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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Rockhounds.

Christmas season is almost here and so is our Christmas Workshop. It will be held on December 21-22 from 10 am to 4 pm both days. Come down and grind and polish a stone. Bring your favorite pot luck dish to share and, with Marge Conley's help, we'll also have a wire wrapping class around noon on Saturday. There will be a small charge for the wire, \$5-\$10, to help cover the material cost. Come down and spend some time with your friends in the Idaho Gem Club, eat and grind. We're living the American Dream.

At our December meeting on the 17th, we will be voting for the Project of the Year. Bring your entry in early to put on the table. The winner will get their name engraved on our Project of the Year Plaque and a case at the February show to display their entry. They will also receive lots of name recognition and glory for winning!

We're also having an auction of finished items after the meeting, so bring your cash or checkbook to do a little Christmas shopping with the gem club. All proceeds go to offset the cost of our Awards Banquet in January.

Banquet tickets will be available at the meeting or any time at Stewart's Gem Shop. Member cost is \$21 and guest cost is \$30. Get your tickets now! I will turn in a head count in a few weeks to the Riverside Hotel for the banquet on January 21st. Doors open at 5:30 pm with dinner served at 6:30. A No Host Bar will be provided, so please leave your young Rocky Rattlers at home. The Riverside Hotel cannot have a bar with children present — we don't want them getting out of hand!

On Saturday, January 11th at 10 am we will meet at the club workshop behind Stewart's Gem Shop for a Grab Bag filling party. We will be filling bags for our gem show. Keep those tumblers rolling so we have lots of polished stones to fill the bags. The club pays \$125 for each 5 gallon bucket of good tumbled stones to offset the cost of grit.

February is Gem Show month. If you want to have a display case, you can call or text me, send me a letter, or submit an application. Show set-up is on Friday, February 21st at 8 am. Set-up for the cases will follow after noon. We need everyone to help for the show. Sign-up sheets will be at our next meeting, so get signed up. The show is February 22nd, 10 am-6 pm, and the 23rd, 10 am-5 pm. We will also need help putting everything back in the trucks. The Board has selected our case favors and they will be ordered soon!

The Idaho Gem Club is looking for a new Treasurer. We need you to step up and help us with this important job. Teresa will do all the training so you will be confident in this important position.

The membership has selected two new directors to join the Board: Debbie Mitchell and Lynn Hansen. Welcome new Board members! The Board has elected me, Rick Corbett, to be your President for 2025. I'm honored to serve as your President.

I am also saying Thank You to Deana Ashton and Brent Stewart for their service and dedication to the Idaho Gem Club and for many years on the Board of Directors.

I'm looking forward to lots of fun and adventures with the Idaho Gem Club in 2025 and I hope to see all of you.

MEETING AGENDA

Sale/Swap Meet -- 5:30 pm
General Meeting
Project of the Year Contest
Auction

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

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Corbett, President*

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

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
15	16 ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	17 General Meeting 7 pm	18	19 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	20	21 Xmas Party Workshop 10 am-4 pm
22 Xmas Party Workshop 10 am-4 pm	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 New Year's Day	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 Grab Bag Stuffing Party 10:00 am
19	20 ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	21 Annual Banquet 5:30 pm	22	23 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
2	3 ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	4 Board Meeting 7 pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	18 General Meeting 7 pm	19	20 Workshop 6:45-8 pm	21 Gem Show Set-Up 8 am, Expo	22 Gem Show 10 am-6 pm
23 Gem Show 10 am-5 pm -- Tear Down	24	25	26	27	28	

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 OGMS Gem Show 10 am-5 pm
2 OGMS Gem Show 10 am-4 pm	3 ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	4 Board Meeting 7 pm	5	6	7	8
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23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29 Workshop 10 am-2 pm

*To participate in the ROLE workshops, you must complete your first level in the general workshops.



