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★★ DUES ARE DUE IN OCTOBER ★★

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or pay at the September or October Meetings

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Boo! Rockhounds!

Can you believe it is October already?? Fall brings us to several annual events we are preparing for. First, Gem Faire is October 29-31. This event is a trade show of gems and beads and display items, featuring various vendors who travel the U.S. and invite local gem clubs to participate and to promote memberships. IGC demonstrates cabbing and offers guests our club literature. We displays items promoting lapidary and mineralogy. Volunteers may bring their jewelry to sell during their shift and share with show visitors. Members volunteer for 2 hour shifts so we have a few people in our booth during the event. Please consider signing up for a time slot and afterwards, browse the show. Sign up by calling or texting to 208-794-5628, or contact our editor, Dana Robinson, and leave a message at 208-345-3823.

The second event is the Annual Project of the Year Contest, which is coming in December. Enter any lapidary or jewelry project you have created, or a home craft made of your rocks, gems, minerals or fossils. If you need ideas, we have a lot of Rock & Gem magazine issues at the workshop that you may browse, or you may check out a book from our Library for ideas. At the December General Meeting, Project of the Year entries are set out on display and members vote for their favorite. The winner has their name engraved on a plaque kept at the workshop, a display case at the annual show, and, as incentive to join the contest, we will offer a prize as well. Our club is full of creative artists who have skills to make many rock related items. We encourage any of you to contact a Board Member or myself and we can schedule a project presentation for the membership to learn something new! Please think of something you can create and enter in competition! Sharing our ideas only makes us more creative!

Third is the IGC Board Elections. If you wish to become an Officer in Idaho Gem Club you must first become a Board Member. Terms are 3 years each, with a total of 9 Board Members. 3 positions open every year. During your term, you familiarize yourself with Club Operations and By-Laws and participate in once-a-month meetings. Hopefully you will find an area you would like to help on an existing Committee, or present a new idea or program to start. When we accept new members to our club, we are encouraged that you will be comfortable suggesting ideas and making the most of your volunteer time. You joined to pursue your passion in rocks, gems, minerals and fossils and we always love to see new ideas and concepts spring to life! If you need time in the club workshop to develop a project, speak to Brent Stewart or Liz Warner and we can possibly arrange some time for you.

As the year draws to a close, it is time to get our Annual Member Banquet arranged. Christina Anderton and Dana Dancer are our Banquet Committee Chairpersons. They chose to hold the Banquet in January, 2022, at The El Korah Shriners Fellowship Hall. The Banquet is a sit down dinner open to all members and guests. We share an elegant meal, give out special recognition awards and swear in new club officers for 2022.

Lastly, we are thinking of our upcoming Idaho Gem and Mineral Show in February. We will have sign-up sheets available at the next meeting to start filling needed volunteers at our various tables.

Respectfully yours, 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
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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

JULY

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|------------------------------------|--|-----|--|-----|---|
| | | | | 1 Field Trip 7/1-5 Challis/Mackay | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Independence Day | 5 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm | 6 Board Meeting 7 pm | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Kids' Day 10 am-2 pm |
| 18 | 19 | 20 Picnic Meeting Municipal Park 6 pm | 21 | 22 Workshop 6-8:45 pm | 23 | 24 OGMS Field Trip, Coal Mine Basin, P. Wood |
| 25 Field Trip Succor Creek, Thundereggs | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Workshop 10 am-2 pm |

OCTOBER

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 Tony Funk Sale Workshop 10 am-2 pm |
| 3 | 4 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm | 5 Board Meeting 7 pm | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Juniors Meeting 10 am-2 pm |
| 17 | 18 | 19 General Meeting 7 pm | 20 | 21 Workshop 6-8:45 pm | 22 | 23 OGMS/IGC Field Trip, Graveyard Pt. Plume Agate |
| 24 31 Halloween | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Costume Pty. Workshop 10 am-2 pm |
| | | | | | Gem Faire 29-31 | |

