




Grindings

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GENERAL MEETING TIME
HAS CHANGED TO

★ **7:00 p.m.** ★

for all upcoming meetings!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! I am happy to state that June 2020 looks like a normal month for IGC. Covid19 was such an unexpected event in the world. I never thought I'd see a day when Las Vegas was silent, airports were barren, schools closed, churches shuttered. We are a society of people who connect by touch, and to not be allowed to greet with handshakes and hugs is difficult.

June brings us together again, with strong need to keep social distance of 6 ft. apart from others. Stay home if you have fever, respiratory illness, cough or weakness, or have been exposed to others who may be carriers. Sanitize surfaces, hand wash frequently, use hand sanitizer, wear a mask to protect and prevent, and my request is that if you cough, do so into your elbow or Kleenex AS YOU ARE WALKING BACK TO YOUR CAR TO LEAVE, GO HOME, ISOLATE AND STAY HOME! Do NOT put our club members at risk!! Rocks will still be there to talk about and learn about when you're healthy enough to attend.

Tuesday, June 16th, we will have a general meeting at Mtn. View Church of Brethren, 2823 N Cole Rd. at 7:00 pm. Please bring a lawn chair. We will hold the meeting on the lawn at the church if weather is good and lawn dry. If it is rainy, we will have you use a church chair in the meeting hall and set up at 6 ft. length from others. Prior to the meeting, from 5:00 pm to 6:50 pm, we will have a "rock swap and trunk show" in the parking lot. You may bring rough rocks, slabs, finished jewelry, lapidary materials, etc., to trade or sell. Come and see what we can exchange with others. Keep within the area of your vehicle space, you may set up a table. Clean up at 6:50, then join meetings at 7 pm. No refreshments will be served until further notice. You may bring any donations to the club at this time. Donations for door prizes, silent auction, special raffles, library, youth group, or general membership use will be received in a designated area. Be sure to include your name, address, and your intended use, and you'll receive a donation receipt for tax purposes. With a big thank you! Items will be recorded into inventory log and placed in club storage until use.

The Board of Directors agreed to try a new idea for our monthly club focus at meetings. Beginning in September, we will have a rock, mineral, fossil or gem featured. Our meeting program, given by 2nd VP Brent Stewart, will discuss the chosen specimen, youth included, and every member will gain knowledge of these materials. Parents can then work with the juniors and assist in earning merit badges. Members will receive samples of material. The *Grindings* will feature information on the chosen rock and we will try to tie field trips in as well. More details coming!

Field trips begin again with Beacon Hill on June 13-14. Weather permitting. We will post on Facebook a cancellation if rain continues. Several members are camping at Steck Park near Weiser. See details inside! As of June 8, Doug True said the Blue Forest field trip is still on. It is scheduled for June 12-15 in Big Piney, Wyoming.

Linda Barlow has resigned as Federation Director. We need a member to step up and be our representative and voting delegate for national and regional federation issues! Thank you, Linda for your years of valuable service and effort on behalf of IGC and your work for lands access. Enjoy your rockhounding adventures safely!

We will have a new field trip outline at the general meeting. If any of you wish to lead a trip, please contact me! Together we can all make new discoveries, share knowledge and explore new places.

With great hope for the remainder of 2020 to be healthy, exciting and successful! Wash your hands!! Stay home if you're sick! Think of others well being and sanitize!

*Respectfully submitted,
Deana Ashton, President*

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

JUNE

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|---|--|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| | 1 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm | 2 Board Meeting 7 pm | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Field Trip Beacon Hill Meet at 8 am |
| 14 Field Trip Beacon Hill Meet at 8 am | 15 | 16 Swap Meet at 5 pm Meeting 7 pm | 17 | 18 Workshop 6-8:45 pm | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Workshop 10 am-2 pm |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

JULY

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| 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 | |

