



# Grindings

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Rockhounds.

Spring is almost here and it's time to start our field trips. This month on March 21 we're going to the Fossil Leaf Hill, aka Rockville. We are meeting at 8 am Saturday morning at the Ion Chevron station outside of Marsing at the corner of Highways 55/95. We will be leaving at 8:30 and following the Owyhee club, but there are plenty of fossil leaves for everyone. It is easy driving to the hill, but since it's the first trip it will be cool outside, so dress appropriately. There is a lot of surface material, but digging gets you nicer leaves and possibly bugs. I hope to see you there to get our season off to a great start.

Several weeks ago we had our Gem Show at the fairgrounds. It was a great show this year, with beautiful display cases and lots of new members signed up. I want to thank everyone who helped set up and work at the show. It takes all of us to make our show the best, and thanks to everyone I wasn't disappointed. All of our vendors were friendly and had some amazing treasures. The demonstrators were all busy doing our crafts and all the stations were packed with kids and adults having fun.

Many Thank Yous are in order: first to Brent Stewart, our show chairman, for making it happen; to Willa Renken for organizing the demonstrators and helping get the vendors secured; and to Teresa Nebeker, John Benedict, and Barbara Lee for organizing the money pickup. Thanks also go to Cordell Blaine for all his help organizing the trailers. That made set-up and tear down much easier. What a great show! And to show our gratitude we're having a Pizza Party on Tuesday, March 24th at 6 pm, at the Idaho Pizza, 7444 W. Fairview Ave., Boise. Come and enjoy dinner with us from 6-8 pm. Get your drink cups at the door and come make new friends or visit with old ones. This party is a club party for everyone who helped us with the gem show in 2026.

At our upcoming meeting our scholarship winner, Kayla Schmidt will do a brief presentation on her geologic interest and education. We have a scholarship fund to award money every year to a geology student. Congratulations Kayla!

On March 7 and 8 the Owyhee club had their show, and what a great show it was. Lots of great vendors and activities made for good times. On March 14 and 15 is the Magic Valley show at the Filer Fairgrounds. It is a smaller show, but still a lot of fun to visit.

We have a list of field trip locations and many events planned for this year. Come and be a part of the best club in the northwest . . . the Idaho Gem Club.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Rick Corbett, President*

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**ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

**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 OGMS Show 10 am-5 pm	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 6-8:45 pm	20	21 Field Trip Rockville 8 am
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 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
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

**JUNE**

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

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



**Upcoming Events**

**Magic Valley Gem Club Annual Gem & Mineral Show**, March 14, 10 am-5 pm, March 15, 10 am-3 pm. Filer Fair Grounds Merchant Building, Filer, ID. Admission: Adults \$3, Kids 12 and under Free.

## 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. Check it out!



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## 2026 FIELD TRIPS

- 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

## MARCH FIELD TRIP

The first field trip for the year will be to Rockville for Leaf Fossils. We will be joining the Owyhee club for a group trip. We will meet at the Ion Chevron station at the Hwy. 55/95 Junction just past Marsing at 8 am, leaving at 8:30 am. It will be chilly early so dress accordingly.

Be sure to bring buckets, tools, lunch and water. A higher clearance vehicle is also helpful.

### 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

## NFMS FIELD TRIPS - 2026

Hi Folks

I want to share these dates with you early, so you have an opportunity to make arrangements to attend one or both field trips. Our NFMS Field Trip Chair, Doug True, always sets up great trips! If you have never gone, you will be happy you decided to go. And those of you who have gone before know what opportunities lie ahead for a great time! So, mark your calendars and start making your plans to join him for these fantastic opportunities.

Doug will share all the details at the Annual Meeting in Missoula on Friday, March 20th. We'll see you there!

Blue Forest, Wyoming - May 21-25

Tee Pee Canyon Agate, South Dakota - June 25-28

Doug True

## RUCKS PIT CRYSTAL CLAMS

Hello Fossil Friends:

The inaugural *Rucks Pit Crystal Clam Festival* in Florida was a HUGE success. Every person went home with incredible finds and smiles on their faces. Many of these same people are coming back again.

The next event is coming up soon. Check out the website and get signed up.

