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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hey Hot Rockers!!

What a busy summer we are having so far! Nyssa Thunderegg Days was a fun event, thank you all for the support you gave the club. The Chamber of Commerce was most grateful to our field trip guide, Cullen Anderson, who volunteered to lead the community on a Thunderegg field trip to Succor Creek on Saturday. Everyone appreciated your efforts!

Now our summer meetings, July 19 and August 16, will be held at an earlier time, 6:00 pm, and will be held under the shelter at Kristen Armstrong Municipal Park, 500 Walnut Street, east of Broadway (see map). Potluck Picnics are a lot of fun and we get to know each other better! Please bring a main or side dish, or a dessert to share. You will also need to provide your own plate and utensils. It is special when we take time to prepare home cooked food at family style picnics. We have the soda and an ice cream dessert covered! A rock auction follows the meal and a brief meeting. Please donate a few items to auction and raise funds to offset the annual banquet costs in January! Items are generally rocks, but are not limited to. Some people bring gemstones, books, or occasionally we have equipment or tools to generate money for our club. Sandy Blodgett will be our auctioneer.

For those interested in special classes, such as wire-wrapping, creating faceted gems, or silversmithing, a basic lapidary equipment class has been suggested to help those who want to buy their own equipment find the right tool for their projects. Cheryl Link has sourced some dandy comfy chairs for our workshop. Sign up sheets will be at the greeting table at meetings. Let's get some names listed and we can schedule something!

I would like to try the idea of a Rock Sale Tour day in September. Some of us have a ghastly abundance of rocks in our yards that we could swap, share or sell. If you are interested in adding your name and location to a special list I will have at the July and August meetings, let's have one set day in September where we can have a tour map that includes all personal rock yard sales. Then members can come by between set hours and see what you have! I'd like to try this out. I will ask for a member vote during the July 19 meeting before proceeding. This can include dealers who wish to generate a few sales, too! Come to our July 19 picnic to share your thoughts and vote!

Thank you Brent Stewart for the additional R.O.L.E. day added to each month. It is neat seeing all of you improve cabochon quality and move up in this program. R.O.L.E stands for Recognition of Lapidary Excellence and is a skill building class done at your own pace. At each level you turn in stones for grading before advancing. Once you pass five levels, you will be able to perfectly cut and polish gem quality cabochons for your jewelry! See Brent Stewart or Liz Warner for details.

Dana Robinson, our Editor, welcomes articles, stories and/or photographs to put in our newsletter. Contact Dana at drobinso@boisestate.edu. She does an outstanding job producing this news bulletin. It has been late to arrive in months where our Board Meeting occurs the 2nd week of each month rather than the 1st Tuesday. Those minutes are included in each month's edition.

Idaho now has an Official State Gemstone Cut for faceted gemstones! It is an official State Symbol declared with 2022 Legislation and signed by Governor Brad Little. Quincy Howell was a founding member of the Idaho Gem Club. He was known for remarkable gemcutting and created a spectacular design which he called "The Idaho Cut." Quincy passed away in 1992. His proud family has worked hard to achieve this recognition for Quincy's legacy! Well done! See Senate Bill 1311 for more information!

Keep your rocks cool, people!! Water them daily! We all need good hydration!

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 drobinso@boisestate.edu

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 <i>Due to Holiday Workshop Cancelled</i>
3	4 <i>Due to Holiday Workshop Cancelled</i>	5 Board Meeting 7 pm	6 Thunderegg Days, Nyssa Set-up, 9 am	7 Thunderegg Days, Nyssa 10 am-9 pm	8 Thunderegg Days, Nyssa 10 am-9 pm	9 Thunderegg Days, Nyssa 10 am-9:30 pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Picnic Meeting 6 pm	20	21 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30 Workshop 10 am-2 pm

AUGUST

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 Field Trip- Hampton Obsidian	13 Glass Buttes/ Butte, Palisade
14 Weekend Excursion, Burns area	15	16 Picnic Meeting 6 pm	17	18 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	19	20 Kid's Day Workshop 10 am-2 pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
28	29	30	31			

SEPTEMBER

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 Field Trip Texas Springs Pink Limbcast
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 General Meeting 7 pm	21	22 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Field Trip Beacon Hill Geodes
2 Field Trip Beacon Hill Geodes	3 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	4 Board Meeting 7 pm	5	6	7	8 Field Trip TBD
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 General Meeting 7 pm	19	20 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	21	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29 Workshop 10 am-2 pm



