


# Grindings

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## President's Message

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Wow, its already 2016. The snow in the last month makes collecting seem far away, but we will be out before you know it. In the mean time, there is a lot going on with the club. Our annual banquet (see page 3) is on the 19th and I hope to see many of you there. It is always a fun evening and a joy to see everyone in a different setting. If you still need a ticket, they are available at Stewart's Gem Shop through the 15th. The Gem Show (see page 3) is coming up very quick as well (Feb 27 and 28). There is a lot to do to prepare, and I know everyone will pitch in to make it a success. The grab bag studding party (see page 3) will hopefully be scheduled by the time that the Grindings come out this month and will be posted. If not, information will be provided at the banquet.

At the board meeting this month, the proposed change to the club bylaws regarding Life Members was passed unanimously. A number of new Life Members (see page 5) were voted on at the Board Meeting, and they will be recognized at the banquet.

Finally, I would like to express what a pleasure it has been serving as a board member and President. After seven years on the board (the last two as President) I am stepping down to focus on some new directions in my life. I will still be around, coming to meetings, field trips, and the show when I am in town. I also hope to find a new way to help strengthen the club in the coming years. I step down knowing that the club has a very able board, a new President (Dana Robinson) with great love and dedication for the club, a very stable financial status (club coffers are at the same level as when I started, despite some significant capital investments in club equipment), and an exciting future. Plans for the new club workshop space are progressing well, and our club is growing. Keeping the club going and growing is up to all of us, and I hope that everyone will take the time to make this institution great. If there is one thing I have learned the last two years as President, it is that we all need to communicate about what we want from the club. I have heard this most clearly from new members who want to tap into the knowledge of others in the club. We need to keep focusing on sharing our knowledge and experience. IGC is in a special place relative to many other clubs around the country...we are strong and growing. The key to that is each of us taking the time to contribute to the efforts as we each are able, and to reach out to other members. I am a good example of how important that is. My family joined the club shortly after we moved here. For whatever reason, the nomination committee approached me shortly after we joined about being on the board. I agreed, which if nothing else made sure that I was a regular attendee at meetings. Being in, and serving, the club provided me with a host of new friends, sources of information about this new land I moved to, and camaraderie. I hope that I have and will continue to return that favor.

*Phil Neuhoff, President*

## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 15TH, 2015

Our meeting was called to order by President Phil N. at 7:45pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ron Mummy.

We had a few guests and new members with us this evening.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" was by Willa R. and seconded by Clinton Chaney.

Door prizes were drawn for 7 Junior and 8 adult winners. Building Fund had 3 winners drawn.

As Secretary I didn't have anything new to report. As for the Library, I apologize that I forgot the key this evening. So anyone needing to return checked out items, can give them to me this evening or return them at the Feb. General Meeting.

Our Treasurer, Barb W. has Annual Banquet Tickets available here tonight. Member prices \$17.00 and non-member \$34.00 per person.

Juniors joined their leaders for a special project. Ed M., Coyote, and Janelle, with donated findings and help from Brent S. Juniors created special one-of-a-kind items.

Before our meeting was called to order. Voting for "Project of the Year" took place. There were 3 entries. 1. a rock table top, from rocks and resin. 2. A metalsmithing project. and 3. rock guitar picks. And the "Winner" project #1. There will be an engraved plaque given to the winner at our Annual Banquet. There were no Junior submissions this year.

Progress is happening with our new workshop. Because we always look forward to the December Workshop, the Renken's are graciously going to open their home and shop to us this weekend, the dates of the 19th & 20th from the hours of 10-5pm. Chili and soup will be provided. Anyone wanting to bring finger foods to share is welcome to do so. She'll be needing volunteers to help with how-to work on the different equipment available and clean-up.

There was no old business at this time.

New business Aaron W. has showcase applications available (see pg 4). Aaron wanted members to be aware he'll be looking for a replacement for the Building Fund. He'll be going to school in the Fall, he'll also be looking for a replacement for show set-up, black-light room and showcases. Anyone interested please contact Aaron.

At this time Phil N. introduced our Board elected president, Dana Robinson. She is currently working to complete her cabinet.

An Auction of donated and finished items was held. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.



## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB Board Meeting JANUARY 5TH, 2016

Our meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Present this evening were Phil N., Brent S., Willa R., Barb W., Deana A., David D., Melodee W., Ed M., Sandy B., Dana R., Linda B., Twila G., Aaron W., and Christine A. Excused for the evening was Cheryl P.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" was by Willa R. and seconded by Ed M.

As Secretary I picked-up the clubs mail, advised everyone present that I had spoken to Charles McCreath. For folks asking about Charles, he and Shirley are doing well. He's working on his items for his Showcase, at our February Show. Unfortunately he and Shirley have other obligations around the Annual Banquet, so they won't be attending. They wanted me to let everyone know they are doing fine.

Our Treasurers report was of balances and disbursements.

Federation update, Ed M. spoke of possible closures. He's going to have our Editor Linda B. post information in this newsletter. (These notifications were sent under email due to time constraints of Jan. 15 response needed to respond to BLM).

Deana A. stated no January program due to the Annual Banquet (1-19-16). Her License plate report is that all participants are working on letters and a meeting with the ID Transportation Dept. is planned, as well as presenting there information to Lawmakers.

Field trips are being worked on. Anyone wanting to suggest a location for consideration is welcome to do so.

Our New Workshop information from Brent S., he's had an electrician out to see what needs to be done. He's been advised to contact ID Power for line and a meter. More information will be coming when available.

Our old Workshop location, graciously provided by the Renken's for the weekend before Christmas. Saturday had 25+ people to attend. Sunday very few dropped by. Thanks again to the Renken's for allowing this workshop to happen.

Old Business, was to confirm everything concerning the Annual Banquet was ready. Last Chance to get tickets at Stewart's Gem Shop will be 1-15-16. Pricing \$17 per member and \$34 per non-member.

Phil N. has been contacted by an advertising source for our upcoming Gem Show. Through further discussion, it was felt that we have advertising covered. Case favors are taken care of. Brent S. and Aaron W. are wanting to recognize Showcases done by Adults, as well as Juniors with "Special" ribbons. A motion was made to provide a budget up to \$150.00, for the ribbons was by Brent S. and seconded by Dana R. Motion carried. On the same subject of the show, Aaron W. is wanting the Board to be aware of some showcases in need of glass or wood repair. He'll look into the cost and let the Board know.

As the Club is aware of, back in November 2015, there was a motion to "Amend the bylaws to recommend lifetime membership from 25 to 20 years, to be determined by a majority vote of the Board. A motion was made by David D. and seconded by Dana R. By a majority vote, the motion has carried. A motion to accept a group of 10 for Lifetime Membership was by Willa R. and seconded by Ed M.

Our new President Dana R. is currently working on her cabinet.

New business Phil N. has been contacted by someone in the NFMS to write an article "About How and Why" our club has grown over the years. Be on the lookout for it's publishing.

Aaron W. said he's found a replacement for the Building Fund. David D. has accepted to take it over.

There was 1 new membership application, a motion to accept was by Ed M. and seconded by Dana R. Our meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Melodee Worley - Secretary*

## IDAHO GEM CLUB PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**JANUARY : ANNUAL BANQUET  
INSTALLATION OF 2016  
PRESIDENT & OFFICERS****DATE:** JANUARY 19, 2016**PLACE:** Red Lion Downtowner**TIME:** 6:30 pm**JANUARY: GRAB BAG PREPARATION****DATE:** January 30, 2016**PLACE:** Church of the Brethren**TIME:** 8 am

Come help prepare our **rock grab bags** for the February show. Please bring any bags you have made, rocks you have tumbled, and friends to stuff the rock bags. Refreshments will be provided. This event usually doesn't last more than an hour. Thanks!

**FEBRUARY : SHOWCASE DESIGN & SET-UP****DATE:** February 16, 2016**PLACE:** Church of the Brethren**TIME:** 7:30 pm

There will be a demonstration by Brent Stewart on how to assemble an award winning display case !

Our Gem Show next month is your opportunity to show off your treasures and creativity. Brent and Aaron encourage everyone to reserve a show case and put some thought into assembly. They will be judging cases for prizes if you would like to enter. Come listen to their suggestions and sign up with AARON WANNER for a Gem Show Display Case!

