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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Rockhounds:

The holiday season has started and we have many activities planned for the next couple of months, starting with our November meeting. Our Board Member elections are held this month. If you have an interest in joining our Board, speak up at the meeting; the election will be opened to the floor for nominees. After finishing the meeting we are having an Auction. All proceeds are applied to our Annual Banquet on January 16th at the Red Lion Riverside. Tickets will be available to purchase starting at our November meeting for \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

In December we have our holiday weekend workshop on Saturday, the 16th and Sunday, the 17th from 10 am to 4 pm. A full weekend of grinding, polishing, and wirewrapping! It is a Pot Luck both days, so bring your favorite dish and share with your friends in the Idaho Gem Club. Always a fun time! There will be a minimal charge for the wirewrapping classes, put on by Marge Conley and assisted by me and several other members.

Our December general meeting will have a vote for Project of the Year. I hope everyone is working on their projects. Anyone can win and a special prize is going to the winner, plus a special recognition at the Gem Show in February, and your name on our Project of the Year plaque. There will be stiff competition, but don't be afraid . . . anyone can win!

Following the meeting will be another auction of finished projects, so you can get that last minute Christmas shopping done with unique items.

In this issue of the *Grindings* newsletter are the application for the cases at the Gem Show (with case dimensions) and the Grab Bag pattern. Please consider showing off your treasures and projects at the Gem Show in February on the weekend of the 24th and 25th. It is the largest and best gem show in the northwest. Be a part of it and showcase your hard work. Many treasures can be found at the Gem Show. New ideas, amazing discoveries, and lots of friends will be there, so come be a part of it and help make Idaho history.

Respectfully Submitted, Rick Corbett, President



General Meeting Board Elections Auction

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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

		NC	OVEMBE	R			DECEMBER							
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
			1	2	3	4						1	2 Workshop 10 am-2 pm	
5	6 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	7 Board Meeting 7 pm	8	9	10	11	3	4 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	5 Board Meeting 7 pm	6	7	8	9	
12	13	14	15	16 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Club Xmas Workshop 10 am-4 pm	
19	20 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	21 General Meeting 7 pm	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25	17 Club Xmas Workshop 10 am-4 pm	18 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	19 General Meeting 7 pm	20	21 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30			24 31 New Year's Eve	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30 CANCELLED Workshop 10 am-2 pm	
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 New Year's Day	2 Board Meeting 7 pm	3	4	5	6					1	2	3
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	Meeting 7 pm		8	9	10
14	15 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	16 Annual Banquet 5:30 pm	17	18 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	18	19 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	Meeting		22 Workshop 6:45-8 pm	23 Gem Show Set-up, Expo 8 am	24 Gem Show 10 am-6 pm
28	29	30	31				25 Gem Show 10 am-5 pm Tear Down	26	27	28	29		





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Project of the Year Competition

Every December, we hold a contest for projects members have made related to lapidary, jewelry, earth science, or geology. There are categories for Adults and Youth. Members anonymously display special items they created during the year. Please bring your entry to the meeting at least 15 minutes before the meeting starts and set it out for viewing and voting. Keep entries anonymous, please! After all attendees have voted, ballots will be counted.

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

Good Luck Everyone!!

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)



NOVEMBER PROGRAM

The November Program will be an auction after the meeting. This month and again in December we will hold auctions with proceeds going toward the costs of the January Banquet. Please bring in any slabs or rough rock you would like to contribute for this great event.

