



Grindings

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays to all of you!

There will be a day when we may meet for field trips, show our rocks to friends, work on stones at the workshop, hold meetings and socialize with our rock buddies, and life will be easier. It is hard to not connect like we used to. Hang in there!

The Board of Directors made the decision to cancel our December meeting, and our regular lapidary workshops. We WILL have the 2 day Holiday Workshop open, Dec. 19th and 20th from 10:00 am-5:00 pm. There will be a limit of 10 in the workshop. There may be a 2 hour time block per person; it will depend on the turnout. Masks are mandatory, and stay away if you are sick! Please plan on dropping by, but expect possible delays. We will have jewelry settings available for those with cabochons ready for gift giving and possibly be able to teach some wire wrapping. The saws will be able to cut some of your rocks. In January, we will schedule an Introduction to Faceting class with Robert Coggins. Text Deana at 208-794-5628 if you are interested in signing up. Private wirewrap lessons are available, please text for more information. In April, Willa will resume Silversmith classes.

There are things we can do on our Facebook page such as live auctions, meetings, classes, etc. I would love some help teaching me how to maximize page features. If you are tech savvy and can help with our webpage or social media, please contact me. Feel free to add content to our page or reach out to other members! Ask us for specific things you'd like us to provide!

The Board of Directors has accepted 3 new Board members, Teri Frostrom, Kathe Miller and Jason "Fuzzy" Smith. We will have their first Board Meeting January 5, 2021. Congratulations and thank you for taking a greater role in our club. I appreciate being elected to serve as President for 2021, and a list of officers is on page 10. Thank you to the outgoing officers for a job well done!

Our Annual Banquet on January 19, 2021, has also been cancelled. When the limit on the number in group gatherings is lifted, we will have a party of some sort! Our Project of the Year competition will be held at a later date.

I encourage you to contact Kathe Miller to request field trip destinations for our 2021 calendar. Because the ground is frozen now, surface picking is the only option. If any of you wish to give winter rockhounding a try, use the Facebook page to set up a place and time and go!! Contact Kathe Miller at 208-713-6807.

With great sorrow, I announce that The Bruneau Jasper King, Legendary Gerald Scarrow, passed away Nov. 28th in Jerome from Covid 19. For decades, Gerald has been a featured dealer at our Gem Show. He and his son Rocky, and Gerald's sidekick Mandi Ayers have been to Boise, Caldwell and Nyssa shows for years. We hope to continue seeing Gerald's son Rocky Scarrow at our future shows. See the featured article inside.

Please take the precautions necessary to stay well and avoid this virus. Rocks will wait. Nobody can replace any of you, and that is what is most important.

*Respectfully submitted,
Deana Ashton, President*

MEETING AGENDA

Due to the restrictions imposed by authorities, general meetings will be cancelled until further notice.

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

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	7 Board Meeting 7 pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Kids' Workshop 10 am-2 pm OGMS Field Trip Pink Plume
19	20	21 Meeting Picnic, 6:30 Municipal Park	22	23 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	24	25
26 Field Trip Succor Creek Meet 8:00 am	27	28	29	30	31	

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	6 Board Meeting 7 pm	7	8	9	10 Project of Year Workshop 10 am-2 pm
11	12	13	14 National Fossil Day	15	16	17
18	19	20 General Meeting 7 pm	21	22 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	23	24 OGMS Field Trip Graveyard Pt.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween Party Costume Contest Workshop 10 am-2 pm

AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
2	3 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	4 Board Meeting 7 pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Meeting Picnic, 6:30 Municipal Park	19	20 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	21	22 Kids' Workshop 10 am-2 pm OGMS Field Trip Wagontown
23 Field Trip South Mtn. Meet 8:30 am	24 31	25	26	27	28	29 Workshop 10 am-2 pm

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	3 Board Meeting 7 pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Project of Year Workshop 10 am-2 pm
15	16	17 <i>Cancelled</i> Board Elections 7 pm	18	19 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
29	30					

