

# Grindings

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by DANA ROBINSON

We are almost there! Spring is just around the corner, which means getting back out to our favorite collecting sites. Our first field trip will be going to the club's Queenstone claim. We will be meeting at the Gem Stop at the intersection of Hwy. 55 and Hwy. 95 at 8:30 a.m., leaving at 9:00. Even if it is a bit wet we will still have access. I hope to see you there! The regular workshop will be held on March 21st from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., however there will not be a Saturday workshop this month.

We had a record breaking year for our show this year. The adult attendees totaled 4,546 and the kids totaled 1,120. So no, it was not your imagination, we really were much busier this year with an estimated total intake \$6,000 higher than last year. We usually increase year by year, but at a much more modest rate. It was also a good year for the vendors. A big THANK YOU to all who helped with set-up, working tables, and tear-down. Without all of you we couldn't produce such a great event. We are hosting an Appreciation Pizza Party on March 23rd at Idaho Pizza. See page ?? for details.

At the board meeting there was much discussion on the format of our meetings. It was decided to shake things up a bit for the general meeting this month. The program will be held before the business meeting portion and the door prizes will be drawn after the business meeting. The juniors will move to the next room after the Pledge of Allegiance and Guest introductions and do their door prizes along with the program.

Also, REMEMBER YOUR NAME TAG! Rick will be bringing the Quarter Box this month. If you don't wear your name tag, you put a quarter into the box as incentive to remember next time.

This year for the first time that I know of the Parks and Rec people rented our picnic shelter to someone else. So this year we will be having our picnics at Kristen Armstrong Municipal Park. It will still be a covered shelter, just a different location. More details and a map will be provided as we get closer to July and August.

Finally, there are quite a few events around the area where we could set up a table and demonstrations. Those who are interested could also sell their work. It would be great exposure for our club and provide more opportunities to get involved. A couple that several members are interested in is the Hyde Park Street Fair and Nyssa's Thunderegg Days. There is also an event at Expo Idaho in June called Family Summer Palooza. If we have enough interest the board can address table/booth fees and registration. Contact Deana Ashton for details

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**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING  
ROYAL PURPLE AMETHYST BANQUET  
January 15th, 2019**

Linda Barlow offered the evening Blessing followed by meal service.

The MC, Gene Stewart, opened the evening with a joke.

Linda Barlow shared the answers to the quiz and awarded first place to Karen Kelley-Sass, second place to Coyote. Each received a piece of amethyst.

**Federation Report:** Linda Barlow attended both the AFMS and NFMS annual meetings. Excited to announce our monthly newsletter, The Grindings, won some recognition as well as did club member Phil Neuhoff. Congratulations to Phil for receiving 1<sup>st</sup> place for his article submitted to NFMS and to Grindings editor, Linda Barlow, for receiving 8<sup>th</sup> place in the AFMS 2018 Bulletin Editors Contest and 1<sup>st</sup> place at NFMS meeting. Linda also attended recent meetings of ALAA.

Gene introduced the IGC past Presidents in attendance: Brent Stewart, Willa Renkin, Dana Robinson, Marge Conley, Cathy Parsons and himself. All stood for a round of applause.

A moment of silence was shared in memory of IGC members Richard Clark and Marion Phillips who passed away this last year. Dana Robinson presented the 2018 Project of the Year award to Rick Corbett.

Brent Stewart recognized Rick Corbett for achieving the Master Level in the ROLE Program.

Gene Stewart presented Ron Coolbaugh with a certificate of achievement award as Ron joins the ranks of IGC members who reached at least 100 years old. Ron is 101 years old. Rock on!!

Linda Barlow made the announcement that the table center pieces went to the person at each table who was seated in the chair tied with a bow. (The other rocks and decorations on the table are for anyone who would like some) Also, each person who attended the banquet will receive a gift bag at the door.

IGC President, Dana Robinson, took the podium and the business portion of the meeting was called to order.

Dana asked if any changes needed to be made to the meeting minutes as printed in the Grindings. With no changes needed Willa Renkin made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Grindings. Linda Barlow seconded the motion. Members voted, motion was passed.

**Treasurer Report:** Rochelle Eytchison reviewed the club financial records for December 2018. Rochelle reminded everyone membership dues were due in October and only about 60% have been paid. She asked for those who haven't yet to please do so ASAP.

**Field Trip Report:** Cullen Anderson plans to have the 2019 field trip schedule planned out and available at the show in February.

**Librarian Report:** Christina Anderton reports the library is open and material is currently available.

**Workshop Report:** Brent Stewart will have the workshop open Thursday, February the 17<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 9pm and on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. As always, Brent needs help,

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING  
January 15th, 2019 (continued)**

especially in the evenings. Please, plan to attend and give him a hand.

Dana had no old or new business to cover except to remind everyone the annual Show was coming up and we still need volunteers in numerous areas and activities. Signup sheets in back.