**FEBRUARY: CHANNEL 7 KTVB, GEM SHOW SPOTLIGHT  
Larry Gebbert , Weather Anchorman****DATE:** February 12, 2016**TIME:** 5AM TO 9 AM

**Coverage for our Gem Show.** During his segment from 5am to 9am he will be featuring the Idaho Gem Club and promoting our upcoming show. Coverage requires us to set up at 3:30AM in the Western Town Building behind Expo Idaho main buildings. We will be showing some rock, gem, mineral, fossil specimens and talking about special features and activities for families to take part in at gem show. Brent Stewart has graciously agreed to set up the articles he takes to do school visits and promote earth science education statewide. He will also crack a few geodes on air . Larry suggested having lots of people in the segment looking busy and having a good time so viewers get inclination to come out and see for themselves what rockhound adventures are available here in our Gem State.

If you would like to participate and help us out, please do. Deana Ashton at [208-794-5628](tel:208-794-5628) will keep a sign up sheet for volunteers. If you have an easily set up display of unique gems or minerals we would love to use it for this show. Call or text Deana at [208-794-5628](tel:208-794-5628).

This is a great free advertisement for boosting our show attendance. Please help out if you can. despite the wee early hour! Thank you!

**FEBRUARY: IDAHO GEM SHOW****DATE/TIME:** February 26th, 10-6

February 27th, 10-5

**PLACE:** Expo Idaho, 5610 Glenwood St., Boise

## REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

We encourage member participation in bringing cookies snacks and beverages to share during break at general meetings. We ask you to provide 8-10 dozen cookies or snacks for approximately 50-70 people. That can be vegie trays, breads, any other treats. Usually 2 people sign up for the month to share the duty. We ask for 10 adult and 10 youth door prizes which are wrapped in a bag. Usually minerals or rocks or slabs. Please consider taking on one month this year to help out! Club provides coffee service and paper plates napkins and cups.

We will be taking a vote to see if members would like to try the refreshment duty assignment used un Ogden Golden Spike Club which Linda will further explain. It is a fun way to get involved with club.

## PROPOSED REFRESHMENTS AGENDA

Members whose last name begins with letter listed below, are asked to bring after meeting snacks for the month indicated.

The club will provide liquid refreshment.

JANUARY\_\_\_\_\_BANQUET  
FEBRUARY\_\_\_\_\_A-D  
MARCH\_\_\_\_\_E-K  
APRIL\_\_\_\_\_L-R  
MAY\_\_\_\_\_S-Z  
JUNE\_\_\_\_\_A-D  
JULY\_\_\_\_\_POTLUCK PICNIC  
AUGUST\_\_\_\_\_POTLUCK PICNIC  
SEPTEMBER\_\_\_\_\_E-K  
OCTOBER\_\_\_\_\_L-R  
NOVEMBER\_\_\_\_\_S-Z  
DECEMBER—HOLIDAY COOKIES BY ALL

**Gem club members:**

I am needing some "treasures" for this years Treasure Dig activity at the Gem Show. Looking for smaller tumbled stones or mini slabs or gemstones rough or polished. People loved the variety of buried items and bought several bags. It made the event alot of fun!

Last year was the 1st year of the Treasure Dig and we made over \$500 for the Building Fund. With our new Workshop coming I'm hoping to double the Treasure Dig revenue this year.

If you have anything you'd like to contribute please call Deana Ashton at [208-794-5628](tel:208-794-5628) and I will pick up. Thank you for your generosity!!

If you'd like to volunteer for helping the Treasure Dig at the Gem Show, please call [208-794-5628](tel:208-794-5628) Deana and I will gladly put your name in for a time slot! Thanks!

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DISPLAY CASE APPLICATION FOR  
2016  
IDAHO GEM CLUB ANNUAL GEM &  
MINERAL SHOW

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER: \_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

NON-MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CASES: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUBS: \_\_\_\_\_ OWN: \_\_\_\_\_

MATERIAL IN CASES: \_\_\_\_\_

INSIDE DIMENSIONS OF CLUB CASES ARE 46.5" WIDE BY 22.5" DEEP  
BY 22.5 HIGH

**LINERS** AND **LOCKS** WILL NOT BE PROVIDED (**BRING YOUR OWN**)  
RETURN HARD COPY TO AARON WANNER @ STEWART'S GEM SHOP OR @ NEXT  
GENERAL MEETING

**CASE SET UP:** FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 AFTER 1:00P.M.

**SHOW DATES:** 27<sup>TH</sup>-28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016

**CLEAN AND PACK UP:** 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 5:00 P.M.

AARON WANNER: 208-794-9474

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## Minerals Named After Women

Almost 100 minerals have been named after women. Some were mineral collectors. Others were scientists. Others were wives of scientists. Listed below are a number of minerals that were named after women.