2024 GEM CLUB BANQUET

IDAHO GEM CLUB ANNUAL DINNER BANQUET JANUARY 16, 2024

Riverside Hotel 2900 W. Chinden Blvd., Garden City

> 5:30 pm No Host Bar 6:30 pm Dinner

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

- ★ Enjoy a Delicious Dinner
- ★ Installation of Officers
- ★ Special Door Prizes
- ★ Special Recognition
 ng Awards
- ★ Table Centerpiece Drawing A A Winner at Every Table!
- Riverside Hotel 2900 W. Chinden Blvd., Garden City H. Riverside Hotel 1-84 IDAHO GEM CLUB Member: \$20.00 • Non-member: \$30.00 Riverside Hotel 2900 W. Chinden Blvd., Garden City January 16, 2024 • 5:30 pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Nominating Committee has presented three nominees for the Board of Directors openings, and one nominee to finish Cheryl Link's term. At the time of election, additional nominations will be received from the floor as write-in candidates. The election of Directors will be by written ballot.

The newly elected Directors shall officially take office at the regular member banquet in January. New Directors will have no voting powers until after their installation. The election of the President will take place by the board members at the December board meeting.

Board members are required to attend monthly Board Meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. This meeting lasts until about 8:30. All club financial and business decisions are discussed and voted on by the Board. The Directors usually contribute in other areas of the club as well.

BOARD NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES

JASON SMITH

My rockhounding addiction started at a young age. I have always picked up rocks I thought were neat for as long as I can remember. Age 12 is the first time I can really remember knowing it would be a lifelong habit. I had gone on a group trip to Topaz Mountain in Utah and found my first crystals. I started to look for other destinations I could talk my dad into taking me to. I also enjoyed gold prospecting, which for most of my childhood ended up being a more regular occurrence.

My family spent many vacations visiting ghost towns and following lost gold or treasure stories. We spent a number of summers road tripping the western US doing this. Although we never found any of the gold we were in search of, I was acquiring a noticeable rock pile. My lapidary adventures started much later . . . 3 rock piles later. I started doing lapidary in 2018 and have had a thirst for knowledge to learn other means of cutting, polishing or setting stones, and finally at making jewelry. I started silversmithing in January of 2019 and have thoroughly enjoyed my journey thus far.

I have served on the Board for the last three years and will be helping out with field work for our claims. I would like to have your vote to serve another term on the Board.

TERRI FROSTROM

Hi, I'm Terri Frostrom. I'm 61 yrs. old and have been married for 40 years. We have two kids and 2 in-law kids and 3 grands. My parents started me rockhounding as a small child and in Jr. High we started big into making jewelry and traveling to do shows. Now I have moved into making my own and have been learning to cut and polish my own stones. I've been on the Gem Club Board of Directors for the last few years. I ran the basket raffle at last year's Gem Show and this will be the second Gem Club Banquet I have done. I hope to serve you this coming few years on the Board again.

Thank you much.

Terri

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CORDELL BLAINE

When I was a little boy, my family and I played at Bruneau Sand Dunes. When it was time to leave, my brothers and I realized we had left our sandals with our parents, so we were forced to run across the scalding sand toward the car, pausing in any sagebrush shadow we could find for brief relief to our sizzling feet. And that's when it all started for me; under a bush I saw a small green and black striped rock. It was smooth and fit perfectly in my small hand and it had to come home. For many following years I enjoyed filling all the pockets in my cargo pants with colorful or odd shaped rocks while camping.

Now that I'm older and have a family of my own, I still love getting out and finding nature's little rock treasures. I look forward to seeing my kids' excitement as they find "the coolest rock ever!"

We joined the Idaho Gem Club five years ago and have loved bumping shoulders with you all out on field trips and club meetings as we get to know one another. I am excited for the prospect of joining the Board of Directors and to help our club grow. For the past year I have been able to help plan and coordinate lessons for our Juniors Program, and will continue to help excite and educate our youth with geology.

DANA ROBINSON

My name is Dana Robinson. I am a lifetime member of the club and have held a couple of positions on the board. I served as president for four years and I am currently the secretary and newsletter editor. I have been very active in the various events we have been a part of over the last few years. Volunteering is important to me; if we don't have participation, we won't have all of the fun activities you enjoy so much.

I would be happy to continue to serve all of you and complete Cheryl's term on the Board.