**March 19-21, 2026**

Learn more at our website:  
[pacificgeolab.com/pacific-geolabs-rucks-pit-crystal-clam-festival/](http://pacificgeolab.com/pacific-geolabs-rucks-pit-crystal-clam-festival/)

You can also check out a 1 minute video

*Jon Kramer, Director  
Pacific Geolabs*

## Pizza Party!!

**Thank You** to all who helped set up the show, run the tables, and take it all down again. We have again successfully produced a great show. It is a very popular show and people are always excited to come see all of our vendors, cases, and many old friends.

To show our appreciation, we are inviting everyone to a Pizza Party Tuesday, March 24th at the Idaho Pizza Co., 7444 W. Fairview Ave., in Boise. We will meet there at 6:00 pm for dinner and comraderie. The Gem Club will provide the pizza, salad bar and sodas.

The location is in the Westgate Shopping Center at the corner of Fairview and Cole Rd. right next to the CVS Pharmacy.

***We Hope You Can Join Us!***

## 11-Year-Old Discovers Fossilized Turtle

Last year an 11-year-old was hunting for rocks with his grandparents on BLM land in southwest Wyoming when he discovered fossilized turtle remains dating back millions of years.

According to specialists, the prehistoric animal has stayed put in what used to be a lake for nearly 48 million years. The Green River Basin used to be a large, tropical floodplain.

His grandparents realized their grandson had found something special, and reported the find to the BLM. A museum specialist said that within a few minutes, they could tell it was a pretty complete turtle shell and worth collecting.

Touren Pope was rewarded for reporting the fossil by being allowed to assist with the excavation, and was also allowed to name the fossilized turtle. He decided on "Little Timmy" for the name.

2026 GEM & MINERAL SHOW



**IDAHO MUSEUM OF  
MINING & GEOLOGY**

**Bruneau Petrified Wood  
Geologic Field Trip**

**Date:** March 21, 10 am to 4 pm

This geologic field trip will be to a new area of Bruneau Petrified Wood. You can collect petrified wood and other fossils without any digging! We'll be meeting to carpool from the Albertsons Parking Lot (near McDonalds but not at McDonalds) at 6574 S Federal Way and Hwy 21 at 9:45 am, departing at 10 am. We will spend about 2 hours exploring a new area and picking up petrified wood, having lunch and then return to One-Stop and finally to the meetup location by 3-4 pm. No dogs, please.

**Admission:**

IMMG Members and Children — Free

Non-members — \$20 plus Eventbrite fee

Full refunds if the IMMG cancels the trip due to the weather.

Pre-registration is required at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bruneau-petrified-wood-geologic-field-trip-tickets-1981811101353?aff=oddtcreator>

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

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**Shoofly Sand Pit  
(Fossils)**

**Date:** April 4, 10 am to 3 pm

Join Steve Schaps for a 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 IMMG also has archeological shaker tables that people can use to sift sand for fossils (Kids love this trip). We will meet at the Albertsons Parking Lot on Hwy. 21 and Federal Way at 9:45 am and 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 ~3 PM. No dogs, please.

**Admission:**

IMMG Members and Kids — 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-geologic-field-trip-tickets-1984721124310?aff=oddtcreator>

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

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jon Kinney & Jennifer Hunn	Henry Haina
Rob & Stephanie Scott	Sarah & Nathan Zohner
Sheila Lee & Marianne Curtis	Patricia Hall
Josh & Christy Throne	Sarah Walker
Curt Farrand	Diana McCambridge
Sarah & Bruce Pagaro	Carl Judy
Curtis & Nicole Stoddard	Jeff & Jane Fisher
Todd & Lisa Sellman	Rowan Sendelbach
Megan McDaniel & Jake Chapman	Rowen Sendelbach & Oliver Beserril
Dawn Murray & Jeff Kowalzyk	Graham Knight & Laura Williams

## WELCOME NEW JUNIORS

Rosendo Kinney	Takeda Kinney
Ellis Kinney	Millie Scott
Debbie Scott	Enid Scott
Aspen Zohner	Kimber Zohner
Ellie Zohner	Paisley Zohner
Catherine Lee	Samuel Lee
Aiden Throne	Braydon Throne
Marshall Cox	Halle Cox
James Patchett	Quentin Knight
Stevie Knight	Isaac Walker
Colton Walker	Lela Walker
Levi Walker	Hazel Pagaro
Cody Wayne	Oliver Beserril