Upcoming Events

Natrona County Rockhounds Show, July 16-17, 2022. Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center, 800 N. Poplar, Casper, WY

Oregon Geo Fest, July 17, 2022, 11 am-5 pm, Broadway Center, 2100 W. Broadway, Eugene, OR

Far West Lapidary Gem Show, August 5-7, 2022, The Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont St., North Bend, OR

Richland Rocks Co-Op, August 5-7, 2022, Red Lion Columbia Center Mall, 1101 N. Columbia Center Blvd., Kennewick, WA

The Original Denver Gem and Mineral Show, September 8-11, Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th St., Denver, CO (Includes Hardrock Summit and LLD Denver Mineral Hall)

Colorado Mineral and Fossil Fall Show, September 9-17, Crowne Plaza DIA, 15500 E. 40th Ave., Denver, CO

Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club Show, September 24-25, 2022, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W C St., Springfield, OR

IDAHO GEM CLUB MEMBER FIELD TRIPS

- Aug. 12, 13, 14** Glass Buttes/Hampton Butte, Palisades
Obsidian and Petrified Wood
Overnight Trip
- Sept. 10, 11 Texas Springs, Jackpot, NV
Pink Limb Casts
- Oct. 1-2 Beacon Hill Claim
Geodes
- Oct. 8 (??) McDermit/Caldera Rock Shop
Gary Green Jasper, Thundereggs,
Petrified Wood, Purple Cow Agate

AUGUST FIELD TRIP

The field trip for August will be a weekend trip to the Glass Buttes/Hampton Butte area with a stop at the Palisade Green obsidian claim. This 3-day trip allows us to spend one day in Burns at the Palisade Green obsidian claim with Jim Witt, one day at Glass Buttes with Emory Coons for several types of obsidian, and one day at Hampton Butte for green petrified wood.

We will meet in Burns on Friday, August 12th, at the McDonalds, 8:00 am Pacific time, leaving at 8:30 am. The rest of the days we will decide where to collect for each day and where to meet.

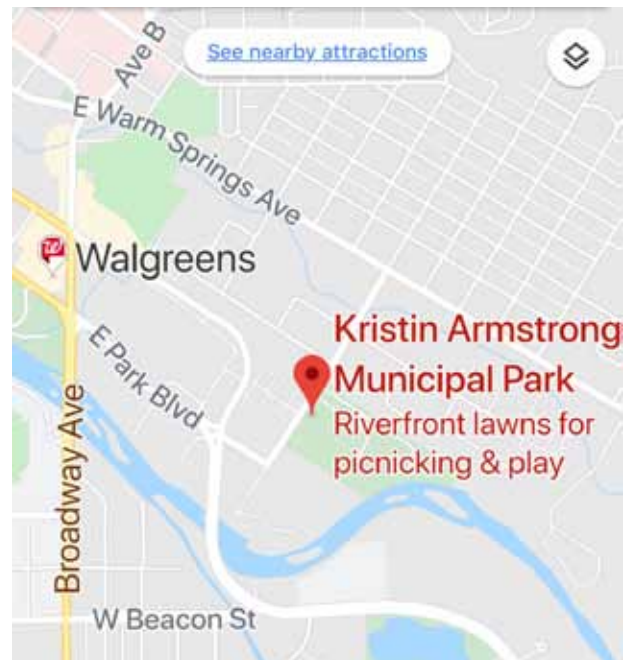
This was a very interesting trip last year. It is also an opportunity to collect some Palisade Green obsidian from a private claim. Hopefully the falling gas prices will make it easier for everyone to attend.



JULY POT LUCK PICNIC MEETING

July 19, 2022, will be the Pot Luck Picnic at Kristen Armstrong Memorial Park Shelter at 6:00 pm. Dinner is at 6:30 pm. Bring a dish to share for dinner, and your table setting. We will have door prizes and a short business meeting to go over current events. The club provides drinks and an ice cream dessert.

After dinner there will be an Auction to help offset costs for our annual Banquet in January. Bring whatever you would like to donate and be ready to look for new pieces for your collection! Come join us for a fun evening! Hope to see you all there!



Map to Picnic Location
Kristen Armstrong Municipal Park
500 S. Walnut St., Boise
Tuesday, August 18, 2020
6:30 p.m.

