




Grindings

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Rockhounds, Rock Geeks and Artisans

We have a lot to cover today. First we're having a Trunk/Rock Sale before our meeting on Tuesday, May 21, from 5-6:45 pm. Bring your slabs and cabs, rough and jewelry, tools or ???. We like it all. Bring your stuff and sell or trade it in the parking lot of the Maple Grove Grange. Then at our meeting at 7 pm we'll have a few minutes of "Show and Tell" to discuss what we found.

There will be a workshop on Thursday evening, May 23, from 6-8:45 pm in the shop behind Stewart's Gem Shop. Then on Saturday, May 25, we have a field trip to Tony Funk's Rock Yard in Gooding. Directions are in the *Grindings* on page 4. If you want to follow a caravan, the Owyhee club is meeting at the rest stop just before Black's Creek exit on I-84. We'll meet there at 8 am, leaving at 8:30 am. Or drive to Tony's and arrive around 10 am. Don't forget to bring your favorite dish for our pot luck lunch. Tony will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs with the fixings, but we are bringing the sides. Also bring any drinks you want, your table service, and buckets for rocks. Tony has several acres of rocks that are very well priced to sell!

On June 1st and 2nd we'll be heading to Beacon Hill for the unique moss agates. We'll meet at 8 am at the Rest Stop outside of Ontario, OR. A high clearance vehicle is a must, but 4-wheel drive is not needed. Come prepared to dig with a rock hammer, chisels, buckets, lunch and plenty of water. This claim is visited only twice a year and you must come with the club for entry. Since we cross private lands we must have permission and keys to the gate. We will be leaving the rest stop at 8:30 am, so don't be late.

The next weekend, June 7-9, is the Gem Faire at Expo Idaho. We are guests there and they allow us to demonstrate and promote our club, hand out applications, etc. We can display things, but not sell as that's unfair to the paid vendors. We'll have a cab machine there for grinding cabs, and we'll be answering questions, too, so sign up for shifts to help out at the table. Set-up is Thursday, June 6th at 10 am-6 pm. The show is Friday the 7th from Noon-6 pm, Saturday the 8th from 10 am-6 pm, and Sunday the 9th from 10 am-5 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet on the front table at the next meeting. It's a great show for tools and an assortment of rocks and jewelry.

Also in June, our next field trip on the 22nd will be to Silver City for quartz crystal clusters. We are meeting at Dan's 66 Station at Walters Ferry at 8 am, leaving at 8:30 am. We'll be going directly to Silver City for a short tour, then off to look for crystals.

July is Thunder Egg Days in Nyssa on July 11, 12 and 13. We'll have a booth for you to bring your treasures to sell; cabs, slabs, rough rock or jewelry. We'll have a cab machine available for demonstrating cabbing, as well. We'll need members to man the booth all three days. It's also important to show up for set-up on Wednesday the 10th after 10 am. Sign-up sheets will be on the front table at the May and June meetings. Please come and support our club and help with set-up, manning the booth, and tear down on Saturday evening. Many hands make easier work. It's always a good time with lot's of wonderful people and a great place to find the rocks you've been looking for.

It's a busy time of year, but I'm never too busy to look for rocks. Come be a part of the best gem club in Idaho!

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

MAY

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 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	24	25 Field Trip Tony Funk's 10 am
26	27	28	29	30	31	

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Field Trip Beacon Hill 8 am
2	3 Field Trip Beacon Hill 8 am	4 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	5	6 Gem Faire Set Up 10 am	7 Also 6-1 → Workshop 10 am-2 pm Gem Faire 12 pm-6 pm Expo Idaho	8 Gem Faire 10 am-6 pm Expo Idaho
9 Gem Faire 10 am-5 pm Clean up	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	18 Board Meeting 7 pm	19	20 Workshop 6:45-8 pm	21	22 Field Trip Silver City 8 am
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29 Workshop 10 am-2 pm

JULY

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 Thunder Egg Days Setup, Nyssa, 8 am	11 Thunder Egg Days, Nyssa 9 am-9 pm	12 Thunder Egg Days, Nyssa 9 am-9 pm	13 TED, Nyssa Kid's Workshop 10 am-2 pm
14	15 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	16 Picnic Meeting 6 pm	17	18 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	19	20 Field Trip Queenstone 8 am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
28	29	30	31			

AUGUST

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
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Kids' Day Workshop 10 am-2 pm
18	19 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	20 General Meeting 7 pm	21	22 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	23	24 Field Trip TBA 8 am
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Workshop 10 am-2 pm



Upcoming Events

Coeur d'Alene Rock & Gem Show, June 1, 9 am-5 pm, June 2, 10 am-4 pm. Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Jacklin Building, 4056 N Government Way, Coeur d'Alene

Gem Faire, June 7, 12 pm-6 pm, June 8, 10 am-6 pm, June 9, 10 am-5 pm. Expo Idaho, Chinden and Glenwood, Garden City

Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow, June 13-15, 9 am-5 pm, June 16, 9 am-4 pm. Crook County Fair Grounds, 1280 S Main St, Prineville

Thunderegg Days, July 11, 12 pm-9 pm, July 12-13, 9 am-9 pm. Nyssa South Park, Reece Ave, Nyssa

JUNIORS 2024 CALENDAR

We will be working on 4 badges this year from the AFMS Badge Program. You are welcome to bring a geological treasure for a quick show-and-tell at the beginning of the Juniors class.