The business portion of the general meeting was concluded. 2018 IGC President Dana Robinson reflected over the past year touching on and highlighting important things to remember. Pointing out that the IGC is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and stressing how important it is to be and act proud of your club and its value to the community she expressed her appreciation for those who donated their valuable time and treasured materials, shared critical knowledge and offered guidance, encouraged involvement in reaching out to new members, inspired us with their creations and proudly represented IGC at community events near and far. Dana reflected on milestone decisions made, like the purchase of an equipment trailer for show cases, and the actions taken implementing developed plans, like updating signage, confident of positive results and success. Looking to the future, Dana sees growth opportunities for the club with increased interest in social media and hopes to be able to introduce and develop new ideas for the IGC to explore in the coming year.

Gene introduced existing lifetime members in attendance having them stand for recognition. Willa Renken then presented new lifetime membership awards to Dan Conley, Greg and Marta Sandmeyer, as well as Carl Woodland from last year.

**2019 IGC Officers** were called to stand for induction to office by Gene Stewart:

**President Dana Robinson**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Willa Renken**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Deanna Ashton**

**Secretary and Librarian Christine Anderton**

**Treasurer Rochelle Eytchison**

**NFMS Director and Grindings Editor Linda Barlow**

**Historian Sandy Blodgett**

**2019 IGC Board of Directors:**

**Cullen Anderson**

**Rick Corbett**

**Deanna Ashton**

**Willa Renken**

**Brent Stewart**

**Sandy Blodgett**

**Dana Robinson**

Gene presented Dana with the Whangdoodle Opal and Rock Hammer. Thanking those who handled the banquet arrangements, Linda Barlow & Deana Ashton, Dana adjourned the meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
BOARD MEETING  
February 5th, 2019**

**Present:** Dana Robinson, Cullen Anderson, Linda Barlow, Mike Dome, Cheryl Peterson, Deanna Ashton, Willa and Doug Renken, Ed and Deanna Moser, Cheryl Link, Sandy Blodgett, Rick Corbett, Rochelle Eytchison, Christina Anderton, and Janelle Wintersteen.

**Absent:** Brent Stewart

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by President Dana Robinson.

Having found no corrections needed to be made to minutes as printed in the Grindings, Dana asked for a motion.

Willa Renken proposed a motion to accept the meeting minutes as printed, Deanna Ashton seconded the motion, Board voted, motion passed.

**Secretary Report** by Christina Anderton: None

**Treasurer Report** by Rochelle Eytchison: Reviewed monthly finances and transactions.

**Federation Report** by Linda Barlow: Reviewed various land access issues. (see NFMS, AFMS, & ALAA)

**Refreshment Committee Report** by Rick Corbett: He still needed volunteers to help this month and got commitments from Dana Robinson, Christine Anderton, and Cheryl Peterson. He also plans to consolidate current assortment of door prizes into a single tub for convenience.

**Juniors Report** by Janelle Wintersteen: Plans to focus on identification and fielding questions about the upcoming show.

**License Plate Report** by Deanna Ashton: No new progress.

**Field Trip Report** by Cullen Anderson: Still in the process of finalizing 2019 schedule, planning to have it ready by Show time.

**Workshop Report:** With Brent Stewart absent, it is uncertain when workshop will be available this month. An email will be sent if dates become available.

**Program Report** by Deanna Ashton: Scholarship recipient is expected to give her presentation.

**Old Business:**

-The badges being given as case favors this year have arrived. Any left over after the show will be sold with the funds going to support the building fund.

-Christine Anderton will contact Boise Parks and make reservations for the July and August picnics.

-Linda Barlow is still looking for photos to be included in the scrapbook being assembled.

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BOARD MEETING  
February 5th, 2019  
(continued)**

-Rochelle Eytchison looked at and has gotten clarification on aspects of the Clubs insurance coverage and the suggestion of getting bonded and found no changes need to be made at this time.

-Ed Moser suggests the club might be interested in a hearing Stibnite will be having on the proposed mining project since it may impact access rights in Challis and Salmon area.

-Ed received a donation of materials intended for the juniors.

-Willa Renken reviewed the 2019 budget proposal. Discussion included several necessary changes with inclusions. Deanna Ashton motioned acceptance of proposed budget. Ed Moser seconded. Motion passed.

-With concerns regarding the rising costs associated with the Banquet each year, Willa Renken would like the Board to consider appointing someone now to handle researching alternative options for next year. The Board agreed and plans to get someone working on that soon.

**Show Business** items discussed:

-Deanna Ashton brought in some retail display items purchased for the club. Items included shelving units, signage stands, poster frames, and various tagging items intended for use during the show and other club events. Additional purchases included supplies and items to supplement the basket raffle this year. Deanna asked the Board to approve reimbursement of the expenses. Willa Renken motion to reimburse Deanna for the display items purchased for the club and expenses. Cullen Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

-Dana has the show flyers, brochures, post cards, etc. ready to go to the printer on this week.

-Doug Renken has the parking passes for those who need access at the expo building. Passes will be available at the next meeting.

-Volunteers are needed for the show: loading the trailer this Thursday at 1pm. Location: Lockaway Storage on Chinden, Set up of the blacklight room, dealer tables, cases etc. this Friday starting at 8am until 8pm. Location: Expo Building, and Tear down of Expo Building and storage after show closes on Sunday.

-Doug has taken care of placing ads on local television, in the Idaho Statesman, on Craigslist and has flyers on our website that can be printed off to hand out.

Show hours are Saturday 10am – 6pm and Sunday 10am – 5pm. Access to building at 8am.

