

Grindings

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The deadline for issues is the Friday after each Board Meeting for the current month's edition. To submit article please send them through email to Dana Robinson, Interim Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After a last gasp, spring has finally given way to summer. We had a great turnout for the field trip out to Beacon Hill. I counted 42 cars representing Gem Club members, as well as guests from Mountain Home, Baker, and Walla Walla. Many people found some good sized eggs and everyone had a great time. The weather cleared just in time and a nice breeze kept it from being too hot.

For June we will be going to Rome, OR, on May 25th for snakeskin agate. The meeting time is earlier for this one. We will meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Ion station, the intersection of Highways 55 and 95 and leaving at 7:30 a.m. If you want to camp overnight, there are camping facilities available nearby. Contact Cullen Anderson if you have any questions. His information is in the Board Members list.

The workshop will be on the regularly scheduled Thursday after the general meeting, June 20, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., and one on Saturday, July 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kid's Workshop Day will be on Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please contact Brent Stewart to sign up. His contact information is in the officers section of this newsletter.

It has gotten to the point that the workshop is needing some attention for the wheels on the machines. If you have any old wheels that you don't want, we can refurbish them. The goal is to have extra wheels available so when one set is being worked on the other set can be in use. Please contact Brent Stewart or any board member if you would be willing to donate.

July will be here before we know if. Plans are in motion for the booth at Thunder Egg Days in Nyssa, OR. The dates are July 11-13. If anyone has any Idaho stones they can donate it would be greatly appreciated. We need mineral specimens, slabs, rough rock, and any small limb casts you can spare. They do not need to be polished. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next general meeting. for volunteers to help out at the event. If you help out there will still be plenty of time for you to go through the rest of the show.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Robinson,

President

MEETING AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Introduce Guests
Door Prizes and Building Fund Raffle
Juniors Adjourn to Rocky Rattlers Meeting Program
Business Meeting
Refreshments

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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING MAY 21, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm by President Dana Robinson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rick Corbett drew both juniors and adult door prize winners. No Building Fund raffle was held.

Juniors were excused to join Janelle and Coyote for their program.

Evening Program: Presented by Deana Ashton and Sandy Blodgett the evening program provided a review of the IGC claims. Information covered included the history and discovery of each claim and the type of material.

Business Meeting:

Dana asked for any corrections to the minutes of last month's meeting as printed in the Grindings. Willa Renkin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed which was seconded by Deana Ashton. Members voted, motion passed.

Secretary Report by Christina Anderton: IGC and members received an invitation to attend a sale being held near Portland, OR on June 10 – 17, 2019.

Treasurer Report by Rochelle Eytchison: a reporting of the last months financials is available on the front table for those who may be interested.

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: No report available.

Refreshment Committee Report by Rick Corbett: Thanks to those members who volunteered and provided refreshments and door prizes for the May meeting. Sign up sheets are set out for volunteers to bring refreshments and prizes for June meeting.

ROLE Report by Brent Stewart: Nothing to report

Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson: The field trip this month is supposed to be a visit to IGC claim at Graveyard Point, however, due to the amount of rain recently experienced, the trip will likely be cancelled. Check Facebook before you head out Saturday. As an alternative, consider visiting a local museum. An extra trip this month is planned for June 8th and will be going up to the IGC claim at Beacon Hill to collect geodes. Meeting at 8:00 am, leaving at 8:30am from the rest stop located off the freeway at the Idaho/Oregon border.

Library Report by Christina Anderton: Nothing to report.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: Regularly scheduled Thursday after meeting workshop will be open from 6:15pm to 8:45pm and on June 1st from 10-2.

Old Business:

A volunteer is still needed for the office of Editor for our monthly publication, The Grindings. Contact Dana Robinson for more details.

The club will be having a booth at the Nyssa Thunderegg Day for those interested. Please, contact Deana Ashton to volunteer and help man the booth.

New Business: No new business

Dana Robinson adjourned meeting at 8:26pm followed by refreshments.



MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING JUNE 4, 2019

Dana Robinson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm.
Present: Dana Robinson, Deana Ashton, Ed Moser, Willa Renken, Rick Corbett, Christina Anderton, Linda Barlow, Rochelle Eytchison, and Cullen Anderson

Guests: Deanna Moser, Mike Dome, Janelle Wintersteen, Cheryl Link and Dana Dancer

Absent: Sandy Blodgett, Brent Stewart and Cheryl Peterson

Dana asked for any corrections to the minutes of last meeting as printed in the Grindings. Willa Renken made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Grindings which was seconded by Deana Ashton. Board members voted, motion passed.

