



# Grindings

**Idaho Gem Club, Inc.**

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## ★★ DUES ARE DUE IN OCTOBER ★★

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Rockhounds.

October and the fall season have started. We've had our last two field trips of 2024 and they both were great trips. The weather was good and there was no smoke. Glad that's behind us for the year. Our trip to Haystack Butte was a great adventure full of friendship and jaspers. Many finds were had and even a few rattlesnakes crossed my path. I'll bring some Haystack specimens to the next meeting, and I'm looking forward to some of you bringing yours to share.

Our next trip was led by Willa Renken to Beacon Hill. It was perfect weather and many agate nodules were found by all those who went. Beacon Hill is a club claim that is visited twice a year. This area is only accessible with the club as we cross private ranches and several locked gates.

This month at our meeting Mr. Brent Stewart will do a presentation on Idaho Star Garnets. Brent's grandfather helped discover the location and learn how to bring out the beauty of one of Idaho's most precious gemstones.

October is club membership renewal month so get those dues paid and help us to keep a great workshop going, a nice meeting place and many field trips for 2025.

We have elections coming up in November and there are two positions to fill on our Board of Directors. I encourage everyone interested to contact Willa and to help by being involved. That's what makes our club work.

The Gem Club is also looking for a new treasurer. Teresa, our current treasurer, needs to step down and we need someone to step up and help us with this critical position. Teresa has done a fantastic job and will provide the necessary training to do the job confidently. Please help us with this very important decision.

We have two auctions coming up in November and December. In November we look for rough slabs and material and in December we auction finished pieces. All proceeds help offset the cost of our Awards Banquet in January at the Riverside Hotel.

Tickets for our Banquet in January will be available at our next meeting in October. Member cost is \$21 and Guest cost is \$30. Our banquet will have a No Host Bar for cocktails and we ask that you leave your Rocky Rattlers at home. Our Banquet is an adult members only meeting.

In December we are having a weekend holiday workshop on the 21st and 22nd from 10 am-4 pm. We have a potluck lunch both days so bring your favorite dish to share. There will be wire wrapping classes by Marge Conley and Rick Corbett on Saturday, too. So come grind a rock and enjoy some great food and friendship.

Our Gem Show is in February on the 22nd and 23rd. A great time to show off your collection in a display case and help out with set-up and the many jobs that we fill to have a great show. We're having a grab bag filling party on Saturday, January 18, at 10 am at the club workshop. Grab bags for our show bring in lots of money for the club so keep those tumblers rolling. The club pays \$125 per 5 gallon bucket of polished stone to offset the cost of grit.

The club gives thanks to Brandon Favreau for becoming the new Field Trip Chairperson for 2025. Next year we will be investigating new rockhounding locations and materials.

*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](mailto:drobinso@boisestate.edu)

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Board Meeting 7 pm	2	3	4	5 Field Trip Beacon Hill 8 am
6	7 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 General Meeting 7 pm	16	17 Workshop 6:45-8 pm	18	19
20	21 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	22	23	24	25	26 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
27	28	29	30	31		

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	



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

## 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.

## 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)



## ELECTION TIME

Each October we nominate 3 members for positions on the Board of Directors. The term is 3 years. The President is chosen from the Board members. Then the President selects the officers.

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. A well rounded board is desired to reflect all club members' interests.

The Nominating Committee this year is Willa Renken, Deana Ashton and Terri Frostrom. You can contact any of them if you are interested. They will then submit nominations at the Board meeting. The nominees will submit a biography for the newsletter and elections are held in November. You can also be nominated from the floor during the meeting.

Contact Willa Renken, Deana Ashton or Terri Frostrom if you are interested in serving on the Board. Their contact information is in the newsletter.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jeanne Ogata  
 Kristina Kopp &  
 Pam Westburg

Kelly Morris  
 Randy & Kelly Helland

## New Members:

Our website at [idahogemclub.com](http://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 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

## 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](mailto:tcall76@yahoo.com).



## SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

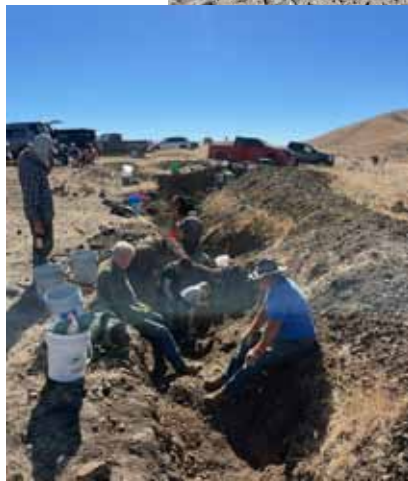
By Deana Ashton

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.



FIELD TRIPS

The field trips for September and early October went very well. The weather was great and everyone found lots of great material. Now we look forward to next year and another round of field trips. See you then!



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## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Rick Corbett and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Becky drew winning door prize tickets for 4 juniors and 10 adults, with one grand prize awarded. One new member was introduced.

Rick asked for any corrections to the minutes as printed in the *Grindings*. Lowell made a motion to accept the minutes, Ed seconded, the membership voted and the motion carried with Deana opposed for Mike. **Junior's Report:** Juniors are planning for the Project of the Year contest. They are excused to their meeting room.