AUGUST

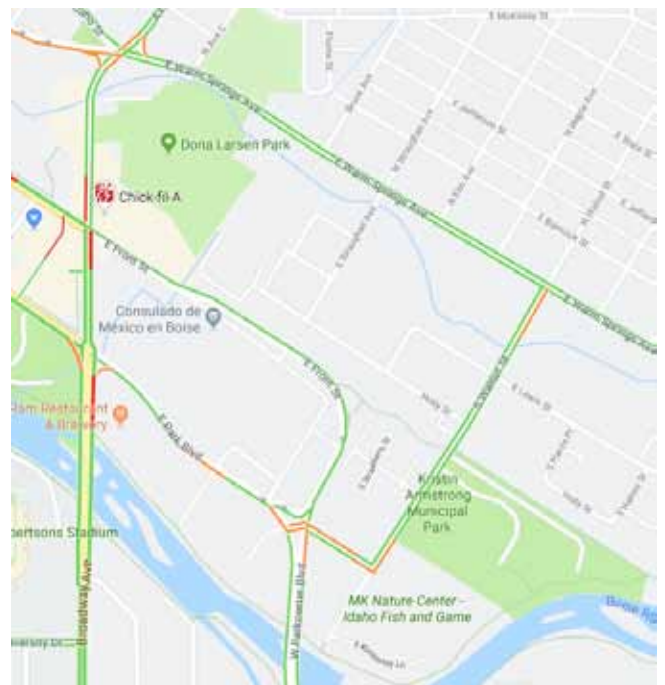
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SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer Picnics

It is that time of year again to have outdoor summer picnics for the July and August meetings. It will still be Pot Luck, but serving presents challenges for this year. Your Board is working on a plan to have volunteer servers instead of self-service. It will be safer and will help maintain our distancing. There will also be more tables so we can spread out.

Hope You Can Join Us!!



Map to Picnic Location
Kristen Armstrong Municipal Park

JUNE PROGRAM

The June program will be a Trunk Swap Meet in the parking lot of the Church from 5 pm-7 pm. Bring anything you would be interested in trading with someone else. It will be easiest if we just keep material in trunks, etc., instead of unloading everything. It will also facilitate the recommended social distancing if we are not all clustered in one place.

The meeting will also take place outside, so bring your favorite lawn chair and drink!

IDAHO GEM CLUB MEMBER FIELD TRIPS

Our field trip day is the 3rd Sunday of each month with additional trips on other weekends. The 3rd Saturday is the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society Field Trip day. This year, you may go to OGMS and IGC trips.

- JUNE 13,14 BEACON HILL with Willa and Doug Renken
Both Saturday and Sunday, camping optional
- JUNE 12-15 FEDERATION TRIP TO BLUE FOREST
First 2 days Blue Forest Petrified Wood, 14th
Fish Fossils at Kemmerer, WY (Fee Dig \$65)
- JULY 4,5 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND
Spencer Opal Mine, **MINI MINE NOT OPEN
THIS YEAR**
- July 18 OGMS A.M. Pink Plume Agate Claim
P.M. Haystack Butte Petrified Wood & Jasper
- JULY 26 SUCCOR CREEK - Thundereggs
- Aug 22 OGMS Wagontown - Bog Wood
- AUG 23 SOUTH MOUNTAIN - Ilavite/Hedenburgite/
Crystals with Greg Sandmeyer
- SEPT 5,6,7 LABOR DAY WEEKEND
SUNSTONE CLAIMS in Plush OR with
Cheryl Link - Camping on claim or nearby
- Sept 19 OGMS Blue Egg Claim
- SEPT 20 GLASS BUTTES and HAMPTON BUTTE
NEED A GUIDE!
- OCT 17-18 TEXAS SPRINGS - Jackpot, NV
Pink Limbcasts and Fluorescent Geodes -
Overnight camping trip or lodging in Jackpot
- Oct 24 OGMS Graveyard Point

Field Trip Leaders Contact Information:

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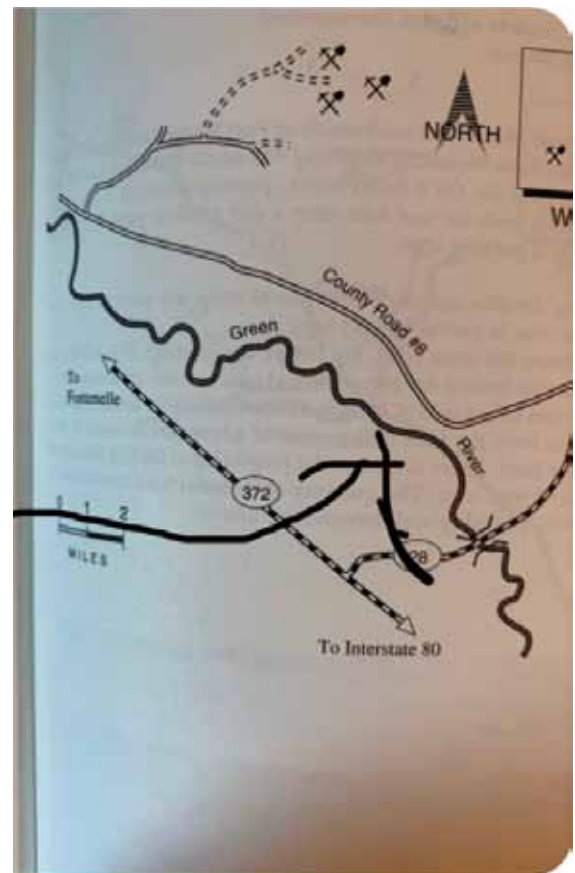
JUNE FIELD TRIP