Building Fund Report by Dana Dancer: Research has been done and a vendor selected to fill a t-shirt order for the Club. A variety of options were discussed and samples passed around. Several ideas about what to print on the shirts were suggested. Willa reminded the Board that before a decision is made about what goes on the shirts we need to be sure no copyright infringement applies. Options will be presented to the members for a vote at the next general meeting.

Secretary Report by Christina Anderton: IGC received a request from a couple of rockhounds from Maine planning to visit the area in October who are looking for information and suggestions for stuff to do in Idaho. Contact Christine Anderton if you have any suggestions or would like to host an outing they might enjoy.

Treasurer Report by Rochelle Eytchison: Reviewed the monthly report. Notice was received from storage that the rent on our unit will be going up from \$211 to \$249. Sadly, Rochelle has notified the Board she will no longer be able to continue as the IGC Treasurer and requested a replacement be identified.

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: AFMS newsletter was summarized.

Program Report by Deana Ashton: June program will be a presentation on Opals. A suggestion was made to possibly enhance presentations by using a projector to display information. Cheryl Link may have something we could use.

Juniors Report by Janelle Wintersteen: Unfortunately, Janelle has notified the Board she no longer feels able to lead the Juniors program and requested a replacement be identified. Janelle pointed out several areas she thought our Juniors program needed attention in order to truly engage the juniors considering the wide age range and various levels of knowledge. Possible changes in the curriculum and the general direction of the group were discussed.

License Plate Report by Deana Ashton: Nothing to report

Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson: May trip to Graveyard Point was cancelled due to rain. The trip will be rescheduled for later in the year. Two trips are scheduled in June: Beacon Hill for geodes on June 8th. Meet at rest stop on the Oregon border at 9am, leave at 9:30am. High clearance vehicle required, be prepared for anything. Rome, Oregon for snakeskin agate on June 22nd. Meet at Gem Stop at 7am, leave at 7:30am.

Workshop Report by Willa Renkin: June 15th from 10am – 2pm for a kids day, June 20th regular workshop from 6pm – 8:45pm and June 29th from 10am – 2pm general workshop.

ROLE Report: None

Scholarship Report: None

Old Business:

A brief discussion regarding the 2020 Show Budget proposal from Brent Stewart was followed by a motion from Ed Moser to accept the proposed budget which was seconded by Deana Ashton. Board Members voted, motion passed.

Copies of the IGC By Laws and operational procedures was handed out for review with a future plan to discuss possible updates and/or changes needed to keep documents relevant.

President Dana Robinson called a special meeting of the Board Members for June 11th at 7pm to discuss several issues related to the workshop.

After a question about how IGC committees are selected and the procedural role of those committees with regards to assignments and research there was some discussion to clarify the general direction and goals of the IGC and how to keep the proper focus to achieve our goals.

New Business:

The Thunderegg Days application was submitted. Several ideas for the booth, how to generate the funds to cover fees and a plan for how the booth will operate was discussed.

Name badges and tags for field trip attendees are ready for the field trip. Linda Barlow pointed out the ALAA would like records of any club outings or field trips for their records to document the recreational use of our public lands. Willa Renken reminded us that in the past more formal records of field trips was made and suggested we go back to this practice.

Six New Memberships Applications were reviewed. Willa Renken made a motion to accept the new applications which was seconded by Deana Ashton. Board Members voted, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Christina Anderton, Secretary

HISTORIAN REPORT

by Deana Ashton

In May of 1967 Dudley Stewart organized the first gem stone study group. Dudley gathered 12 members who learned about garnet star orientation and the different colors and mineral content of garnets. He was considered to be the star garnet expert nationwide. They took a field

trip in June to the Gatfield Ranch in Montour, beginning a year of garnet exploration that culminated in a front page cover photo in the *Lapidary Journal* Gem Cutting Magazine. The photo featured a magnificent star garnet necklace with graduated size garnets. In February of 1967 Governor Samuelson signed the bill making the Idaho Star Garnet the official gem of the Gem State.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bethany and Steven Gilman
 Eric and Kristi Clark
 John Wasden
 Brady and Veronica Lawrence
 Paul Logan and Anita Ralstin
 Norm and Donna Kamp

Juniors

James Couch
 Grace Couch

SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

Please let me know if you are aware of any club members who are having surgery, feeling ill, experiencing difficulties, or have lost a loved one or passed. I will send greetings from the club or flowers. Text or call Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628 or any Gem Club board member.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT NOTES

by Deana Ashton

Dana and I went over to Kristen Armstrong Municipal Park to check on the shelter for the picnics in July and August. We are happy to report that the bathrooms are right next to the shelter and parking is directly in front. I would like to see some of our lifetime members join us for our picnics. I am happy to provide transportation for anyone who doesn't want to drive. Just give me a call at 208-794-5628.