WORKSHOPS

See the calendar for upcoming workshop dates! Come cut your rocks and learn cabochon making! Brent Stewart, Rick Corbett, Liz Warner keeps the club lapidary workshop operating year round.

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)



KID'S WORKSHOP

The next Kids' Workshop will be on Saturday, August 22nd from 10 am-2 pm. There will be the usual activities, as well as a hot dog lunch. Please bring your own masks! Please sign up by calling Brent Stewart at 208-342-1151 (Stewart's Gem Shop).



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sara Spitter & Paul Robinson
Christina Jenkins

WELCOME NEW JUNIORS

Ellyana Robinson
Jack Robinson

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!

SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

By Deana Ashton

Get well wishes to Logan McCurdy.

IGC Sunshine Lady sends cheerful greetings to club members needing , get well wishes, sympathy and anniversary expressions. If you know someone in need of cheer or attention, Please text or call Deana at 208-794-5628.

THUNDEREGG DAYS, NYSSA

Thunderegg Days was a fun community event in Nyssa. We had Phil Neuhoff representing the Rock Flat Minerals Gem Mining Flume where you run a screen of rough gemstones through the water flume to rinse. He sold minerals also. Robert and Desiree Garner sold nice gift items and unique rough stock. Liz Warner led a team of ROLE cabbers, MJ, Brenda, Brenen and John Akin. Rick Corbett was so busy selling pendants he didn't have time to cab! Becki Gibson also helped out when the booth was busy as well as Cheryl Link, Sarah Neuhoff, and Bill Todd and William Nance from the Idaho Flintknappers, thanks for your participation!

Cullen Anderson and his fiance Amy Neglia were cracking Mexican coconuts (crystal lined geodes) with his "JB Cracker" chain device. He also stepped up to take the community on a rockhounding field trip Saturday morning! Way to go Cullen! Many who were on the field trip had their eggs cracked open. A big Thank You to John Benedict and Teresa Nebeker for hauling our goods and tents and lending a hand. Helping with set up were John Wright, Bud, Dana R., Deana A., Brenen H., and Sandy B. And a special thanks to Willa Renken for her good food, hospitality and neighborly kindness. We all pulled together to make the event a success!





Robert & Desiree Garner and young entrepreneurs selling popsicles



John Aiken



Twila Gallaher



Discovery through touch



Cullen Anderson

THE “IDAHO CUT”

The legacy of Quincy Douglas Howell, founding member of the Idaho Gem Club, has been honored with the designation of an official state cut for faceted gemstones that he patented. He was a remarkable man who served as a WWII Air Force Officer and later became one of the top five experts in the faceting world. He named his most prized patent the “Idaho Cut.”

Mr. Howell’s family was supported by Senator Lori Den Hartog and Representative Megan Blanksma in adding the amendment of a new section to the Idaho Code. Senate Bill No. 1311 can be seen at TheIdahoCut.com/sb1311/ along with photos.

There is also an excellent article by Stephen Q. Howell in *Idaho Magazine*. He tells the story of how then cut came to be. You can read it at www.idahomagazine.com/article/the-idaho-cut/.



DINOSAUR BONE FOUND IN SOUTHEAST IDAHO

A dinosaur bone recently discovered in Idaho has been identified as the thigh bone of a very small T-Rex ancestor. It was found by an ISU paleontologist in southeastern Idaho, and was published in a paper in the *Journal of Paleontology*. It is the first dinosaur bone found in this area of Idaho and is believed to come from the Cretaceous period.

There are several kinds of dinosaurs that we have found fossils of in Idaho. Most of these finds have been in the areas that border Wyoming in the Tin Cup Formation. The kinds of dinosaurs that have been found are:

Notosaurs — A primitive kind of ankylosaurus; the “ball-tailed armored tank” kind of dinosaurs. Found in the Tin Cup Creek area.

Protoceratops — A very primitive Ceratopsian from the Gray’s Lake area.

Tenontosaurus — A large sauropod with a very long tail. Known as a “sinew lizard.” A herbivore, they were the favorite food of the deinonychus.

Deinonychus — Where there is food we need to look for their predators. A Deinonychus toe bone was discovered here recently.

Marine Lizards — At the same time the dinosaurs lived, there were ichthyosaurs or huge marine lizards in the oceans of the Earth and Idaho. The remains of two different types have been discovered here.

