



Grindings

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Rockhounds:

What a great summer we're having. So much going on. Our last field trip to Reynold's Creek for petrified wood was a disappointing bust. But take heart; with more knowledge we'll do it again in September with much more success. This month for the August field trip we're going to Tony Funk's Bone Yard in Gooding, Idaho. He has amassed several acres of rocks and he's stacking 'em deep and selling 'em cheap! See the map with the address in the Grindings. He's also doing a BBQ for us. It's a Pot Luck so please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. We'll be meeting at Tony's at 10 am and will eat after awhile. There will be plenty of time to rockhound in his bone yard. He is a wheeler/dealer so prepare to barter for the treasures you find.

Once again we are having our August 15th meeting at Kristen Armstrong Municipal Park. We meet at 6 pm and enjoy our pot luck dinner about 6:30 pm. Remember to bring your table service and something yummy for me to sample. Following a brief meeting we'll be having another auction. We did pretty well on the last auction, taking in over \$700 for our club's Annual Banquet in January. Great job everyone! Let's do it again, but even better. Try to be on time as late comers get to sit in the sun and roast.

Saturday, August 12th, is the next Kid's Day Workshop. It is held at the Gem Club workshop behind Stewarts Gem Shop. We are doing it again, thanks to Brent Stewart and the many helpers who made it possible the last time. Let's show support for our club and our younger rockhounds. Come hang out and help Brent. Bring those kids and grandkids. Members cost is \$10 each and non-members cost is \$20 each. It's a great opportunity to join our club and learn more about the lapidary arts.

We have been invited to Gowen Field for the Gowen STEM Education Expo. It is in conjunction with the Gowen Thunder Air Show. We will set up on Saturday, August 26, and Sunday, August 27. The event runs from 9 am to 4 pm each day. We are setting up the micromount monitors and visiting with everyone about our club and the geology in our area. We will have some tables and space in the hanger out of the sun. We will need as many volunteers as we can get to keep the table manned through the weekend. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next Picnic so come join in and promote our club and state (and see the planes too!).

Debbie Mitchell and Ed Moser are at the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show and Convention this weekend. It's happening August 3-6 in Billings, MT, and is combined with the American Federation this year. It promises to be a great show and convention. As our Federation Director and alternate, Debbie and Ed have gone representing our club. Thanks Debbie and Ed for making the trip and voting on our behalf.

Our storage unit is "no more." On Saturday, July 29, we met and successfully cleaned out our storage unit of many decades. We loaded up our third trailer with all of the silent auction rocks. We no longer have an expensive storage unit. Thank you to everyone who came and donated their sweat and tears to help.

And Now: We officially have a Donation Committee for all rock and equipment donated to our club. Four board members are currently involved, with each to have a substitute member available to help in their absence. They are: Willa Renken, Cheryl Link, Jason Smith (aka Fuzzy), and Liz Warner. Please call or contact any of these members with questions concerning donations to the Idaho Gem Club.

Respectfully Submitted, Rick Corbett, 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

AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Board Meeting 7 pm	2	3	4	5
6	7 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	8	9	10	11	12 Kids' Day Workshop 10 am-2 pm
13	14	15 Annual Picnic 6 pm	16	17 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	18	19 Field Trip Gooding 8 am
20	21 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	22	23	24	25	26 Gowen STEM Expo 9 am Workshop 10 am-2 pm
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SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	21 General Meeting 7 pm	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

STEM EDUCATION EXPO

GOWEN THUNDER AIRSHOW

Gowen Field Airbase • Boise
August 26-27, 2023 • 9 am to 4 pm

The Idaho Gem Club is participating to highlight STEM Earth Science Education found in Geology. We will have our micromount microscope and monitor to show people how cool minerals are. We will also demonstrate cabochon making, and highlight the family aspects of rockhounding and geology.

We are looking for members to stand in the booth and hand out brochures for IGC, sign up new members, talk about field trips and kids involvement in the club, and the benefits of learning geology and earth science.

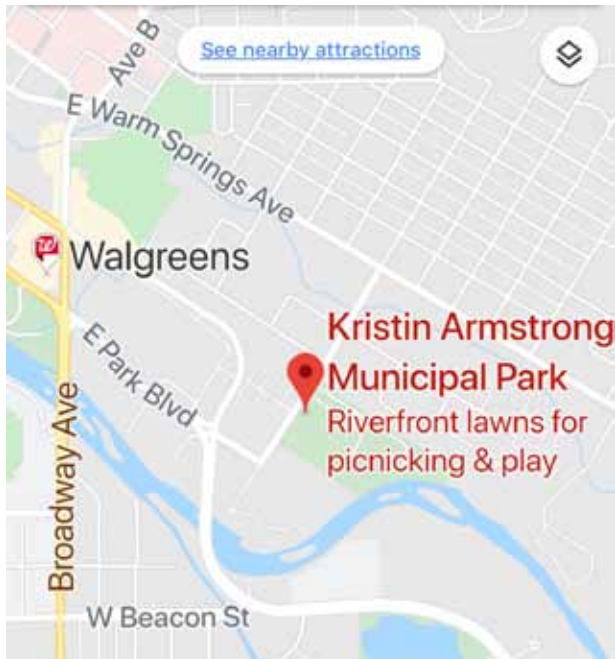
The event is free to the general public and they are expecting 150,000 visitors through the weekend. No sales are permitted.