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Board Meeting 7 pm	2	3	4	5 Project of Year Workshop 10 am-2 pm
6	7 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Swap Meet 5 pm Meeting 7 pm	16	17 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	18	19 Field Trip Jim's Claim/ Green Obsidian
20 Field Trip Glass Buttes or Hampton Butte	21	22	23	24	25	26 Field Trip Beacon Hill Workshop 10 am-2 pm
27 Field Trip Beacon Hill	28	29	30			

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PETOSKEY STONE



A Petoskey stone is a rock and a fossil, often pebble-shaped, that is composed of a fossilized rugose coral, *Hexagonaria percarinata*. It is a fossil colonial coral that lived in the warm Michigan seas during the Devonian time around 350 million years ago. Such stones were formed as a result of glaciation, in which sheets of ice plucked stones from the bedrock, grinding off their rough edges and depositing them in the northwestern (and some in the northeastern) portion of Michigan's lower peninsula. In those same areas of Michigan, complete fossilized coral colony heads can be found in the source rocks for the Petoskey stones.

Petoskey stones are found in the Gravel Point Formation of the Traverse Group. When dry, the stone resembles ordinary limestone but when wet or polished using lapidary techniques, the distinctive mottled pattern of the six-sided coral fossils emerges. It is sometimes made into decorative objects. Other forms of fossilized coral are also found in the same location.

In 1965, it was named the state stone of Michigan.

How Did It Get Its Name?

The stone was named for an Ottawa chief, Chief Pet-O-Sega, son of a French fur trader and Ottawa mother. The city of Petoskey, Michigan, is also named after him, and is the center of the area where the stones are found. The stones are commonly found on beaches and in sand dunes.

According to legend, a descendant of French nobility named Antoine Carre visited what is now the Petoskey area and became a fur trader with the John Jacob Astor Fur Company. In time, he met and married an Ottawa (or Odawa) Indian princess. In the spring of 1787, after having spent the winter near what is now Chicago, Carre and his family started home. On the way, the party camped on the banks of the Kalamazoo River. During the night, a son was born. As the sun rose, its rays fell on the face of the new baby. Seeing the sunshine on his son's face, Carre proclaimed, "His name shall be Petosegay. He shall become an important person." The translation of the name is "rising sun", "rays of dawn"



or "sunbeams of promise". Building on his father's start and his place among the Ottawa, Petosegay became a wealthy fur trader who also acquired much land in the region, gaining acclaim for himself and his band. He was said to have a striking and appealing appearance, and spoke both French and English very well. He married another Ottawa, and together they had two daughters and eight sons. In the summer of 1873, a few years before the chief's death, settlers began to develop a village on his land along Little Traverse Bay at Bear Creek. The settlers named it Petoskey, an anglicized form of Petosegay.

How Was the Petoskey Stone Formed?

It is a fossil colonial coral that lived in the warm Michigan seas during the Devonian time around 350 million years ago. This type of fossil is found only in the rock strata called the Gravel Point Formation. This

formation is part of the Traverse Group of the Devonian Age. During the Devonian time, Michigan was quite different. Geographically, what is now Michigan was near the equator. A warm shallow sea covered the State. This warm, sunny sea was an ideal habitat for marine life. A Devonian reef had sheltered clams, cephalopods, corals, crinoids, trilobites, fish, and many other life forms. The soft living tissue of the coral was called a polyp. At the center of this was the area where food was taken in, or the mouth. This dark spot, or eye, has been filled with mud of silt that petrified after falling into the openings. Surrounding the openings were tentacles that were used for gathering food and drawing it into the mouth. The living coral that turned into the Petoskey stone thrived on plankton that lived in the warm sea. Calcite, silica and other minerals have replaced the first elements of each cell. Each separate chamber, then, on each Petoskey stone, was a member of a thriving colony of living corals. For that reason the Petoskey stone is called a colony coral.



Locations

Petoskey stones can be found on various beaches and inland locations in Michigan, with many of the most popular Petoskey stone beaches stretching from Traverse City to Petoskey along Lake Michigan. The movement of the frozen lake ice acting on the shore during the winters is thought to turn over stones at the shore of Lake Michigan, exposing new Petoskey stones at the water's edge each spring. The type of coral that forms the basis of Petoskey Stones is also present in the fossil records of Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, New York and locations in Canada, Germany, England, and Asia.