**New Member Applications:** Dana had 5 new membership applications for review. Applicants were discussed, Deanna Ashton motioned to accept the applications reviewed for membership. Ed Moser seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING  
February 19th, 2019**

Dana Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:35pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dana welcomed new members and guest having them stand and introduce themselves.

Rick Corbett drew door prize winners: 12 juniors and 7 adults. No building fund raffle this month.

**Juniors** were dismissed and taken out for their meeting by Janelle Wintertein.

**Secretary Report** by Christine Anderton: Information on the Yakima Show is available if interested.

**Library Report** by Christine Anderton: Current records are not accurate. If you have library material contact Christine Anderton and get it properly checked out so the records can be corrected and maintained.

**Treasurer Report** by Rochelle Eytchison: Reviewed monthly financials and transactions, reminder to get dues paid if you haven't yet done so. A few late attendees at the banquet still need to pay. See treasurer to pay.

**Federation Report** by Linda Barlow: Announced copies of the newsletter are available to new members and guests if interested. The NFMS and AFMS newsletters were reviewed. Members were informed of her plan to step down from her position as editor of both the Grindings and the NFMS newsletters. If you are considering becoming more active with the club, please contact Linda Barlow to discuss details. Volunteers to fill these rewarding positions are needed before she steps down in April and assist the transition.

**Scholarship Report** by Phil Neuhoff: Introduced Laura McSherry, the recipient of the \$500 scholarship this year and the presentation of the check. Laura gave a short presentation explaining her interest in hydrokinetic energy and renewable energy resources and shared aspects of her focused work in the field of renewable wave energy.

**Field Trip Report** by Cullen Anderson: None

**Workshop Report** by Brent Stewart: WS will be Gem Show loading of truck 2/21. March dates TBA

**Show items and information:**

-Help is needed at storage to load U haul and trailer on Thursday at 1pm, at the Expo building on Friday at 8am to set up and on Sunday immediately after the show closes to tear down and get stuff to storage. Volunteers are also still needed to cover activity booths during the show. Please make note of dates, times and locations if you make commitments.

-Deanna Ashton is still accepting donations for the basket raffle this year. If you have items you would like to donate please contact Deanna ASAP so she has time to get a basket made up for you.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm followed by refreshments.

*Respectful submitted, Christina Anderton, Secretary*



**ROCKY RATTLER'S PAGE**  
By  
**JANELLE WINTERSTEEN,**  
Juniors Chairperson

Last month I had originally planned to collect up several different types of rocks from around town. These would be common rocks. They would be as different as possible from the gorgeous, polished rocks that would be on display at the Boise Rock and Gem Show. The snow covered all the area where I planned to pick up. These rocks. So I brought my two stuffed cans of agates, Jasper's, Opal items, Obsidians, and odd and interesting Rhyolites. Mike Dome and Linda Barlow brought in a box of interesting rocks and I added that to the mix. Everyone sorted rocks. The youngest children were rather annoyed, but I did also have coloring for them.

This time, I am want to spread out books and magazines for the kids. I want all I can get from the library. I will bring as many as I can corral at a time to look over our book set up. And I want the magnifying glasses stored there for the kids to look over, experiment, do whatever. If any of you want to bring a mixed, box of rocks, different ones than, I have chosen, feel free. I want the kids looking at rocks, talking about rocks, and ready to hunt the ground for them this spring.

Another addition to their activities, by Linda Barlow, Grindings Editor, is to encourage them to write about the door prize rocks they receive. Be it one sentence, paragraph, or a page long article. I encourage them to explore and write about color, texture, & emotions using their 5 senses of sight, hearing, touch, taste, & smell! They can also draw a picture of their rock and how they feel about it, This can be done at home this coming month and returned to Junior Rattler's leader for publication in the Grindings. These articles will allow the Junior Rattler's to work on a written communication badge and be submitted for 2019 AFMS competition. Let's help our Juniors enjoy their hobby and get recognition for their efforts.

**Welcome New Junior Members**

1. Averie Browning	4. Luke Rausch
2. Noah Browning	5. Jackson "Jack" Rausch
3. Diego Kunkel	6. Sawyer Rausch

**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).

**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

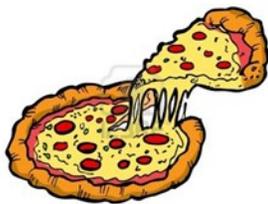
**THANKS FOR MARCH VOLUNTEERS**

# IDAHO GEM CLUB (IGC) CALENDAR

- March 17: St. Patrick's Day
- March 19: General Meeting
- March 22: Spring Equinox
- March 23: Volunteer Thank-You Pizaa Party
- April 2: Board Meeting
- April 16, General Meeting



## End of Gem Show Pizza Party



This event is dedicated to those of you who gave your time, muscle and efforts to make our Annual Gem Show a huge success. On **March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm** we will be recognizing our **2018 Gem Show Volunteers**. If you helped setup, set at a venue, teardown or demonstrated at our Annual Show we invite you to come have pizza on the Idaho Gem Club. The party will be held at the **Idaho Pizza Company on Overland & Orchard in the Hillcrest Shopping Center**. The festivities will begin at 6pm so be sure to come have some pizza and salad on us. Without our wonderful volunteers we would not be able to be as successful as we are and we want to show you our gratitude for all your efforts on behalf of the Idaho Gem Club. Thank you for making 2018 one of the best shows ever!!