- Tue Apr 16 - Field Trip badge - Finalize plans for trip
- Sat Apr 27 - Shoofly Oolite Field Trip - Grand View/ Bruneau Area
- Tue May 21 - Collecting Badge
- Tue Jun 18 - Collecting Badge
- Tue Jul 16 - Picnic - Stone Age Tools & Art badge - activities at park
- Tue Aug 20 - Picnic - Stone Age Tools & Art badge - activities at park
- Tue Sep 17 - Lapidary Arts - help them prep for "Project of the Year"
- Tue Oct 15 - Lapidary Arts - help them prep for "Project of the Year"
- Tue Nov 19 - Lapidary Arts - help them prep for "Project of the Year"
- Tue Dec 17 - (Juniors projects due for competition) - Activity: fun crafts



SHOOFLY OOLITE FIELD TRIP

The Shoofly Oolite Juniors Field Trip was on April 27th. We had a fun time climbing around the Oolite mounds, and searching for snail shells throughout the sandstone.



FIELD TRIP

The field trip for May will be to Tony Funk's Rock 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. If you would rather caravan, the Caldwell club is meeting at the Rest Stop just east of Boise on I-84 at 8 am, leaving at 8:30 am. John Wright will be leading the group.

Tony is going to barbecue for us so bring a pot luck dish to go with hamburgers and hot dogs. Also bring drinks and your table service. It should be a fun day of rocks and fellowship!

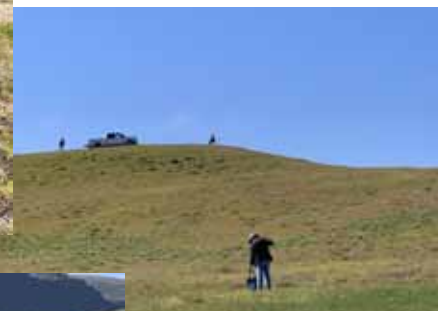
Take I-84 east for about 85 miles. Take Exit 141 at Bliss toward Gooding/Hagerman and turn left onto US Hwy 26. After about 13 miles turn left onto S 2100 E. Go 1.3 miles and turn right onto W 4th Ave (E 1775 S) and go another 1/2 mile, then turn left onto S 2150 E. Tony's is the first place on the left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

1727 S. 2150 E., Gooding, Idaho



APRIL FIELD TRIP

April's field trip to Graveyard Point was very well attended. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time.



FIELD TRIP SUPPLIES

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

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



APRIL PROGRAM

This month will be a Trunk Sale in the parking lot at the Maple Grove Grange from 5 pm to 6:45 pm before the general meeting.

During the meeting we will have a break period to socialize and share our treasures. Bring something along to show off to your fellow rockhounds!

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)



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Chantry Kneeland
Michele & Scott Bandy

Mike Fritz
Lorie Woods

WELCOME NEW JUNIORS

Vincent Kneeland
Conner Kneeland

Ava Kneeland

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

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

APRIL 16, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:07 by Rick Corbett and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Four guests and four new members introduced themselves.

Becky drew winning door prize tickets for 4 juniors, plus one Grand Prize Puzzle, and 9 adults. She also reminded everyone to pick up their name tags.

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

Juniors Report: Cordell talked about the field trip on the 27th to the Shoofly Oolites area. Juniors were excused for their meeting. The Kid's Day Workshop days will be announced soon.

Treasurer Report: Teresa went over the financial statements. A detailed report is on the front table for anyone who wants to review it. There is also a sheet for the final recap on the show.

License Plate Program: Deana is working on getting the license plate reinstated. She will have a presentation next month for details.

Program: The group took a 15 minute break to mingle and share rocks, get things identified, visit the library, etc.

Workshop Report: Brent went over the next dates for ROLE and general workshops. They are also on the calendar in the newsletter.

He also explained how to enter the ROLE program and finishing the first cabachon in the general workshop before advancing to the ROLE workshops. He also talked about specimen polishing.

Field Trip Report: The April field trip will be to Graveyard Point for plume agate. We will meet at the Ion station just outside Marsing at the intersection of Hwy. 55 and Hwy. 95 at 8 am, leaving at 8:30 am. Be sure to bring plenty of water, a lunch, and good shoes. A high clearance vehicle is needed. Be sure to watch for other claims as there are several others around our claim. Also fill all holes you dig.

