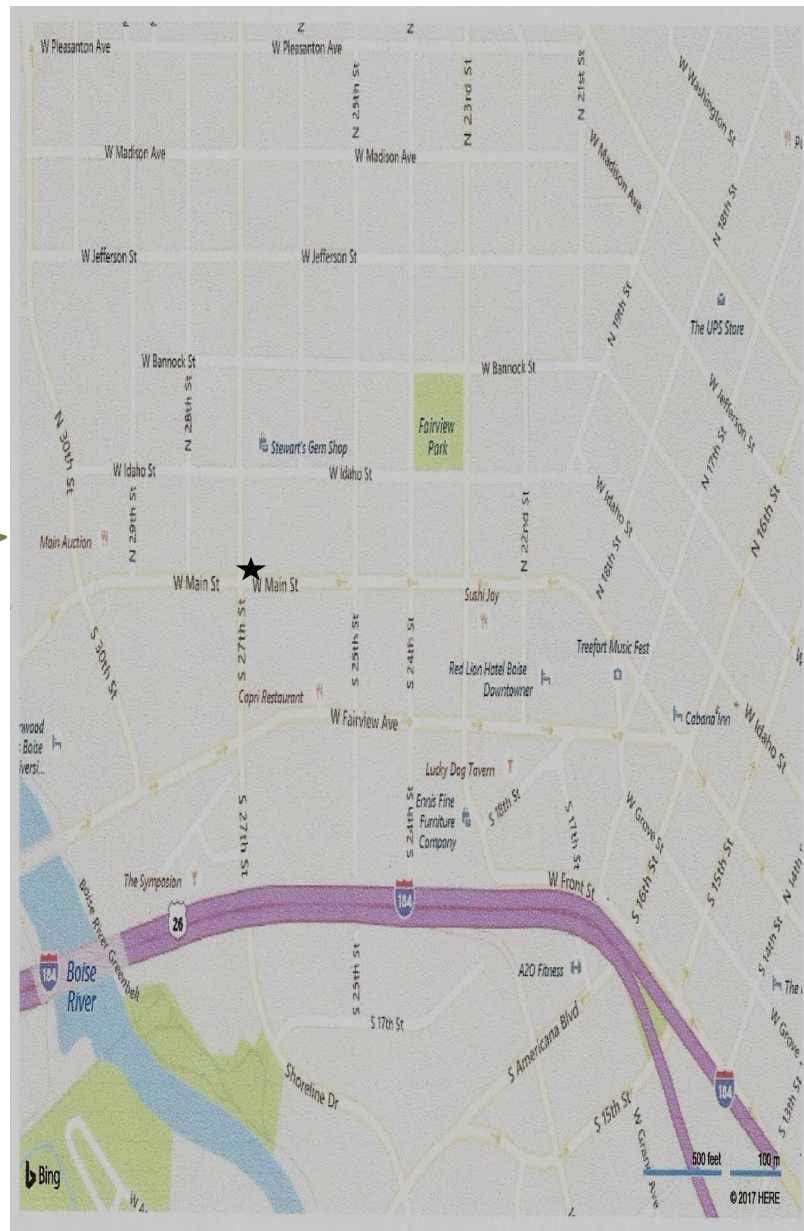


## YESTERYEAR BY SANDY BLODGETT, HISTORIAN

1969, August 13: Governor Don Samuelson, member  
of IGC, presented the wives of the Apollo 11  
Astronauts, identical star garnet necklaces, made by  
Lloyd Douglas as gifts from the IGC.  
Because the astronauts were the first rock hounds on  
the moon, they were made honorary members of the  
IGC. Harry Samuels, president, received a letter of  
thanks from Neil Armstrong.