On September 23, 2015, it was reported that a 93-pound Petoskey stone was removed from the shallow waters of Lake Michigan, near the village of Northport, Michigan. In December 2015, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources confiscated the

stone under a state law that disallows removing more than 25 pounds (11 kg) of materials from state lands. It was announced in October 2017 that the stone would be placed on permanent display at the Outdoor Adventure Center, east of downtown Detroit near the Detroit River. It is sometimes used as a gemstone.

HOW TO POLISH PETOSKEY STONES BY HAND

And now for the real fun! Petoskey stones are made up of calcite, and therefore are a good candidate for hand polishing. Calcite is soft enough so that it can be easily worked, but dense enough to take a nice polish.

What You Need to Polish the Stones:

Petoskey stone Sandpaper (220, 400, and 600 grit)

A thick towel or newspaper

A piece of corduroy or velvet

Polishing powder

Water

Once you have found the stone you want to polish, sand it down with the 220 grit sandpaper mentioned above. After rubbing, rinse the stone down and dry it off. Examine the stone for scratch marks, and if there are any, keep on sanding! All scratch marks should be gone!

Next, sand again with 400 grit sandpaper. This should remove any coarse spots. Once again, rinse, dry and check. Now sand the paper with the 600 grit to make sure that the stone is smooth and scratch free. When you think it looks perfect, continue sanding for another 10 minutes, just to make sure.

At this point, it is time to polish. Sprinkle the damp corduroy or velvet with polishing powder. A short, rotating rubbing will polish the stone. However, if scratches appear, start from the beginning with the 220 grit paper to remove them! When you're finished with the polishing, simply rinse the stone off in clean water, and dry. Now you have your own, hand polished Petoskey stone!

BRAD'S BENCH TIPS

by Brad Smith

TEMPLATES

Whenever I have to make more than 2-3 exact copies of a sheet metal component, I think of making a template. Templates let me easily draw the shape of an item to cut out.

Art stores or online sources like cooltools.us/ and kingsleynorth.com/ sell templates for common shapes like circles, ovals, hearts, etc., but for nonstandard shapes, I make my own out of a scrap of sheet plastic or sheet metal. My preference is brass. I carefully lay out the shape using a steel ruler, a set of dividers, a scribe, and a fine center punch.

One example is the brass template in the pic below that let's me quickly trace the design of ginko leaf earrings onto silver sheet. Another if the nickel template which makes it easy to drill a pattern of holes for pin inlay into wooden handles.



OCHRE APPLICATOR

Yellow ochre is used when you want to be sure the solder won't flow on an area of your piece while you're soldering another area. The only problem with ochre is coming up with a good way to store and apply it.

I use recycled nail polish bottles. They seal well and have a built-in brush applicator. Just clean them out with a little acetone or nail polish remover, and they're ready to go.



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FEDERATION DIRECTOR REPORT

**By Randy Harrison
IGC Federation Director**

NFMS Annual Meeting 14 November 2020

Highlights Report

The meeting was attended by 37 Directors and Delegates representing 28 Clubs.

Authority of holding the meeting by virtual setting was granted by the Washington State Governor's addendum to his general COVID 19 proclamation allowing all non-profit corporations the authority to conduct such business meetings due to the pandemic. President Zahn read the proclamation aloud.

The 2020-21 Budget was presented and passed. The new budget amounts are virtually within the same amounts as last year.

Two new Clubs requested to join and were passed into membership of the NFMS: Salmon Valley Rockhounds, 77 Adults/19 juniors, of Salmon, Idaho (the total of Idaho Clubs is now at 11); and Cache Rock and Gem Club of Mendon, Utah.

Two other Clubs have left the membership of NFMS: Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club, and Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association, both from Washington State.

New Officers of the NFMS are:

President: Beth Heesacker

Vice President: Larry Hulstrom

2nd Vice President: Darrell Coyle

Executive Secretary: Judi Allison

Treasurer: Open

President Zahn formed a special Committee of appointees to explore the NFMS By-laws for potential conflicts of the various sections of the By-laws and the potential allowance for future virtual meetings.

Although COVID 19 cancelled numerous shows, meetings and the like, all the groups are doing their planning for their shows, field trips and meetings in the hopes that they don't have to cancel. Please watch the newsletters and other sources of information for updates.