Use this website (<http://www.webmineral.com/help/NameOrigin.shtml>) and discover more about the women behind these mineral names. Match these names on the left with the accurate fact about the woman after whom the mineral was named on the right.

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|--------------|--|
| Rosemaryite  | Russian Mineralogist                                       |
| Lindbergite  | The discoverer of the element radium                       |
| Sklodowskite | A distinguished mineral collector. Her husband was Eugene. |
| Caresite     | Wife of Professor Peter Wyllie                             |
| Sophiite     | A French chemist   |
| Carnotite    | A Russian volcanologist and mineralogist                   |
| Marialite    | A United States Geological Survey Scientist                |
| Mcnearite    | A mineral collector and dealer from Sudbury, Mass.         |
| Rondorfite   | Her full name was Maria Rosa von Rath                      |
| Olgite       | A mineralogist and crystallographer from Switzerland       |

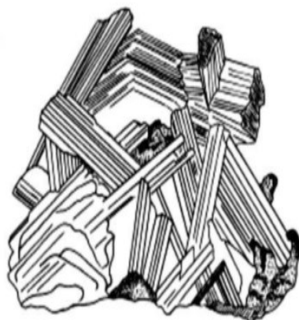


Two minerals were named after Marie Curie-Sklodowska (1867-1934), sklodowskite and curite (named after Marie and her husband, Pierre). The mineral cuprosklodowskite was originally thought to be a copper-bearing version of sklodowskite and so its name bears Marie's name.

Pierre and Marie Curie discovered the element radium.

Left: A Polish stamp with a portrait of Marie Curie-Sklodowska

The deep green mineral called *szenicsite* was discovered in Chile by Terry and Marissa Szenics. This mineral named was officially approved in 1994. The Szenics are American mineral collectors and mineral dealers. Szenicsite contains the elements copper and molybdenum. Marissa Szenics was born in 1950.



Right: A specimen of *Szenicsite*.

## New Lifetime Members 2016

Gene & Philena Thompson joined 1990  
 Chuck & Gerri Goertzen joined 1992  
 Jim & Belle Witt joined 1993  
 Jim & Helen Dillion joined 1993  
 Ron & Jean Dingley joined 1993  
 Jim & Verna Storey joined 1994

## Lifetime Members before 2016

Roy & Patsy Bethel joined 1967  
 Chris & Peggy Blickfeldt joined 1973  
 Sandy & Judy Blodgett joined 1988  
 Mettie Clay joined 1977  
 Marge Conley joined 1973  
 Lynne Davis joined 1982  
 Jeannie Gilbertson joined 1968  
 Al Larson joined 1978  
 Charles & Shirley McCreath joined 1977  
 Marion Phillips joined 1981  
 Charlie & Helen Smith joined 1979  
 Gene & Alice Stewart joined 1969  
 Betty Treblicock joined 1977  
 Kim Williams joined 1988



## NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule

Feb. 12-14 Fri – 9:30 – 5:30 Sat – 9:30 – 5:30 Sun – 9:30 – 5:30 Oregon Agate and Mineral Society OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry), 1945 SE Water Avenue Portland OR Ginny Deppa ginnydeppa@gmail.com 503 232 0970

Feb. 13 - 14 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 9 – 4 Whidbey Island Gem Club Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE Jerome Street Oak Harbor WA Keith Ludemann 360 675 1837 rock9@whidbey.net

Feb. 27 & 28 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 Idaho Gem Club Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood Street Boise ID 83714 Brent Steward 208 342 1151 rocksbybrent@gmail.com

March 4 & 5 Fri – 8:30 – 6 Sat – 9 – 5 Panorama Gem and Mineral Club Stevens County, Fairgrounds, Columbia Avenue, Colville WA Bill Allen 509 935 8779 or 509 936 2446 sa-gostore2@plix.com