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE By Brent Stewart

THURSDAY after General Meeting (usually 3rd  
Thursday), January 17, 6-8:45 pm  
SAT./SUN. (Saturday/Sunday after General Meeting):  
January 26th, 10 am—2 pm  
ADDRESS: 2620 W. Idaho St., Boise, Idaho  
Next door to Stewart's Gem Shop



## 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).

### THE GRINDINGS

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### 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, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Deana Ashton, or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 CONTACT RICK CORBETT @ 208-890-2599

Rick will have monthly sign-up sheets  
RESPONSIBILITIES include:

Come ½ 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

**Banquet Month, Club will have door and table prizes, gift bags, & lots of goodies!**







Hello Club Members,

Please bring all your tumbled stones and grab bags to the church on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. We will start at 9:00am and we should be done by 10:30am. There will be apple juice and donuts provided for all the helpers.

If you have tumbled stones or empty grab bags to donate but can not make it to the grab bag stuffing day, please contact me at 208-859-5098 or Dana Robinson at 208-713-8582 or Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628 and we will make arrangements to get them from you.

If you are interested in being the grab bag chairperson over-seeing the grab bag table, please let Dana Robinson and Deana Ashton know. We need to make sure we have this chairperson commitment confirmed and in place within the next few weeks please.

If you need empty buckets to place the tumbled stones in or as an exchange for your buckets of stones please let me know. I have empty buckets that I can give to you in exchange for yours.

The grab bag table at the show is always very popular for the kids in the Treasure Valley and your support is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Link



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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Member: Yes ☐ No ☐  
 Number of Cases: \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Display Case \_\_\_\_\_ Black Light Display Case \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you want to use a club case? Yes ☐ No ☐ Do you want to use your own case? Yes ☐ No ☐

What Material Will Be Displayed In Your Case (this way we can keep similar material spread 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!

“ROYAL PURPLE AMETHYST”

ANNUAL BANQUET MEETING

Riverside Hotel: Aspen Room (note Change)

Please join us for the

Idaho Gem Club  
Annual Banquet Meeting

Theme: Royal Purple Amethyst

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Riverside Hotel — North Star Room  
2900 Chinden Blvd., Garden City

Agenda

6:00 PM No-Host Cocktail Reception  
6:30 PM Dinner Served with Music, and "Guess  
the Amethyst Source" Mind Boggler  
Business Meeting with Installation of Officers  
Awards and Door Prizes

Tickets

Club Members: \$15  
Non-Members: \$50

Tickets may be purchased at November &  
December club meetings. After December  
meeting, tickets available ONLY at Stewart's  
Gem Shop, 2819 W. Idaho St., Boise,  
208-342-1151.

Idaho Gem Club  
Amethyst Banquet Menu

Salad  
Tossed Green Salad

Entree Choices

Braised Shoulder Tender w/ mushroom demi-glaze

Lemon & Lavender Chicken w/ lemon butter &  
lavender cream sauce

Grilled Halibut w/ lemon sauce

Vegetarian Wellington w/ dried mushrooms &  
garlic, sautéed w/ rosemary & seasonings, mixed w/  
panko crumbs & flax egg, in puff pastry

Side Dishes

All entrees include sautéed vegetables &  
fingerling potatoes, plus rolls & butter

Dessert Choices

Berry Cheesecake  
Chocolate Bombe Cake

Beverages

Coffee, Iced Tea, & Lavender Lemonade  
No-Host Cocktails, Wine, & Beer



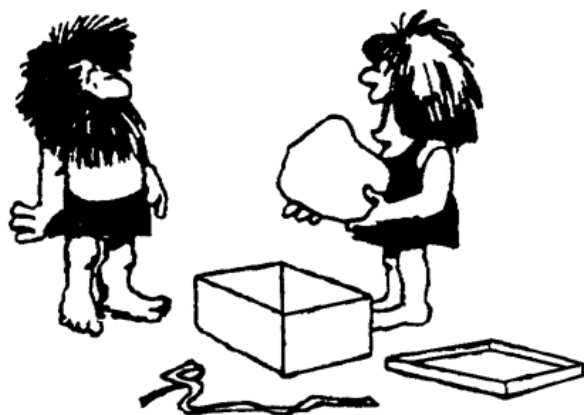
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**JANUARY**

