



# Grindings

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Rockhounds.

February is here and so is our show. We'll have our jobs worksheets at our next meeting, so sign up if you haven't already. There are still lots of job slots to cover and it takes all of us to have the best gem show in Idaho.

Set-up is Friday, Feb. 20, at 8 am at the fairgrounds. After set-up we can fill our display cases. Juice and donuts will be available for your sugar rush, but bring your own coffee. Our show is Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm, and Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. At 5 pm we start tearing down the show and we'll need everyone for that. Bring your jokes and sense of humor and lets have a great show.

Terri is still looking for donations to fill more raffle baskets, so contact her or bring your donation to our February meeting.

March will soon be here and so will our field trips. Our first trip will be to Rockville, aka Fossil Leaf Hill. We are meeting Saturday, March 21 at 8 am at the Ion Chevron Station on the corner of Hwys. 55/95, leaving at 8:30 am. It may be cold, so dress appropriately. It's a great location for collecting leaves and sometimes bugs. It is easy road travel and a good way to start our season. We will have our 2026 field trip list available in the *Grindings*.

In January we had our Awards Banquet at the Waters Edge Event Center in Eagle. It was a grand affair with good food and good friends. It is a beautiful venue and my thanks go out to Brent Stewart for being our Master of Ceremony, our host at Waters Edge, and Terri Frostrom and Becky Gibson for help in setting up. Thanks also go to everyone who came and supported our club. We have a lot going on this year and I'm looking forward to seeing every one of you at meetings, field trips, and all the events that the best gem club in Idaho is a part of.

Happy rockhounding!

*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

## FEBRUARY

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 Wire Wrap Workshop 6-9 pm	11	12	13	14
15	16 ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	17 General Meeting 7 pm	18	19 Workshop 6:45-8 pm	20 Gem Show Set-up 8 am	21 Gem Show 10 am-6 pm
22 Gem Show 10 am-5 pm Tear Down	23	24	25	26	27	28 Workshop 10 am-2 pm

## MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	3 Board Meeting 7 pm	4	5	6	7 OGMS Show 10 am-6 pm
8	9	10 Wire Wrap Workshop 6-9 pm	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
29	30	31				

## APRIL

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 Wire Wrap Workshop 6-9 pm	15	16	17	18
19	20 ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	21 General Meeting 7 pm	22	23 Workshop 6:45-8 pm	24	25 Field Trip Graveyard Pt. 8 am
26	27	28	29	30		

## MAY

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 Wire Wrap Workshop 6-9 pm	13	14	15	16
17	18 ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	19 General Meeting 6:00 pm	20	21 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	22	23 Field Trip Tony Funk's 8 am
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30 Workshop 10 am-2 pm

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



## Upcoming Events

**Quartzsite Gold & Treasure Show**, February 13-14, 9 am-4 pm, February 15, 9 am-3 pm. QIA Building, 235 N Ironwood St, Quartzsite, AZ

**IGC Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show**, February 21, 10 am-6 pm, February 22, 10 am-5 pm. Expo Idaho, 5610 W Glenwood Blvd, Boise, ID

**OGMS "Grab Your Picks in '26" Show**, March 7, 10 am-6 pm, March 8, 10 am-5 pm. QIA Building, O'Connor Field House, 2207 Blaine, Caldwell, ID

## 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)



## WIRE WRAPPING WORKSHOPS

### Idaho Gem Club Wire Wrapping Workshops

2nd Tuesday of each month  
6 pm to 9 pm

\$10 to participate, includes copper wire and stone

Maryann Weed is offering Wire Wrapping Workshops for club members at her shop. There is no longer a sign-up sheet. There is plenty of room for anyone who wants to come and there is so much to learn. Check it out!

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Boise, Idaho  
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Recent projects

## 2026 FIELD TRIPS

- Feb 21-22 Idaho Gem Club Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show
- Mar 7-8 OGMS 72nd Annual Rock & Gem Show
- Mar 21 Rockville for Leaf Fossils
- Apr 25 Graveyard Point for Moss Agate
- May 23 Tony Funk's Rock Yard, BBQ/Pot Luck
- Jun 6-7 Beacon Hill for Geodes
- Jul 9-11 Nyssa Thunder Egg Days
- Jul 25 Spencer Mine Overnight Trip
- Aug 22 Whangdoodle & Queenstone for Opal & Jaspers
- Sept 19 Silver City for Quartz Crystals
- Oct 3-4 Beacon Hill for Geodes

### 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

### SAVE STAMPS PROGRAM

NFMS members are encouraged to use and save commemorative stamps. Cancelled stamps are collected and sorted, then sold to stamp collectors. Cut a 1/4" or larger margin around the stamp. The money generated is then donated to scholarships. The collected stamps can be given to Debbie Mitchell, the Federation Director in our club.

