



# Grindings

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## ★★ DUES ARE DUE IN OCTOBER ★★

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Rockhounds

Another hot and smoky month has gone by, but we are rockers and shrug off that stuff. Our club has a lot of events coming up, starting with a field trip to Haystack Butte on Saturday, September 21st. We'll meet at the high school in Nyssa at 7:30 am and roll out at 8 am. Dress according to the weather and bring lot's of water, your lunch, hammers, shovels and buckets for some of the Owyhee's most spectacular jasper. I'll bring examples to the next meeting on Tuesday, the 17th.

Speaking of meetings, we're having a Trunk Sale from 5 pm to 6:45 pm at the Maple Grove Grange parking lot. Then it's meeting time. Be sure to bring something to sell or trade and bring some cash to purchase something special. We'll have a few minutes during the meeting to show and tell what you got.

October 5th is Beacon Hill time. World class moss agate, unique to our claim, will be found in this location. Willa will be leading a Saturday Only trip this time. We're meeting at 8 am at the Rest Stop on I-84 just as you're coming into Ontario, OR, leaving at 8:30 am. Don't miss this trip as it is our last field trip of 2024.

Our Project of the Year contest is coming up in December, so start getting those special projects ready. The winner will have their name engraved on our plaque and will receive a special display case at our show to show their winning entry.

Board member elections are coming up in November, so if you are interested in being a leader and learning the ins and outs of our club business, now is the time to get involved. We need you! Willa, Deana and Terri are on the nominating committee, so contact any of them for more information.

We are also looking for someone to step up and help us with our Treasurer position. Our current treasurer, Teresa, would like to step down and we need someone to help out our club with this critical position. She's willing to provide you with all the training and help, some come help us out.

Tickets for our annual January Banquet will be going on sale soon, so be sure to get yours early. Last month at our meeting we managed to make another \$510 from the auction. Thanks, everone, for coming and supporting our club. All proceeds to to our Banquet fund to help offset the cost.

We have many workshops going up. Please check the calendar in the *Grindings* for the dates and times. Happy grinding!

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Rick Corbett, President*

**TRUNK SALE**  
from 5-6:45 before the meeting

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**

**SEPTEMBER**

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 Field Trip Haystack Butte 7:30 am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
29	30					

**OCTOBER**

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**DECEMBER**

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1	2 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	3 Board Meeting 7 pm	4	5	6	7
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22 Xmas Party Workshop 10 am-4 pm	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				



## SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP

The field trip for September will be to Haystack Butte on September 21 for some beautiful jasper. We will meet at the High School in Nyssa at 7:30 am, leaving at 8 am.

Bring your lunch, lots of water, shovels, rock hammer and buckets. You will need a high clearance vehicle as it is a lot of rough road. The last bit up the hill requires 4-wheel drive. We can carpool up that section.

### 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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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)



**JUNIORS PROGRAM**

Kids' Day was a great time for everyone. The program takes them through the rock yard, the gem shop, and then on to crafts, cracking coconuts and lunch.

The next three meetings will concentrate on preparing for Project of the Year.

**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 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

**IDAHO MUSEUM OF MINING AND GEOLOGY**

Join us at the Museum for a fun time of geode-cracking, a short and easy geo-hike on the nearby hillside, and a museum visitation.

Geode-cracking takes place from 12 Noon-3 pm outside under shade canopies on grass of the historic Women's Ward Courtyard at the Old Pen. A 35-minute hillside geology hike is scheduled for 1 pm and again at 2 pm.

**Admission:**

- Adult Museum Members & their children — Free
- Adult Non-members — \$5
- Children — \$4, plus one small geode for each child

All adults (members too) who wish to crack a geode, and children who would like a second geode, will need to pay the recommended donation at the site.

Pre-registration is required at [www.idahomuseum.org/events](http://www.idahomuseum.org/events)

Contact [operations@idahomuseum.org](mailto:operations@idahomuseum.org) for questions.

