




# Grindings

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## TRUNK SALE

from 5-6:45 before the meeting in the Grange parking lot

**Lots of slabs for sale! Come check it out!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Rockhounds.

Summer is here and so is the heat, snakes and wildfires. Be aware of your surroundings and stay safe.

In May we traveled to Gooding to Tony Funk's Rock Yard. It was a grand adventure of food and fun searching for many special treasures, and boy did we find them! Thank you, Tony, for having us.

This weekend is our field trip to Beacon Hill, a club claim that is behind locked gates. We will travel there on Saturday, June 13th, and Sunday, June 14th. We meet up at the rest stop on I-84 at Ontario, OR. The meeting time for both days is 8 am, leaving the rest stop at 8:30. It is about 30 minutes to the gate, and then we drive to the claim. The dirt roads are rough, but a high clearance vehicle is fine. When you leave the claim and come upon a shut gate, pass through and close the gate behind you. The ranchers allow us to pass through, but shut gates keep the cows in. Bring your buckets, shovels and digging tools to find the moss agate geodes. Willa will show everyone where to dig; there is more than one trench to explore that is not in the parking area. Let's keep the location in good shape for our future digs.

In July we're going to the Spencer Opal Mine, 61 miles from Idaho Falls. You must make a mandatory reservation for a spot. There are few openings left, so check for available openings on July 25th. There is a \$45 deposit, with the \$355 balance due on dig day. We will meet at 7:30 am at the Spencer Shop and leave at 8 am sharp. Check the *Grindings* for information.

Also in July is the Nyssa Thunder Egg Days. In past years we have set up a booth, but a new board in Nyssa created some sign-up confusion and additional cost, so we decided not to have a booth this year. Maybe next year's will have better coordination. It is a great show to visit and look at crafts, purchase rocks and gems, and meet up with several club members who will have booths at the show. Come show your support for our members and fellow rock enthusiasts. It runs from July 9th through the 11th. On Saturday is an Ice Cream Social and Fireworks Show. There are lots of activities for the whole family.

At our meeting on June 16th we are having a Trunk Sale Rock Sale starting at 5 pm and going until about 6:40 or so. Bring your rocks, cabs, jewelry or equipment to sell, trade or buy. Come check it out! You never know when a stone will talk to you: "Buy me, take me home!" A fun time to visit and talk about field trips and rocks. I'm still working on a presentation for our next meeting and will have one.

Laura Pape from Boise Parks and Recreation is looking for a rockhounding host to lead a group on an adventure. She mentioned it could be a paying position, so anyone interested, please call Laura Pape at (208) 608-7681. The trip is scheduled for Saturday, July 11th. Call for details.

Thanks, everyone, for being a part of the best gem club in Idaho. I hope to see you on our many adventures in the Gem State.

*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

## JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	<b>2</b> Board Meeting 7 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Moved Due to Schedule Conflict</i>
<b>7</b> <i>Moved Due to Schedule Conflict</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Wire Wrap Workshop 6-9 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Field Trip Beacon Hill 8 am
<b>14</b> Field Trip Beacon Hill 8 am	<b>15</b> ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	<b>16</b> General Meeting 7 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Workshop 6:45-8 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Workshop 10 am-2 pm
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

## JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	<b>7</b> Board Meeting 7 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Thunderegg Days, Nyssa Noon-9 pm	<b>10</b> Thunderegg Days, Nyssa 9 am-9 pm	<b>11</b> Thunderegg Days, Nyssa 9 am-9 pm
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> No Class This Month	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> ROLE* Workshop 6-8:45 pm	<b>21</b> Picnic Meeting 6 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Workshop 6-8:45 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Field Trip Spencer, ID Overnighter
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## AUGUST

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

## SEPTEMBER

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

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



## Upcoming Events

**80th Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow**, June 17-20, 9 am-5 pm, June 21, 9 am-3 pm. Crook County Fairgrounds, 1280 S Main St, Prineville, OR

**Madras Rock & Gem Show**, June 25-27, 9 am-5 pm, June 28, 9 am-2 pm. Jefferson County Event Complex, 430 SW Fairgrounds Rd, Madras, OR

**Montana Agate Fest**, June 26-28. Rosebud County Fairgrounds, 513 N 16th Ave, Forsyth, MT

**Thunderegg Days**, July 9-11, 9 am-9 pm. Nyssa Elementary School, 809 Bower Ave, Nyssa, OR

## 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 plenty of room for anyone who wants to come and there is so much to learn. Please call to reserve your place. Check it out!