01/03 Cyrus Vania  
 01/03 Renee  
 Abercrombie  
 01/04 Eve Clougherty  
 01/05 Becky Gibson  
 01/08 Teresa Nebeker  
 01/10 Shellie Oakley  
 01/11 Terry Tomberlin  
 01/16 Mike Johansen  
 01/19 Edith Williams  
 01/19 Warren Workman  
 01/20 Chuck Goertzen  
 01/21 Cameron  
 Abercrombie  
 01/23 Gena Stewart  
 01/25 Alice Stewart  
 01/29 Elizabeth Oakley  
 01/30 Gigi Stephens

**FACETED: GARNET****CABOCHON: STAR  
GARNET****FEBRUARY**

02/03 Ilse Schreiner  
 02/03 Michele Wiles  
 02/06 Jane Owen  
 02/06 Zoe Smith  
 02/06 Tara Bybee  
 02/07 Jolie Chin  
 02/08 Amber Vania  
 02/10 Kim Williams  
 02/11 Jim Storey  
 02/11 Rick Corbett  
 02/14 Kevan Gierak  
 02/14 Mickey Williams  
 02/19 Linda Roose  
 02/20 Jackson Neuhoﬀ  
 02/21 Greg Harris  
 02/22 Aaron Wanner Sr  
 02/25 Deanna Moser  
 02/25 Lauren Folkner  
 02/25 Randy Brown  
 02/28 Ayden O. Roethig

**FACETED: AMETHYST****CABOCHON: ONYX***"How Sweet... My Birthstone!"*

From Rock Chips 1/99

## NOTICES

**IDAHO RECREATIONAL COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING**

DATE: January 12, 2019  
 LOCATION: 501 Baybrook Court, Boise  
 TIME: 10AM—3PM

There are many important issues like legislation, private property access successes & challenges, & many more to discuss.

Please RSVP to [smitchel@alscott.com](mailto:smitchel@alscott.com)

**60% of Idaho Gem Club members** have not paid their dues for 2019! Some will pay in the future, others will not. This is typical. It means that the rest of us will have to pitch in a little more to make sure the Idaho Gem Club and the Rocky Rattlers (Juniors) stays vibrant and the February Gem Show gets all the help it needs. You should be thinking about putting in a showcase for the February show (see page 8) and planning on helping set up & take down, (see page 7) as well as helping at the club tables: entry tickets, hospitality, crafts, wheel of fortune, raffle, garnet table, grab bags, & silent auction.  
 Editor

**Idaho Gem Club****Volunteer Editor Position Available**

Our Grindings Editor will be traveling too much this summer to continue publishing our newsletter. Please step up and help the continuation of this fine publication. Linda will be glad to help you implement your new position. She started without much computer or editorial experience. After 3 years as our editor, she was able to be first place winner in the NFMS editorial contest for large newsletters. She also placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the AFMS newsletter contest bringing Idaho Gem Club to national attention!

Contact Dana Robinson, president, for helping with the Grindings to bring our club's news to all of our 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



**Bench Tips**

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

**STIFFENING EARRING POSTS**

Soldering an earring post will always soften the wire a bit. The easiest way I've found to harden it is to grip it with pliers and twist it a couple half turns. This work hardens the wire and also tests your soldered joint.

**SOLVENT DISPENSER**

Frequently I need to fill a small bottle with alcohol, like the bottle of an alcohol lamp or a nail polish bottle that I use for the yellow ochre anti-flux. Often I can't find a small funnel and end up spilling almost as much as I get into the bottle. It's wasteful, and the fumes aren't too good for you either.