## 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!



## Cheryl Marie Peterson

June 21, 1944 -  
February 22, 2026

Cheryl Marie Peterson (Pennington), age 81, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2026. Cheryl was born on June 21, 1944, to Marjorie and Leslie Pennington. She is survived by her brothers, Larry and Roland, her sisters, Marilyn Hindman and Linda Stephens, and preceded in death by her brother, Marvin, and her beloved husband, Larry Peterson. She was born in Ontario, OR, raised in Idaho, and later moved to California. After many years she returned home to Idaho where all her family resides.

She was a loving and devoted mother to her two sons, Brad (Debbie) and Darin (Tammy), as well as a proud grandmother to her four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her family was the center of her life, and she stayed closely connected to each of them celebrating all of life's milestones together.

Cheryl loved her church and her faith in Jesus was important to her. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Her hobbies included reading, quilting, sewing, bowling and making jewelry. Family members have something she made, and those pieces now carry even more meaning. She was a member of the Idaho Gem Club for many years, and served on the Board of Directors. She had a spirited personality, a good sense of humor and always liked to look her best. Those who knew her will remember her strength, independence, and the way she cared for her family. She was especially proud of her grandchildren and took great interest in their lives and accomplishments.

She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her. She leaves behind a legacy of love, and her family takes comfort knowing she is now resting peacefully in the presence of Jesus.

## 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.

## EUROPIUM

Europium is a chemical element; it has symbol Eu and atomic number 63. It is a silvery-white metal of the lanthanide series that reacts readily with air to form a dark oxide coating. Europium is the most chemically reactive, least dense, and softest of the lanthanides. It is soft enough to be cut with a knife.

Lanthanides refer to the collective designation of 15 elements (No. 57 to No. 71) with similar chemical properties in the periodic table of elements. They are found in the first row below the periodic table's main body. The lanthanides are commonly referred to as the rare earth elements (REE). Lanthanide elements are easy to react chemically with halogen, oxygen, acid, sulfur, nitrogen, hydrogen, etc. Some compounds of europium have fluorescent properties, so they are used in the manufacture of phosphors for electronics.

Both of Europium's naturally occurring isotopes are stable: europium-151 (47.81 percent) and europium-153 (52.19 percent). A total of 34 radioactive isotopes, varying in mass from 130 to 165 and having half-lives as short as 0.9 millisecond (europium-130) and as long as 36.9 years (europium-150), have been characterized.

There are no clear indications that europium is particularly toxic compared to other heavy metals. Europium chloride, nitrate and oxide have been tested for toxicity. However the metal dust does present a fire and explosion hazard.

### Physical Properties

Europium is a ductile metal with a hardness similar to that of lead. It crystallizes in a body-centered cubic lattice. Among the lanthanoids Europium together with



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ytterbium have the largest volume per mole of metal. Magnetic measurements suggest this is a consequence of these metals being effectively divalent while other lanthanoids are trivalent metals.

### History

Europium was discovered in 1896, and in 1901 it was named after the continent of Europe. Europium usually assumes the oxidation state +3, like other members of the lanthanide series, but compounds having oxidation state +2 are also common. Europium has no significant biological role but is relatively non-toxic compared to other heavy metals. Most applications of europium exploit the phosphorescence of europium compounds. Europium is one of the rarest of the rare-earth elements.

Although europium is present in most of the minerals containing the other rare earth elements, due to the difficulties in separating the elements it was not until the late 1800s that the element was isolated. It wasn't until 1896 that a scientist was able to isolate it. Observations of the phosphorescent spectra were eventually assigned to europium.

### Occurrence

Europium is not found in nature as a free element. Many minerals contain europium, with the most important sources being bastnäsite, monazite, xenotime and loparite-(Ce).