Shastosaurus merriami — These creatures’ remains were found near Lewiston. The find changed the range of where *Shastosaurus merriami* was thought to live. No one knew that this ichthyosaur had lived beyond Northern California.

Cymbospondylus — This ichthyosaurs’ remains were found near Georgetown, near the Utah border in Bear Lake County by Greg McDonald. He was once head paleontologist at Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument.

Ammonites — Ammonites were the favorite foods of ichthyosaurs. They were jet-propelled, ocean going, large, shelled animals. There were many species that lived in the oceans to the west of Idaho.

From “Dinosaurs of Idaho” by Betty Hare, Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology.

DINOSAUR EXHIBIT AT DISCOVERY CENTER

SUE the T. rex will be in Boise from May 27th to September 4th, 2022

SUE the T. rex is the most complete, best-preserved Tyrannosaurus rex ever discovered. The Discovery Center of Idaho has partnered with the Micron Foundation to host a special exhibition featuring the latest scientific discoveries about this incredible fossil. Visitors will get to explore the sights, sounds, and smells of SUE's world, see casts of real dinosaur fossils, and come face to face with an exact cast of SUE's skeleton.

SUE's actual fossils are on permanent display at the Field Museum in Chicago, so the traveling exhibition gives people a chance to experience one of the biggest T. rex specimens ever found. The exhibition features an exact cast of SUE's skeleton, measuring in at 40 feet from snout to tail and 13 feet tall at the hip. Visitors will be able to see a lot more than just SUE's skeleton, though. New interactives and digital technologies will highlight the latest scientific discoveries and show people what SUE's world was like.

I visited SUE when the traveling exhibition was in Idaho Falls. It is really amazing to get an up-close perspective into the actual size of this animal. It is definitely an exhibit worth visiting while you have the chance!



FOSSIL LOCATIONS TO VISIT IN IDAHO

Clarkia Fossil Beds

This is one of Idaho's better fossils sites. It is located near the town of Clarkia in Northern Idaho, and has some exceptional leaf fossils that date back 15-million years. If you visit the area, check out nearby Emerald Creek, where Idaho's famous star garnets are found.
52743 State Highway 3, Clarkia, ID

Hagerman Fossil Beds

The state's most famous fossil site is definitely the expansive beds located in Hagerman. Over 200 different animal species have been identified here. A complete skeleton of the Hagerman Horse is on display at the visitors center. There is no digging allowed here, but it's worth a visit to learn about this unique fossil site.
17970 US-30, Hagerman, ID

Minnetonka Cave

This fascinating limestone cave is located in southeast Idaho near Bear Lake. It is over 1/2 mile deep and is full of amazing stalactites and stalagmites. Just exploring the cave is worth the visit itself, but fossil lovers will appreciate that there is also lots to see. This was once a warm water environment which harbored various coral species. Evidence of these ancient critters can be seen throughout the cave.
Minnetonka Cave Rd., St. Charles, ID

Tolo Lake Woolly Mammoth

Perhaps the most impressive single fossil find in Idaho history would have to be the discovery of a complete woolly mammoth near Tolo Lake by Grangeville. The find was made by state workers in 1995, when a huge bone was spotted while doing work at the lake. Further excavation resulted in a complete skeleton. A total of 3 woolly mammoth and 1 early bison skeletons were recovered from the site. There is a complete replica of the mammoth on display along the highway just outside of Grangeville.
Tolo Lake Rd., just before Grangeville.

Malm Gulch Petrified Forest

Another place where you can take a glimpse into the past is at Malm Gulch just south of Challis. Here you will find an ancient petrified forest that once existed. 50-million years ago, the climate was much more like you would see along the Pacific Coast. Large coniferous trees grew. Now, the area is a desert, but a few petrified tree trunks still exist.

Highway 75 South of Challis.

As with any type of rockhounding or mining, you need to know who's land you are on. Private lands, state, federal (BLM, Forest Service, National Parks, etc.) will all have different rules. Collecting is not allowed in many locations.

Generally, on BLM and Forest Service lands (which covers 2/3 of Idaho) you are allowed to collect modest quantities of invertebrate fossils (corals, leaf plates, snails, mollusks, etc.) for personal use. These specimens cannot be sold for profit. Petrified wood can be collected up to 25 pounds per day, plus 1 larger piece. A total of 250 pounds can be collected in a year.

For a more comprehensive list of fossil areas, visit fossilspot.com/STATES/ID.htm.