A neat and inexpensive solution is to use a lab dispensing bottle to store small quantities of the solvents most frequently used. The bottles have a wide mouth for filling and a fine tip for dispensing. You can get a small stream or just a drop or two. With the bottle's fine tip I don't spill a drop.



A Google search will turn up many suppliers. One I've used is Carolina Biological Supply Company at [www.carolina.com](http://www.carolina.com). The bottle is Catalog # 716580 Unitary Wash Bottle, Low-Density Polyethylene, 125 mL US\$ 5. They have several sizes and other bottles labeled for specific solvents.





## NFMS NEWS

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

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

Note, Our website is located at <http://northwestfederation.org>

Thank you all,

Brad Larson

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REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR  
STAMPS TO THE  
GENERAL MEETING  
TO HELP FIGHT CANCER.  
Linda Barlow, Federation Director

See the NFMS on Facebook

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(for mobile devices like phones)



**Two links  
for additional newsletters 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>



## AFMS NEWS



AFMS Annual Meeting @ Cedar Rapids, IA. March 23-24, 2019  
Hosted by Midwest Federation.

## IGC Workshop & Christmas Party Pictures



## NFMS CLUBS SHOW SCHEDULE

<b>February 9 &amp; 10</b> Sat. 9 – 5 Sun. 9 – 4	Whidbey Island Gem Club 54th Annual “Sweetheart of Gem’s” Show	Oak Harbor Senior Center, 51 SE Jerome, Oak Harbor WA	Keith Ludemann 360 675 1837, <a href="mailto:rock9@whidbey.net">rock9@whidbey.net</a>
<b>February 22, 23, 24</b> 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 <a href="mailto:kthistle815@gmail.com">kthistle815@gmail.com</a>
<b>March 2 &amp; 3</b> Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society 65th Annual Gem & Mineral Show	O’Conner Field House 2200 Blaine Caldwell, Idaho	Darrell Ehlers 208 674 1213 <a href="mailto:ddehlers@fmtc.com">ddehlers@fmtc.com</a>
<b>March 8 &amp; 9</b> Fri. 8:30-6 Sat. 9-5	Panorama Gem & Mineral Club	Colville Fairground Colville Ag & Trade Center 317 West Astor Colville WA	Johnie Pitman 509 684 8887
<b>March 8, 9 &amp; 10</b> 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 <a href="mailto:ljeweledrose@gmail.com">ljeweledrose@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.tvrqc.org">www.tvrqc.org</a>
<b>March 9 &amp; 10</b> 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 <a href="mailto:rmetts@cablone.net">rmetts@cablone.net</a> Magic Valley Gem Club, PO Box 725, Twin Falls ID 83303
<b>March 15, 16, &amp; 17</b> 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 <a href="mailto:krfackrell@gmail.com">krfackrell@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://timprocks.weebly.com">timprocks.weebly.com</a>
<b>March 16 &amp; 17</b> Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Hellgate Mineral Society	Hilton Garden Inn 3720 North Reserve St. Missoula MT	Neil Maier <a href="mailto:atttoodz@yahoo.com">atttoodz@yahoo.com</a> 406 240 1079
<b>March 29, 30, &amp; 31</b> Fri – 10 – 6 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun 10 – 4	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA	Spokane County Fair & Expo Center N.404 Havana at Broadway Spokane kane WA	Mike Shaw , 509 251 1574 <a href="mailto:showchair@rockrollers.org">showchair@rockrollers.org</a>
<b>March 30 &amp; 31</b> 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, <a href="mailto:rjcarr@juno.com">rjcarr@juno.com</a>
<b>March 30 &amp; 31</b> 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 <a href="mailto:mlarry13@msn.com">mlarry13@msn.com</a> or Joe Rodriquez 208 237 6941 <a href="mailto:joe.rodriquez@itd.idaho.gov">joe.rodriquez@itd.idaho.gov</a>