2455 Old Penitentiary Rd.  
Boise, Idaho

***A rock with a surprise inside!***

*Updog hotdogs on sale for lunch!*



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Nicole Carman  
 Christopher & Mary Ann Weed

Teresa & Bill Berard  
 Jane & Andy Kurtz

**WELCOME NEW JUNIORS**

Piper Berard  
 Atticus Kurtz  
 Mina Kurtz

Daisy Berard  
 Finnigan Kurtz  
 Rebel Carman

**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!

**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).

**LORI COGGINS****In Remembrance of  
Lori Coggins**

Lori Coggins was the brightest gemstone perfectly cut and made for her loving husband, Robert Coggins. With Robert being a Master Gem Cutter and member of Idaho Gem Club of Boise, Lori often accompanied him when he demonstrated the Lapidary Art of Faceting. She went mining with Robert in Montana and Oregon as he collected gorgeous sunstones and sapphires often. Her support of this passion was truly amazing. She was always smiling, well dressed, and super friendly and easy to talk to. Lori was a pleasure to visit with, taking time to really get to know others.

She had a special mission — every week Lori sent out 100 greeting cards of encouragement and love for those needing a little compassion. She was a gospel singer and had love for the Lord. The dedication she had for Boise State Football as a season ticket holder gave her much joy. Most of all, Lori loved her husband Robert and her family.

Lori was born on July 2nd, 1965 and passed away on August 30, 2024. She leaves behind her husband Robert Coggins, parents Robert and Flora Tornquist, brother Ed Tornquist and daughters Angelica and Sara Woods. Services were held September 4 and 6, 2024. Please reach out to Robert and her family and never forget what a beautiful woman Lori was. She will be missed greatly.

**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.



AUGUST PICNIC

The August picnic was great fun and much cooler than July. Many thanks to all who came out and participated with great food, donations and bidding at the auctions for both picnics.



## GRAB BAG PATTERN

For those who want to sew up some Grab Bags, here are the instructions. The Grab Bag Stuffing Party is coming up in mid-January.

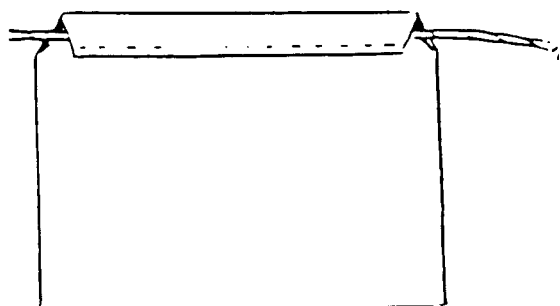
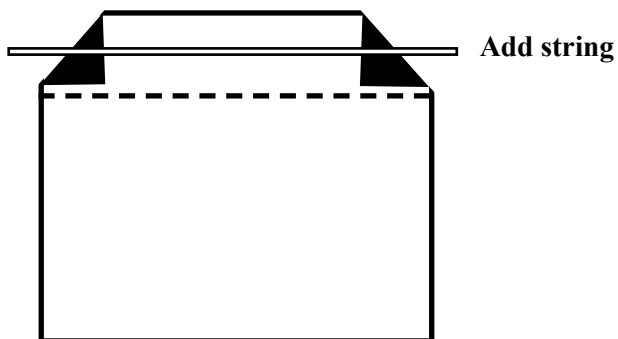
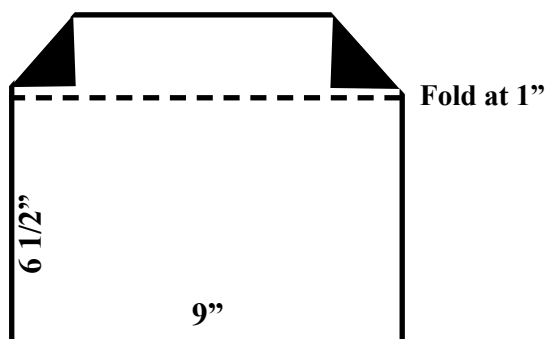
Cut out the fabric to 6 1/2" x 9" size. Press down 1/2" on the top edge of each strip. Following the pattern below, fold over the outer edge of the top hem and make the dog ears, then place your drawstring under the hem (but over the dog ears). You may want to place a few pins in the edge of the hem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

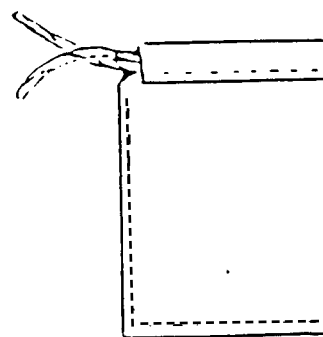
The strings should be made of any heavy cord, yarn or ribbon cut into approximately 14" lengths. Rug yarn is good, strong and colorful. Before sewing, press the folds with a hot iron or crease with the fingers to make the job easier.