AUGUST

| 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 Kids' Day 10 am-2 pm |
| 15 | 16 | 17 Picnic Meeting Municipal Park 6 pm | 18 | 19 Workshop 6-8:45 pm | 20 | 21 OGMS Field Trip, Wagontown, Bog Wood |
| 22 Field Trip South Mtn. | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Workshop 10 am-2 pm |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

NOVEMBER

| 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 Juniors Meeting 10 am-2 pm |
| 14 | 15 | 16 General 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 | | Thanksgiving | | |

SEPTEMBER

| 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 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 General Meeting 7 pm | 22 | 23 Field Trip Plush, OR Workshop 6-8:45 pm | 24 through Sept. 26 | 25 OGMS Field Trip, Blue Egg Claim, Blue Opal Thundereggs |
| 26 Field Trip Plush, OR Sunstones | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

DECEMBER

| 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 Workshop Xmas Party 10 am-5 pm |
| 19 Workshop Xmas Party 10 am-5 pm | 20 | 21 General Meeting 7 pm | 22 | 23 Workshop 6-8:45 pm | 24 | 25 Christmas |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| | | | | | New Years Eve | |

2021 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

The October Field Trip will be on Saturday, October 23, 2021. We will join Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society (OGMS) for a trip to our club claim at Graveyard Point for Plume Agate. This is the last field trip for this year for collecting. We are planning possible museum trips for the colder months.

IDAHO GEM CLUB MEMBER FIELD TRIPS

October 23, 2021, is the final field trip outing this year. We will join OGMS to Graveyard Point Plume Agate Claim.

The field trip for October is being led by Robert Murphey, Field Trip Chairman for OGMS. He will be meeting everyone at the Xtra Mile station at the intersection of Hwys. 55 and 95, just past Marsing, at 8 am, leaving at 8:30 am. You will need tools, lunch, and plenty of water.

THANK YOU ROBERT for being an excellent guide in the field this year! We appreciated joining OGMS trips so much!

**Contact Guide Robert Murphey
at 208-590-1848
with any questions**

FIELD TRIP SUPPLIES

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Rock Hammer | Water |
| Chisel, Pick, Pry Bar | Sunscreen and a Hat |
| Shovels | Knee Pads |
| Buckets or Sacks for | Gloves |
| Collecting | Safety Glasses |
| Screening Box | First Aid Kit |
| Map or GPS | |

Good boots or hiking shoes are recommended
Rain Coat (dress in layers for cooler mornings)
Lunch/Dinner/Snack Foods/Camping supplies

If you have questions, please ask any board member and they can help you find the answer.

WORKSHOPS

IGC Lapidary Workshops are your best benefit of membership. We provide quality equipment to create rock projects and jewelry. Bring your rocks to cut! Come see what you can create! Everyone welcome!

Third Thursday of each month from 6:00 pm-8:45 pm
Saturday the week after general meeting -- 10:00 am-2:00 pm

WORKSHOP LOCATION

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

\$5 Fee for each visit (kids free)



HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

There will be a Costume Contest
at the Workshop on October 30th.

Put on your best costume
and join in the fun!!

OCTOBER PROGRAM

The October Program will be a demonstration of fluorescent minerals. Cheryl Link is very knowledgeable and has some great things to show.

Project of the Year Competition

The Project of the Year competition is coming up in December this year. Since we missed last year we are really looking forward to seeing what everyone has been creating. Bring in your entry to the December General Meeting to display for the membership to vote on.

The winner of the competition receives their name engraved on the Project of the Year Plaque kept at the workshop, a case at the annual Gem & Mineral Show to display your entry, and, as an extra incentive, a prize will be given.

Good Luck Everyone!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brett and Lauren Davis Tara and Yannu Chowriamah

WELCOME NEW JUNIORS

Olive Davis Helaman Chowriamah
Sawyer Davis Mahonri Chowriamah

New Members:

Our website at idahogemclub.com has all of the information regarding our club operations. We also have a facebook page for interacting and socializing. Please contact any Officer or Board Member with questions or suggestions! Welcome to your Gem Club!