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Recent projects

## 2026 FIELD TRIPS

- Jun 13-14 Beacon Hill for Geodes
- Jul 9-11 Nyssa Thunder Egg Days *(We will not have a booth this year.)*
- 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

## JUNE FIELD TRIP

### Beacon Hill June 13 and 14

This is the first Beacon Hill trip for the year. Both days we will meet at the first rest stop in Oregon, just past the Snake River bridge and before Ontario. We meet at 8:00 am and depart in a caravan at 8:30 am.

If people arrive at the entrance to the claim trail, they may NOT enter until Doug or Willa Renken arrive to lead the group in all at once. \* They will open the gate at 9:00 and take us up to the claim. Do not enter the gate to get a head start, even if it's open! Crossing a lot of private property in a large group takes planning and good relations with the ranchers, which the Renkens do for us. Please wait for them.

You will need a high clearance vehicle, but you can always find someone willing to share their vehicle. Be sure to bring water, lunch, digging tools and buckets.

*\* The only access to this claim is twice a year on scheduled IGC field trips with the Renkens.*

## FIELD TRIP SUPPLIES

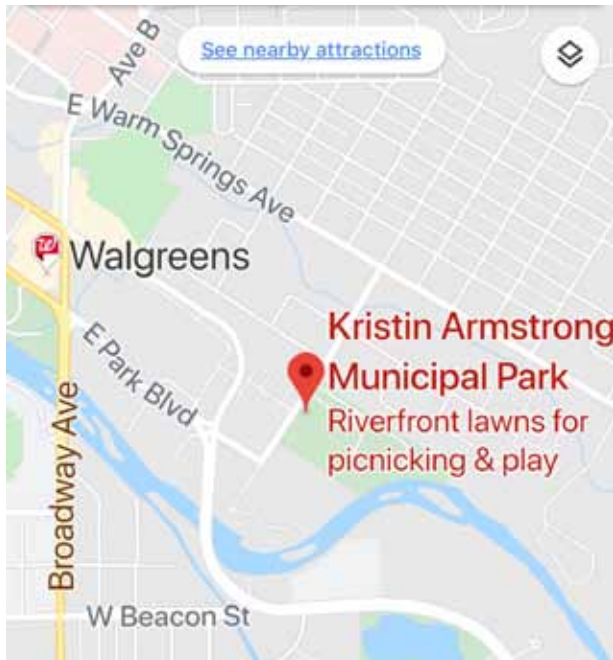
Rock Hammer	Water
Chisel, Pick, Pry Bar	Sunscreen and a Hat
Shovels	Knee Pads
Garden Claw Rake	Safety Glasses
Buckets or Sacks	Gloves
Screening Box	First Aid Kit
Map or GPS	Insect Repellent

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

**JULY POT LUCK PICNIC MEETING**

July 21, 2026, will be the Pot Luck Picnic at Kristen Armstrong Memorial Park Shelter at 6:00 pm. Dinner is at 6:30 pm. Bring a dish to share for dinner, and your table setting. We will have door prizes and a short business meeting to go over current events. The club provides drinks and an ice cream dessert.

After dinner there will be an Auction to help offset costs for our annual Banquet in January. Bring whatever you would like to donate and be ready to look for new pieces for your collection. Come join us for a fun evening. Hope to see you all there!



Map to Picnic Location  
Kristen Armstrong Municipal Park  
500 S. Walnut St., Boise  
Tuesday, July 21, 2026  
6:00 p.m.

**GOODING TRIP**



## SPENCER MINE FIELD TRIP

This year we are planning on having an overnight field trip to the Spencer Opal Mine on July 25. You will need to go on the website at [www.spenceropalmines.com/#1/mine-experience-tour-dig-reservation/p/783478365](http://www.spenceropalmines.com/#1/mine-experience-tour-dig-reservation/p/783478365) to make your reservation. The reservation fee of \$45 is due at booking (non-refundable). The remaining balance of \$355 is due at the shop prior to starting the experience. So the total cost will be \$400. If the weather cancels the dig, they will ship one of their digging boxes (valued at \$35 dollars plus \$10 shipping) to any customer that paid the reservation fee. We are working on the cost to see if we can get a club discount.

You should travel to the area on Friday, July 24, and spend the night. We will be meeting at 7:30 am at the Spencer Shop at 27 Opal Ave. in Spencer, leaving promptly at 8 am. Their phone number is 208-374-5476.