BANQUET





*Board of Directors (l to r): Cordell Blaine, Lynn Hansen, Jason Smith, Liz Warner, Teresa Nebeker, Jean Hoene, Debbie Mitchell, Dana Robinson, Terri Frostrom, Willa Renken, Rick Corbett, and Emcee Brent Stewart*



*Past Presidents (l to r): Rick Corbett, Marge Conley, Jason Madsen, Willa Renken, Dana Robinson, Gene Stewart, Brent Stewart and Deana Ashton*

## ROLE CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to everyone that completed a level in the ROLE program. The following people were awarded certificates at the Banquet. We may soon have our first Artisan level cabber.

Amy Schroeder - Apprentice  
 Ryan Fisher - Apprentice  
 Benjamin Austin - Novice  
 Greg Bond - Master  
 Bob Kerr - Master



## GRAB BAG FILLING PARTY

Many thanks to all who participated at our annual bag filling event. We had 26 folks come help us fill bags for the show. Thanks also to Terri Frostrom for the donuts, Dana Robinson for the juices, and everyone who contributed polished rocks and bags.

Izzy Crichton	Ruth Brittenham
Twilla Gallaher	Lynn Hansen
Michelle Meyer	Steve Danell
Sandy Blodgett	Jason Smith
John Bennett and Teresa Nebeker	
Ken, Joyce and Hailey Christenson	
Brandon and Danielle Favreau	
Jim and Belle Witt	
Andrew and Kale Swenson	
Jessica, Grace and Jamison Holten	
Steve and Terri Frostrom	
Becky Gibson and Rick Corbett	

## ANNUAL GEM SHOW SIGN-UP TIME

Once again it is time to start thinking about the annual show. It takes everyone to jump on board and participate 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 also need 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 always receive 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 show will be held February 21 and 22, 2026 at Expo Idaho.

### Schedule:

Friday, February 20, 8 am to 6 pm. Show Set Up at Expo Idaho

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 pitch in by giving a couple of hours helping the club bring this great Gem Show to life.

Saturday, February 21 10 am-6 pm. Show opens at 10 am.

All stations need full volunteer schedules.

Sunday, February 22 10 am-5 pm. Show is open.

All stations need full volunteer schedules.

Sunday at 5 pm-8 pm Show. Tear Down.

Volunteers needed to disassemble the 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 am.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ken Jones & Mary Brown      Jason & Heather Madsen  
Daniel Kyle

## WELCOME NEW JUNIORS

Hailey Madsen                      Azelia Madsen

## 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!

## 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.

**IDAHO MUSEUM OF  
MINING & GEOLOGY**

**Opening Day, Idaho Museum  
of Mining and Geology**

**Date:** March 6, 12 pm to 5 pm

Join us on Friday, March 6 for the Opening Day at the Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology! Explore fascinating exhibits in person and dive into the rich mining history and stunning geological displays. It's the perfect chance to get hands-on, meet fellow enthusiasts, and have a great time learning about Idaho's unique natural heritage. Don't miss out on this exciting day!

The Museum will be open Fridays and Saturdays, noon-5 pm and Sundays 12:30-3:30 pm through October. Admission is free. Events all year offer free admission to members—field trips, lectures, mineral identification, Museum tours, gold panning and geode-cracking.

**Admission:**

No admission charge, so drop by!

No pre-registration is required.

Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology  
2455 Old Penitentiary Rd.  
www.idahomuseum.org

**Shoofly Sand Pit  
(Fossils)**

**Date:** March 7, 10 am to 3 pm

Join Steve Schaps for a brand new geologic field trip to the Shoofly Sand Pit located about 70 miles from Boise. The sand pit contains abundant small fossils from Lake Idaho deposits. The IMMIG also has an archeologist shaker table that people can use to sift sand for fossils. We will meet at the Albertsons Parking Lot on Hwy. 21 and Federal Way at 9:45 am. We will arrange carpools at this location. The roads are paved except for the last 1.7 miles, which is a good quality dirt road.

We will return to the carpool location at about 3 pm. No dogs, please.

**Admission:**

IMMG Members — Free

Non-members — \$20 plus Eventbrite fee

Please read all details on the link.