The first field trip for June will be on Saturday June 13th and Sunday, June 14th. It will be to our Beacon Hill claim. The trip was rescheduled to a later date. We will meet at the Rest Area just over the Oregon border outside of Ontario, at 8:00 am, leaving at 8:30 am.

It is one of our more popular field trips each year. Hope to see you out there!

FEDERATION FIELD TRIP

There will be field trips on June 12-15 with dry camping at the dig site. The first two days we'll dig for Blue Forest petrified wood. On the 14th there will be a trip to dig Fish Fossils at Kemmerer, WY. This is a fee dig of \$65 per day. On the 14th you can dig wood or explore the area. See the map below for directions. When you turn off of Rd. 8, drive between the pink wire flags all the way to camp.



If you're coming from west on I-80, exit at Green River exit 83 and go north on Hwy. 372. Go 27 miles and turn right on WY 28, go 6.7 miles and turn left on CR 8. Go 11.3 miles at the top of the hill and turn right. From then on follow along driving between wire flags that I will have put out going about 4.7 miles to the camp.

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**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING**

Due to the shut-down ordered by Gov. Brad Little on March 25th, no meetings or other activities were scheduled for April or May.

Respectfully submitted, Gia Stewart, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 2, 2020**

Deana Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Present: Deana Ashton, Willa Renken, Cullen Anderson, Brent Stewart, Ed Moser, Teresa Nebeker, Cheryl Peterson, Cheryl Link, Sandy Blodgett, Rick Corbett, and Gia Stewart

Guests: Dana Robinson, Deanna Moser

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

Secretary Report by Gia Stewart: Gia had several membership renewals and new magazines.

Treasurer Report by Teresa Nebeker: Teresa went over the last payments from the show. The only other things were for the workshop electricity and the newsletter.

Federation Report: Linda has resigned her position as the Federation Director. Deana will be searching for a new director.

Program Report by Brent Stewart: The June program will be a Rock Swap Meet in the parking lot before the meeting.

Juniors Report by Cheryl Link: No report.

Refreshments Report by Rick Corbett: No report.

Field Trip Report by Willa Renken: Willa reviewed the field trip for Beacon Hill. It was postponed to June 13-14. Meeting at the Rest Area just over the Oregon border by Ontario at 8 am, leaving at 8:30 am.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: Brent went over the dates for the next workshops. The next ROLE Workshop date is July 6 from 6-8:45 pm. The regular workshops will be Thursday June 19 from 6-8:45 pm. The Saturday date is June 27 from 10 am-2 pm. He also gave the dates for the next two months' workshops. The Kids' Workshops will be Saturday, July 18th and Saturday, August 22nd. Both will be from 10 am-2pm. **BRING YOUR OWN MASK FOR ALL WORKSHOPS.**

Old Business:

There was discussion on the next general meeting. It will be held outside starting at 5 pm. Bring your own lawn chair and drink. No refreshments until after conditions improve.

There was a motion to move the general meeting start time to 7 pm to be completed by 8:30 pm. Willa made a motion to change the start time and Sandy seconded. The board voted and the motion passed.

New Business:

Sandy Blodgett has resigned from the Board of Directors and from his position as Field Trip Co-Chair.

Ten new applications were reviewed. Ed made a motion to accept the new members, Cullen seconded, the board voted and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gia Stewart, Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Wold Family | Tom Sherwood |
| Shelly Worsher Family | Hans Family |
| Dave Snyder | Holly Erdman |
| Edvalson Family | Folks Family |
| Miller Family | Supp Family |

KID'S WORKSHOP

It is time to have the Kids' Workshops again. The two dates that have been set are Saturday July 18th from 10 am-2 pm and Saturday August 22nd from 10 am-2 pm. Please bring your own masks!