Then on May 25th is a field trip to Tony Funk's in Gooding. We will be joined by the Owyhee and Magic Valley clubs as well. It is a Pot Luck picnic so bring a dish to share, your own drinks and table service. The various piles have different prices.

June brings our first trip to Beacon Hill on the 1st and 2nd, and July and August are our picnic meetings at 6 pm at Kristen Armstrong Park. The picnics will be followed by auctions.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: The May 21st General Meeting will start with a Trunk Sale in the parking lot from 5:30-6:30 pm. If you have anything to share, swap or sell, bring it by. It is a lot of fun to visit and mingle too.

The meeting will be after that.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING MAY 7, 2024

Rick Corbett called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Present: Rick Corbett, Jason Smith, Willa Renken, Teresa Nebeker, Liz Warner, Terri Frostrom, Cordell Blaine, Brent Stewart, Deana Ashton and Dana Robinson

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. She reminded us that we need to make a decision on the 12 mo. bonds for when they mature in June.

Federation Director Report: Debbie Mitchell stopped in to get the president and secretary signatures for her upcoming trip to the NFMS meeting.

Program Report: There will be a Trunk Sale before the general meeting from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. There will also be a show and tell at the meeting.

Deana suggested having the Fire Department do a program about first aide in the field for the June program. She will ask about it. She also suggested inviting BLM representatives to talk about area rules.

Junior's Report: The Shoofly Oolite field trip went well, but Cordell's kids were the only ones who came. He is looking into combining with other youth groups for field trips to boost participation.

Field Trip Report: This month's field trip will be to Tony Funk's in Gooding on the 25th. The address is 1727 S. 2150 E., Gooding. It is a pot luck so everyone should bring a dish to share. Tony is cooking hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring drinks and table service as well. The Owyhee and Magic Valley clubs are also coming.

Willa offered to have folks join the Caldwell club to caravan over if they would like. They are meeting at the rest stop just east of town at 8 am, leaving at 8:30 am. John Wright is leading.

June will be the first Beacon Hill trip on the 1st and 2nd. A high clearance vehicle is recommended. Willa will lead on Saturday and Deana will take folks in on Sunday. We will meet at the usual rest stop by Ontario at 8 am, leaving at 8:30.

June 22nd will be another field trip to Silver City. Meeting at Walters Ferry at 8 am, leaving at 8:30 am. July will be a trip out to our Whangdoodle claim and the Queenstone claims.

Workshop Report: Brent went over upcoming workshop dates for May and June. The next ROLE workshop will be May 20, 6-8:45 pm. The regular workshops will be May 23, 6-8:45 pm and June 1 from 10 am-2 pm. In June the ROLE workshops will be on June 3 and June 17, 6-8:45 pm. The regular June workshops will be on the 20th from 6-8:45 pm, and the 29th from 10 am-2 pm.

The Kid's Day Workshops have been scheduled for July 13 and August 17, 10 am to 2 pm.

Old Business: The NFMS newsletter is going to be digital only. Need to check the article in the current issue for details.

Rick asked about using the Riverside Hotel for next year's banquet. Everyone was in agreement, so he will get cost estimates.

New Business: We have the Gem Faire and Thunder Egg Days events coming up. We will have sign-up sheets for volunteers at the next meeting. Rick will check out cab machines for Gem Faire and we will need one for TED also. Rick will be gone during TED. The microscope set-up can also be used. Rick and Dana will bring in some micromounts to use.

Scott Schlagel is working on opening a new workshop. It will feature faceting and much more.

Jason brought up an issue that will potentially affect many claims and roads in Malheur County. The government wants to give the Three Finger Jack area National Monument status. Many access roads in the area could be closed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

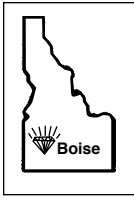
Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary



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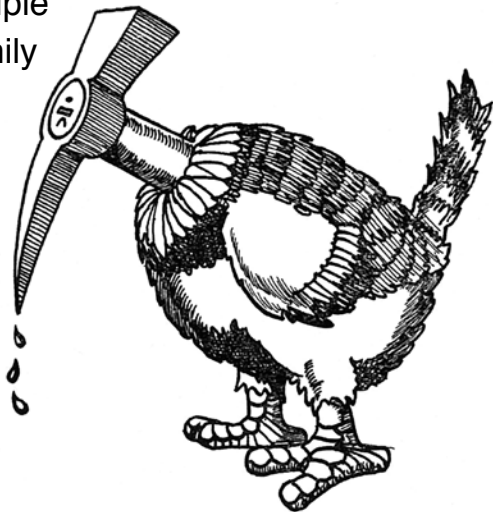
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