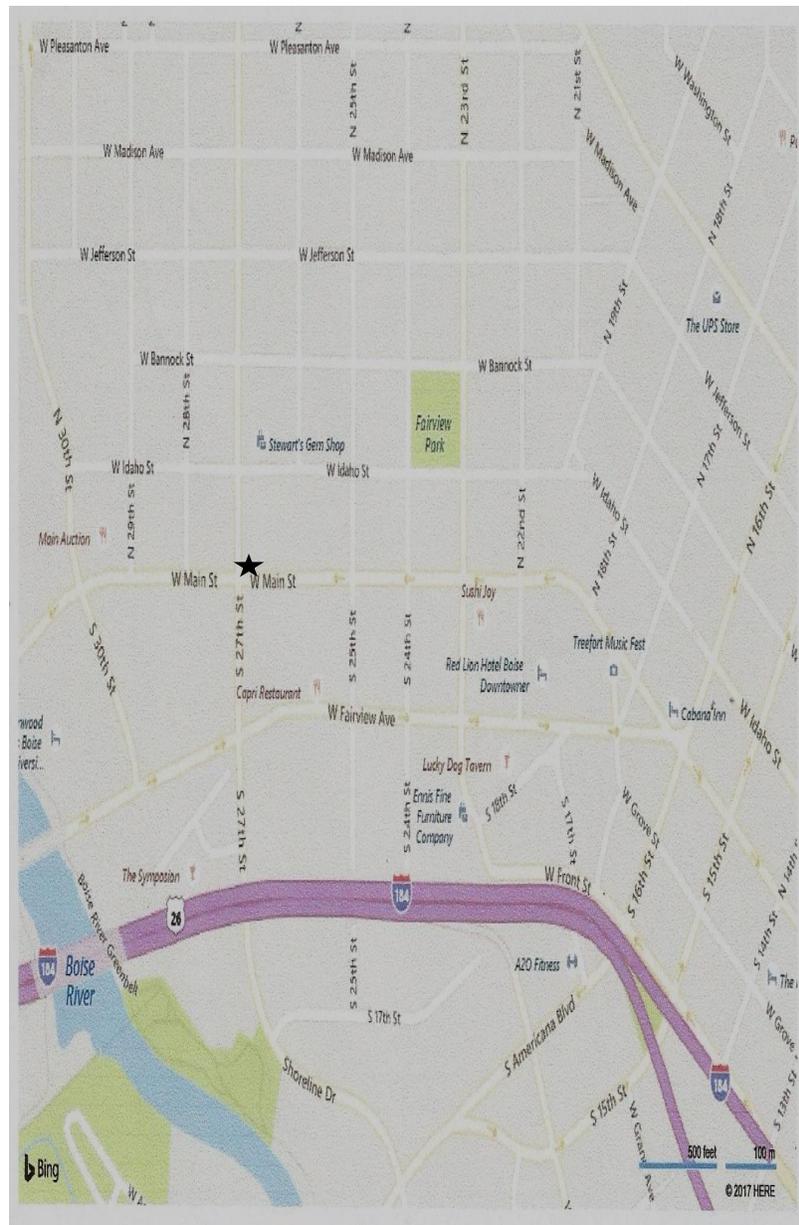
Everyone's Irish  
On March 17th.



# WORKSHOP SCHEDULE By Brent Stewart

THURSDAY after General Meeting (usually 3rd Thursday); March 21, 6:00-8:30pm  
SAT./SUN. (Saturday/Sunday after General Meeting):  
None this month d/t Field Trip and Pizza Party for Gem Show Volunteers (see calendar)

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



## February 2019 Show Display Cases:

The display cases in the open arena around the dealer's booths looked really nice this year. Thank you everyone for showing us all your beautiful material. There was a nice mix of material displayed. We had 64 display cases out in the open arena and 14 cases in the black light room.

We have tried to have a friendly non-competitive display case contest the last several years allowing the general public to vote for their favorite display cases. I had 300 ballots printed and the hospitality table handed them out to the general public both Saturday and Sunday.

We had a new category this year for the display cases that were setup. We had several juniors enter display cases and I am happy to be able to announce the winners of our first year of junior participation. From the Idaho Falls Club we had Gage Hayes take first place in the juniors group followed closely behind by Kevan Gierak of the Idaho Gem Club's Rocky Rattlers



and third place going out to Mylee Hayes also from the Idaho Falls Club. Congratulations juniors on your wonderful cases!

We are lucky to have club members with such beautiful material. I am sure the general public had a hard time voting. At the end of the day Sunday, we had two club members talley up the ballots from the ballot voting tub. One club member read off the numbers on the ballots and the second person marked the numbers down on the total page.

The winners for the 2019 Idaho Gem Club Gem Show this year are as follows, case #40 setup by Steve Brittenham took first place.



Case #29 setup by Randy Brown took second place



and case #39 setup by Steve Brittenham took third place. Congratulations club members!