Pre-registration is required at:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shoofly-sand-pit-fossils-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shoofly-sand-pit-fossils-tickets-1981793618060?aff=oddtcreator)

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

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## IMPERIAL JADE (JADEITE)

For over 7,000 years, jade has held a mystical power over our imagination. Some cultures considered it more precious than gold. Today, jade continues to command extraordinary prices, with the finest imperial green jadeite selling for millions of dollars per carat at auction houses around the world.

Jade refers to two distinct minerals: nephrite and jadeite. Nephrite, the more common variety, ranges in color from creamy white to green and is prized for its carvability and luster. Jadeite is rarer and more valuable, known for its intense colors and translucency.



### Nephrite vs. Jadeite

Nephrite's allure comes from its traditional use in Chinese carving. It has a smooth surface and a greasy luster, with colors ranging from white to dark green. It is slightly softer than jadeite but is more resistant to breaking due to its fibrous structure. It is predominantly found in China, Russia, and New Zealand, however a lot of material is also found in the creeks of southern Alberta, Canada, near the Idaho/Montana borders.



Jadeite can display a wider range of colors than nephrite including green, lavender, orange, red, yellow, and white. The most popular color is the vivid, emerald green known as "Imperial Jade," which is highly transparent and evenly colored. It is primarily sourced from Myanmar (Burma).

Top-quality jadeite is rare. Material that is vivid, sleek, and translucent commands some of the highest prices among gems in today's market.

### What Makes Jadeite Different?

Jadeite is a mineral that forms under specific geological conditions, resulting in a dense, crystalline structure. The finest jadeite is untreated, with natural

color and texture intact. It is important for collectors, investors, and enthusiasts to understand the different grades of jadeite, specifically Type A, Type B, and Type C. These classifications help determine the quality, value, and treatment of the jadeite,

### Type A Jadeite: Natural, Untreated Jadeite

Type A jadeite is the most coveted and valuable form because it is completely natural and untreated. It has not undergone any artificial treatment or enhancement and retains its original, unaltered appearance. The most prized color is a vibrant, translucent emerald green (also known as imperial jade), but it can also be found in various other colors, including lavender, white, yellow, and black. It also exhibits exceptional translucency, allowing light to pass through the stone and giving it a luminous, glowing effect. The texture of Type A jadeite is smooth and even, allowing it to be finely carved into intricate designs. It also exhibits a high level of durability and hardness, making it ideal for use in fine jewelry and sculptures.

### Type B: Bleached and Polymer-Impregnated Jadeite

Type B jadeite has undergone treatment to enhance its appearance. This treatment involves a bleaching process to lighten the color and remove any imperfections, followed by impregnation with polymers or resins to improve the stone's clarity and translucency.

Type B jadeite may have a more subdued or uneven color, often due to the bleaching process. The color can range from pale greens to more uniform tones, but it is typically not as vibrant or rich. The process of polymer impregnation helps to improve the stone's translucency, but it may not achieve the same level of natural glow seen in Type A.

### Type C: Dyed and Glue-Impregnated Jadeite

Type C jadeite is the lowest grade of jadeite and is considered the least valuable. It is jadeite that has been subjected to more extensive treatments, such as dyeing and glue impregnation, to improve its appearance, and is often dyed to create a more vibrant or uniform color, typically in shades of green or purple. The dyeing process can make the jadeite color appear artificial.

### Evaluating Jadeite

Jadeite's three most important qualities are color, transparency, and texture. Buyers evaluate jadeite based on many factors. First, they judge its color under both

fluorescent and incandescent light sources and check its level of transparency. They look for even coloration or a pleasing mottling of colors and for a fine polish and undistorted surface reflections. Clarity is important, as well, because any fractures can affect value.

Currently, the flood of treated stones, synthetic materials, and clever imitations has made authentication more challenging. While other gemstones rely on the famous “Four Cs,” jade demands understanding of translucency levels, texture characteristics and color distribution patterns, all factors that can dramatically impact value.

### Color

Color is jadeite’s most important value factor. As well as green, it comes in lavender, red, orange, yellow, brown, white, black and gray. While they all can be attractive, jadeite’s most desirable color is a very specific shade of green.

The finest-quality jadeite—almost transparent with a vibrant emerald-green color—is known as “imperial jade.” It’s one of the world’s most expensive gems. It ranges from pure green to a slightly bluish green or a slightly yellowish green.

Lavender is the next most valuable color. Intense colors command a substantial premium over lighter and weaker colors. Black jade is also popular, along with orange to reddish jade.