The new NFMS Newsletter Editor is Paul Heesacker. The 2021 NFMS President, Beth Heesacker, will be in contact with all of the Club Presidents to see how their meetings are being held and responses in light of the local COVID mandates for each.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Harrison, Federation Director

IDAHO GEM CLUB MEMBER FIELD TRIPS

No active field trips, but keep your eyes on the club's Facebook page for any announcements. However the Millers would love to hear from club members on places we could possibly go, or specimens you are interested in finding. If you are a claim owner and would like to coordinate a trip to your claim please let them know. They are working on our schedule for next year and would love your input.

If you have a destination you'd like to add to the field trip schedule for 2021, contact Jeff or Kathe Miller, Field Trip Committee, at 208-713-6807.

Idaho Gem Club Field trip day is the 3rd Sunday of each month and Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society Field trip day is the 3rd Saturday each month.

Field Trip Leaders Contact Information:

IGC -- Kathe & Jeff Miller 208-713-6807

OGMS -- Robert Murphey 208-590-1848

WORKSHOPS

Due to regulations no more than 10 people will be allowed in the workshop at one time. Please be sure to bring your mask. The dates are listed on the calendars page.

The Christmas Workshop will be a regular workshop with the extended hours, but the same limitations.

WORKSHOP LOCATION

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

\$5 Fee for each visit (kids free)

ROCK n' GIFTS RENOVATION

At the Idaho Gem Club Show in February, 2020, it was apparent that many gem shows would face cancellations, which would cause financial hardships for many dealers. Gerald Scarrow, his sidekick Mandi Ayers and I discussed the possibility of renovating the Rocks n Gifts shop, in Jerome. We wanted to clean it up and give



Gerald a place to sell Bruneau Jasper and the many items he offers at rock shows. The store has been closed since his wife Joy passed away 5 years ago.

The seed was planted, Mandi took charge, and a plan was put into action. First, remove 30 years of inventory into a pod. Then she

began to scrape floors, ceilings, walls, displays, and windows. New paint was put on everything.



Jeb and Jami Hamilton of the Boise Idaho Gem Club answered the call for volunteers. Jeb stepped in and completely transformed the bathroom. Jami worked on sorting boxes of slabs and pricing with Gerald. Carl Woodland took on the task of professionally detailing two big horn sheep mounts that Gerald had on the wall. Deana

Ashton sorted and organized mixed boxes of products and jewelry making items, and created a display place for slabs using Gerald's old hardware round bin. Everything was cleaned. Gerald's son, Rocky, came by to check our progress daily and helped out by replacing the huge front windows. This was fun, because Gerald had a big smile using his saws to cut wood for Rocky. Dori, Deri and Mama Larma made custom window coverings, Brennans Carpet donated outside grass and a great deal on carpet, and Les Anthis and his son, Brian, hauled the heavy shelving units outside, as well as 60 buckets of rocks to the pod. In and out were old customers and new who popped in to ask what we were doing. "Popz" as Gerald was known, made sales amid the mess and loved seeing the progress. During all of the work to be finished at the shop, Gerald, Deana and Mandi had to work his rock booth at the Twin Falls Fair from 10-9 every day! Meanwhile, Jeb fixed the plumbing and did floor leveling to install The Throne properly and fortified





a wall to install a safety grab bar. The Grand re-opening drew near, Mandi was checking off lists, Popz was cutting slabs for customers, Dale installed flooring, and Rocky was overseeing construction and finishing touches.

Susan Cutler, Kathy Shockey and Deana made display cabinets spring to life. Mandi set up a crystal section, slab area, bolo tie and equipment areas, which were marked with custom signs made by the Larma sisters. There was a feeling of Joy Scarrow's presence every day, as her shop apron, butterflies and her special chair were right there. Beads from Christine in Montana arrived for opening day.

Re-Opening day was a delightful experience and brought a huge smile to Gerald. Being able to re-open a beautiful landmark store and rock source for the Jerome Valley and stir interest in the community was a very proud moment for this great man. Mission accomplished! For almost 2 months, Gerald had a reason to wake up, anticipating another



a beautiful landmark store and rock source for the Jerome Valley and stir interest in the community was a very proud moment for this great man. Mission accomplished! For almost 2 months, Gerald had a reason to wake up, anticipating another

great day in his favorite place, Gerald & Joy's Rocks N Gifts, 962 Lincoln, Jerome.

