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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Rockhounds.

November is here and so are our Elections for new board members. If you are interested in serving on our Board of Directors, any members can be nominated from the floor and we will hold elections. If no one is nominated from the floor, the two members nominated by the Election Committee will be elected and installed at our banquet in January.

We are having an auction after our November meeting. Rough materials/slabs and anything lapidary will be auctioned, so please stick around and have fun bidding on some nice items. Another auction in December will be of finished items ready for Christmas gifts, so help us make these auctions fun and charitable as all proceeds go to our January Awards Banquet on the 21st of January at the Riverside Hotel.

December is also our weekend workshop on Saturday and Sunday, December 21-22 from 10 am to 4 pm both days. We're doing a pot luck both days so please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. A port-a-potty will be provided and a wirewrapping class on Saturday with Marge Conley. So come have lunch, grind and polish some rocks and share some good times with your friends in the Idaho Gem Club.

Get those tumblers rolling because we're having a bag filling day on January 11th at 10 am at our workshop behind Stewart's Gem Shop. Filling grab bags is fun and it really helps our club with revenue for the year. The club will pay you \$125 for each 5-gallon bucket of tumbled stones. It helps offset the cost of grit, so let's get those tumblers rolling.

December is also our Project of the Year Contest. The winner will get their name on our Project of the Year Plaque and a special display case at our Gem Show in February. Voting will be held at our December meeting and we'll have a table set up for displaying your projects and for voting.

Don't forget that club dues were due in October, so everyone get those dues paid ASAP. We're counting on you to help make our club the best in the northwest and in Idaho.

The Idaho Gem Club Needs You!! Our treasurer has to step down after doing a fantastic job for the last couple of years, and now we need you to step up and help us out. We're looking for a replacement for Teresa. She will do the job training so you will be confident in this position. Please answer our call and help us keep the club in great financial shape.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Corbett, President*

MEETING AGENDA

General Meeting
Board of Directors Election
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

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

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
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30 Workshop 10 am-2 pm

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
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
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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	

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



Upcoming Events

- JOGS Tucson Gem & Jewelry Show**, January 29, 2025 thru February 9, 2025, 10 am-6 pm. Tucson Expo Center. 3750 E Irvington Road, Tucson, AZ
- 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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Nominating Committee has presented two nominees for the Board of Directors openings, and one person that would like to continue on the board. 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 too.

BOARD NOMINEE 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**DEBBIE MITCHELL****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. Take advantage of upcoming workshops to create your project and feel free to ask members for help if you need it.

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 style="text-align: center;">RIVERSIDE HOTEL 2900 W. CHINDEN BLVD., GARDEN CITY</p> 	 <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">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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CLAIM WORK

Jason Smith led a small team out to the Queenstone claim to replace claim posts and baskets. Many thanks go to Joe Blume, Greg Bond and Brandon Favreau for all their help.



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

Anna Coy
Jim & Bobbie Woodward

Dennis Spann

WELCOME NEW JUNIORS

Nicola Woodward

Aaron Woodward

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!

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 Nov 19 - Lapidary Arts - help them prep for "Project of the Year"
- Tue Dec 17 - (Juniors projects due for competition) - Activity: fun crafts



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, you may bring them in a bag marked for the Librarian and leave them on top of the library cabinet. If you have questions, please contact Tia Call at tcall76@yahoo.com.



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 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.



**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



William "Bill" Stringer

May 12, 1924 - November 6, 2024

William "Bill" Stringer passed away peacefully of natural causes on November 6, 2024.

Bill was born on May 12, 1924, near Parsons, KS, to Elbert Harvey and Emma Alice Stringer. He attended schools near Parsons and worked on farms in the area while growing up. As a youth and in the Navy, he was known by his nickname "Alf".

Bill worked on the construction crew for the Kansas Ordinance Plant and also worked on the production lines there. He completed welding classes which led to a job at the Wichita Aircraft Machine Shop.

In 1943, he enlisted with the United States Navy and attended boot camp at Farragut, Idaho. He trained in diesel motor maintenance in California, and was assigned to Amphibious Landing Craft in Coronado, CA. He completed commando training at Camp Pendleton, and helped train Army 86-92nd in amphibious landings at Morrow Bay. He was then assigned to the AK47 Ship, the 3rd ship to land in Sasebo Harbor, Japan, after the atomic bomb that ended World War II. He was honorably discharged in April 1946 as a 2nd Motor Machinist MMC, and returned home to Kansas.