THE GRINDINGS

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www.idahogemclub.com



BOARD CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

There are three Board positions that expire each year. The current members are willing to be considered for the positions again for the next three-year period. If you would like to serve on the Board of Directors, contact any current Board member. Your biography can be printed in the November newsletter. Or you may submit your name from the floor before the elections at the November general meeting.

Deana Ashton

Hello! I am Deana Ashton, and I have proudly served as your Idaho Gem Club President, 2nd Vice President, Board of Director Member, Sunshine Lady, Refreshment Committee, past Secretary and the Earth Science and Lapidary License Plate Chairman!

I originated the Gem Show Basket Raffle and Treasure Dig because I wanted kids to have a little hands-on get-dirty time at our show, and the Basket Raffle was intended to support our workshop operating expenses and add some funds to the workshop projects. I love reaching out to community families, getting them to join our group on weekend outings and workshop nights and help build strong family ties through our rockhounding excursions and fellowship.

The Idaho Gem Club has been vital to me since I joined the club in 2009. I am an avid rock collector, I enjoy promoting earth science education, geology, lapidary arts, and continue to learn new exciting facets of our hobby. I have also organized the annual Gem Club Banquet for several years and always try to find ways to increase our membership and provide backup to other chairpersons in organizing events. I have a lot of fun ideas and dreams for our club I intend to see come true and hope that you allow me to remain in my capacity on the Board of Directors because I can't seem to get out of my warm cozy chair. I strive to ensure the needs of members are met and that we introduce new concepts to keep everyone rockin' on! The Gem State motto revival is my new personal challenge which will bring tourists awareness of our rich mineral and gem filled lands.

Thank you for your consideration and support!!!

Brent Stewart

I work at Stewart's Gem Shop. Our family business has been open for 74 years. My Grandfather, Dudley Stewart, was the 5th President of the Idaho Gem Club in 1942-43. My father, Eugene Stewart, was also President of the Club in 1976.

I'm the third generation in the Stewart family to have served as President of the Idaho Gem Club, and I served 3 years.

I currently serve as the show chairman for the I.G.C. Annual Show, as well as chairman for the club workshop.

I am proud to be a member of three gem clubs here in Idaho and one in California. I enjoy educating kids of all ages about rocks and fossils, and where they can find stones from our gem state. My presentations last about an hour, just depending on the group. I do about 25 presentations a year from elementary schools to retirement centers...like I said, kids of all ages. I have also taken my presentation on the road. I now travel to Idaho Falls, Lewiston, and Salmon, Idaho. The kids like to call me a "Rock Star".

I travel once a year to the world's largest gem/mineral and fossil show in Tucson, Arizona. Always-great new ideas and new finds at this show. I also travel once a year to the next largest gem show, which is in Denver, Colorado, so this keeps me on top of new and exciting things in the gem world.

I, along with other I.G.C members, were just featured in the Outdoor Idaho PBS show about the "Gems" of the Gem State.

Bottom line, I have a love for rocks, not just because I was born into this rock life. I have found my true passion and have been fortunate to make a living out of what is a hobby for others.

Rick Corbett

I have been on the Board of Directors for the past three years. I am also the Refreshment Committee Chairperson (when we can start up again), and one of the greeters at the door when you come in. Handing out door prizes is a lot of fun.

I am also quite involved in the Workshop activities. I have been through the ROLE program and am happy to help out others whenever I can. I also do demonstrations at various functions throughout the year and teach wire wrapping.

I would be glad to continue serving on the Board.

TOURMALINE

“Tourmaline” is the name of a large group of boron silicate minerals. These minerals share a common crystal structure and similar physical properties - but vary tremendously in chemical composition. The wide range of compositions and color zoning within crystals causes tourmaline to occur in more colors and color combinations than any other mineral group.

Tourmaline is the newer October birthstone. The name comes from the Sinhalese word *toramalli*, which means “stone with mixed colors,” because it often has multiple colors in one crystal. Very few gems match tourmaline’s dazzling array of colors. Perhaps this is why ancient mystics believed this October birthstone could inspire artistic expression – it has a color palette for every mood.