The following are the club members who entered cases this year:

Cullen Anderson, Brent Stewart, Gene Stewart, Linda Barlow, Phil Stevenson, Lynn Davis Memorial, Ed Moser, Kevan Gierak, Cheryl Link, Roger Beck, Doug Renken, Willa Renken, Rick Corbett, Kristin Hissner, Andy Housh, Robert Witherell, Blaine Dahlstrom, Randy Brown, Dana Robinson, Twila Gallaher, Marge Conley, Phil Neuhoff, Cathy Parson, Greg Sandmeyer, Steve Brittenham, Robert Coggins, Mike & Laura Lindsey, Cheryl Peterson, Janelle Wintersteen, Sandy Blodget, Denna Ashton, Steve Schultz, Andy Lunsford, Larry Ridley, Christine Anderton, Jim & Belle Witt and Frank York.

I definitely have cabin fever and summer can't come fast enough for most of us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Link, Display Case Chairman

Thanks to many who helped at the front tables: collecting money, distributing tickets, and the hospitality table. These people came and volunteered when asked!



Robert Murphy from Mountain Home helped both days at hospitality table. John Benedict, Deana Corbett, & Mike Dome pinched hit.

Ruth Brittenham is our standard Saturday and Sunday main ticket sales person. Cheryl Peterson, Josh Bybee, Jonathan Barnett (snowed in at home on Sunday), Mark Clary, Nathan Belk, and others we couldn't have done it without your help! Guy DiTorreci spent his whole Saturday at the ticket table except when given lunch break so he could eat and then buy his wife a birthday present. She was patient to let him serve on Saturday. THANK YOU ALL!

Black Light Display Case Room for Our 2019 Show:

This year I took the liberty to mix up the black light room floor plan for our February 2019 show.

In the past we occasionally would have some congestion in the back corner when people would walk in both directions around the inside of the black light room.

Normally our original floor plan allows for twenty black light display cases. We have filled all twenty cases the last several years. The challenge has been, I have for the last several years filled between six to seven of those display cases. I have enough material between my various rocks and depression glass to fill that many cases. My problem is it takes so much time to setup and take down that many cases.

This year I took out the center island that held eight of the display cases. I kept the six cases on each side of the room plus added two cases to the back wall. I wanted to try a more open floor plan to allow the glow from each of the cases to be viable the minute you walked into the dark room. This change still allowed us to have fourteen display cases this year. I only entered two display cases which made this year so much more enjoyable for me.

Old Floor Plan				New Floor Plan			
20			6	12	13	14	6
19	14	10	5	11			5
18	13	9	4	10			4
17	12	8	3	9			3
16	11	7	2	8			2
15			1	7			1
entrance ->				entrance ->			

I would like to thank all of those who entered a black light display cases this year. Gage Hayes from the Idaho Falls Club, Roger Beck from the Mountain Home Club, Frank York, Jim & Belle Witt, Christine Anderton, Brent & Gene Stewart, Phil Neuhoff and Cheryl Link.

The winners of the non-competitive black light display cases this year were – for first place it went to case #14 which was entered by Cheryl Link for her sphere case.



Second place went to case #7 which was entered by Stewart's Rock Shop for their Rotating Display Case which moves the material around the case by bike chains and gears which is very fun to watch!



Third place went to case #8 which was entered by Brent Stewart for their mineral display case.



I hope everyone took some time to go into the black light room and checked out the glowing cases. They all looked great and I look forward to next year to see what wonderful things everyone has collected during this new year.

I welcome feed-back on how the black light room was setup this year and if we should give it a try again next year using the same system. Please let me know....

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Link

**Welcome New Members**

- |                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Jen Browning              | 13. Megan Madarieta       |
| 2. Robert Murphey            | 14. Robert Mayer          |
| 3. Ben Taylor                | 15. Marta & Cliff Miller  |
| 4. Patty Moats               | 16. Devin Newland         |
| 5. Carole & Rex Barlogi      | 17. Tammy & Rick Payne    |
| 6. Kim & Jay Erb             | 18. Adam Payne            |
| 7. Elena Ogan & Chris Files  | 19. Linda & Eric Peterson |
| 8. Ginger Ford               | 20. Shanna & Eric Rausch  |
| 9. Ken & Trudy Glenn         | 21. Frank Walling         |
| 10. Gene Johnson             | 22. Woody Weyerman        |
| 11. Stephanie & Dayna Kunkel |                           |
| 12. Cyrese Lingard           | 23. Pam Williford         |



Silent Auction Table February 2019:

I want to thank everyone who helped out at the silent auction table this year. I would not be able to make this a successful table each year without all your support! Yes, we had another successful year. The material this year was a mix of obsidian, geodes, petrified wood, agates, jaspers and some unusual items as well. We had some large pieces of graveyard point that had been donated by Jim Story last year. Thank you for your support Mr. Story! The kids loved the large chunks of polished material donated by Jim Witt. Thank you for your bucket of wonderful polished rocks Mr. Witt! I am not sure who gave us the jars of smoky quartz crystals, but they were the envy of many little girls and boys.

I am happy to say I didn't come across any spiders in the buckets this year like I did last year. Many of you know I go out of my way when walking in the sage brush to avoid spider webs if I don't have my three-pronged rake with me. I have never been fond of those kinds of surprises.