Sign up for time slots on Saturday and Sunday at the General Meeting or contact Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628 or Dana Robinson at 208-345-3823 to get on the list. This will be a great community event for us all.

AUGUST POT LUCK PICNIC MEETING

August 15, 2023, 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, July 18, 2023
6:00 p.m.

AUCTION

We will be having an Auction after our August picnic/general meeting to help our Banquet Fund. If you have any slabs or other material you would be willing to donate, that would be great. It is always good fun to trade our material to benefit our club. Many thanks in advance!

FIELD TRIPS

The field trip for August will be to Tony Funk's Bone Yard in Gooding. He has several acres of rocks sorted in piles with various prices. We will be meeting at Tony's place in Gooding at 10 am. According to Google it will take about 1-3/4 hours to get there so you can plan your departure.

Tony is going to barbecue for us so bring a pot luck dish to go with hamburgers and hot dogs.

Take I-84 east for about 85 miles. Take Exit 141 at Bliss toward Gooding/Hagerman and turn left onto US Hwy 26. After about 13 miles turn left onto S 2100 E. Go 1.3 miles and turn right onto W 4th Ave (E 1775 S) and go another 1/2 mile, then turn left onto S 2150 E. Tony's is the first place on the left after the train tracks.

1727 S. 2150 E., Gooding, Idaho




SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

By Deana Ashton

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.

GOLD MINE TOUR

This is a rare opportunity to take a tour of a gold mining operation. Nevada Gold Mines is doing two different tours in August. The sponsoring museums are requesting a small donation for the tour. It is something you may want to look into for a family trip before school starts.



MINE TOURS

JOIN US ON A TOUR
OF OUR MINING OPERATIONS!

Open to the public, ages 8 and older

TURQUOISE RIDGE OPERATION
Tour departs from Winnemucca

Thursday, August 10, 2023 • 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

A \$5 donation to the Humboldt Museum is requested per attendee.


For questions or to sign up, contact the Museum at 775-635-2912.

CARLIN OPERATION
Tour departs from Elko

Thursday, August 17, 2023 • 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

A \$5 donation to the Northeastern Nevada Museum is requested per attendee.

For questions or to sign up, contact Ann Sims at 775-738-3418 ext. 100 or events@museumelko.org



JULY PICNIC



WORKSHOPS

See the calendar for upcoming workshop dates. Come cut your rocks and learn cabochon making. Brent Stewart, Rick Corbett, and Liz Warner keep 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

ROLE Workshops are the First and Third Mondays —
6:00 pm-8:45 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 DAY WORKSHOP

The next Kids' Workshop will be on Saturday, August 12th from 10 am-2 pm. There will be the usual activities, as well as a hot dog lunch. Please sign up by calling Brent Stewart at 208-342-1151 (Stewart's Gem Shop).



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kelly & Diana Bourasa
Matt & Beth Burgess
Brandin & Sarah Huss
Annie McCutcheon

Philip & Terra Oleson
Gary Neighbors
Benjamin Gann



JULY KIDS' WORKSHOP

WELCOME NEW JUNIORS

Lily Gann
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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING

JULY 18, 2023

We met and got set up at the park and at 6:40 Ed Moser offered the prayer and everyone lined up to enjoy a very nice dinner.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by Rick Corbett, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rick asked for any corrections to the minutes as printed in the *Grindings*. Robert made a motion to accept the minutes, Terri seconded, the membership voted and the motion carried.

Secretary Report: No report.

Treasurer Report: Teresa explained the recent investments made by the Board.

Federation Director Report: This is the last chance to get your stamps turned in to Debbie Mitchell to take to the NFMS show.

Field Trip Report: This month's field trip will be to Reynolds Creek for petrified wood. We will meet at 8 am at the Phillips 66 station at Walter's Ferry, leaving at 8:30. Bring lunch, water, and digging tools.

The August field trip will be to Tony Funk's in Gooding. We will meet at his location at 10 am. He will do a BBQ for us so bring a dish to share. Lots of rocks to choose from in his piles.

Workshop Report: Brent reported on the upcoming dates. The regular workshops will be Thursday after the general meeting, 7-20 from 6-8:45 pm, and Saturday, 7-29, 10 am-2 pm. The August workshops are 8-17 from 6-8:45 pm and 8-26 from 10 am-2 pm. The next ROLE workshops will be on 8-7 and 8-21 from 6-8:45 pm.