Good Luck and Happy Sewing!

**Fold corners over**



**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*



## AMBER

Amber is fossilized tree resin. Examples of it have been appreciated for its color and natural beauty since the Neolithic times, and it has been worked as a gemstone since antiquity. Amber is used in jewelry and as a healing agent in folk medicine.

There are five classes of amber, defined on the basis of their chemical constituents. Because it originates as a soft, sticky tree resin, amber sometimes contains animal and plant material as inclusions. Amber occurring in coal seams is also called *resinite*, and the term *ambrite* is applied to amber found specifically in New Zealand coal seams.



### Etymology

The English word *amber* derives from Middle Persian *ambar*. The word referred to what is now known as *ambergris* (ambre gris or “gray amber”), a solid waxy substance derived from the sperm whale.

The sense of the word was extended to Baltic amber (fossil resin) from as early as the late 13th century. At first called white or yellow amber, this meaning was adopted in English by the early 15th century. As the use of ambergris waned, this became the main sense of the word.

The two substances (“yellow amber” and “gray amber”) may have become associated or confused because they both were found washed up on beaches. Ambergris is less dense than water and floats, while amber is less dense than stone, but still too dense to float. A number of regional and varietal names have been applied to ambers over the centuries, including: Allingite, Beckerite, Gedanite, Kochenite, Krantzite, and Stantienite.

### History

In ancient times, amber was traded along extensive routes, forming part of the fabled Amber Road that connected Northern Europe to the Mediterranean. It was particularly



valued by the ancient Greeks and Romans, who associated it with the gods and believed it had healing properties. The ancient Italic peoples of southern Italy also worked amber; the National Archaeological Museum of

Siritide at Policoro displays important surviving examples. Some think that amber used in antiquity, as at Mycenae and in the prehistory of the Mediterranean, came from deposits in Sicily. The Romans traded for amber from the shores of the southern Baltic at least as far back as the time of Nero. Amber has a long history of use in China, as well, with the first written record from 200 BC.

Amber has long been used in folk medicine for its purported healing properties. Amber and extracts were used from the time of Hippocrates in ancient Greece for a wide variety of treatments through the Middle Ages and up until the early twentieth century. Traditional Chinese medicine uses amber to “tranquelize the mind”. Amber necklaces are a traditional European remedy for colic or teething pain with purported analgesic properties, although there is no evidence that this is an effective remedy.

In more recent times, amber continues to be cherished for its aesthetic and historic value. It’s used in various forms of jewelry, carvings, and decorative art. It was used in the famed Amber Room that was looted from Russia.

Additionally, modern science has utilized the fossilized inclusions in amber to study the biology of ancient organisms and gain a better understanding of Earth’s past.

Most recently a large 7 lb. piece of amber was discovered in a woman’s home in Romania being used as a doorstep. She apparently had it for decades. Read more at:

[www.boredpanda.com/romania-elderly-woman-amber-nugget-largest-worth-million-doorstep/](http://www.boredpanda.com/romania-elderly-woman-amber-nugget-largest-worth-million-doorstep/)



### Composition and Formation

Amber is produced from a marrow discharged by trees belonging to the pine genus, like gum from the cherry, and resin from the ordinary pine. It is a liquid at first, which issues forth in considerable quantities, and is gradually hardened. Amber’s composition is primarily carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen, with traces of sulfur. It’s relatively lightweight and can vary in color from pale yellows and oranges to darker reds and browns.

Amber consists of several resinous bodies more or less soluble in alcohol, ether and chloroform, associated with an insoluble bituminous substance. Amber is a macromolecule formed by free radical polymerization of several precursors in the labdane family. These labdanes are diterpenes and trienes, equipping the organic skeleton with three alkene groups



for polymerization. As amber matures over the years, more polymerization takes place as well as isomerization reactions.

Molecular polymerization resulting from high pressures and temperatures produced by overlying sediment, transforms the resin first into copal. Sustained heat and pressure drives off terpenes and results in the formation of amber. For this to happen, the resin must be resistant to decay. Exposure to sunlight, rain, microorganisms, and extreme temperatures tends to disintegrate the resin. For the resin to survive long enough to become amber, it must be resistant to such forces or be produced under conditions that exclude them.