I would like to personally thank Jim Clinton and Larry Friend for spending the whole day with me at the silent auction table. These two guys know so much about rocks and things it is truly amazing! Their comradery in digging through the buckets for random treasures makes all the work back at the silent auction table fun. I was expecting Jim to find another rock that looked like dog poop like last year but no such luck. (Yes, I still have that rock on my desk at work).

I would like to call out a BIG THANK YOU to Ron Dingley, Carl Woodland, Blaine Dahlstrom, Don Nafus, Ilse Schreiner, Loren Francis, John Benedict, Teresa Nebeker, Jim Clinton and Larry Friend. If I missed any others I apologize as I don't have my list with me as I write this thank you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Link, Silent Auction Table Chairman



## GEM SHOW DEMONSTRATORS



**Idaho Gem Club  
Member Field Trips**



2019 FIELD TRIPS

DATE/AREA (nearby town),/MATERIAL

- 3/23 - Queenstone (Marsing, ID), jasper (see President note page 1)
- 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  
 Emerald Creek (northern ID), garnets  
 Fossils (Whitebird, ID), leaf fossils

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 (Depending on Length of Trip)

MARCH		APRIL
03/02 Claudine DiTorrice		04/02 John Benedict
03/04 Stephanie Kunkel		04/05 Luke Rausch
03/06 Karen Kelley-Sass		04/08 Trish Johansen
03/07 Judy Blodgett		04/09 Cathy Erley
03/08 Jared Bybee		04/10 Diego Kunkel
03/08 Sophia Vania		04/12 Pam Williford
03/11 Katie Abecrombie		04/13 Rick Abercrombie
03/12 Rod Eisele		04/13 Ed Moser
03/13 Barbara Wanner		04/13 Rick Olmstead
03/13 Cyndy Schmidt		04/ Linda Barlow
03/14 Presley Paynter		04/15 Paul Legan
03/21 Kelley N. Sass		04/16 Chris Butte
03/22 Andrew Housh		04/17 Jeaqnmari
03/22 Joshua Jackson		04/17 McAvoy
03/23 Mike "Red" Lovett		04/19 Blaine Dahlstrom
03/23 Phillip Worley		04/22 Ammon Hull
03/24 Karen Turnmes		04/22 Isabella Hull
03/27 Averie Browning		04/22 Willa Renken
03/28 Larry Friend		04/23 Amanda Gardner
03/28 Luke Hull		04/24 Isaac Hull
03/28 Adam Payne		04/26 Ben Taylor
03/28 Gene Stewart		04/27 Brandy Stamnes
03/28 Larry Friend		04/28 Kyleigh Jackson
03/31 LuAnn Shubert		04/29 Dana Dancer
		04/29 Roxanne Franklin
		04/29 Keri Rasmussen
<p>FACETED: AQUAMARINE</p>		<p>FACETED: DIAMOND</p>
<p>CABOCHON: BLOODSTONE</p>		<p>CABACHON: ROCK CRYSTAL</p>



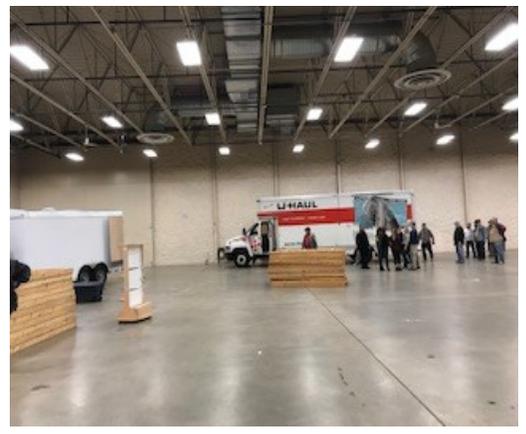
If you have questions, please ask Cullen and he will find out the answer for you from the experienced members leading/joining the trips.

FROM STORAGE

TO TRUCK

AND TRAILER.

AND TEAR DOWN



GEM SHOW  
SET UP  
VENDOR  
TABLES



FAMILY FUN BE-  
GINS  
AT GEM SHOW  
WITH  
GRAB BAGS



DISPLAY  
CASES



AND CONTINUES  
AT  
WHEEL  
OF  
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AND  
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THEN ONTO  
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NAME  
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WHILE ADULTS  
BUY BASKET  
RAFFLE TICKETS!

## 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)

### MAKE A TEXTURE HAMMER

An inexpensive hammer can be easily turned into a great texturing tool by grinding a pattern of narrow lines into its face.