It is one of the world’s most popular gemstones. Because of its popularity, it is easy to find in jewelry stores. Well-formed tourmaline crystals are also valued by mineral specimen collectors. Specimens with attractive colors and crystal forms can sell for thousands of dollars.

Because of its vast range of colors, tourmaline was often mistaken for other gemstones. One of the “rubies” in the Russian crown jewels, the “Caesar’s Ruby” pendant, is actually red (rubellite) tourmaline. A Spanish conquistador found green tourmaline crystals in Brazil in the 1500s and confused the stones with emerald. These and other cases of mistaken identity continued for centuries until scientists recognized tourmaline as a distinct mineral species in the 1800s.

Different colors of tourmaline are thought to have their own healing properties. Black tourmaline is believed to protect the wearer and give a sense of self-confidence. Pink tourmaline embodies love and is associated with compassion and gentleness. Green tourmaline promotes courage, strength and stamina. Tourmaline is also given to celebrate the eighth wedding anniversary.

Geologic Occurrence of Tourmaline

Tourmaline most commonly occurs as an accessory mineral in igneous and metamorphic rocks. Large, well-formed crystals of tourmaline can form in cavities and fractures during hydrothermal activity. Tourmaline is a hard and tenacious mineral with a rating of



All photos courtesy of Robin Solt

7 to 7.5 on the Mohs scale of hardness. That enables it to persist during stream and beach transport as durable grains in sediments and sedimentary rocks.

The most spectacular tourmaline crystals are formed by hydrothermal activity. These crystals form when hot waters and vapors carry the elements needed to form tourmaline into pockets, voids, and fractures, which offer an open space for crystal growth. The tourmaline crystals formed in these cavities range in size from tiny millimeter crystals to massive prisms weighing over 100 kilograms.

One rich pocket of nice tourmaline crystals can yield mineral specimens and gem materials worth millions of dollars. Many mineral collectors and gem hunters have become wealthy by discovering just one of these treasure-filled cavities.

Physical Properties of Tourmaline

Tourmaline has a few properties that can aid in its identification. If you have a tourmaline crystal, identification should be easy.

- Tourmaline has a prismatic crystal habit and often has obvious striations that parallel the long axis of a crystal.
- Tourmaline crystals often have triangular or six-sided cross-sections with rounded edges.
- Tourmaline crystals are often color zoned through their cross-sections or along their length.
- Tourmaline can be pleochroic with the darkest color viewing down the C-axis and lighter color viewing perpendicular to the C-axis.

Don’t despair if your suspected tourmaline is an accessory mineral in an igneous or metamorphic rock. It often occurs in these rocks as tiny prismatic crystals. Get a hand lens and look for striations and rounded cross-sections.

Tourmaline has indistinct cleavage, so any specimen with obvious cleavage is probably not tourmaline. Color might not be helpful. The most common tourmaline color is black, but the mineral occurs in all colors of the spectrum.

Color Zoning in Tourmaline

Changing conditions during tourmaline crystal growth



often result in single crystals that contain two or more different colors of tourmaline. The earlier color is usually overgrown by the later color. These bicolor crystals are known as “zoned crystals.” Cut gemstones with distinctly different color zones are known as parti-color gems.

In many gems, color zoning is undesirable because most gem and jewelry buyers prefer stones that have a single, uniform face-up color. Tourmaline is an exception to this trend. Gems cut from color-zoned crystals with pleasing colors are a novelty prized by designers and collectors.

Color-zoned crystals are often sawn into thin cross-sections and polished. These thin bicolor gems can be very attractive.

The most popular bicolor tourmaline is “watermelon tourmaline.” It has a pink interior and a green rind - just like a slice of watermelon. The closer the colors match those of a real watermelon, the more people enjoy them and the higher the price.



Tourmaline crystals are also faceted to produce bicolor gems. “Watermelon” is again the most popular, but many other beautiful color combinations are cut.

Zoned tourmaline crystals often have clarity problems in the color-change area. If the color combination is attractive, minor clarity problems usually do not have a major impact on their desirability or price.