ILLINOIS FINALLY GETS OFFICIAL STATE ROCK

When a class of fifth graders started a geology unit in their science class, it led to a goal of getting a state rock designated for Illinois. Illinois had a state mineral (flourite), but no state rock. The students did a lot of research and came up with a list of three rocks that were easily found in Illinois and were used by many people: limestone, dolostone and sandstone. Part of their research included speaking with geologists, rock collectors, and gem clubs in the state to get the experts' views. The effort grew to include not only the local school district, but districts throughout the state, as well as other rock enthusiasts.

Their teacher created a website to provide details, a picture of each rock and a voting platform. You can see it at <http://sites.google.com/d107.org/illinois-state-rock/home>. The students wrote letters to their legislators to gain support for their project. U.S. Rep. Sean Casten helped them and brought it to the floor of the House. They also posted signs around the school urging everyone to vote.

The winning rock is Dolostone. It won the vote because people like the way it looks, it is part of the bedrock under the state, and it is used in many buildings. It was made official on June 6 of this year when the governor signed the bill.



Grey limestone and brown dolostone.

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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING JUNE 21, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:15 by Deana Ashton. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and 7 guests were introduced. Rick drew winning tickets for door prizes for 5 juniors and 17 adults.

There is a new exhibit on Native Americans at the Museum of Mining, Old Idaho Penitentiary.

Nyssa Thunderegg Days is coming up and there is a sign-up sheet on the back table for volunteers to man shifts.

Deana asked for any corrections to the minutes in the *Grindings* as printed. Willa made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Liz seconded, the membership voted and the motion passed.

Secretary Report: The specimen that Robin found was identified as Ferberite. It is heavy in tungsten but the iron makes it magnetic.

Treasurer Report: No report.

Workshop Report: Brent Stewart went over the workshop times and location. This month's workshop is on the 23rd from 6-8:45 pm. The workshops over the 4th of July were canceled. The workshops for July are the regular workshop on July 21st from 6-8:45 pm, and the 30th from 10 am-2 pm. In August the ROLE workshop is on the 1st from 6-8:45 pm, the general workshops are the 18th from 6-8:45 pm and the 27th from 10 am-2 pm.

The first Kid's Day went well with lots of volunteers. THANKS!! The next Kid's Day will be on Saturday August 20th from 10 am-2 pm. Cost is \$10 for club members and \$20 for non-members. Any help is always greatly appreciated.

Brent is again doing school programs. He did a Meridian event where 120 kids heard his talk in 20 min. segments.

Field Trip Report: The field trip to Beacon Hill was rained out on Sunday. On Saturday Willa let folks decide if they wanted to take the risk to go in. Many did not. The few who did were able to collect until about 4 before needing to leave. We may be able to go again in October, depending on the fire danger.

Don't go onto wet dirt roads. It tears them up and we taxpayers pay to fix them. We need to keep good relations with the farmers.

The field trip to Whangdoodle/Queenstone was the next weekend. Whangdoodle part had a large group of kids. They found lots of opal with squirt bottles.

The July field trip will be Thunderegg Days in Nyssa on July 7-9. The Nyssa Chamber has asked for any volunteers to lead a field trip on Saturday. Deana talked about the genies for demos and Phil's Gem Dig. There will also be geode cracking. We will need people to help setup on Wednesday. At our booth we will be handing out brochures and if you are working the booth you can sell your wares. The Chamber of Commerce has more details on bands, events, etc.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Liz asked for donations of preformed cabs that are partially or almost done to use for Kid's Day.

Coyote talked about the cast of Sue the Dinosaur at the Discovery Center. It is life-size and worth seeing. She also elaborated about the new exhibit at the Mining Museum. They are developing a Native mineral and rock technology exhibit with video stories. If anyone has something to donate, contact her or the museum.

Cheryl went over the microscope and viewer with up to 4x magnification. Bring samples to the meetings to view them enlarged.

The July and August meetings will be potluck picnics in Kristen Armstrong Park at 6 pm. You will need to bring your own table service and a dish to share. There will be an auction at the end of each meeting to help offset the annual banquet costs.

Willa is starting a new silversmithing class on July 14/15. the class is for 4 weeks, on Thursday or Friday evening from 6-9 or 9:30 pm. It is a small class size so you will get individual help.

July Deana is accepting a donation of estate materials to sell/ auction to benefit the club.