He met the love of his life, Anna Mae Lewis in Erie, KS. Bill and Anna were married on December 17, 1948, in Bentonville, AR, and were married almost 64 years.

They tried their luck at farming, but it was very hard in Kansas, so Bill worked for the MKT Railroad until they closed operations in Parsons. He and Anna moved their family to Nampa in 1957 where he worked for the Union Pacific Railroad at the Boise Depot and then as a Yard Office Clerk at the Nampa Depot. He retired in 1985. Bill and Anna enjoyed living in Nampa and raised five children there.

Bill and Anna operated Stringer's Gem Shop in Nampa from 1978, and Bill finally closed the shop in 2024. Bill enjoyed helping new rockhounds get started and teaching people how to use lapidary equipment and metal detectors. He skillfully worked rock specimens into works of art. His favorite rocks to work were Idaho Fire Opal and Owyhee Picture Jasper. He was a member of the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society.

Bill loved to take care of his garden, fruit trees, and lawn. He had quite the green thumb. Bill also loved to hunt and fish in Kansas and Idaho. Bill and Anna enjoyed fishing, rock hunting, dancing at The Elks, traveling in their R.V., and spent several winters in Arizona. They traveled through Europe and enjoyed taking cruises.

Bill was an amazing father and loved taking care of his family. Bill and Anna have five children, 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.



Clinton A. Chaney

February 23, 1940 - September 9, 2024

Clinton Albert Chaney was born on February 23, 1940, to Wilbur and Alice Chaney. He was a self-described wanderer and loved being able to hike and explore nature around the Boise River when he was growing up. He attended Boise High until his senior year when Borah High School was opening and was in the first graduating class of 1958. After high school he attended Boise Junior College for a time.

In 1966 Clint married Doris McCoy in Nampa. They had three children. Because Clint enjoyed the outdoors, he and Doris often took their children camping at Murdock Creek near Sun Valley when the kids were young. Clint and Doris shared 45 years of marriage.

Clint had an extremely hard work ethic. Over the years he worked for the Boise Cascade print shop, Boise Vault, and Hansen Painting for many years painting mostly bridges, and eventually homes. He retired while working for Prestige Homes.

One of Clint's passions was photography and he operated Chaney Photography for several years specializing in outdoor landscapes and wedding photography. Many of his pictures were featured in a publication called *Incredible Idaho* back in the 1970's. In later years he loved to go hiking and taking photos in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest in Oregon.

After retirement in 2005, Clint discovered another passion for rocks. He enjoyed hunting for them and then bringing them home to cut, polish, and turn into pieces of jewelry to give away. He especially liked making crosses that could be worn as necklaces. He joined the Idaho Gem Club in 2011.

Clint passed peacefully of natural causes to be with the Lord on September 9, 2024, at Swan Falls Assisted Living.

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 OCTOBER 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 by Rick Corbett and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Becky drew winning door prize tickets for 4 juniors and 9 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, Liz seconded, the membership voted and the motion carried with one opposed.

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

Program: Brent did a program about the Idaho Star Garnets. Discovered in Idaho in 1951, they only occur in Idaho and in India. There are several samples on the front table showing four and six ray asterisms. The asterism is caused by titanium or hornblend needle inclusions in the stone. Garnets come in various shapes, some 12 sided and 24 sided. The hardness is 7.5 on the MOHS scale. He also discussed the Emerald Creek location in northern Idaho. Future classes are planned for ROLE participants and also the general workshop.

The November meeting will feature a showcase set-up demonstration.

Juniors Report: Juniors are excused to their meeting room.

Field Trip Report: The field trip to Haystack Butte went well, samples are on the front table.

The trip to Beacon Hill had 22 cars with about 50 people. Lots of agates were found and samples are also on the front table.

Brandon Favreau has agreed to be our new Field Trip Guide. He is checking on some new locations for next year.

Election Committee Report: Willa went over the procedure for the elections. One opening is filled and one is left to fill. We need new blood, so if you are interested, please contact Willa.

Workshop Report: Brent went over the upcoming workshop dates. The next ROLE workshop will be Monday, October 21, 6-8:45 pm. The next general workshops are Thursday, October 17, 6-8:45 pm; and Saturday, October 26, 10 am-2 pm. The November workshops are on Nov. 21, 6-8:45 pm; and Nov. 30 from 10 am-2 pm. The ROLE workshops are on the first and third Mondays, November 4 and 18, 6-8:45 pm.