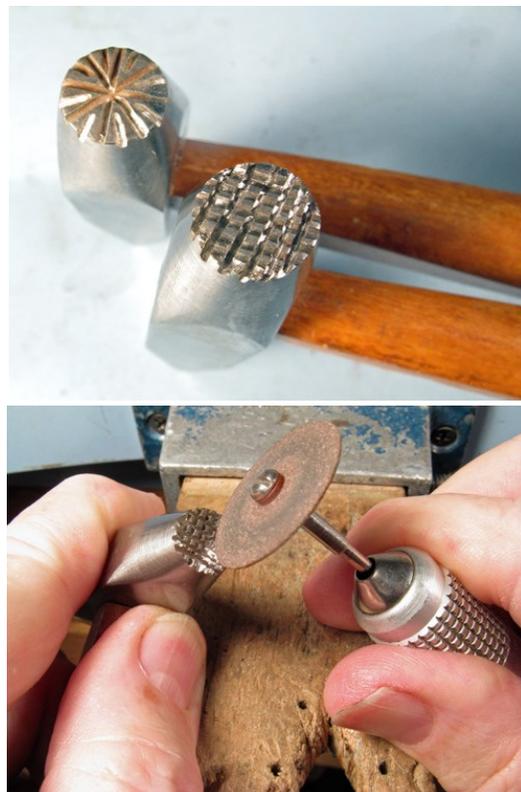
The tool I like to use to grind the pattern is a thin separating disc in a Foredom or Dremel. Be sure to hold the hammer and separating disc steady as you carve, and wear those safety glasses to protect your eyes.

For the pattern to work well, a major part of the face needs to be ground away leaving only small areas of high points. That way the high points will have enough force to emboss the pattern into your sheet metal.

My preference is to use small ball peen or cross peen hammers. They are quite inexpensive from tool dealers at swap meets and rock & mineral shows. There is no reason to buy an expensive hammer to experiment with creating your own textures.

And BTW, if you don't like the first pattern you create, simply file or grind it off and try again.

This is just one of the many tips in the new book, "More Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" See a sample chapter at <https://amzn.to/2KCygh4>



### IDAHO LEGISLATURE PASSES HOUSE ONTO SENATE

By Linda Barlow, IGC Federation Director

**HJM005:** Idaho requests federal legislature by Congress that when private lands are exchanged, purchased, or transferred to federal government that other lands within county be sold.

**HO162:** Creates interim committee of Legislative Council on federal lands issues. Adds \$10-15,000 cost.

**HJM1008:** Requests Congress to release all wilderness study areas acreage listed as "not suitable for wilderness" by BLM to restore lands to public use. Idaho Legislature supports peer-reviewed scientific management to implement multiple-uses concept of public land use to protect forests, health, & reduce risk of harm to human health and environment.

**SB1089:** Prohibits interference with certain lands, highways, & navigable streams.

**H75:** Passed Senate: Removes reciprocity of OHV permits to other states-\$12/non-resident. Utah passed \$30 non-resident sticker last week.



## NFMS NEWS

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



**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>

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[www.idahogemclub.com](http://www.idahogemclub.com)



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

<https://m.facebook.com/grups/NFMS1>  
(for mobile devices like phones)

## AFMS NEWS



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

### March IGC Board Meeting Federation Report By Linda Barlow, IGC Federation Director 3/05/2019

AFMS:

**JUNIORS** (Taken from AFMS Junior Program Chair, Jim  
Brace-Thompson):

Help Rocky Rattlers find fun in communicating!

Encourage our club to offer carrots (not sticks) to Rocky  
RATTLERS to write a brief article or even a paragraph telling  
about a recent rock- or fossil-related field trip or experience, a  
museum visit, a favorite fossil or mineral (for instance, the child's  
birthstone), or anything rock related. CFMS has declared 2019  
"The Year of Communication" as his presidential theme. It's a  
good theme that we all should pursue each & every day of each &  
every year.

#### How can we entice our juniors to write?

Have them write about the rock they were given at the raffle.  
Bring in the next time for submission to Junior Leader and Editor  
for publication in Grindings .Other examples ?

**SAFETY** (Taken from AFMS Safety Chair, Ellery Borow)  
Does IGC have a way of addressing club members intentional and  
repeatedly disregards property owner's wishes? Does IGC rules,  
regulations, & bylaws have in place a reasonably comprehensive  
description of reasons to expel a member whose disrespectful col-  
lecting methods reflect badly on the club's field trip activities?  
Having specific expulsion guidelines makes it easier to point to  
rules that say "Sorry, but we just cannot accept misbehavior of  
such a nature on digs, or any other club activity."

It goes w/o saying , that having a calm, measured, & patient ap-  
proach is helpful when discussing such matters with the owners of  
property that permit, or at least at one time, permitted collecting.  
Idaho Gem Club By-Laws state:

**ARTICVLE XVIII: Expulsion or Withdrawal From & Resto-  
ration to Membership**

**SECTION 2: A member may be expelled from the Corpora-  
tion for:**

**Any flagrant or continued violation of any of the provisions of  
the By-Laws or Operating Procedures.**

**Any improper or unlawful conduct that violates the rights and  
privileges of other members.**

Such expulsion must be by no less than a 45 vote of the Board  
of Directors present at a meeting duly called to consider the  
matter. The time and place of the meeting called to consider  
the expulsion shall be given in writing to the accused five days  
prior thereto.

## ALAA

STAY UP TO DATE BY RECEIVING CURRENT  
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES BY EMAILS. THERE  
ARE DAILY CHANGES WHILE IDAHO LEGISLA-  
TURE IS IN SESSION RIGHT NOW!