<b>March 30 &amp; 31</b> Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society, 71st Annual Gem & Mineral Show “Petrified Wood”	Sweet Home High School Gym 1641 Long Street Sweet Home OR	Ed Anderson 541 451 1577 <a href="mailto:ela4rocks@gmail.com">ela4rocks@gmail.com</a> or Joe Cota 541 451 2740
<b>April 6 &amp; 7</b> Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-3	Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club	Willamalane Adult Activity Center 215 W C Street Springfield, Or 97477	Dean Burkhardt 541 744 1919 <a href="mailto:burkhaks@aol.com">burkhaks@aol.com</a>
<b>April 12, 13, &amp; 14</b> Fri. 9-6 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-4	Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society 68th Gemstone Junction	Golden Spike Event Center Weber County Fairgrounds 1000 N 1200 W Ogden UT 88440	Margie Miller 385 205 9187 <a href="mailto:gemshow@goldenspikegem.org">gemshow@goldenspikegem.org</a>
<b>April 13 &amp; 14</b> Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society 55th Annual Show	Idaho Falls Recreation Center Corner of Memorial Drive & B Street Idaho Fall ID	Tom Strong 337 384 6820 <a href="mailto:knap-pingtom@hotmail.com">knap-pingtom@hotmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://ifrockhounds.com">http://ifrockhounds.com</a>
<b>April 13 &amp; 14</b> Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Annual Rock, Gem, and Mineral Show	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA	Larry Hulstrom 509 308 8312 <a href="mailto:rockhound132@charter.net">rockhound132@charter.net</a>
<b>April 13 &amp; 14</b> Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - April Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 <sup>th</sup> ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins, 206 714 3922 <a href="mailto:collma1@comcast.net">collma1@comcast.net</a>
<b>April 27 &amp; 28</b> Sat. 10 – 5 Sun. 10 – 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40th Avenue SW, Seattle WA	Annette Nelson, <a href="mailto:wsrc.show@gmail.com">wsrc.show@gmail.com</a>
<b>May 4 &amp; 5</b> Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10 -4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium 1125 Broadwater Avenue Billings MT	Doug True 406-670-0566 <a href="mailto:dtruefos-sils12@yahoo.com">dtruefos-sils12@yahoo.com</a>
<b>May 4 &amp; 5</b> Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club 49th Annual Show “Rocks to Gems”	Douglas County Fairgrounds 2110 Frear Avenue I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg OR	Janet Stringfellow <a href="mailto:rjstringfellow@gmail.com">rjstringfellow@gmail.com</a> or Sue Woodman <a href="mailto:rock-sandhorses3@gmail.com">rock-sandhorses3@gmail.com</a>
<b>May 11 &amp; 12</b> Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society	Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center (EOTEC) 1785 East Airport Road Hermiston OR 97838	Mike Filarski 541057102593 <a href="mailto:stonemorlin1@netscape.net">stonemorlin1@netscape.net</a>
<b>May 17, 18, &amp; 19</b> Fri. 10-5 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	Mt. Hood Rock Club’s Rock & Gem Show	Jackson Armory 6255 NE Cornfoot Road (Take NE Alderwood Rd from NE Columbia Blvd—just south of PDX) Portland OR 97218	Wayne King 503 284 7195 <a href="mailto:mhrcdc@qmail.com">mhrcdc@qmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.mthoodrockclub.com">www.mthoodrockclub.com</a>
<b>May 18 &amp; 19</b> Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-4	Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society Rock & Gem Show	Ravalli County Fairground 100 Old Corvallis Road Hamilton, MT	Deb Sttckland 406 363 3194 <a href="mailto:mtpiper@qci.net">mtpiper@qci.net</a>
<b>May 31, June 1 &amp; 2</b> Fri. 10-5 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show	Swiss Park 9205 198th Avenue East Bonney Lake WA 98390	Jim Christian 253 987 6751 <a href="mailto:pygamec@qmail.com">pygamec@qmail.com</a> <a href="http://puyallupgemclub.org">puyallupgemclub.org</a>



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