November 28, 2020, Gerald succumbed to Covid 19 and died with his children by his side. At this time, the shop is closed. Please say a prayer that the Scarrows can see a way to reopen the shop once more. Gerald was a true legend in rockhounding and this shop is his legacy.

If you'd like to see all the memorial albums created by Mandi Ayers on the rock shop, and special times with Gerald Scarrow over the past 5 years, look her up on Facebook or search for POPZ - A MEMORIAL ALBUM.

The entire renovation project was an experience I will never forget. Seeing my friend Gerald smiling and excited about the future was truly beautiful. He often said that he lived for the people, his friends and customers who stopped by to chat at each show or in the store. When there is a chance to help out good people with any project or task, take it and do your best! You get what you give. Life is about helping each other and walking together to the same end. Please keep the Scarrow family in your thoughts and prayers. Send good thoughts and light and love as well to Mandi Ayers, who was a student of Gerald's in Lapidary Arts. He was a best friend. She volunteered to assist Gerald at shows, as well as taking him on field trip excursions, such as the Petrified Forest in Big Piney, WY last summer. They went fishing, enjoyed each other's company and respected each other's differences, as buddies do. Those of you who knew Gerald can understand how big a loss it is to lose him. Treasure our rockhound Elders. Seek their advice and be a sponge absorbing their shared knowledge. Time is short. Life so precious. Cherish every single moment. Be grateful.





GERALD RAY SCARROW

June 25, 1937 ~ November 28, 2020

Gerald Ray Scarrow, age 83, passed away Friday, November 28, 2020. He was born June 25, 1937, in Tulare, CA, to Adrian Edward Scarrow and Elsie Maie Bateman Scarrow. Gerald was the eldest of 5 children. He lived in Berryville, Arkansas, until the age of 14 when his family made the move to Jerome, Idaho, in 1951. Gerald attended school in Jerome, Idaho, leaving halfway through his senior year to marry the love of his life, Verna Joy Short, in April of 1956.

The two resided in Jerome and raised 5 children. Gerald was a free spirit, vowing at the age of 20 that he would never work for anyone. That vow he kept, forming a partnership with two of his brothers. They created Scarrow Brothers Construction in 1967, and later, Scarrow's Building Supply in 1971.

Gerald was introduced to the gem and mineral world in the early 70's. He became an avid collector, miner and claim

owner, owning claims for the Idaho Bruneau Jasper. Gerald loved the process of mining and finishing Stone. He had a great love of the outdoors. He was a master fisherman and hunter. He loved the Idaho wilderness and all it had to offer. Gerald never missed an opening day hunt at the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness area in 56 years. Salmon and Steelhead fishing were among his favorite things to do. He often headed up north for a quick fishing trip after a long day of work. He never saw a mountain he didn't want to climb or a river he didn't want to fish.

Gerald is survived by three Brothers and a Sister: Don Scarrow, Jim Scarrow, Larry Scarrow (Connie), and Sue Thomas (Gary); four children: Bob Scarrow (Terri Ann); Jane Mason (Bryan); Sheila Coverdale (John); and Rocky Scarrow (Kelley); 16 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, and 5 great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Adrian and Maie Scarrow; his wife, Verna Joy Scarrow; and his eldest child, Pamela Joy Scarrow.

"As Gerald would say, I did it My Way."

Memories and condolences may be shared on Gerald's memorial webpage at www.farnsworthmortuary.com.



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**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

The November General Meeting was cancelled after the governor moved the state back to a modified Stage 2 status. We were not allowed to have more than 10 people together.

Respectfully submitted, Gia Stewart, Secretary

★★ DUES RENEWALS ★★

Mail to: IGC, P.O. Box 8443, Boise, ID 83707-2443

There is still time to renew your dues before the end of the year. Drop it in the mail to be sure you continue to receive the newsletter and other notifications from the club.