Upcoming Events

Pueblo Gem & Mineral Show, January 30, 2025 thru February 11, 2025, 10 am-6 pm. Ramada Tucson Conference Center, 777 W Cushing St, Tucson, AZ

AGTA Gem Fair Tucson, February 3-9, 2025. Mon-Fri 10 am-6 pm, Sat 10 am-5pm, Sun 10 am-2 pm. Tucson Convention Center GemHall & Galleria, 260 S Church St, Tucson, AZ

Tucson Gem and Mineral Show®, February 13-16, 2025, Thurs-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun 10 am-4 pm. Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church St, Tucson, AZ

Idaho Gem Club Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, February 22-23, 2025. Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun 10 am-4 pm. Expo Idaho, 5610 W Chinden Blvd, Boise, ID

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, March 1-2, 2025. Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun 10 am-4 pm. O'Connor Field House, Caldwell, ID

PROJECT OF THE YEAR CONTEST

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. The projects must be made by you, and made within the current year. There is a special showcase dedicated to display the winning entry during the Annual Gem Show and your name is added to the plaque displayed at the club workshop.

There will be a table for Project of the Year entries. Anonymously place your project on the table and a number will be assigned. Voting by ballots will take place during the meeting! Come see the unique entries!!

GRAB BAG STUFFING PARTY

We will be having our annual Grab Bag Stuffing Party on Saturday, January 11th, 2025, in preparation for the February show.

It will be at the Gem Club Workshop, 2620 W. Idaho St. in the back garage. Bring any grab bags you have sewn and the tumbled stones you have been polishing. We meet at 10 am and are usually done by noon. It is a fun get-together and we get to see lots of different material from all of the members. See you there!



EXCITING DECEMBER MEETING NEWS

We will have a 5:30 -6:45 Trunk Sale Inside the Grange Hall!

It's a great time to purchase some items from members for your holiday gifts! We will have an area for sales before our meeting starts. There are usually all sorts of rock jewelry, specimens, etc.

Rock Flat Minerals will have Gem Hunt Bags stuffed with many rough gemstones available, too. The \$5 bags hold 500 carats; \$15 bags hold 2,300 carats; \$30 bags hold 5,000 carats; and \$50 bags hold 10,000 carats. Each bag contains mixed gems, including: emerald, sapphire, moonstone, topaz, fluorite, tigereye, opal, sodalite, ruby and more!

Fossil bags now available for \$20.00



\$5 Bag



\$15 Bag



\$50 Bag

A ROCK AUCTION FOLLOWS THE MEETING!

Stay and grab some great items at the auction which helps fund our Banquet on Jan. 21, 2025. Banquet tickets are also available tonight!

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)



2025 GEM CLUB BANQUET

**IDAHO GEM CLUB
 ANNUAL DINNER BANQUET
 JANUARY 21, 2025**

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
 - ★ Special Door Prizes
 - ★ Table Centerpiece Drawing
 - ★ Installation of Officers
 - ★ Special Recognition Awards
- A Winner at Every Table!*

<p>RIVERSIDE HOTEL 2900 W. CHINDEN BLVD., GARDEN CITY</p>	<p>IDAHO GEM CLUB</p> <p>ANNUAL BANQUET</p> <p>Member: \$21.00 • Non-member: \$30.00 Riverside Hotel 2900 W. Chinden Blvd., Garden City January 21, 2025 • 5:30 pm</p>
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Martin	Corey Beck
Trevor Martin	Geoff Martin
Lorri Nally	Laura & John Pasternak
Scott & Karen Pingree	Brenda & Marrin Nelson
Jake Rippert & Aspen DeMasters	

WELCOME NEW JUNIORS

Charlie Martin	Leland Martin
Simone Mercer	

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!

NEW BOARD MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

RICK CORBETT

I joined the Idaho Gem Club in April of 2009 and have served on the Board of Directors for 12 years. This will be my third year as president of the Gem Club and I'm looking forward to a great year ahead. I'm involved with the Gem Club workshop and do demonstrations at every event we're involved with. I teach wirewrapping classes at several local businesses and spend a lot of time cabbing and doing silversmithing. I've led most of the field trips this year and look forward to being an active member of the Idaho Gem Club.

LYNN HANSEN

Hello. My name is Lynn Hansen. I've only been a club member for a couple of years, so I have a lot to learn. I'm running for a position on the Board of Directors. I will be very happy to serve the Gem Club. I enjoy meeting the people in the club. They are always friendly and helpful. The field trips and the workshops are awesome.