Other highly valued jade varieties include “kingfisher jade,” with a green color that’s only slightly less vivid than imperial; “apple jade,” which is an intense yellowish green; and “moss-in-snow jade,” which is translucent white with bright green veining, patches, or spots.

### Transparency

Jadeite’s transparency ranges from completely opaque to semitransparent. The best jadeite is semitransparent, meaning you can read text through it, but it would be a little blurry. Because light penetrates below the surface, semitransparent jadeite has an alluring brilliance that almost appears to glow. The less desirable jadeites are completely opaque or have opaque or cloudy patches.



### Texture

Jadeite has a smooth, even texture. It’s texture can be fine, medium, or coarse, depending on variations in crystal size and hardness. The same crystal structure that contributes to jadeite’s texture also contributes to its exceptional toughness. It’s interlocking crystals, also called grains, produce a tightly inter-grown, compact mass that bonds together and resists breaking.

### Cut

China is the world’s main polishing center for jadeite. Many cutters there still polish jadeite the ancient way, using a hollow bamboo lathe treated with sand and water.

Manufacturers fashion the stone into a handful of distinctive, traditional jewelry forms. Some are hololiths, carved from a single piece of rough. Hololiths include bangles, rings, and pendants.



The finest-quality material is usually cut into cabochons for use in rings and other jewelry. When judging cabochons, consider symmetry, proportion, and thickness. Calibration is not as important for top-quality material as it is for commercial qualities. The finest jadeite cabochons are rarely cut to calibrated sizes because the cutter’s goal is to save rough weight.

Fine-quality jadeite is often cut into round beads, which are carefully selected and strung into strands. Color and texture are the most important factors for matching jadeite beads.

### Size and Weight

Jadeite size is commonly expressed in millimeters. The value of cabochons, beads, and bangle bracelets rises with an increase in size, all other quality factors being equal. With top-quality imperial jadeite, slight differences in size can make large differences in value.

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## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 20, 2026

Everyone gathered at Waters Edge Event Center and enjoyed visiting from 6:00 pm. It is a beautiful facility and we had record attendance with 90 people joining us. Emcee Brent Stewart welcomed everyone to the 84th Annual Banquet at 6:45 and introduced the head table. They are Eugene Stewart, Brent Stewart and Christina, Rick Corbett and Becky Gibson, and Sandy Blodgett and Dana Robinson.

Ed Moser offered the invocation and dinner was served. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and great company. Brent started the program at 7:35 and thanked Terri Frostrom, Rick Corbett and Becky Gibson for the table favors. He then did some new jokes.

Rick drew door prize tickets for 5 lucky winners. He also drew the lucky number for the table favor, which was #6.

Brent congratulated Gene and Alice Stewart for 63 years of marriage. He then announced Kaya Schmidt as the scholarship winner for 2025.

Brent then named all Past Presidents and asked those in attendance to stand. He then asked for a moment of silence for Ron Ridenour and Brenden Jones, who were lost in the last year.

Liz Warner presented certificates to ROLE participants: Ryan Fisher, Amy Schroeder and Benjamin Austin achieved Apprentice level; and Bob Kerr and Greg Bond earned Masters certificates. One of them is close to the Artisan level.

Rick called the business meeting to order at 7:58 pm and two guests were recognized. He asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as printed in the *Grindings*. Willa made a motion to accept the minutes, Christine seconded, and the motion carried, with Mike opposed.

**Workshop Report:** The next workshop is on Thursday, Jan. 22 from 6-8:45 pm. The next workshop is Jan. 31, 10 am-2 pm.

We are having the Grab Bag Filling party on Saturday the 24th at 10 am. Bring your polished stones and any bags you have sewn. Terri will bring donuts and Dana will bring juice.

Maryann's next wire wrapping class will be the second Tuesday in February, the 10th, at 6 pm. The cost is only \$10. Bring a drill for the next class.

**Field Trip Report:** Brandon Favreau will have a field trip list ready for the next newsletter and the show. He is planning a Spencer trip in July, around the 25th.

**Show Report:** Rick encouraged everyone to sign up for show venues. The sign-up sheets are on the back table. Set-up is on Friday, Feb. 20, 8 am at Expo Idaho and the show runs Saturday and Sunday, with tear-down at 5 pm on Sunday. Be sure to bring gloves.

There are only two floor cases left to fill and four in the black light room. Don't forget locks and windex.

Terri still needs stuff for the basket raffle. She has baskets, just needs the contents. Her contact information is in the newsletter.