**Treasurer Report:** No report.

**Federation Director Report:** Next September is the meeting in Walla Walla. Remember to bring in your stamps.

**Field Trip Report:** The next field trip will be to Haystack Butte for beautiful jasper. There are samples of material on the front table. We will be meeting this Saturday at the high school in Nyssa at 7:30 am, leaving at 8 am. You will need a high clearance vehicle to get there and 4-wheel drive to get to the top collecting area. You can carpool up the hill with others, too. Bring your lunch, water, bug spray, a hat, good shoes and long pants to protect your legs. Park with care as the fire danger is still high.

The October field trip will be the second trip to Beacon Hill. It will be a Saturday only trip this time. This is also the last field trip of the year. We will meet at the rest stop just over the Oregon border by Ontario at 8 am, leaving at 8:30. We will be there 9 am to 4 pm or so. If it rains we will have to leave early. You will need a high clearance vehicle and your digging tools, buckets, etc.

**Workshop Report:** Brent went over the upcoming workshop dates. Thursday, September 19, 6-8:45 pm; and Saturday, September 28, 10 am-2 pm. The October workshops are on October 17, 6-8:45 pm; and October 26 from 10 am-2 pm. The ROLE workshops are on the first and third Mondays, October 7 and 21, 6-8:45 pm

Brent taught the ROLE attendees about cutting Idaho star garnets.

**Program:** The November and December programs will be auction after the meeting. In November we do slabs and rough stone and in December finished pieces suitable for gifts. All proceeds will go to the Banquet Fund.

**Old Business:** The application for the Scholarship Program for college students is in the September newsletter and online at [www.idahogemclub.com](http://www.idahogemclub.com).

**New Business:** The Banquet is coming up on January 21, 2025. Tickets will be on sale at the October meeting for \$21 for members and \$30 for guests.

In December we will have the Christmas Workshops on Saturday the 21st and Sunday the 22nd. It is a pot luck gathering so bring something to share. Marge will also be doing wire wrap classes.

November we will have the elections for Board Members. If you are interested in joining the board, contact Willa.

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 plaque and have a special showcase at the Gem Show to display your winning entry.

We have a new Field Trip Guide for next year. Brandon Favreau has volunteered to lead our trips for us.

Willa has 2 positions open for a bracelet making class that starts on October 3. Let her know if you would like to join.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary*



**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 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, Brent Stewart and Dana Robinson

**Excused:** Cordell Blaine

**Guest:** Brandon Favreau

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

**Treasurer Report:** Teresa went over the financial statements for deposits and disbursements. The August auction brought in \$510. There were also deposits for the Kids' Day fees and some dealer fees. Disbursements included costs for picnic supplies and the workshop.

**Program Report:** The program this month will be presented by Brent. He will be doing a program on the star garnets.

**Junior's Report:** Cordell reported that the next meetings will be preparing for the Project of the Year contest.

**Field Trip Report:** The field trip to Haystack Butte was attended by about 35 people in 19 vehicles. There were a couple of rattlers around. Lots of nice jasper was found, but the roads were really bad!

This Saturday is the October 5 Beacon Hill field trip. Saturday only this time, meeting at 8 am at the Ontario rest stop on I84, leaving at 8:30 am. The weather should be really nice.

**Workshop Report:** Brent went over upcoming workshop dates for October and November. The next ROLE workshops will be Oct. 7 and 21, 6-8:45 pm. The regular October workshops will be on the 17th from 6-8:45 pm, and the 26th from 10 am-2 pm. November ROLE workshops are on the 4th and 30th, 6-8:45 pm. He is also ordering the port-a-potty for December.

**Banquet Report:** Tickets will be available at the general meetings from October.

**Old Business:** The election for board members is coming up in November. We have 2 places to fill. Patrick Courie is on the list to talk with. Deana has more names to consider as well.

Liz reported that all the claim paperwork is finished for this year.

**New Business:** Jim Witt has 25 buckets of rock to donate to the club. We need to do a work party to pick it all up. Jason suggested that we get 4 50-gal. drums to provide more storage.

Brandon agreed to be the new Field Trip Chairperson. He will go out on the next field trip to start learning locations.

Jason is coordinating a work party to redo the claim markers at Queenstone. They need new posts and rock baskets. Four volunteers will be needed.

The newsletter editor will look into the cost of print and mailing with the Correctional Industries print shop and give estimates at the next board meeting.

There were four new member applications this month. Deana made a motion to accept the new members, Dana seconded, the board voted and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

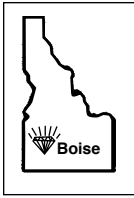
*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary*



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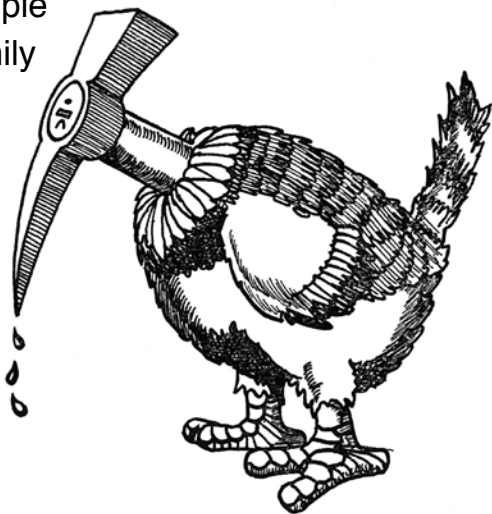
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**GENERAL MEETING:**  
 3rd Tuesday of every month: 7:00 p.m.

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

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