Most amber has a hardness between 2.0 and 2.5 on the Mohs scale and a melting point of 250–300 °C. Heated above 392 °F, amber decomposes, yielding an oil of amber, and leaves a black residue which is known as “amber pitch”. When dissolved in oil of turpentine or in linseed oil this forms “amber varnish” or “amber lac”.

### Appearance

Amber occurs in a range of different colors. As well as the usual yellow-orange-brown that is associated with the color “amber”, amber can range from a whitish color through a pale lemon yellow, to brown and almost black. Other uncommon colors include red amber, green amber, and blue amber, which



is rare and highly sought after.

Yellow amber is from evergreen trees, and despite the name it can be translucent, yellow, orange, or brown colored. Found along the southern shore of the Baltic Sea,

it reached the Middle East and western Europe via trade. Much of the most highly prized amber is transparent, in contrast to the very common cloudy amber and opaque amber. Opaque amber contains numerous minute bubbles. This kind of amber is known as “bony amber”.

Although all Dominican amber is fluorescent, the rarest form is blue amber. It turns blue in natural sunlight and any other ultraviolet light source. In long-wave UV light it has a very strong reflection, almost white. Only about 220 lbs. are found each year, which makes it quite valuable.

Sometimes amber retains the form of drops and stalactites, just as it exuded from the ducts of the trees. In addition to exuding onto the surface of the tree, amber resin also originally flowed into hollow cavities or cracks within trees, thereby leading to the development of large lumps of irregular form.

### Geological Record

The oldest amber recovered dates to the late Carboniferous period, 320 million years ago. Amber becomes abundant long after the Carboniferous, in the Early Cretaceous, when it is found in association with insects. The oldest amber with arthropod inclusions comes from the Late Triassic of Italy, while the oldest with significant numbers of arthropod inclusions comes from Lebanon.



Lebanese amber is from the Lower Cretaceous, roughly 125-135 million years old, and is considered to be of high scientific value, providing evidence of some of the oldest sampled ecosystems. Even older Jurassic amber has been found in Lebanon as well.

Burmese amber from northern Myanmar is the only commercially exploited Cretaceous amber. Dating of zircon crystals associated with the deposit have given an estimated age of 99 million years. Over 1,300 species have been described from the amber.

Baltic amber is found as irregular nodules in marine glauconitic sand, known as blue earth, occurring in Upper Eocene strata in Prussia.

### Imitation Substances

Young resins are sometimes used as imitations. Plastics, stained glass, bakelite resin, epoxy resins, and acrylic resins are also used to imitate amber.



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### MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 20, 2024

Everyone gathered and we had time to visit before dinner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Sandy gave the invocation. Then we started the food line and had a great dinner. Willa and Doug passed out ice cream.

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 by Rick Corbett and Becky drew winning door prize tickets. One guest was introduced. **Field Trip Report:** The last field trip was to the Queenstone claim for jasper and the Whangdoodle claim for opal. There were 13 cars and about 25 people that came out. It was a hot weekend, but some nice material was found and Queenstone and at least one good opal was found at Whangdoodle.

The next field trip will be to Coal Mine Basin for petrified wood, agate and jasper. We will be meeting at the Ion Chevron at the corner of Hwy. 55 and 95 just past Marsing at 7:30 am, leaving at 8 am. It is easy driving to the state line turn-off. You can carpool if you want. Be very careful with parking — we don't want to start any fires. Bring your lunch, water, bug spray, a hat, good shoes and long pants to protect your legs.

The September field trip will be to Haystack Butte in eastern Oregon for beautiful jasper. You will need a high clearance vehicle for this trip. The last section up the hill requires 4-wheel drive, but we can carpool up that part.

**Junior's Report:** Juniors are working on the tool section of their Stone Age Tools & Art badge.

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 Mike opposed.

**Treasurer Report:** No report. Teresa was not here. There is a copy of the statement on the front table for anyone to look at.

**Workshop Report:** Brent went over the upcoming workshop dates. Thursday, August 22, 6-8:45 pm; and Saturday, August 31, 10 am-2 pm. The September workshops are on Sept. 19, 6-8:45 pm; and Sept. 28 from 10 am-2 pm. The ROLE workshops are on the first and third Mondays, September 2 and 16, 6-8:45 pm

The last Kids' Day is coming up August 17, 10 am-2 pm. Register at Stewarts Gem Shop or call Brent. The fee is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. The day includes a tour of the shop with rock samples collected and making something to take home.