**New Business:** Brent presented Rick with a rock hammer with the date added for another year of service as our President. He then introduced attending Life Members and asked them to stand. Ed Moser and Debbie Mitchell are the new Life Members this year.

Rick went over a review of this past year and his thoughts on the future direction of the club.

**Installation of Officers:** Brent reviewed the officer's duties as they were installed for service and introduced all Board Members.

**Officers**

President: Rick Corbett  
 1st Vice President: Willa Renken  
 2nd Vice President: Terri Frostrom  
 Treasurer: Teresa Nebeker  
 Secretary: Dana Robinson  
 Federation Director: Debbie Mitchell  
 Field Trip Guide: Brandon Favreau  
 Historian: Jean Hoene  
 Librarian: Tia Call  
 Sunshine Lady: Deana Ashton  
 Newsletter Editor: Dana Robinson

**Board Members**

Jason Smith	Cordell Blaine
Liz Warner	Debbie Mitchell
Lynn Hansen	Dana Robinson

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary*

## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2026

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

**Excused:** Jason Smith

**Guest:** Ed Moser

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Rick Corbett.

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 and the motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Teresa went over the financial statements for deposits and disbursements. She renewed the post office box, the Rock & Gem magazine subscription and the insurance for the year. The final payment was made to Expo Idaho for the show venue.

Teresa also went over the final figures for the banquet. The great auction totals helped considerably.

**Federation Director Report:** Debbie will be going to the NFMS mid-year meeting in Missoula, MT, on March 19 to the 21. Be sure to turn in the stamps you've been collecting.

**Program Report:** Terri reported that things are going well with the basket raffle, but she still needs donations from club members if possible.

No program this month, just going over the show information.

**Juniors Report:** No report.

**Workshop Report:** Liz went over the dates for the next workshops. The ROLE workshops will be Feb. 16, 6-8:45 pm and Mar. 2 and 16,

6-8:45 pm. The February regular workshops will be Feb. 19, 6-8:45 pm, and Feb. 28, 10 am-2 pm. The March regular workshops will be March 19, 6-8:45 pm, and March 28, 10 am-2 pm.

Liz purchased some veracite to be used for the ROLE program. She sold it to the club for \$60.

Rick made plans for the bins he will need for the machines for demonstrating at the show.

**Field Trip Report:** Rick has the list from Brandon for this year's field trips. He wants to have quarter-sheet lists printed to give out at the show. Dana will get that done. We need about 300 qty.

The field trip for March will be a group trip with the Owyhee club to the Rockville Leaf Fossil Beds on the 21st. We will meet at the Ion Chevron station at the intersection of Hwys. 55/95 at 8 am, leaving at 8:30 am.

**Show Report:** The shot glasses for the case favors came in and look very nice.

There were 26 people stuffing grab bags for the show, filling 613 bags. We still have some from last year as well.

Show set-up is Feb. 20 at 8 am at the fairgrounds. Willa will bring donuts and Rick will bring the juice.

Still need to fill many spots on the sign-up sheets.

**Old Business:** All agreed the banquet was good, but the desserts were too tiny. Rick will look into reserving the Riverside early for next year.

**New Business:**

Rick reminded Dana to reserve the park shelter in Kristin Armstrong Park for the summer picnics on July 21 and August 18.

Brandon inquired about ripping Beacon Hill this year. Willa will check on getting someone in to do that.

Liz requested that Dana send her the t-shirt order form so she can get with them for an order.

Cordell mentioned that the light bulb packaging is torn and needs to be replaced. We can wrap them in grocery bags for this year. Next year we can upgrade to LED lights.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

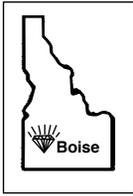
*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary*

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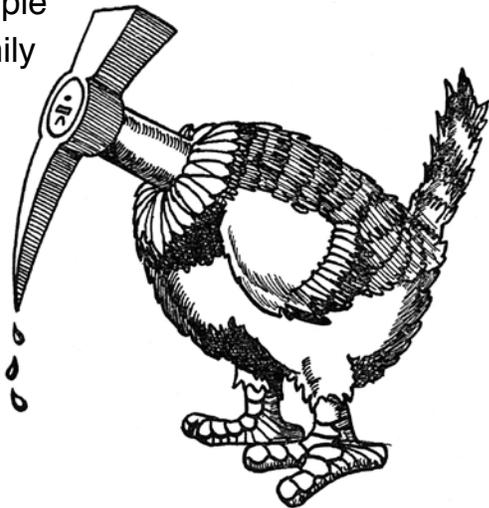
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