Depletion or enrichment of europium in minerals relative to other rare-earth elements is known as the europium anomaly. Europium is commonly included in trace element studies in geochemistry and petrology to understand the processes that form igneous rocks (rocks that cooled from magma or lava). The nature of the europium anomaly found helps reconstruct the relationships within a suite of igneous rocks. The median crustal abundance of europium is 2 ppm; values of the less abundant elements may vary with location by several orders of magnitude.

Divalent europium (Eu<sup>2+</sup>) in small amounts is the activator of the bright blue fluorescence of some samples of fluorite. It is the fluorite found in parts of northern England that fluorescence was named after, although it was not until much later that europium was determined to be the cause.

### Production

Europium is associated with the other rare-earth elements and is, therefore, mined together with them. Separation of the rare-earth elements occurs during later processing. Rare-earth elements are found in the minerals bastnäsite, loparite-(Ce), xenotime, and monazite in mineable quantities.

Bastnäsite is a group of related fluorocarbonates, Monazite is a group of related orthophosphate minerals, loparite-(Ce) is an oxide, and xenotime is an orthophosphate. For the extraction from the ore and the isolation of individual lanthanides, several methods have been developed. The choice of method is based on the concentration and composition of the ore and the distribution of individual lanthanides. Europium is usually separated from the other rare earths by reducing it to the +2 oxidation state and precipitating it with sulfate ions.

A few large deposits produce a significant amount of the world production. The iron ore deposits in Inner Mongolia contain significant amounts of bastnäsite and monazite and are the largest known deposits. Only 0.2% of the rare-earth element content is europium. The second large source for rare-earth elements until the late 1990s was the Mountain Pass rare earth mine in California. The bastnäsite mined there contains only 0.1% of europium.

### Applications

The primary use of europium is in red phosphors in CRT televisions. It is also used in scintillators for X-ray tomography and as a source of blue color in light-emitting diodes (LEDs). Relative to most other elements, commercial applications for europium are few and rather specialized. Almost invariably, its phosphorescence is exploited, either in the +2 or +3 oxidation state.

It is a dopant in some types of glass in lasers and other optoelectronic devices. Europium oxide is widely used as a red phosphor in television sets and fluorescent lamps, and as an activator for yttrium-based phosphors. Color TV screens contain between 0.5g and 1g of europium oxide. Whereas trivalent europium gives red phosphors, the luminescence of divalent europium depends strongly on the composition of the host structure. The two classes of europium-based phosphor (red and blue), combined with the yellow/green terbium phosphors give “white” light. This phosphor system is typically encountered in helical fluorescent light bulbs. Combining the same three classes is one way to make trichromatic systems in TV and computer screens.

Europium is also used in the manufacture of fluorescent glass, increasing the general efficiency of fluorescent lamps. One of the more common persistent after-glow phosphors is europium-doped strontium aluminate. Europium fluorescence is used to interrogate biomolecular interactions in drug-discovery screens. It is also used in the anti-counterfeiting phosphors in euro banknotes.

Europium compounds are used to label antibodies for sensitive detection of antigens in body fluids, a form of immunoassay. When these europium-labeled antibodies bind to specific antigens, the resulting complex can be detected with laser excited fluorescence.



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## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2026

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

Becky drew winning door prize tickets for 8 juniors and 9 adults.

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

**Treasurer Report:** No report. Please talk to any board member with questions.

**Juniors Report:** The juniors will be working on how we use rocks in industry.

**Federation Director Report:** Debbie reminded everyone to turn in their stamps for her to take to the Annual Meeting in Missoula in March.

**License Plate Report:** Deana has made a petition to reinstate the license plate. The new design will include Quincy Howell's Idaho Cut for the gem. The petition will be at the show.

**Field Trip Report:** The first field trip will be on March 21. We are doing a group trip with the Owyhee club to Rockville for leaf fossils. We meet at the Ion Chevron station at the junction of Hwys. 55/95 at 8 am, leaving at 8:30. It will be chilly so dress warmly.

**Workshop Report:** Brent went over the dates for the next workshops. The ROLE workshops will be March 2 and March 16, 6-8:45 pm. The next general workshops are Feb. 19, 6-8:45 pm, and Feb. 28, 10 am-2 pm. The March workshops are March 19, 6-8:45 pm, and March 28, 10 am-2 pm.