March 5 & 6 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 East KingCo Rock Club Pickering Barn 1730-10th Avenue NW Issaquah WA Cindy Smith cndysmith@gmail.com PO Box 2203, Redmond WA 9807

March 12-13 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4 Magic Valley Gem Club Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Merchant Building #1, 215 Fair Avenue, Filer ID Shirley or Rocky Metts 208 423 4827 rmetts@magicvalleygemclub.org

March 12 - 13 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 Rock and Arrowhead Club Klamath Co. Fairgrounds 3531 South 6th Street Klamath Falls OR Marv Stump 541 882 8341 POB 1803 Klamath Falls OR 97601 Garwin Carlson 541 882 8276

March 18 - 20 Fri, Sat – 10 – 7 Sun – 10 – 5 Timpanogos Gem and Mineral Society Spanish Fork Fair Grounds 475 South Main Street Spanish Fork, UT Karl Powell 801 319 6115 timpanogosrock@gmail.com

March 19-20 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 Hellgate Mineral Society Hilton Garden Inn 2730 North Reserve St. Missoula MT Bob Riggs 406 543 3667 robert.riggs3@gmail.com

March 25-27 Fri, Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4 Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA Spokane County Fair & Expo Ctr, N. 604 Havana & Broadway, Spokane WA Vonnie Dillon 509 951 8173 showchair@rockrollers.org

March 26 - 27 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Club Bloedel Donovan Comm. Ctr., 2214 Electric Avenue, Bellingham WA Lori Nettles 360 961 7873 lorinhardy@yahoo.com www.mtbakerrockclub.org

March 26 - 27 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 Sweet Home Rock and Mineral Society Sweet Home High School Gym, 1641 Long Street Sweet Home OR Joe Cota 541 451 2740 or Ed Anderson 541 944 2124 ela4rocks@gmail.com PO Box 2279 Lebanon OR

April 8 - 10 Fri – 9 -6 Sat – 10 – 6 Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society Golden Spike Event Ctr, Weber County Fairgrounds, 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden UT Deborah Blake 385 205 9187 gemshow@goldenspikegem.org

April 9 & 10 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society Idaho Falls Recreation Ctr, Corner of Memorial Drive and B Street, Idaho Falls ID Dave Gunderson 208 523 2355 or Kevin Landon 208 357 3847 PO Box 2362 Idaho Falls ID

April 16 & 17 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Benton County Fairgrounds. 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA Mary Lou Omstead 509 783 2798 PO Box 6652 Kennewick WA 99336

April 22 - 24 Fri & Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 Mt Hood Rock Club W.P. Jackson Armory, 6255 NE Cornfoot Road, Portland OR 97218 [NOTE LOCATION CHANGE] Wayne King mhrcshow@gmail.com 503 284 7195

April 23 & 24 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5 West Seattle Rock Club Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40th Avenue SW Seattle WA Diane Christensen diane@purms.org 206 439 3606 www.westseattlerockclub.org

April 30 - May 1 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5 Everett Rock and Gem Club Everett Com. College, Walt Price Student Fitness Center, 2206 Tower Street, Everett WA Fritz Mack 425 232 0809 rockngemmack1@gmail.com PO Box 1615 Everett WA 98206

May 7 & 8 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club Douglas County Fairgrounds, I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg OR Sue Woodman 541 672 3486 rocksandhorses3@gmail.com or Eileen Paul 541 672 5229 beadpatch@mydfn.net

May 7 & 8 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4 Billings Gem and Mineral Club Al Bedoo Shrine, Aud., 1125 Broadway Ave, Billings MT Doug True dtruefossils12@yahoo.com 406 670 0506

June 3- 5 Fri, Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5 Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club Swiss Park 9205 198th Avenue East Bonney Lake WA 98390 Nancy LeMay bees2knees@att.net 253 347 0794 info@puyallupgemclub.org

July 29-31 Fri, Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4 Willamette Agate and Mineral Society AFMS and NFMS MEETINGS Linn County Expo Center, Albany Oregon Janice Van Cura 541-753-2401 jvancura@peak.org , www.wamsi.org

October 22-23 Sat: 9 - 6 Sun: 10 - 5 Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013 Beth Heesacker, heesacker@coho.net, 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 9