## NFMS CLUBS SHOW SCHEDULE

<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 Cen- ter N.404 Havana at Broadway Spo- kane WA	Mike Shaw , 509 251 1574 showchair@rockrollers.org
<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, rjcarr@juno.com
<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 mlarry13@msn.com or Joe Rodriquez 208 237 6941 joe.rodriquez@itd.idaho.gov
<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 ela4rocks@gmail.com 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 Burkhart 541 744 1919 burkhaks@aol.com
<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 gemshow@goldenspikegem.org
<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 knappingtom@hotmail.com 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 Min- eral Club Annual Rock, Gem, and Mineral Show	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA	Larry Hulstrom 509 308 8312 rockhound132@charter.net
<b>April 13 &amp; 14</b> Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - April Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club- house, 8802 196 <sup>th</sup> ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins, 206 714 3922 collmal@comcast.net
<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, wsrc.show@gmail.com
<b>May 4 &amp; 5</b> Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10 -4	Billings Gem and Min- eral Club	Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium 1125 Broadwater Avenue Billings MT	Doug True 406-670-0566 dtruefossils12@yahoo.com
<b>May 4 &amp; 5</b> Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	Umpqua Gem & Miner- al 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:rocksandhorses3@gmail.com">rocksandhorses3@gmail.com</a>

Editorship by Linda Barlow

What a learning experience the Idaho Gem Club has provided for me! I came from Upstate New York after becoming a widow to live near my grandchildren. I plopped right down into Mountain Home! Environmental adjustment! So this is the Gem State? All I saw was sand, wind, & fire my first year here. I decided to explore and find the beauty of this state. Boy did I ever find it!

As a Spiritualist Minister specializing in Crystal Healing, I proceeded to find my own crystals, rocks, and stones in this diverse environment! I joined the Eureka Gem Club while spending 2 years in Mountain Home. My introduction to rockhounds was great people from all walks of life. My first gift at the Christmas party was an Amethyst Geode!

After moving to Boise, I joined the Idaho Gem Club. It was huge compared to Eureka. They have monthly Field Trips, monthly Workshops, and lots of people from whom to learn.

To become involved, the President, Phil Neuhoff, asked me to be their newsletter editor! I knew nothing about doing a newsletter! Everyone was helpful and grateful for my efforts. I soon learned and enjoyed meeting the people and learning from the inside what and who runs a club: VOLUNTEERS. I learned to be creative and how to use my computer better than if I hadn't done this. **YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN, IF YOU WANT TO!**

I culminated this 4 year experience last year with submitting to the NFMS BEAC contest, placing **FIRST** at NFMS, and **EIGHTH** nationally at AFMS in the large newsletter category! Wow! What a surprise for my first time submission in 4 years of editing! Thank you Idaho Gem Club for providing this volunteer experience. I now open this volunteer position to another for their growth. Will you be this person? This is my final Grindings newsletter and would be glad to help another understand the ropes of doing a newsletter. Don't follow me! Create your own experience for others to see, feel, touch, taste, and smell rockhounding experiences.

Here are some of the hats a newsletter editor wears as highlighted by Sue Webb, AFMS BEAC:

Editors wear a variety of guises:

**MANAGING EDITOR:** This person takes care of the physical & business aspects of a publication (editor in chief sets editorial policy). This is easily done with AFMS guidelines and SCRIBE membership.

**CONTENT EDITOR:** This is the news editor, features editor, etc. who writes stories and bylines! I got to put my own words into print!

**EDITORIAL DIRECTOR:** This is the big boss in a publishing company outside of the CEO. **YOU ARE IT FOR THE GRINDINGS.**

**ACQUIRING EDITOR:** You find & sign up the writers, or at least suggests potentially profitable works. In the Grindings, I jolly members to submit an article or a feature. I scour the net for cartoons, images, and science news. I'm often doing a fair amount of actual writing, sometimes it's something I work up from scratch, and sometimes it's when I rewrite an article a member submits to make a really good, clever idea clearer, reduce wordiness, and so on.

**DEVELOPING EDITOR:** This person works with the writers to help them organize their ideas & make them clearer & more effective. In the Grindings, I try to help the writer to effectively organize and develop the article. This includes getting our Junior Rattler's to write about their experiences. Also, our adults, new and older members.

**COPY EDITOR:** This person finds & fixes the writers' mistakes. In the Grindings I read the articles, features, & notices members submit with a careful eye looking for such things as misplaced commas & misspelled words as well as other errors.

**DESIGN EDITOR:** This person Designs and determines the layout of the newsletter. In the Grindings, I determine whether it should be one or two columns. I determine the fonts and size (no smaller than 12 point type to comply with AFMS rules for national contest). I determine the color, how many images, how large, & where they should go (balanced placement). Word processor and publisher programs makes this easier. This was the most interesting part of my editorship. It always managed to get my creative juices flowing especially with the feedback from the membership.

**I ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO SUBMIT PICTURES AND ARTICLES FROM THEIR ROCKHOUNDING THIS SUMMER AND ALL YEAR LONG.**

**THIS SUMMER I WILL BE TRAVELING AND ROCKHOUNDING IN THE NORTHWEST INCLUDING OUR GREAT STATE OF ALASKA! I WON'T FORGET TO SEND PICTURES AND ARTICLES**

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\$25.00 per couple  
\$28.00 per family

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3rd. Tuesday of every month: 7:30 p.m.

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