There are limited options for hotels. The nearest is in Dubois or Idaho Falls. There are several camping areas that are fairly close. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meetings for everyone interested in attending.

## STARBELLY SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL



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Contact Rick Corbett at 208-890-2599  
Will bring it to the next Rock Sale/Meeting  
June 16th at the Maple Grove Grange

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jasmine & Worey Welty	Scott & Karol Stokes
Roger & Amanda Riccardi	Pete & Cassie Amar
Kevn Neal & Kathryn Maddie	

## WELCOME NEW JUNIORS

Riley Favreau	Lily Welty
Zoey Welty	Zach Welty
Jasper Riccardi	Sawyer Riccardi
Maddie Neal	

## IDAHO MUSEUM OF MINING & GEOLOGY

### All About Helium

**Date:** June 20, 1 pm to 2 pm

Join us for a fascinating lecture on Helium by Dr. Steve Tedesco. Helium is critical to modern industry. Without it the present civilization would be technically impossible. Presently helium supplies are being disrupted, causing serious concerns. Dr. Tedesco has over 40 years of experience in the energy industry including coal, helium, nuclear, oil, gas, hydrogen, wind and solar. The lecture takes place at 1 pm at the Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology.

**Admission:**

IMMG Members — Free  
Non-members — \$5 plus Eventbrite fee

Pre-registration is required at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-about-helium-lecture-tickets-1988860171311?aff=oddtcreator>

Contact [operations@idahomuseum.org](mailto:operations@idahomuseum.org) if you have questions.

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2455 Old Penitentiary Rd.  
[www.idahomuseum.org](http://www.idahomuseum.org)

### Dinosaurs in a Mobile Museum

**Coming to the IMMG!**

**Date:** June 26, 12 pm to 4 pm

Mark your calendars and register for this FREE event! The Idaho Museum of Natural History is bringing fossils and dino exhibits to the Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology. They will park their Mobile Museum across from our front door. Don't miss learning all about Idaho's fossils and what roamed the earth millions of years ago! The event has an ASL Interpreter. Registration is encouraged.

**Admission:**

FREE

Pre-registration is required at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dinosaurs-in-a-mobile-museum-coming-to-the-immg-tickets-1987751676774?aff=oddtcreator>

Contact [operations@idahomuseum.org](mailto:operations@idahomuseum.org) if you have questions.

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### Mineral Identification

**Date:** June 28, 1 pm to 2 pm

Need help identifying rocks you've found or purchased? Coyote Short, Professional Geologist, can identify rocks, minerals, fossils and Native American artifacts. Bring in your specimens and she will help you identify them. Plus, you'll learn steps to identifying rocks and minerals. The lecture takes place at 1 pm at IMMG.

**Admission:**

IMMG Members and Kids— Free  
Non-members — \$5 plus Eventbrite fee

Pre-registration is required at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mineral-identification-class-tickets-1990347087718?aff=oddtcreator>

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## RED BERYL (BIXBITE)

Emerald is the most well-known member of the beryl family, which also includes aquamarine,morganite, and golden beryl. However, emerald is not the rarest among the beryls. Red beryl, also known as bixbite, red emerald or scarlet emerald, is one of the rarest minerals on Earth. It is a thousand times rarer than gold. Red beryl can come in various tints like strawberry, bright ruby, cherry and orange. The color is stable at very high temperatures.

All members of the beryl family share a chemical composition of beryllium aluminum cyclosilicate. Pure beryl is actually colorless, and its various colors arise from the presence of impurities. Red Beryl gets its red color from manganese ions incorporated within the beryl crystal structure.

The largest crystals of red beryl are about 3/4 inch wide and 2 inches long. However, most crystals are only about half that size.



### History

Red beryl was discovered in the Thomas Range in mid-western Utah and was later named “bixbite” after discoverer Maynard Bixby. The old synonym “bixbite” is not used anymore, since it can cause confusion with the mineral “bixbyite”.

The greatest concentration of gem-grade red beryl comes from a claim in the Wah Wah Mountains of Utah. It has been reported in only a handful of locations in the southwestern US. The Wah Wah Mountains, Paramount Canyon, Round Mountain and Juab County. The narrow geographic range suggests that the conditions needed for its formation do not occur frequently.

The Utah Geological Survey estimated that one red beryl is found for every 150,000 diamonds. According to Gemological Association of Great Britain a 2 carat red beryl is as rare as a 40 carat diamond.