Where Is Tourmaline Found?

This stone is most commonly found in Brazil, but it is also mined in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kenya, Madagascar and Mozambique (among other countries in Africa). California and Maine are historically important producers of fine tourmaline in the United States. Black tourmaline is also found in pegmatites in south-central Idaho.

Most of the tourmaline mined in Brazil over the centuries comes from pegmatites in the state of Minas Gerais. These subterranean intrusions of magma are the source of a virtual kaleidoscope of gem minerals. In the late 1980s, however, electric green, blue and violet tourmalines entered the gem market from pegmatites in Brazil’s Paraíba State. Scientists found that the intense colors were caused by trace amounts of copper, which had previously not been recorded as a coloring agent in any other tourmaline. In the early 2000s, Paraíba-type copper-bearing tourmalines were also discovered in Mozambique and Nigeria. Overall, prices for the best Paraíba and Paraíba-type tourmalines easily surpass other tourmalines due to their vivid hues, higher color saturation and greater rarity.

In the United States, both Southern California and Maine host several pegmatite districts. For more than a century,

they have sporadically yielded large quantities of tourmaline.

Maine’s first major tourmaline deposit was discovered in 1820 at Mount Mica in Paris, by two young boys exploring the local area. Even today, a quarry at Mount Mica intermittently produces various colors of gem tourmaline. The Dunton mine, near Plumbago Mountain, is the most prolific producer of tourmaline in Maine.

In 1898, California’s first commercial tourmaline mine opened at the

Himalaya pegmatite in the Mesa Grande district – famed for the production of fine rubellite. To feed Empress Dowager Cixi’s obsession with the vibrant color, San Diego mines sent 120 tons of gem rubellite to Imperial China between 1902 and 1910. With the death of Cixi in 1908 and the subsequent overthrow of the Qing dynasty, the heyday of tourmaline mining in California ended. Today, only a few mines in San Diego County occasionally produce gem-quality tourmaline.



Tourmaline Care and Cleaning

Tourmaline is rated 7 to 7.5 on the Mohs scale of hardness and is generally suitable for everyday wear. These colorful gems are usually stable enough to withstand light and most chemicals, but heat can be damaging. This stone is best cleaned with warm, soapy water and a soft brush. The use of ultrasonic and steam cleaners is not recommended.

Imitation Tourmaline

Imitation tourmaline is occasionally seen. The popular watermelon tourmaline and other parti-colored tourmalines are a common target of the imitators. Some assembled imitation stones consist of a thin wafer of colored glass or plastic, glued between two pieces of colorless glass.

These imitations are easy to detect with a microscope or loupe. If the stones are examined along the girdle, the edge of the colored wafer or the glue line can usually be seen. If the stones are examined by looking down through the table, bubbles or debris in the glue plane are sometimes visible.

INTERESTING FINDS

A fisherman stumbled on one of the most complete fish lizard fossils ever found in Utah. Read about it at:

www.idahostatesman.com/news/nation-world/national/article254848012.html

A California woman found a 4-carat yellow diamond at Crater of Diamonds State Park, Murfreesboro, Arkansas. To read the story and see the stone go to:

www.insider.com/woman-finds-4-carat-yellow-diamond-in-arkansas-state-park-2021-10

Norm Cover has an interesting article about a discovery he made while working in the Dallas area. Read about it at:

www.facebook.com/groups/739220792768941/permalink/4688630217827959/



The Scarrows in Jerome are having another sale on

October 23
9 am - 6 pm
(No early birds please)

There are rock saws, wood saws, various tools and some slabs. Lots of bruneau jasper and other rough rock.

The address will be given out the day before the sale by email

SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

By Deana Ashton

Please keep Roy Bethel in your prayers and thoughts as he recovers from a broken femur. Roy, you are as tough as they get! His surgery went well, but it is going to take time to heal. We all send you best wishes for comfort.

Carl Woodland can use some prayers and good wishes as he recovers from an accident.