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MINERAL TECHNOLOGY OF NATIVE PEOPLES

On Sunday, September 24, there was a program at the Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology to officially open the Mineral Technology of Native Peoples exhibit. Our own Coyote Short has been working on the exhibit and was also honored at the event with a Service Award for 25 years as an IMMG volunteer. Congratulations!

Steve Cox, President, Board of Directors, IMMG, Mayor Lauren McLean and Lee-Juan Tyler, Chairman, Shoshone Bannock Tribal Council, were all on hand to celebrate and give some history of the Boise area tribes and the tools they used.

As well as the indoor display, there were hands-on activities outside using native methods to break nuts and start a fire, etc.









DISPLAY CASE APPLICATION FOR 2024 IDAHO GEM CLUB ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW

NAME:	
PHONE NUMBER: ()	
ADDRESS:	
CLUB MEMBER:	
NON-MEMBER:	
NUMBER OF CASES:	
CLUB'S:OWN:	
MATERIAL IN CASES:	
INSIDE DIMENSIONS OF CLUB CASES BY 22.5" HIGH.	SARE 46.5" WIDE BY 22.5" DEEP

LINERS AND **LOCKS** WILL NOT BE PROVIDED (BRING YOUR OWN). ALSO BRING GLASS CLEANING SUPPLIES FOR CASE FRONTS.

RETURN APPLICATION TO **RICK CORBETT** AT 930 E. BERGESON DR., BOISE, ID 83706 or CONTACT HIM AT 208-890-2599

CASE SET UP: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, AFTER 1:00 P.M.

SHOW DATES: FEBRUARY 24TH-25TH

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GRINDINGS









ANNUAL GEM SHOW SIGN-UP TIME

It is time to jump on board and participate in the show by signing up for the different events we have. There is a Wheel of Fortune, Garnet Dig, Grab Bag Sales, Basket Raffle, Silent Auction, Club Merchandise Sales, Scholarship Fundraiser Sales, Hospitality Table at the front door directing visitors, and Entry Ticket Sales that all need volunteers! We need to assemble a good crew for setting up the tables, Black Light Room, and Display Cases. Please get involved and help us out. This show is a regional favorite and we expect a big turnout. This is a fun way to learn more about rocks, meet fellow members and the community. Sign-up sheets will be available at meetings. You may also call the chairpeople to get added on the lists.

In January we will have a Grab Bag Stuffing Party in preparation for the show. If you have any tumbled stones or grab bags to donate, that is the time to do it. More details to come.

Our annual show will be held February 24 and 25, 2024 at Expo Idaho.

Schedule:

Friday, February 23, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Show Set Up at Expo We need volunteers to unload the trailers and set up the entire show, including display cases, dealer tables, blacklight room, demonstration area tables, and tables for the various Club Events. Please plan on giving a few hours or more helping the club bring this great Gem Show to life.

Saturday February 24 10:00 am-6:00 pm Show is open. All stations need full volunteer schedules.

Sunday February 26 10:00 am-5:00 pm Show is open. All stations need full volunteer schedules.

Sunday at 5:00 pm-8:00 pm Show Tear Down.

Volunteers needed to disassemble show and load everything back into trailers. We can't do it without you!

Members are encouraged to contact Rick Corbett to reserve a display case where you can show off your treasures to the public. Youth and adult prizes awarded by public vote for case design. You may install your case during the afternoon on Friday. You must have the glass door fronts on and secured by Saturday's door opening at 10:00 am.

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GRAB BAG PATTERN

For those who want to sew up some Grab Bags, here are the instructions by Cathy Parsons from an earlier Grindings issue.

Cut out the fabric to 6 1/2" x 9" size. Press down 1/2" on the top edge of each strip. Following the pattern below, fold over the outer edge of the top hem and make the dog ears, then place your drawstring under the hem (but over the dog ears). You may want to place a few pins in the edge of the hem to make sure it stays put before you sew. Then sew the seam.