Saturday, July 22 from 10 am to 2 pm will be Kid's Day. The cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Brent needs volunteers to help out. There will not be bathroom facilities at Stewart's for the day.

Old Business: The August meeting will also be a Pot Luck Picnic at Kristen Armstrong Municipal Park. We meet at 6 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm.

New Business: We still have 15 wood tables available in the storage unit if anyone is interested. We will meet next Saturday, July 29, at 10 am to empty the unit at Lockaway Storage and move the rock into the new trailer.

The NFMS/AFMS Annual Show in Billings is the first weekend in August, the 3rd through 6th.

Becky drew door prizes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm for the auction.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING AUGUST 1, 2023

Rick Corbett called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

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

Absent: Terri Frostrom

Guests: Debbie Mitchell and Ed Moser

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

Secretary Report: No report.

Treasurer Report: Teresa had an updated financial report from June and went over the financial statements for deposits and disbursements for July. She will check that the insurance on the storage unit is cancelled.

Program Report: The program for the August meeting will be another auction to support the Banquet fund after the picnic.

Federation Director Report: Debbie and Ed will be leaving Thursday or early Friday for the NFMS/AFMS show and meeting in Billings.

Workshop Report: The first Kids' Day went well with 17 kids. Brent, Lynn, Deana and Cheryl all helped out.

Brent also had a school group of 31 at the shop on Friday. Busy!

The August Kids' Day at the workshop will be on the 12th from 10 am-2 pm. Rick, Cheryl, Brent, Deana and Teresa will all be there to help out.

Brent went over upcoming workshop dates. They are on the calendars.

Field Trip Report: On the trip to Reynolds Creek we didn't get to the correct area, but were close. We won't be able to go to the sunstone claim this year, so we will try Reynolds Creek again in September with better information.

The next trip is to Tony Funks in Gooding on August 19th. We will meet at Tony's place in Gooding at 10 am. There is about 300 tons in the \$1/lb pile, and many other piles to look through as well. He is going to barbecue so bring a pot luck dish to go with burgers and hot dogs.

Junior's Report: Cordell will have activities for the kids during the picnic/auction. They will have a field trip later.

Banquet Report: We have spoken to the Riverside Hotel to have our banquet this year. They have a bigger room with 120 occupancy. Need to discuss menu options, but will have no-host bar in the room. We need to ask Gene if he wants to do the MC duties again. If not will need a new MC. After discussion a motion was made to reserve the space.

Liz made a motion to approve the Riverside Hotel room and date reservation for the banquet. Dana seconded, the board voted and the motion carried.

Old Business: The storage unit is all cleaned out now. Thanks to everyone that helped out.

After obtaining more information about the Kids' Discovery Expo it was decided that the cost for a one day show was prohibitive and wasn't a good fit for us either.

New Business: Rick proposed a Donations Committee of 5 to have 2-3 available to evaluate donations and advise the board on accepting donations, as well as sorting them. After discussion it was decided to have four members from the board with each having a proxy from

the general membership to fill in if needed. Willa, Cheryl, Liz and Jason will serve on this committee.

Cheryl contacted the Lakeview Co. BLM office about claim jumping by a neighbor at the sunstone claim. She will be sending an email about the problems to the BLM. Progress will be reported at the next board meeting.

Deana has contact information for the Gowen Field Thunder Air Show. They are having a STEM science display in a hanger and would like us to participate. It is free to set up and Rick has tables if needed. Deana will get more details soon as it is on August 26-27.

Seven new member applications were reviewed. Dana made a motion to accept the all new applications except an application from Wellington, NV (they are too far away to participate). Cheryl seconded, the board voted and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary

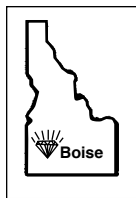


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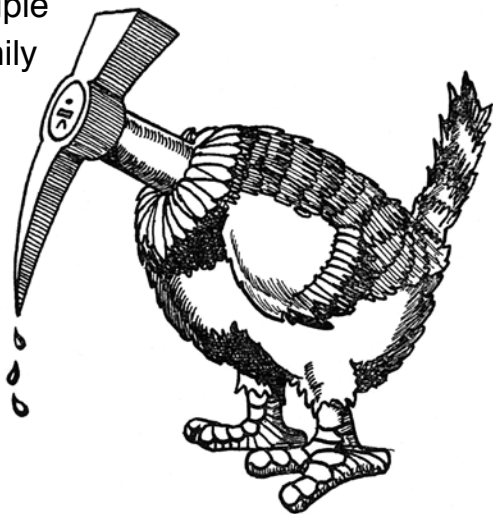
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GENERAL MEETING:

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

BOARD MEETING:

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

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