DEBBIE MITCHELL

I have lived in Idaho all my life — born and raised in Caldwell and Middleton. I have liked rocks since I was a child, and I have been in the Boise club since 2007, where I have learned a lot about rocks. I took my parents to Emerald Creek and they were hooked on rocks. They also joined the club and I've had two of my grandchildren at the workshop learning how to cabachon and wire wrap. I am interested in silver smithing and making stones into beautiful gems. I'm honored to be the Federation Director and hope to have many more years doing that and also as a Board of Director for the club.

Thank you for this opportunity.

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.

Our annual show will be held February 22 and 23, 2025 at Expo Idaho.

Schedule:

Friday, February 21, 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 22 10:00 am-6:00 pm Show is open.

All stations need full volunteer schedules.

Sunday February 23 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. 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.



**DISPLAY CASE APPLICATION FOR 2025
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 ARE 46.5" WIDE BY 22.5" DEEP
BY 22.5" HIGH.

**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 21ST, AFTER 1:00 P.M.

SHOW DATES: FEBRUARY 22ND-23RD

LITHIUM

Lithium (from *lithos*, meaning ‘stone’) is a chemical element; it has symbol Li and atomic number 3. It is a soft, silvery-white alkali metal. Under standard conditions, it is the least dense metal and the least dense solid element. Like all alkali metals, lithium is highly reactive and flammable, and must be stored in vacuum, inert atmosphere, or inert liquid such as purified kerosene or mineral oil. It exhibits a metallic luster. It corrodes quickly in air to a dull silvery gray, then black tarnish. It does not occur freely in nature, but occurs mainly as pegmatitic minerals, which were once the main source of lithium. Due to its solubility as an ion, it is present in ocean water and is commonly obtained from brines. Lithium metal is isolated electrolytically from a mixture of lithium chloride and potassium chloride.

Lithium and its compounds have several industrial applications, including heat-resistant glass and ceramics, lithium grease lubricants, flux additives for iron, steel and aluminium production, lithium metal batteries, and lithium-ion batteries. These uses consume more than three-quarters of lithium production.

Lithium is present in biological systems in trace amounts. It has no established metabolic function in humans. Lithium-based drugs are useful as a mood stabilizer and antidepressant in the treatment of mental illness such as bipolar disorder.

Properties

The alkali metals are also called the lithium family, after its leading element. Like the other alkali metals (sodium, potassium, rubidium, caesium, and francium), lithium has a single valence electron that is easily released to form Li⁺. Because of this, lithium is a good conductor of heat and electricity as well as a highly reactive element. Lithium's lower reactivity is due to the proximity of its valence electron to its nucleus. Molten lithium is significantly more reactive than its solid form.

Lithium metal is soft enough to be cut with a knife. It is silvery-white and in air it oxidizes to lithium oxide. Its melting point of 357°F) and its boiling point of 2,448°F are each the highest of all the alkali metals while its density of 0.534 g/cm³ is the lowest. Lithium has a very low density comparable with pine wood. It is the least dense of all elements that are solids at room temperature. Lithium can float on the lightest hydrocarbon oils and is one of only three metals that can float on water, the other two being sodium and potassium.

History

Petalite was discovered in 1800 by the Brazilian chemist and statesman José Bonifácio de Andrada e Silva in a mine

on the island of Utö, Sweden. However, it was not until 1817 that Johan August Arfwedson, then working in the laboratory of the chemist Jöns Jakob Berzelius, detected the presence of a new element while analyzing petalite ore. This element formed compounds similar to those of sodium and potassium, though its carbonate and hydroxide were less soluble in water and less alkaline. Berzelius gave the alkaline material the name “lithion/lithina”, from the Greek *lithos*, meaning “stone”, to reflect its discovery in a solid mineral, as opposed to potassium, which had been discovered in plant ashes, and sodium, which was known partly for its high abundance in animal blood. He named the new element “lithium”.

The production and use of lithium underwent several drastic changes in history. The first major application of lithium was in high-temperature lithium greases for aircraft engines and similar applications in World War II and shortly after. Lithium-based soaps have a higher melting point than other alkali soaps, and are less corrosive than calcium based soaps. The small demand for lithium soaps and lubricating greases was supported by several small mining operations, mostly in the US.