Several members have health issues at this time but wish to remain private. Let's just say prayers for our membership to be comforted by knowing others care and wish everyone the very best at this time.

IGC Sunshine Lady sends cheer, get well wishes, sympathy and anniversary expressions for our club. Please text or call 208-794-5628, or email gemdigger2014@outlook.com and I will follow through reminding our members we care.

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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Deana Ashton and Pledge of Alliegance was recited. There were 31 adults and 4 juniors present. We had a great trunk sale and held the meeting outdoors.

After introducing two new guests and one new member, Christine announced that raffle tickets were for sale for the crystal. Rick Corbett drew door prizes for 4 kids and 8 adults.

There was one correction to the newsletter. OGMS field trip listed on wrong date. There were no corrections to the minutes as printed in the *Grindings*. Christine made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, Dana seconded, and the membership voted to pass the motion.

Secretary Report: No report.

Treasurer Report: No report.

Juniors Report: There will be a Juniors Meeting at the regular church meeting room on Saturday, October 16, from 10 am-2 pm to work on the badge program. One meeting per month through the winter will be planned. The meeting for November will be on the 13th.

Federation Director Report : No report.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: Brent reviewed upcoming dates for workshops. There will be a Costume Contest at the workshop on Saturday, October 30th.

Field Trip Report: Greg Sandmeyer took a very small group out to South Mountain. It was a disappointing turnout, but those that did go had good luck finding crystals.

The trip to Texas Springs went very well. Everyone found lots of limbs. The trip to the Blue Egg Claim also had a good turnout with 18 cars. Dale Rawson helped out too.

The September field trip will be out to the Sunstone claim. Cheryl Link will be leading the trip. She is leaving on Thursday, September 23 and returning on Sunday, September 26. She is meeting at the Flying J Truck Stop in Caldwell at 7 am, leaving at 7:30. It is a 7 hour trip to get there. She will be stopping in Burns for lunch, then into the claim from there. The road may be very rough. Dry camping for this trip. You will need a sledge hammer, gad bar, shovel and screen. Prepare for hot days and cold nights. Remember, if you pack it in, please pack it out. Cheryl gave a good talk about the Sunstone area.

On October 2 Tony Funk is having a rock sale at his shop in Gooding. There are huge piles to look through. The meeting is at the Chevron Station/Burger King in Mountain Home. Take the first Mountain Home exit off the freeway. Meeting time is 8 am, leaving at 8:30. He is also selling equipment.

Robert Murphey is leading a joint OGMS/IGC field trip to Graveyard Point for plume agate for October. He is meeting at the Xtra Mile station at the intersection of Hwy. 55 and 95 Saturday, October 23, at 8 am, leaving at 8:30.

Old Business:

Gem Faire is from October 29 through the 31st. We will have a table there for demonstrating and handing out literature. We will

need volunteers to man the table. It is a fun show with lots of good material to offer.

The Scholarship Application is in the September *Grindings*. It is for \$500 if you know anyone who may be interested.

Dues are due in October for the next year. You can mail them in or give them to our Treasurer, Teresa, at the meeting.

There are several Mining Museum events on offer through October, too, if you want to check them out.

New Business: Deana suggested doing a clean-up trip out to Whangdoodle. Schedule will be determined.

The Annual Banquet will be the general meeting in January. It is set to be held at the Shriners' downtown.

The election for Board Members is coming up in November. There are three positions open each year. A committee chair is yet to be decided.

Scholarship fundraiser events are needed if anyone has ideas. The Project of the Year competition is coming up in December.

A large donation was accepted this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm for auction.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Editor



MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2021

Deana Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

Present: Deana Ashton, Cheryl Link, Rick Corbett, Teresa Nebeker, Terri Frostrom, Willa Renken, and Dana Robinson.

Absent: Brent Stewart, Jason Smith, Ed Moser, and Randy Harrison.

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

Secretary Report: New Rock & Gem magazine and new AFMS Newsletter. Dana asked about paying to reprint an article in the *Grindings*. The Board decided it was not worth the cost.