There are specimens on each of the tables for you to identify. If you need help, just ask anyone.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING JULY 5, 2022

Deana Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Present: Deana Ashton, Rick Corbett, Teresa Nebeker, Jason Smith, Willa Renken, Cheryl Link, Terri Frostrom, Brent Stewart, and Dana Robinson

Absent: Ed Moser

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 Rick. Board members voted, motion carried.

Treasurer Report by Teresa Nebeker: Teresa needs a copy of the club's assets list from Sandy. The original cost of the old fluorescent lights should be in the records.

Teresa went with Deana to Carol Caughins' house to see the donation material she wants to give the club. There are 41 tubs and buckets of her husband's collection with lots of local material. It is to be used for auctions in July and August, as well as other club auctions. There are also 18 small containers of polished rock.

Teresa also went over the monthly financial statements.

Secretary Report: Just junk mail this month.

Workshop Report: The polisher was not damaged after all. The part was put on crooked and caused vibration. There were no workshops over the 4th weekend.

The July workshop is the 21st from 6-8:45 pm, the 30th from 10 am-2 pm. The ROLE workshop will be July 18th from 6-8:45 pm and 8-1, same times. Also, the ROLE workshop will be on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month. The next Kid's Day will be on the 20th from 10 am-2 pm.

All of the saws are being moved into one room as a permanent location. We need to run power to the new saw room. There is also a new basin with a hose for cleanup.

Youth Group Report: No report.

Federation Report: Since Randy Harrison isn't able to attend the federation meetings for voting, it was requested that Debbie Mitchell be a temporary voting representative for us at the NFMS meeting.

Field Trip Report: Nyssa Thunderegg Days is the trip this month. Cullen agree to lead a trip on Saturday for the Chamber of Commerce. They really like our demos at their show. Cullen will be doing geode cracking as well. Rick's wirewraps will be for sale and some others will be selling, too. Print applications on pink paper for this event. Brenen will pick up the genies -- not the ones with cintered wheels.

The next Beacon Hill trip will be October 1st and 2nd. The large hole on the sunstone claim has been filled in.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Willa and Teresa have researched earning income for the Scholarship Fund. There is a fund called IBond Treasury Market that we could invest a maximum of \$10,000 from the General Funds into an account that will earn 9.62% interest, or \$1,000 per year in interest income. The account is tied up for 5 years, after which it can be taken out and put into the Scholarship Fund. The account must be closed to withdraw funds and another account opened if we want to continue. It will need an account monitoring person that is trustworthy. Terri Frostrom and Jason Smith volunteered to be manager. The account pays interest every 6 months.

Willa made a motion to invest \$10,000 from the General Funds to open an IBond Treasury Market account to earn money for the Scholarship Fund, and to be managed by the Board. Cheryl seconded. After much discussion, the board voted and the motion carried. Jason Smith was chosen as the account monitor.

Cheryl picked up two signs and two table covers for the Thunderegg Days event.

Willa brought in information about a new symbol for Idaho. Quincy Howell's patented cut, the "Idaho Cut", has been designated as the official State Cut for Faceted Stones.

The picnic is set for July. Cheryl will bring the water and pop and Willa will bring the ice cream. It is a potluck dinner and we need everyone to bring their own plates and cutlery.

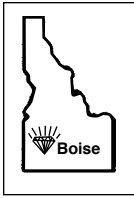
Two new member applications were reviewed. Willa made a motion to accept the new applications, Jason seconded, the board voted and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary



"Jazz Hands"



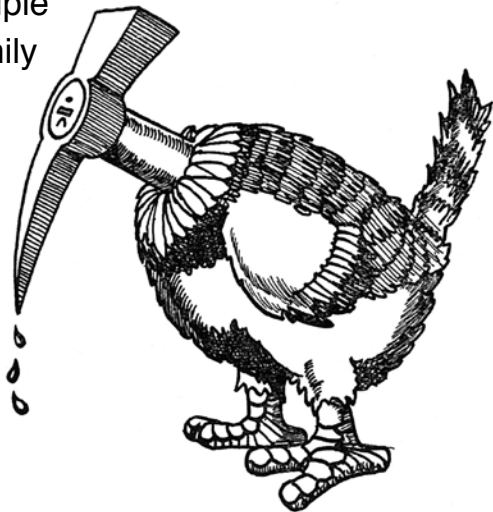
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