The demand for lithium increased dramatically during the Cold War with the production of nuclear fusion weapons. Both lithium-6 and lithium-7 produce tritium when irradiated by neutrons, and are useful for the production of tritium, as well as a form of solid fusion fuel used inside hydrogen bombs in the form of lithium deuteride. The US became the prime producer of lithium between the late 1950s and the mid-1980s.

Lithium is used to decrease the melting temperature of glass and to improve the melting behavior of aluminium oxide. These two uses dominated the market until the middle of the 1990s. After the end of the nuclear arms race, the demand for lithium decreased and the sale of department of energy stockpiles on the open market further reduced prices.

The development of lithium-ion batteries increased the demand for lithium and became the dominant use in 2007. With the surge of lithium demand in batteries in the 2000s, new companies have expanded brine isolation efforts to meet the rising demand.

Occurrence

Lithium is about as common as chlorine in the Earth's upper continental crust, on a per-atom basis.

According to modern cosmological theory, lithium was one of the three elements synthesized in the Big Bang. Although it was synthesized in the Big Bang, it is markedly less abundant in the universe than other elements. This is a result of the comparatively low stellar temperatures necessary to destroy lithium, along with a lack of common processes to produce it.

Though the amount of lithium generated in Big Bang nucleosynthesis is dependent upon the number of photons

per baryon, for accepted values the lithium abundance can be calculated, and there is a “cosmological lithium discrepancy” in the universe: older stars seem to have less lithium than they should, and some younger stars have much more.

Although lithium is widely distributed on Earth, it does not naturally occur in elemental form due to its high reactivity. The total lithium content of seawater is very large and is estimated as 230 billion tonnes, where the element exists at a relatively constant concentration of 0.14 to 0.25 parts per million (ppm), higher concentrations approaching 7 ppm are found near hydrothermal vents.

Estimates for the Earth’s crustal content range from 20 to 70 ppm by weight. Granitic pegmatites provide the greatest abundance of lithium-containing minerals, with spodumene and petalite being the most commercially viable sources. Another significant mineral of lithium is lepidolite, which is formed by polyolithionite and trilithionite.

According to the Handbook of Lithium and Natural Calcium, “Lithium is a comparatively rare element, although it is found in many rocks and some brines, but always in very low concentrations. There are a fairly large number of both lithium mineral and brine deposits but only comparatively few of them are of actual or potential commercial value. Many are very small, others are too low in grade.” This has changed recently with discoveries in northern Nevada of an economical deposit, and in southern Nevada with a large underground brine discovery that is rich in lithium.

Chile is estimated to have the largest reserves by far and Australia the highest annual production. One of the largest reserve bases of lithium is in Bolivia, which has 5.4 million tonnes. Other major suppliers include Argentina and China.

Biological

Lithium is found in trace amount in numerous plants, plankton, and invertebrates. In vertebrates the concentration is slightly lower, and nearly all vertebrate tissue and body fluids contain trace amounts of lithium. Marine organisms tend to bioaccumulate lithium more than terrestrial organisms. Whether lithium has a physiological role in any of these organisms is unknown.

Lithium is easily absorbed by plants. Some plant families bioaccumulate more lithium than others. Dry weight lithium concentrations for members of the family Solanaceae (which includes potatoes and tomatoes), for instance, can be as high as 30 ppm while this can be as low as 0.05 ppb for corn grains. Lithium accumulation does not appear to affect the essential nutrient composition of plants. Tolerance to lithium varies by plant species and typically parallels sodium tolerance. Similarly, lithium at concentrations of 5 ppm reduces seed germination in some species, but not in others.

Environmental Issues

The manufacturing processes of lithium, including the solvent and mining waste, presents significant environmental and health hazards. Lithium extraction can be fatal to aquatic life due to water pollution. It is known to cause surface water contamination, drinking water contamination, respiratory problems, ecosystem degradation and landscape damage. It also leads to unsustainable water consumption in arid regions (1.9 million liters per ton of lithium). Massive byproduct generation of lithium extraction also presents unsolved problems, such as large amounts of magnesium and lime waste.

In the United States, open-pit mining and mountaintop removal mining compete with brine extraction mining. Environmental concerns include wildlife habitat degradation, potable water pollution, including arsenic and antimony contamination, unsustainable water table reduction, and massive mining waste, including radioactive uranium byproduct and sulfuric acid discharge.