**Show Report:** Set-up is on Friday, Feb. 20, 8 am at Expo Idaho. There will be donuts and juice provided. We need lots of hands to set up and there is a lot of light work, as well, so everyone can do something. Doug has made diagrams for table set-up, so follow the folks in charge with those diagrams. Don't forget locks and windex. Willa has limited parking passes this year so if you can park in general parking it would be helpful. We also have two new dealers this year. Sunday also needs more coverage for the tables.

Tear down will be Sunday at 5 pm. Cordell will be managing reloading the trailers, so please use the correctly labeled totes for things. Barbara Lee will be filling in for Teresa again this year for running change.

The Caldwell show is two weeks after ours on March 7-8. We like to support both clubs, so plan to visit.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** Don Nafus announced that he would like to create a faceting group. Anyone who is interested is asked to contact him.

In July we will be doing a mine tour at Spencer Opal Mine in Spencer, Idaho. More information to come.

Hildy invited everyone to come join the Malheur Rock Club in Ontario. They meet on the second Thursday each month.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary*

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

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

**Excused:** Cordell Blaine

**Guest:** Ed Moser and Brent Stewart

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 Terri. Board members voted and the motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Teresa went over the financial statements for deposits and disbursements. She also went over the dealer fees and the show proceeds. All expenses are not in yet.

Teresa reported that the reclamation bonds have been renewed and she paid for the picnic shelter for July and August picnics.

Brent joined in by phone for discussions on refunds for last minute booth cancellations. One vendor had no control over his situation so payment will be carried over to next year.

**Federation Director Report:** Debbie was given the credentials sheet signed by the president and secretary. There is one more meeting to turn in the stamps you've been collecting.

**Program Report:** Scholarship winner Kayla Schmidt will be doing a short program and receiving the check.

**Juniors Report:** No report.

**Field Trip Report:** 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 junction of Hwys. 55/95 at 8 am, leaving at 8:30 am. It will be chilly so dress warmly.

**Workshop Report:** Liz went over the dates for the next workshops. The ROLE workshops will be Mar. 16, 6-8:45 pm and Apr. 6 and 20, 6-8:45 pm. The March regular workshops will be Mar. 19, 6-8:45 pm, and Mar. 28, 10 am-2 pm. The April regular workshops will be April 23, 6-8:45 pm, and May 2, 10 am-2 pm.

**Show Report:** We had a great turnout this year. The showcases looked good as well. We had a few lost items, but all were reclaimed with the exception of money that came out of the ATM after the power outage. The card was turned in, but that was all.

Cordell did a great job organizing the trailers when they were loaded up. Thanks!

**Old Business:** The Owyhee show is on March 7 and 8 at the O'Connor Field House, and the Magic Valley show is on March 14 and 15 at the Filer Fair Grounds.

**New Business:**

The Pizza Party thanking everyone for helping at the show is on March 24 at the Idaho Pizza Company at Cole and Fairview. It runs from 6-8 pm. We should order 15 pizzas to start.

Patrick Carrie will be taking over the chair for the Silent Auction next year. We need to do a rock cleaning and sorting party for the buckets that have been donated lately.

There were 19 new member applications this month. Liz made a motion to accept the new members, Willa seconded, the board voted and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Dana Robinson, Secretary*

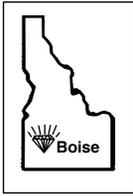


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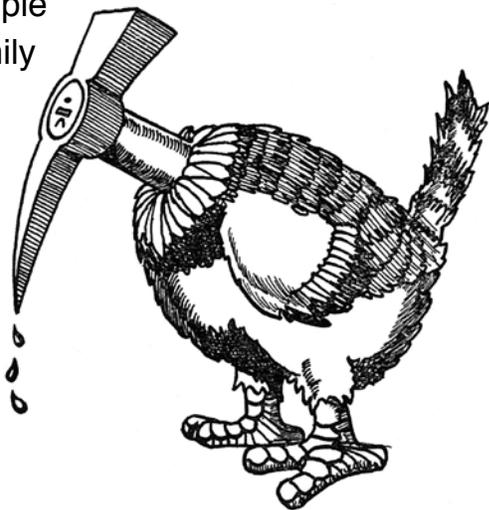
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