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

CONTACT RICK CORBETT
at 208-890-2599

Due to the COVID-19 issues around social distancing, we will not have refreshments at our meetings until further notice. Please bring your own beverage. We will still be having the door prize drawings.

DOOR PRIZES include: One small wrapped item (cab, slab, other)
10 PRIZES FOR YOUTH and 10 PRIZES FOR ADULT

THANKS FOR
YOUR UNDERSTANDING
AS WE NAVIGATE THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

WORKSHOP LOCATION

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

\$5 Fee for each visit (kids free)



Robin Solt sent this image of a core that contains realgar crystals with a single barite crystal.

THE GRINDINGS

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www.idahogemclub.com

FEDERATION DIRECTOR REPORT MAY 5, 2020

By Linda Barlow
IGC Federation Director

NFMS

Cancellation of Show due to Covid-19 Stay at Home Orders

1. Article of Official State Stone for Washington.
2. Northwest Rockhound Retreat 2020, Sept 7-13 at Camp Hancock. Mail in registration and payment.
3. Wrapping Sharks Tooth or Wrapping the Triangle.
4. Competitive Exhibits
5. AFMS Judges Training Seminar.
6. 2020 Multi-Federation Field Trip in Wyoming: June 19-21.
7. "Ready to Rock" commercial shown during Oscars and Super Bowl: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOuYOOTz6kk>.
8. "Draft PEIS for Fuels Reduction and Rangeland Restoration in the Great Basin" by Bob Pattie, WSMS. Deadline for comments is June 2, 2020. For comments and public meetings: <https://go.usa.gov/xdfgV>.
9. "Winter – Is Very Good Time To Collect Minerals" by Beth Heesacker
10. Treasure Tips from Terry's Rock Shop.

AFMS (www.amfed.org): APRIL 2020

President, David Wayment: Suggested reaching out to friends and family via phone, emails, snail mail, or text. Also now is a good time to start projects you were putting off; clean workshop, watch classes on YouTube, and prepare a competition case (reading the AFMS guidelines!).

THE STREETS ARE PAVED WITH GOLD (AND PLATINUM) by Tim Worstall, London Forbes Media LLC.

This article describes why UK Street cleaning firm "mine" sweeps their road collections from roads and pavements. Literally, they find gold, precious metals including platinum, palladium, and rhodium. See article www.forbes.com/sites/timworstall/2013/07/15/the-streets-are-paved-with-gold-and-platinum/#67a3f19a1fa8.

AFMS Safety Chair, Ellery Borow: Stay informed and check trusted resources for information. WHO – World Health Organization, CDC – Center for Disease Control, NIH – National Institute of Health, NIAD – National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases, if these are your trusted sources. Check for activities and remain vigilant and reasonable for means to be safe.

AFMS Juniors Program Chair, Jim Brace-Thompson:

Get Silly for memorable kids fun at your club show. Jeff Miller both startled and thrilled kids at VGMS show by wearing a Tyrannosaurus Rex suit! Jim dressed as California State Fossil, "Smilodon", the saber-tooth cat; also, known as "Smiley Don"! Pictures of these two old fossils can be found on the AFMS website.

AFMS Scholarship President, Sandie Fender: AFMS Scholarship Foundation is a separate indemnity from the AFMS with the purpose of financially aiding young men and women in acquiring an education in the field of Earth Sciences. This foundation runs on donations only; she suggested each club donated 50 cents per member. This Fund is perpetual, meaning, it uses only the income from the Fund to finance Scholarships. It provides a single year scholarship grant of \$4,000 each year to two students selected by each of the six participating Regional Federations. That's a total of 12 graduate students each year. As of 2011, 566 students have received financial educational assistance since inception in 1964 with the monetary amount of \$1,540,650. The article describes how the awards have grown and the selection process.

AFMS Bulletin Editors Advisor Chair, Mark Nelson:

Mark describes how to remove end hyphens with examples. He describes use of Full Justification button in Microsoft Publisher, Word, and in Word Perfect. Another tool in Word is the paragraph hyphenation tool. (I can remember clearly watching for those hyphens while doing the Grindings and the NFMS Newsletter. They can sneak up on you. I had to re-read my proofs multiple times -- usually a day apart!).

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR STAMPS
TO THE GENERAL MEETING
TO HELP FIGHT CANCER.
MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO
HAVE CONTRIBUTED.