Red beryl is valued about the same price as an emerald despite being a hundred times rarer. Its rarity has made it less popular but red beryl crystals that are over 1 carat can sell for anywhere from \$5k to \$20k.

Limited geographical occurrence means that one company, the Red Emerald Inc., controlled world production of natural red beryl from 2021.

### Characteristics

Red beryl rough crystals can be easily distinguished by hexagonal crystal systems. This gem has been known to be confused with “pezzottaite,” a caesium analog of beryl that has been found in Madagascar and Afghanistan. Cut gems of the two varieties can be distinguished from their difference in refractive index. Red beryl is similar to emerald in that it has inclusions like feathers and fractures.

### Formation

While gem beryls are ordinarily found in pegmatites and certain metamorphic rock, red beryl forms in topaz-bearing rhyolites. It is formed by crystallizing under low pressure and high temperature along fractures or within near-surface cavities of the rhyolite. Associated minerals include bixbyite, quartz, orthoclase, topaz and hematite.

Synthetic red beryl is produced using a hydrothermal process similar to that used for emeralds, however cobalt and manganese are used to produce a dark red gem.

### Faceted Red Beryl / Bixbite

Concentrations of red beryl at the initial site were very small and the material was not gem-quality. Facetable material was not discovered until much later in the Wah Wah Mountains of Beaver County in

Southwestern Utah. The claims are known as the “Ruby Violet Claims.”

In the late 90s a company in Utah bought the Ruby Violet Claim. The annual yield of red beryl from the mine is only about 5,000 to 7,000 carats a year. Prices run as high as

\$10,000 per carat for top specimens. Most red beryl specimens are under one carat. A 2 to 3 carat stone would be considered very large.

Since some of the red gems being marketed as red beryl or bixbite are actually pezzottaite. Pezzottaite is also very rare, but not yet as valuable as bixbite. It is a different mineral altogether, with a different chemical composition, density and refractive index.



If you want to obtain Red Beryl, it is best to deal directly with the mine at [www.bixbite.com](http://www.bixbite.com). They are your trusted old mine direct source online for genuine Bixbite Crystal Specimens, and certified AAA fine natural faceted Red Beryl Gemstones from the Ruby Violet Claims, Wah Wah Mountains of Utah. Gem grade Bixbite jewels can rival even the finest Burma Rubies and are thousands of times more rare in their very limited geological occurrence only in the USA.

### Metaphysical Properties

Bixbite may be beneficial to help you recover from a long illness as its energy may help you feel more energized. It can also boost your energy and improve confidence. It has a vibration that is quite powerful, as it brings together the heart chakra energy with that of the base chakra. Using a Bixbite crystal is said to open and energize the base or root chakra. This energy boost can stimulate the commencement of the arousal of the kundalini.

These red crystals have a lovely heart based energy which brings through feelings of unconditional love and respect, and may help you to release stress boosting confidence and self esteem. The energy of this stone may be especially helpful if you have manifested your illness because you do not sufficiently love yourself.

## 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.

## 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).



## 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 1/2" 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.

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**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING**

MAY 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Rick Corbett and the pledge was recited. Two new members introduced themselves and commented on what brought them to our club.

Becky drew winning door prize tickets for 5 juniors and 12 adults.

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

**Treasurer Report:** Barb has membership cards for some members to pick up at the front table.

**Juniors Report:** Cordell reported that the juniors are working on their badges for next month.

**Field Trip Report:** The field trip will be to Tony Funk's in Gooding. It is a pot luck lunch so plan on bringing a dish to share. Tony will be cooking burgers and hot dogs for us. For those who wish to caravan, we are meeting at the Blacks Creek rest stop just east of Boise at 8 am, leaving at 8:30. The Owyhee and Magic Valley clubs will be there too. Bring a spray bottle to wet the rocks.

Beacon Hill has been ripped and we have a trip planned for June 13 and 14. We will meet at the rest area at Ontario, just over the Snake River Bridge, at 8 am, leaving at 8:30. The backhoe guy did a great job on the site. You will need buckets, shove, spray bottle, lunch and water. A high clearance vehicle is recommended.

**Workshop Report:** Liz went over the dates for the next workshops. The next general workshops are May 21, 6-8:45 pm, and May 30, 10 am-2 pm. The ROLE workshops will be June 1 and 15, 6-8:45 pm. The next general workshops are June 18, 6-8:45 pm, and June 27, 10 am-2 pm.