Old Business: The November meeting will have an auction with rough rock and slabs, etc. Please donate any nice material you can. December's meeting will have an auction of finished pieces.

December we will have 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.

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

New Business: The Banquet is coming up on January 21, 2025. Tickets are available tonight. After tonight they will be available at Stewarts Gem Shop and at our next meetings. It is being held at the Riverside Hotel on Chinden and starts at 5:30 pm.

The yearly Gem Show is coming up February 22-23, with set-up on Friday the 21st. Rick Corbett is signing people up for the display cases, including black light cases. The Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society has their show the next weekend on March 1-2.

There is a huge rock sale this weekend in Homedale. There is a flyer on the front table with the address and times. No early birds, please.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 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, Jason Smith, Cordell Blaine, Brent Stewart and Dana Robinson

Guests: Brandon Favreau, Debbie Mitchell and Lynn Hansen

Rick welcomed three guests tonight. He 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, the motion carried.

Thanks were given to Deana for setting up the visit to Scott Schlagels workshop. It was very interesting to see all of the equipment.

Treasurer Report: Teresa went over the financial statements for deposits and disbursements. More dealer fees have been received for the show, and the deposit has been made on the venue. Seventeen tickets have been sold so far for the banquet and the Rock 'n Gem magazine renewal was sent in.

Sunshine Lady Report: Deana reported that Carl Woodland passed last year. She also announced that Bill Stringer's funeral is Nov. 6 at 10 am at the Nampa Catholic church. She sent flowers to his viewing.

Junior's Report: Cordell reported that the kids are working on their projects for the December contest.

Workshop Report: Brent went over upcoming workshop dates for November and December. The next ROLE workshop will be Nov. 18, 6-8:45 pm. The regular November workshops will be on the 11th from 6-8:45 pm, and the 30th from 10 am-2 pm. December ROLE workshops are on the 2nd and 16th, 6-8:45 pm. The December Christmas Workshop is scheduled for the 21st and 22nd from 10 am to 4 pm.

Liz was concerned about members attending ROLE without the first step being done. Should add an asterisk beside ROLE on calendar with explanation on requirement.

Election Committee Report: Willa introduced three people for the available positions on the Board. Rick is continuing, and Lynn Hansen and Debbie Mitchell are new nominees.

Dana made a motion to accept the nominees. Terri seconded, the board voted and the motion carried.

Banquet Report: Terri is getting the table favors. Tickets are available at the next meetings and at Stewarts.

Program: The November program is an auction after the meeting with rough rock and slabs.

Old Business: Project of the Year is coming up in December.

Update the field trip chairperson in the newsletter. Also need to send a reminder email for dues and the banquet.

Rick had an idea of cushioned tweezers for the case favors for the show. He still needs any other ideas submitted. A screwdriver with a magnet and level was also suggested.

Jason finished the claim maintenance at Queenstone. Joe Blume, Greg Bond and Brandon Favreau helped him replace posts and rock baskets for the claim markers.

New Business: There was discussion about the monitors and microscopes for the micromounts. It was decided that Brent and Liz will be co-chairs for the specimens and equipment.

Brandon mentioned a possible overnight field trip to Kemmerer, WY, and also out to Glass Buttes for next year.

Willa will provide chili for both days of the Christmas Workshop. Dana will make chicken corn chowder for Saturday and Willa will bring chicken and rice for Sunday. Need chili extras; onions, fritos, cheese.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary



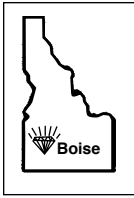
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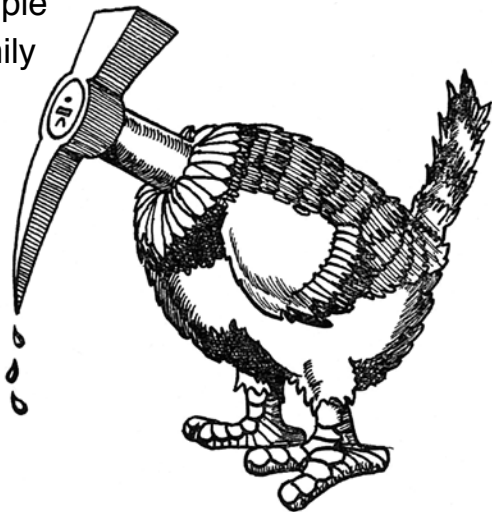
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GENERAL MEETING:
 3rd Tuesday of every month: 7:00 p.m.

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

ADDRESS:
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