AFMS Land Use Policy:

1. Adherence to AFMS Code of Ethics.
2. Encourages members and clubs to be involved with issues affecting field collecting of minerals and fossils.
3. Encourages members and clubs to join and support ALAA.
4. AFMS receives yearly reports from ALAA.
5. AFMS endorses multiple use of public lands.
6. Wilderness and monument designations are inconsistent with principle multiple land use.
7. AFMS believes laws, regulations, and rules should be designed to allow freest possible access to all public lands and minimal restrictions on recreational collecting of minerals, fossils, gemstone materials and other naturally occurring materials.
8. The right to collect should be protected by statute.
9. AFMS urges members achieve a good working relationship with all government authorities to improve public image of recreational collectors.

ALAA President, Shirley Leeson: Extended concern for rockhounds, urging precautions for safety and health.

Virtual Field Trips

1. Smithsonian Museum of Natural History: <https://naturalhistor.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>
2. David Friend Hall, Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History: <https://www.rockngem.com/uncommon-gems-minerals-shine-in-Virtual-tour/>
3. South Dakota School of Mines & Technology: <https://www.sdsmt.edu/Campus-Life/The-Campus/Virtual-Tour/O-Harrta/>
4. Take a field trip with your bagged/boxed items in garage or basement from previous trips. Send Pictures to local club Facebook site for a online tour!

AFMS and Regional Federation Conventions

1. Eastern Federation: Tentatively postponed to Oct. 23-25, 2020
2. Midwest Federation: Sept. 18-20, 2020, in Howell, MI
3. Rocky Mountain Federation: June 19-21, 2020, in Big Piney, WY
4. South Central Federation: Oct. 10-11, 2020, in Temple, TX
Corrected Date
5. Southeastern Federation: AFMS Oct. 16-18, 2020, in Knoxville, TN
6. NFMS and California Federations: Cancelled

See the NFMS on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>

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Idaho Recreation Council

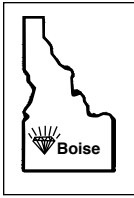
I have started a Google Groups for receiving Public Access Information. This was done as I can no longer send group mailings greater than 10 without getting blocked by Gmail! I sent members an invitation and anyone who responded by 5/4/2020 was included on the list. I will invite monthly our new members or those requesting addition to the list.

Items sent this month include:

1. Owyhee public information release requesting all users of public land and off-roading to BE KIND to private property owners, this is part of our rockhounding AFMS Code of Ethics.
2. Notice of Valley County Public Hearing regarding Waterways Ordinance. Deadline May 20, 2020. www.co.valley.id.us/departments/commissioners/meetings-minutes/commissioner-meeting-minutes. Covers all waterways including Deadwood Reservoir, Granite Lake, Horsethief Reservoir, Lake Cascade, Little Payette Lake, Upper Payette Lake, Warm Lake, and specific reaches of the North Fork of the Payette River.
3. Access to Campgrounds is limited on the Payette National Forest. See the Payette National Forest website for further information.
4. Forest Closures of Payette National Forest are noted with additional information available by calling Forest Supervisor's Office @ 208-634-0700. Access is limited to roads clear of snow. Campgrounds closed until Memorial Day weekend or early June based on snow levels preventing access including Goose Lake Road, Lick Creek Road, and Warren Wagon Rd.

NOTE: About 2 weeks ago, Mike and I drove out near Warm Lake with snow levels still at waist deep preventing any rock hunting and inability to reach stream beds. Below Cascade, the rivers were flowing fast and accessible.





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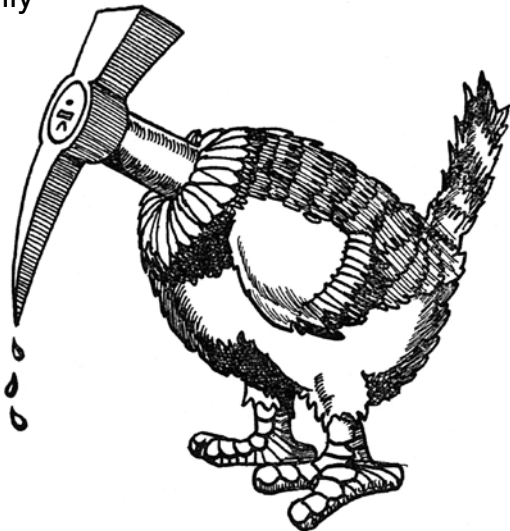
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- \$28.00 family

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\$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