**Thank you Cheryl Peterson,
Cullen Anderson,
and Sandy Blodgett
for your service as
Board Members!**

THE GRINDINGS

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**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2020**

Deana Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Deana Ashton, Willa Renken, Brent Stewart, Teresa Nebeker, Cheryl Link, Ed Moser, Cheryl Peterson, Rick Corbett

Absent: Cullen Anderson, Jason Fuzzy Smith, Gia Stewart, Randy Harrison

Deana asked for any corrections to the minutes as printed in the Grindings. Willa made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Grindings, which was seconded by Rick Corbett. Board members voted, motion passed.

Secretary Report by Gia Stewart: No report due to absence, but we have received the new Rock & Gem magazine.

Treasurer Report by Teresa Nebeker: Teresa presented a detailed accounting of the club finances. Membership renewals coming in slowly. We received a nice letter from the MacArthurs complimenting latest issue of *Grindings*. Cheryl Link purchased 5 monitors to go with the microscopes, taking advantage of Black Friday savings. The church has okayed storage for them on-site.

Federation Report: Randy Harrison attended the virtual Annual Meeting for NFMS and submitted a report for the newsletter.

Juniors Report: No report.

Refreshments Report by Rick Corbett: No report.

Program Report: The December meeting has been cancelled.

Field Trip Report: No report.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: There was much discussion on the ability to hold workshops, given the current circumstances. It was decided that the workshops on the 5th and 17th will be cancelled, however the ROLE workshop is still planned. There will be a limit of ten persons in the workshop. It was decided that the Christmas Workshop Party will just be a workshop within the limits. A two hour work period will be enforced to allow everyone a chance.

Brent said the Genie wheels are back and will be put on machines soon.

Old Business: Willa made a motion to advance the 3 candidates for Board positions. Ed seconded, the board voted, and the motion passed.

New Business: There was much discussion on the Banquet. It was decided that the limitations made it impossible to gather at this time. We have secured the date and venue for next year.

Brent spoke with Expo Idaho to get the requirements we need to follow to put on our yearly show. A decision will be made in the near future.

Willa made a motion to nominate Deana Ashton for the President for 2021. Brent seconded, the board voted and the motion passed. Deana's cabinet will remain the same for 2021.

There were no new applications received this month. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Editor

GEM CLUB T-SHIRTS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

Idaho Gem Club T-Shirts are still available. Contact Deana Ashton for information on sizes/designs available and special orders. They are priced at \$18 each. Order early for best selection!



Available in:
Medium Grey
Gold
Sand (Tan)



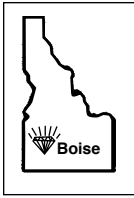
Available in:
Clover Green
Aquatic Blue
Yellow



Available in:
Ash Grey
Natural
Candy Pink



Available in:
Navy Blue
Cardinal Red
Carolina Blue



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 a Happy and Safe
 Holiday Season!*

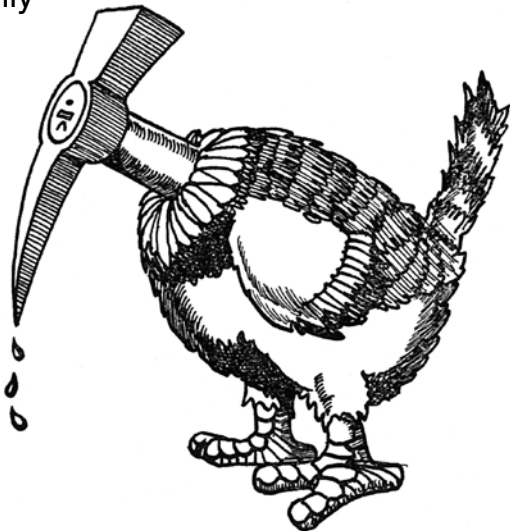
The purpose of the Idaho Gem Club is to promote mutual, educational and scientific interests and benefits of it's members in mineralogy, geology, gemology, the art of lapidary and kindred arts and sciences

Dues:

\$22.00 individual
 \$25.00 couple
 \$28.00 family

Subscription only:

\$10 per year



GENERAL MEETING:

3rd Tuesday of every month: 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING:

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

ADDRESS:

Church of the Brethren