**Program:** The auction from July's picnic brought in \$530. Thank you to all who participated. We will have another auction after the meeting this evening. Proceeds go to the Banquet Fund.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** Thanks to Lyle for bringing in a PA system for this evening. Also, thanks to Liz for all of the claims work she has been doing.

We still need to find a new treasurer to take Teresa's place. Talk to Rick if you think you can help.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm for the auction.

*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary*

## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

Rick Corbett called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

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

**Excused:** Jason Smith

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. This month had expenses for the picnics, claim fees, workshop and Kids' Day.

**Program Report:** The program this month will be a Trunk Sale in the parking lot from 5 pm to 6:45 pm. There will be time during the meeting to show and tell what you acquired.

People have been asking about doing classes on Idaho star garnet and fire opal. Brent has agreed to do a program in October on the gems. There will be a sign-up sheet for those interested in learning more in-depth information about cutting and polishing them in classes.

Brent will set up the rental for a porta-potty for our December Christmas Party Workshops on the 21st and 22nd, 10 am-4 pm both days.

**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 will be to Haystack Butte on September 21 for Jasper. We will meet at the high school in Nyssa at 7:30 am and leave at 8 am. It is about 15 miles with lots of rough road. A high clearance vehicle is needed. The hill at the end requires 4-wheel drive so we can carpool up that part.

October 5 will be last Beacon Hill field trip. Saturday only this time, meeting at 8 am at the Ontario rest stop on I84, leaving at 8:30 am. This will be the last field trip of 2024.

**Workshop Report:** Brent went over upcoming workshop dates for September and October. The next ROLE workshop will be Sept. 16, 6-8:45 pm. The regular September workshops will be on the 19th from 6-8:45 pm, and the 28th from 10 am-2 pm. October ROLE workshops are on the 7th and 21st, 6-8:45 pm. October general workshops are the 24th, 6-8:45 pm, and the Nov. 2nd, 10 am-2 pm.

**Claims Report:** Liz reported that all claims paperwork has been submitted and she is waiting for it to be returned.

**Banquet Report:** The menu for the Banquet was decided on. Check on the dessert selection. The club pays half so ticket cost will be \$21. The August picnic auction brought in \$510 to the fund.

**Old Business:** We received a large donation of material from Cheryl Link's family. We picked up around 80 buckets and they are stored in the club trailers.

**New Business:** The Election Committee was selected and will be Willa, Deana and Terri. Willa went over the procedure of filling open positions if current board member doesn't want to continue and nominations from the floor. Dana will be coming off this year.

Brandon is a possible new Field Trip Chairperson. Rick will get in touch with him.

Willa sent out the new show contracts for 2025. Also, the Expo space has been reserved and a contract is coming.

Willa showed a proposed design for a memorial stone for Cheryl at the Sunstone claim. After discussion the board was in agreement.

Dana made a motion to pay \$500 for the Cheryl Link Memorial Stone to be placed at the Sunstone claim. Deana seconded, the board voted and the motion carried.

Liz had a questions about club scholarship requirements. She was referred to Phil for clarification.

The Project of the Year contest is coming up in December. Need to put box in newsletter.

Also need the grab bag pattern in the newsletter for any who are sewing for the stuffing party in mid-January.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary*

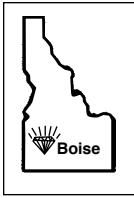
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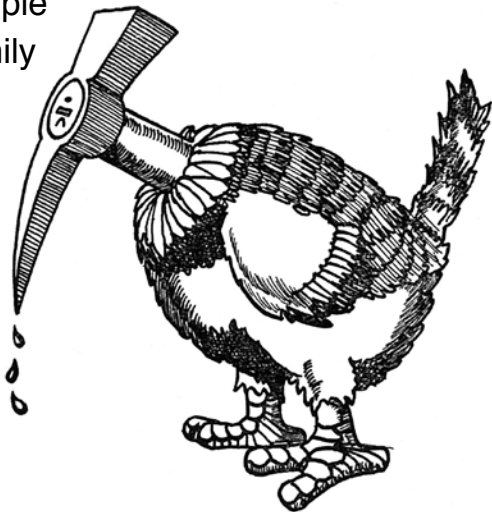
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