Once the hem is stitched down (be careful not to catch the drawstring in the stitching), sew the bag, beginning at the opening where you've placed the "dog ears". Stop the needle at about 1/4" from the bottom of the bag, turn and sew to the end. Then cut threads and turn the bag right-side out.

The strings should be made of any heavy cord, yarn or ribbon cut into approximately 14" lengths. Rug yarn is good, strong and colorful. Before sewing, press the folds with a hot iron or crease with the fingers to make the job easier.

Good Luck and Happy Sewing!



Fold the top down and stitch



Finished bag should be about 4 1/2" by 6" It is important to have a uniform size of bags for the show



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Stacy & Chris Rambough Albert & Carolyn Johnson Gary Tiedje & Lindsey Willis Norm & Donna Kamp Pamela Lowe

WELCOME NEW JUNIORS

Adelyn Tiedje

Alaric Tiedje

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.

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!



IGC LIBRARY

Our Club Library will be open during the general meetings. Take a look at the books, magazines and videos available for check-out. New issues of *Rock & Gem Magazine* are added monthly.

If you have any books you would like to donate to the library, please contact Cheryl Lawson at dizzyphalarope@gmail.com. You may bring books to



donate in a bag marked for Cheryl and leave it on top of the library cabinet.

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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the president, Rick Corbett, at 7:13 and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Four guests were asked to stand and introduce themselves. Door prizes were drawn for four juniors and eight adults. Rick asked if there were any corrections to the minutes in the

Grindings. A motion was made by Willa and seconded by Brandon to accept the minutes as printed. The membership voted and the motion carried.

Junior's Report: The kids will be going on a field trip to the Bruneau Wood Pile with the Owyhee club on Saturday. They are meeting at the Walter's Ferry boat landing at 8 am, leaving at 8:30 am. See Deana if you have any questions.

Treasurer Report: Teresa went over the financial statements for the month, which included the 14" Highland Park saw and the Lortone saw for the workshop. Vendors have been paying for their spaces at the upcoming gem show.

Federation Director Report: Debbie Mitchell encouraged everyone to keep saving stamps to take with her to the federation meeting in Kennewick, WA, in April.

Juniors excused for their meeting.

Field Trip Report: The field trip back to Reynolds Creek went much better this time. A new member found a large stump and was sharing pieces of it with everyone.

The second Beacon Hill trip has 23 folks on Saturday and 7 on Sunday. Lots of good material was found.

Workshop Report: Liz went over the workshop, located in the back garage behind Stewart's Gem Show at 27th and Idaho. The next workshop is Thursday the 19th from 6-8:45 pm, and then on 10-28 from 10 am-2 pm. The November workshops are on 11-16 from 6-8:45 pm, and 11-25 from 10 am-2 pm. The first November workshop will be a week earlier due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next ROLE workshops will be on 11-6 and 11-20 from 6-8:45 pm. Come learn cabbing and you can also cut things in the saws. There is a \$5 fee to cover maintenance, and the large saw is 30 cents/ inch for the cuts.

The two-day Christmas Workshop will be on December 16 and 17 from 10 am-4 pm both days. It is also a pot luck event so bring a dish to share. Willa is providing the chicken soup. There will also be wire wrapping classes with a small fee for the wire.

Old Business: Liz Warner is going to take over the claims manager position with Jason Smith helping do field work. Dale Rawson will be chairing the Silent Auction table for the show, Rick Corbett is chairing the main floor display cases, and Phil Neuhoff is chairing the black light cases. Send in your application for a case ASAP please.

Terri Frostrom will be helping with the November and December auctions. If you have any slabs or other rough rock, please bring them as donations for the November Auction. December auction will be for finished pieces suitable for gifts.

Willa is the chair of the Election Committee. She will submit a list of nominees to the board at the November board meeting and biographies of the nominees will be in the November newsletter. You may also nominate someone from the floor.