I am looking for a larger projection screen for our programs. If you have one you are no longer using, or any other audiovisual equipment, please let me know. I am also looking for 15 to 20 shoe boxes for storing project materials for the club.

Volunteers are needed to help deliver club brochures to various locations around town occasionally. It would be very helpful to have an extra hand or two.

EDITOR NEEDED!

We need someone to step up and take over the Editor position for the monthly Grindings newsletter. Linda Barlow has left us with a great template file. She is willing to help a new editor with an orientation. It is a great way to become involved with the club and keep up with the news. If you are interested, please contact Dana Robinson at 208-345-3823.

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CHECK OUT THE CLUB WEBSITE!

www.idahogemclub.com

TREASURER NEEDED!

We are looking for a new treasurer for the club. Rochelle Eytchison is stepping aside for personal reasons. We greatly appreciate all of the time and effort she has given to the club. She has set a new standard of excellence for our club. Some accounting experience is very helpful. If you are interested, please contact Dana Robinson at 208-345-3823.



See the NFMS on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>
 (for the desktop/laptop/tablets)
<https://m.facebook.com/grups/NFMS1>



IDAHO GEM CLUB MEMBER FIELD TRIPS

2019 FIELD TRIPS

DATE/AREA (nearby town)/MATERIAL

3/23 - Queenstone (Marsing, ID), jasper
 4/20 - Bruneau Wood Pile (Bruneau, ID), petrified wood
 5/25 - Graveyard Point (Homedale, ID), agate
 6/8 - Beacon Hill (Weiser, ID), agate/jasper nodules
6/22 - Snakeskin Agate (Rome, OR), agate
 7/20 - Texas Springs (Jackpot, NV), petrified wood
 8/24 - Spencer Opal Mine (Spencer, ID), opal
 9/21 - Big/Little Wood River (Carey, ID), various
 10/19 - Grassy Mountain (Vale, OR), petrified wood

Possible alternate/additional trips:

Glass Butte and Hampton Butte (central OR),
 obsidian and petrified wood

FIELD TRIP SUPPLIES

Rock Hammer	Water
Chisel, Pick, Pry Bar	Sunscreen and a Hat
Shovels	Knee Pads
Buckets or	Gloves
Collecting Sacks	Safety Glasses
Screening Box	First Aid Kit
Map or GPS	
Good boots or hiking shoes	
Rain Coat (Dress in Layers for Cooler Mornings)	
Lunch/Dinner/Snack Foods /Camping supplies	

If you have questions, please ask Cullen and he will find out the answer for you from the experienced members leading/joining the trips.

IDAHO GEM CLUB (IGC)

June 15: Kid's Workshop Day
 June 18: General Meeting
 June 20: Workshop
 June 22: Field Trip
 July 2: Board Meeting

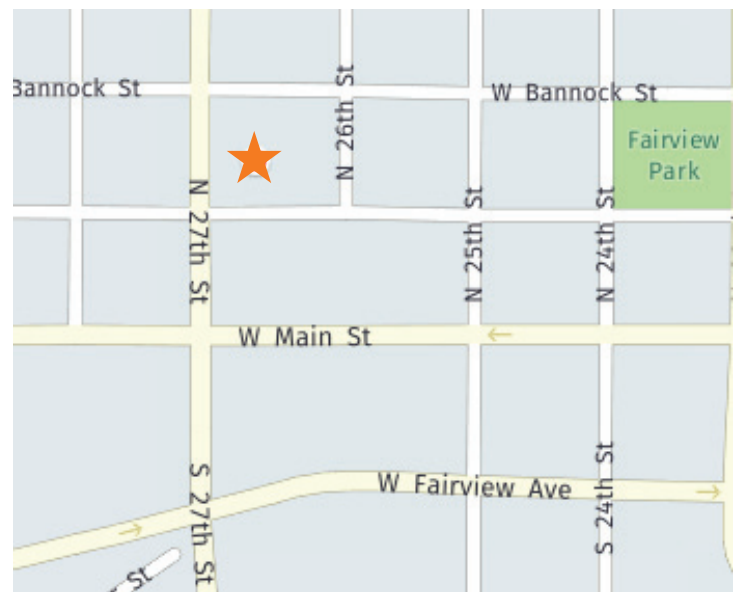


WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY after General Meeting (usually 3rd Thursday); June 20, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY (the next weekend after the field trip);
 July 6, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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



DONATIONS TO IDAHO GEM CLUB

Please submit any donations at meetings to Deana Ashton, Dana Robinson, or Willa Renken. Dana Robinson is always at the front table, Willa is at the back and Deana floats around in the middle (official "floater"). For all other donations, you may contact any of us at the numbers listed in the Board Members. This ensures proper inventory procedures will be followed and donations will be used in a manner most beneficial to the club. Please mark any donations with your name so we may properly thank you for your generosity.