Treasurer Report by Teresa Nebeker: Teresa went over the monthly expenses and deposits. She will print out door passes for the Gem Faire.

Willa reported that she filed the annual report for the club.

Federation Report: No report.

Program Report: Cheryl will do a program on Fluorescents for Halloween. She will ask Phil if he can also bring in material to show.

Need to check out the new lights at Stewarts to make sure all parts are in the boxes.

Claims Report: Cheryl Link has filed all of the mining claim paperwork and submitted the fees for next year. She presented details about claim fees and address for the filings. IGC is listed as claim owner and Cheryl is the agent.

Juniors Report: Cheryl will set up a Kids Badge Program meeting for Saturday, October 16th with the other committee members. Will work on completion for the Field Trip section and maybe start into Collecting.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: No report. Brent was excused. Deana mentioned the need to have the big sander available for work on specimens.

Field Trip Report: The trip to Tony Funk's was well attended with 45-60 people coming out. It was a good trip and everyone had a fun time and came away with lots of material.

It was suggested to change the field trip day to Saturday instead of Sunday to enable more people to participate.

The field trip for October will be a combined trip with OGMS to Graveyard Point for plume agate. The date is for October 23rd.

The November field trip will be to the Orma J. Smith Museum in the Boone Science Building at CSI. Deana also suggested Saturday trips to local miners to buy material during the colder months.

Scholarship Report: No applications have been received as yet.

Old Business: We should send a letter to Malcolm to thank him for the generous donation of geodes, etc.

New Business: Elections are coming up in November. Deana, Rick and Brent are at the end of term. All were asked if they would like to continue serving and all agreed. Bios will be put in the newsletter and any other members interested may nominate from the floor.

Dana mentioned a possible new venue for our meetings, but it sounds like it will be too small. Terri then offered to check on the available at the Maple Grove Community Center. There is a possibility of a similar arrangement as we have at the church, and storage for our cabinet and library case. She will report at the next board meeting.

Several upcoming events need to be put in newsletter: November elections, Project of the Year in December, January Banquet (Christine and Dana still chairpersons?), and February show. Maybe an extra Holiday Bazaar could be arranged, too.

Two new applications were reviewed. Dana made a motion to accept the new members, Rick seconded, the board voted and the motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson



Donations

If you wish to donate rocks, books, tools, equipment, jewelry making items, or anything hobby related, please contact Deana Ashton at 208-795-5628, Willa Renken at 208-866-0944, or Cheryl Link a 208-859-9058. We will make arrangements to receive items, add them to the club inventory and provide a tax donation receipt. This is the preferred method of receiving donations to be sure they get to the proper place, secured in storage. Thank you!

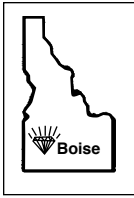
Currently we are in need of findings for the workshop so members can finish their project with a nice setting.

Thank you, in advance. We appreciate any and all donations that keep our club going!

A Big Thank You to Malcolm Cesare

We appreciate the large, generous donation of quality material and a lot of Dugway geodes brought in from Malcolm Cesare. We all enjoy geodes, and the cut specimens you provided the club will be terrific prizes and fundraiser items in the future!





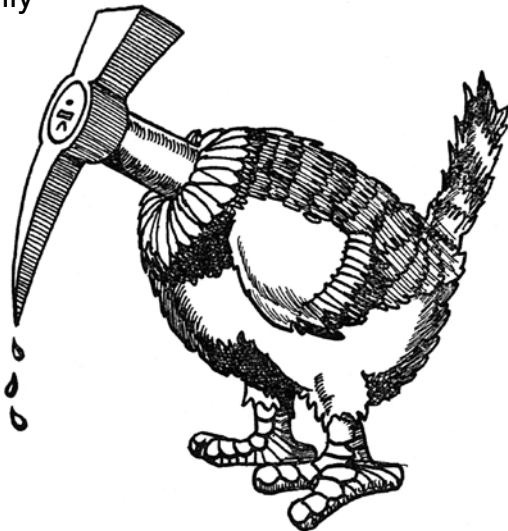
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