Human rights issues

A study of relationships between lithium extraction companies and indigenous peoples in Argentina indicated that the state may not have protected indigenous peoples’ right to free prior and informed consent, and that extraction companies generally controlled community access to information and set the terms for discussion of the projects and benefit sharing.

Development of the Thacker Pass lithium mine in Nevada, has met with protests and lawsuits from several indigenous tribes who have said they were not provided free prior and informed consent and that the project threatens cultural and sacred sites. Protestors have been occupying the site of the proposed mine since January 2021.



In Remembrance
Carl Holly Woodland
 1947 - July 22, 2023

Carl Woodland was a lifetime member of the Idaho Gem Club. He was an enthusiastic, energetic guy who totally loved this hobby. He loved this club! IGC was a family to him and he was available at every

event and meeting. First to show up and voluntarily set up chairs and tables, arrange refreshments and welcome members and guests. He loved our group field trips and spending time with people talking and digging rocks. Opals were one of his favorites. When he found a cool rock he shared it with everyone. He enjoyed our lapidary workshop and was always making something to give away and share his passion. Once he told me that he likened himself to a dirty ugly stone that nobody thought much of until the shine and goodness came out from within. He said it just took longer for some stones to shine and be valued and special. Then he would joke and say "I think I am Obsidian and that it will take a long time till I am shiny."

Carl was independent and lived a Nomadic lifestyle after he lost his life partner Vicki. He was someone I had to keep in touch with and remind him when meetings were. Life was kinda hard sometimes, but he rolled with it, remained jovial and searched for the bright spot in situations with his cheerful attitude. He was a beautiful person, thoughtful and observant, compassionate and grateful. Once I had gone to see him at his favorite park, and before I could reach the restroom, he had hustled in first to be sure it was clean and safe. I was touched by his consideration! He would do anything for a friend.

He and I headed to Jerome to renovate Gerald Scarrow's Rock Shop. Mandi Ayers and I wanted to get it reopened so Gerald could keep seeing his rockhounds between Gem Shows. Gerald insisted that we clean and rehang two Bighorn Sheep mounts once the walls were painted. Mandi and I wouldn't touch them. Carl jumped in and took hold of the sheep and vacuumed, brushed, cleaned those heads so well we had to rehang them! He didn't mind because he did it for Gerald. He would do anything to help a friend. Sadly, we lost Gerald to Covid and made a last trip to Jerome. My heart believes those two are rockhounding in Heaven. Sitting happy in a hole tossing dirt looking for keepers.



I lost touch with Carl in spring 2023 and only learned of his passing recently. Another heartbreaking loss of a valuable member that I know was a true, rare Idaho Gem.

We need to remember and cherish our time in the Treasure Chest of Life. Gems we are. Don't forget that.

Lovingly submitted by Deana Ashton

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.

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MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 by Rick Corbett and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Becky drew winning door prize tickets for 3 juniors and 11 adults, with one grand prize awarded.

Rick asked for any corrections to the minutes as printed in the *Grindings*. Willa made a motion to accept the minutes, Ed seconded, the membership voted and the motion carried with one opposed.

Rick welcomed 10 new members and guests.

Treasurer Report: No report. Please step up and help us out in this position.

Program: Brent did a demonstration for setting up a display case for the show. Don't overfill the case, it makes it too busy. Be sure to use even placement of pieces and balance the display. The club provides the case and you bring the liners and risers. Solid foam sheets make good liners and are lightweight. Also make labels for the material. You can even do a case showing pictures of an artist at work and samples of their work.

Juniors Report: Juniors are excused to their meeting room.

Workshop Report: Brent went over the upcoming workshop dates. The next ROLE workshop will be Monday, Dec. 2, 6-8:45 pm. The next general workshops are Thursday, Nov. 21, 6-8:45 pm; and Saturday, Nov. 30 from 10 am-2 pm. The ROLE workshops are on the first and third Mondays, December 2 and 16, 6-8:45 pm.

The December Holiday Workshop will be 2 days, Dec. 21-22 from 10 am to 4 pm both days. It is a pot luck gathering so bring something to share. Marge will also be doing a wire wrapping class on Saturday.