Dues are now due for the next year's membership. You can also mail them in with "Renewal" marked on the check.

New Business:

December is when we vote on the Project of the Year. The winner will get their name engraved on the shop plaque and have their submission featured in a case at the Gem Show. Rick wants to have a special prize for the winner, maybe an opal. Your entry should have been made during this year.

There are cards on the back table for Roy Bethel and Cheryl Link families. Please stop by and sign them.

The Banquet tickets will be available for sale at the November meeting. Prices are \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members, and Life members are free.

Sign-up sheets for the Gem Show will be on the back table at the November meeting. Please sign up and participate in making this a great community event.

The Hells Canyon Gem Club is having their annual Rock and Gem Show this weekend, October 21st and 22nd in Lewiston. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

Meeting was aujourned at 7.50 pm

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Rick Corbett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. **Present:** Rick Corbett, Deana Ashton, Willa Renken, Teresa Nebeker, Brent Stewart, Liz Warner, Terri Frostrom and Dana Robinson **Excused:** Jason Smith **Guest:** Mike Dome

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 Terri. Board members voted, motion carried. **Treasurer Report**: Teresa went over the financial statements for deposits and disbursements. A lot of donations were made for the Link fund. Most of the dealer fees have come in, just a few left. **Program Report**: The November program will be an auction of rough rock and slabs to benefit the banquet.

Terri reported on the January banquet table favors: get about 14 pieces to cover all tables. Any leftovers can be put into a basket for the raffle. It is a Western theme this year.

Junior's Report: Deana reported that folks just aren't participating in the program. Not sure how to bring them in.

The program is going to change to the Fluorescent Badge for the winter and continue the Field Trip Badge next spring.

Workshop Report: Brent went over upcoming workshop dates. The next ROLE workshop will be Nov. 20 from 6-8:45 pm, and Dec. 4 and Dec. 18, same times. The November regular workshops will be Nov. 16, 6-8:45 pm, and Dec. 2, 10 am-2 pm.

The Christmas Party Workshops will be Dec. 16 and 17 from 10 am-4 pm. Brent will rent the porta potty.

It was decided to drop the last December workshop on the 30th as there were already two in the month.

Old Business: It is time for the Board Elections. Willa presented three nominations: Jason Smith, Terri Frostrom, and Jenni Gudapadi. She also proposed that Dana Robinson serve the remaining two years of Cheryl's term. They will send bios in for the newsletter. We will also ask for any nominations from the floor.

New Business: Mike Dome presented some suggestions for rules at the Silent Auction table. Some other clubs are using these rules and also using printed bid sheets. The board will discuss the changes.

Need to put the grab bag pattern in the newsletter, as well as board member bios, the display case application, and Banquet Tickets ad.

Liz went through the claim data and has questions. Need copies of information from previous years. Oregon data takes awhile to come back to us for the files.

Case favors were discussed. It was decided to go with a Loop with LED lights. A multi-tool option is a backup. Order 125 -- extras can be sold at meetings, etc. Rick would like to have the old case list with names of folks that have had cases before. Liz will look for it.

Deana asked about making a memorial donation to the NFMS for Cheryl Link, Roy Bethel, and Emily McCoy. Willa will bring it before the membership at the meeting.

Five new member applications were reviewed. Dana made a motion to accept all the new applications, Liz seconded, the board voted and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary







Dues:

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The purpose of the Idaho Gem Club is to promote mutual, educational and scientific interests and benefits of it's members in mineralogy, geology, gemology, the art of lapidary and kindred arts and sciences. Applications and/or renewals may be sent to the Idaho Gem Club, P.O. Box 8443, Boise, ID 83707-2443.

Subscription only:

GENERAL MEETING:

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

BOARD MEETING:

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

ADDRESS:

Maple Grove Grange 11692 W. President Dr., Boise