**Wire Wrapping Class:** Maryann talked about the wire wrapping class she hosts at her shop. The next class is June 9, but she will be gone on July 14, so no class that month.

**Old Business:** The July and August meetings will be a potluck picnic in Kristen Armstrong Municipal Park, with auctions following. Bring a dish to share and your table service. The club provides drinks and ice cream dessert. Bring any donations and be ready to bid on new material for your collection. The auctions benefit the banquet fund.

Thunder Egg Days in Nyssa is coming up in July. Setup is on July 8 at 10 am. The show runs from Noon to 9 pm on July 9, and 9 am to 9 pm July 10 and 11. Guy is willing to loan us a generator for power needs.

**New Business:** Rick has some small bags to give away. See him after the meeting. Also, Sandy has one trim saw left from the parking lot sale. See him after the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary*

## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING JUNE 2, 2026

**Present:** Rick Corbett, Willa Renken, Barb Lee, Cordell Blaine, Jason Smith, Liz Warner, Debbie Mitchell and Dana Robinson

**Excused:** Terri Frostrom and Lynn Hansen

**Guest:** Ed Moser

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 Jason. Board members voted and the motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Barb went over the financial statements for deposits and disbursements. We still need to pay for the ripping job at Beacon Hill.

She is clearing up the files and will be sending the report to board members monthly in email. She will also bring one copy to the general meeting for any club members who would like to see it.

**Federation Director Report:** The annual meeting next year is in April in Kennewick, WA. Keep saving stamps to turn in. Cut 1/2" around if possible.

**Juniors Report:** Cordell is getting mineral ID kits for the juniors to use. They are waiting on the badges to arrive to present them at the meeting.

**Program Report:** Willa suggested contacting Alan Young or Roger Beck to do a program for the club. Rick will check on that.

We will have another parking lot sale before the next meeting from 5-6:45 pm. The last one was sparse, so we need to make sure everyone knows about this one. The next two meetings will be picnics with auctions.

**Field Trip Report:** The field trip to Tony Funk's was a good time. There were 18 IGC members and about 50 total from all clubs. The weather was good and everyone found plenty of great rocks.

The Beacon Hill field trip will be on June 13 and 14. We will meet at the Ontario rest stop at 8 am, leaving at 8:30. Willa will lead us to the gate and we should be there about 9 am. There will be no early entry without the club. If you come late, be sure to close the gates behind you after coming through.

**Workshop Report:** Liz went over the dates for the next workshops. The next ROLE workshops will be June 15, 6-8:45 pm, July 6 and 20, 6-8:45 pm. The June regular workshops will be June 18, 6-8:45 pm, and June 27, 10 am-2 pm. The July regular workshops will be July 23, 6-8:45 pm, and August 1, 10 am-2 pm.

**Old Business:** Thunder Egg Days set-up is on Wednesday, July 8 at 10 am. Rick will check with the Chamber about the application. Sellers should pitch in \$25 toward booth fee.

**New Business:** Boise Parks & Rec is requesting a volunteer to lead a group field trip. Will bring it up at the general meeting.

Liz has lots of slabs available for sale. We need to put a bigger Trunk Sale box in the newsletter.

Barb requested setting up a new email for the club Treasurer. Cordell will help her with that.

There were 5 new member applications this month. Liz made a motion to accept the new members, Cordell seconded, the board voted and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary*



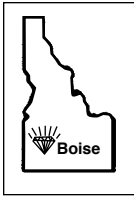
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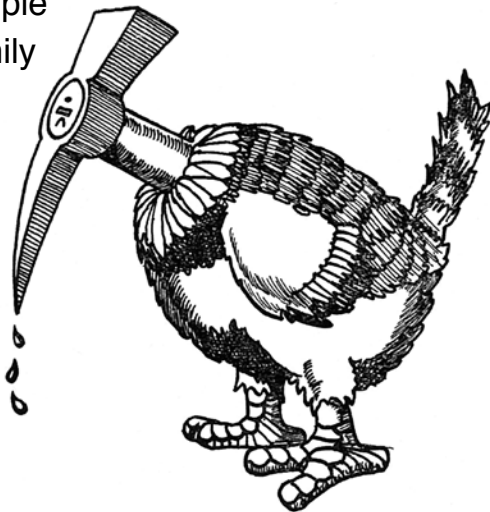
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