NFMS NEWS

June Federation Director Report

By Linda Barlow, IGC Federation Director

May 21, 2019

NFMS: Mid-Year Meeting, 3 pm, June 1, 2019, at Coeur d'Alene. Our Delegate to this meeting will be Sandy Blodgett. His report will be in the next Grindings.

AFMS:

1. Recognition Award to John Martin who is the photo documenter behind the camera at AFMS Conventions. As AFMS Webmaster, he monitors and identifies proposed & pending rule making & legislation & posts most up-to-date information. For latest info on public lands access for Recreational Rockhounds check web pages of American Land Access Association, ALAA@amlands.org.
2. ROY (Rockhound of the Year): This is to honor an individual, couple, or Junior who has done something special for our club. Give your suggested nominee to any IGC Board Member. This first goes to NFMS then to AFMS.
3. AFMS Website Contest: NFMS Honorable Mentions are: (1) Denise Harrison from Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club (OR); (2) Brad Larson from Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society (Caldwell, ID)
4. AFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest: NFMS: (1) Large Bulletins: 4th place by Beth Heesacker, Editor, Clackamette Gem, from Clackamette Mineral & Gem Society (OR); (2) Original Adult Articles: Honorable Mention: Duane Flackus, Definition of the Month - Limb Cast, Clackamette Gem & Mineral Society (OR); (3) Written Feature: Honorable Mention: Duane Flackus - "How You Fit In", Clackamette Gem & Mineral Society (OR)
5. Endowment fund raised \$6000 for AFMS Special Projects: Junior Badges, Judges training, Digitizing of slide programs, etc.

6. ALAA: It is our responsibility to promote our Recreational Rockhounding hobby to help keep public lands open. Websites of BLM & Dept. of Interior recognize rockhounding. Public education is about doing great public relations for Recreational Rockhounding!
7. Conservation, Management, & Recreation Act became law on 3/12/2019: This affects Public Land Access for Recreational Rockhounding in all 50 states. (S-47 & the Law is 260 pages).

California affect: 118 Mil. Acres BLM Managed lands converted to wilderness areas including Hauser Geode Beds in Blythe, CA (East of LA, West of Phoenix, North of Yuma, & South of Lake Havasu City). No wheeled access or mechanical devices for collecting!

In Death Valley Nat. Pk., The National Park Service added 92,000 acres. Thus, PROHIBITING ROCK-HOUNDING.

In Joshua Tree Nat. Pk., The USFS increased wilderness areas to 7,000 acres. This is a total of 185,000 sq. miles for both of these areas!

Positive effects: 6 OHV areas cannot be changed in future legislation & Several WSA (Wilderness Study Areas) were removed and returned to public multi-usage with Recreational Rockhounding temporarily permitted!

BLM has 2 years to create mgmt. plan to include Recreational Rockhounding as Recreational Activity or lose access to collecting areas. This is why ALAA has started a program to compile a list of field trips by clubs & individuals listing # of people, roads used, & GPS Coordinates. The list will be used to provide proof of road usage and help prevent closure of areas. They are our compiled voice.

Currently 87 bills in Congress that may adversely affect your ability to exercise your right to collect Rocks, Minerals, & Fossils for your personal use.

CONGRATULATIONS!

On July 14th the **Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology** will be celebrating their 30th anniversary. You can join in the celebration and congratulate them in person at the Old Idaho Penitentiary at 2445 Old Penitentiary Rd. in Boise.

BENCH TIPS

by Brad Smith

EMERY BOARDS

The sanding boards for doing your nails are one of my favorite finishing tools. I use the ones with a thin foam core. They have enough resistance to sand just the high points off a flat surface and yet give a little when you're trying to smooth off a curved surface.

Plus they're inexpensive and come in a variety of grits. Some grits are so fine they give an almost finished surface. Pick up a few at a beauty supply company or at your local drug store.



DENTAL FLOSS

When testing the fit of a stone in the bezel, it's all too easy to get it stuck. If tapping the finding or opening up the bezel a bit with a knife blade doesn't dislodge it, you might have to drill a small hole in the bottom and push it out with a needle.

To avoid all this frustration, use the old dental floss trick. Lay a piece of over the top of the bezel before you seat the stone. Then just pull on the string to remove the stone.



Work Smarter With Brad's "How To" Jewelry Books
[Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)

MAY MEETING PROGRAM:

OPALS

Dr. Phil Neuhoﬀ, Geologist, is going to educate everyone on opals, from their composition to various ways to work with them. Lapidary artists will be on hand to show how they process rough opals into beautiful jewelry.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

CONTACT RICK CORBETT
 at 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
 JUNE VOLUNTEERS



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Can you find GC Hammer?

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

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FAIRVIEW		