Old Business: Rick went over the Project of the Year Contest. Enter your project for a chance to win. You will have your name engraved on the club plaque and have a special showcase at the Gem Show to display your winning entry.

There will be a grab bag filling party on January 11th at 10 am at the workshop. The club will pay \$125 for a 5-gal. bucket of finished tumbles to offset the cost of grit.

The Banquet is coming up on January 21 at the Riverside Hotel on Chinden and starts at 5:30 pm. Tickets are available tonight and at Stewarts Gem Shop.

New Business: Rick asked Willa to present the nominees for the Board of Directors election. She asked the nominees to stand; they are Rick Corbett, Debbie Mitchell and Lynn Hansen. Rick opened the floor for nominations from the floor. After none were received Mike made a motion to close the floor, Sandy 2nd, the membership voted and the motion carried. Willa made a motion to accept the nominees presented by acclamation, Liz seconded, the membership voted and the motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm for the auction.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2024

Rick Corbett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Rick Corbett, Deana Ashton, Willa Renken, Teresa Nebeker, Liz Warner, Terri Frostrom, Cordell Blaine, Brent Stewart, Debbie Mitchell, Lynn Hansen and Dana Robinson

Excused: Jason Smith

Guest: 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 Terri. Board members voted, the motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Teresa went over the financial statements for deposits and disbursements. Still have a few vendors left to pay for their show space.

Program: The December program is an auction after the meeting with finished pieces. Bring in any finished pieces to donate.

Junior's Report: Cordell is going to post online about the kids' activities to boost participation.

Workshop Report: Brent went over upcoming workshop dates for December and January. The next ROLE workshop will be Dec. 16, 6-8:45 pm. The regular December workshops will be on the 19th from 6-8:45 pm, and the 28th from 10 am-2 pm. January ROLE workshops are on the 6th and 20th, 6-8:45 pm. The December Christmas Workshop is scheduled for the 21st and 22nd from 10 am to 4 pm.

Brent and Liz are making safety updates to Brent's house and yard, including motion lighting and a stair blockade inside. There was discussion on first aid training. Deana will inquire with her brother about setting up a class.

Project of the Year Contest: There was discussion on table set-ups for the contest and auction. Liz will bring the plaque and Dana will get it engraved with winner's name. Rick will bring ballot slips.

Weekend Holiday Workshop Report: Need to check on the wire wrapping supplies and need more chairs. Board members were asked to bring folding chairs if they have them. It was also suggested that a fire be started outside to mingle around to alleviate crowding inside.

Banquet Report: Terri showed the table favors she procured from club member John Merritt.

Show Report: The Board decided on the case favors for the 2025 show. They are case locks with keys and printed with the club logo or name. Rick will be ordering them soon.

Old Business: The grab bag filling party is on January 28th. The bags are stored in the Grange closet.

New Business: Deana was speaking with Phil Neuhoff about the name conflict with Idaho Rocks & Gems. Phil is checking with the Idaho Attorney General.

Willa reviewed the procedure for selecting the President. Willa made a motion to nominate Rick Corbett for President, Dana seconded. The floor was opened for discussion. Rick accepted the nomination, Board members voted and the motion carried.

There were nine new member applications this month. Willa made a motion to accept the new members, Liz seconded, the board voted and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary

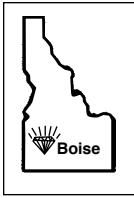


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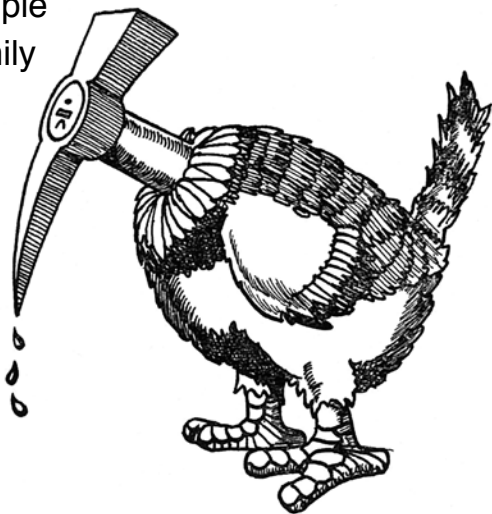
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