**Field Trip – 2016** By Doug True It is time to start planning for 2016, the Multi federation trips will be in conjunction with the 2016 AFMS show in Albany, Oregon, July 29th - 31st. Two days later more trips will begin from Prineville, Oregon. We plan to have 4-6 trips per day, more if needed, leaving in all directions. Thunder eggs, petrified wood, jaspers and agates will be on the menu. We will have a balance of free and fee sites for 4-5 days. The base camp will be at the Crook County Fairgrounds in Prineville, Oregon. Camping with water and electricity, dump station and motels are in town. Potlucks are planned and I working on having some programs, Lots of collecting and get together fun Watch for further updates. Doug True dtruefossils12@yahoo.com

## NFMS NEWS

Hello AFMS President and each Federation Presidents,

Happy New Year to all. It was very nice to see you all in Austin, TX last year.

The BLM has made a proposal, which could affect a large area in the NW where many important rockhounding sites are included. NFMS has just sent out a letter to the BLM as attached. The details of the BLM's proposal is included in the attached letter. I have sent out messages to all the NFMS Clubs to write and encourage their each members to write comments to the BLM. Now I am asking for your support to write to the BLM as it should work much better if all the rockhounds around the country make the comments.

I am sorry it is quite a short notice, but I wish you all can help. **The deadline for comment is January 15, 2016.**  
The email address of where to send the comments is in the attached letter as well.

It will not affect the other Federation's area, but if any of your members wants to visit the NW for collecting rocks, it will be pretty disappointing if these area will not be allowed for rockhounding.

I thank you in advance for any help.  
Hidemi Kira, NFMS President

**BLM Director**  
1849 C Street NW (WO-200)  
Washington, DC 20240  
[sagebrush\\_withdrawals@blm.gov](mailto:sagebrush_withdrawals@blm.gov).

Dear Sir,

***Issue of Concern:*** BLM's proposal to withdraw lands determined to be crucial to the survival of the greater sage-grouse from location and entry under the 1872 Mining Law, subject to valid existing rights.

The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) has reviewed the **Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments for the Great Basin Region, Including the Greater Sage-Grouse Sub-Regions of Idaho and Southwestern Montana, Nevada and Northeastern California, Oregon, Utah** (ROD), September 2015, and determined that it did not address the recreational use of the land for rockhounding.

The NFMS has over six thousand members in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Northern Utah. It is one of the seven Regional Federations that makes up the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS), which has approximately fifty thousand members.

NFMS members collect a variety of rocks and minerals in many areas the BLM has designated as excluded from the 1872 Mining Law. It is unclear in the ROD whether NFMS members and the public could continue to use these historical rockhounding areas to collect rocks and minerals in the sage grouse management areas. Many of these areas are identified in rock and gem hunting books, and people from all over the United States and overseas visit these areas each year.

It is our position that rockhounding as a recreational activity does not present a negative impact on the management of sage grouse. We request that rockhounding should be identified as a recreational activity in the ROD implementation plans allowing rockhounds and the public to continue collecting rocks and minerals in sage grouse management areas. We further request that collecting of rocks and minerals using hand tools should be allowed in the sage grouse management areas during seasons when sage grouse are not nesting.

The NFMS position is that blanket exclusion for filing a mineral claim under the 1872 Mining Law in a sage grouse management area is not reasonable land use planning. Claim holders are required to file a plan with the agency prior to disturbance of the area. This offers the agencies the opportunity to assess and manage the impacts to the sage grouse in the management areas.

The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies would like the implementation plans to address the conditions under which mineral claims can be filed in a sage grouse management area and mitigations that would have to be in place for exploration or mining activities. Therefore, the NFMS requests the administrator to include language in the implementation plans for sage grouse management areas to allow for the collection of rocks and minerals using hand tools as a recognized recreational activity. In addition, the NFMS requests that the staking of mineral claims under the 1872 Mining Law be allowed with regulations covering mechanized extraction and exploration within the sage grouse management areas.

Respectfully Yours,  
*Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.*  
President, Hidemi Kira  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Jim Bosley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Keith Fackrell  
Executive Secretary, Judi Allison  
Treasurer, Lyle Vogelpohl

## YESTERYEAR

Minutes from the Annual Banquet,  
January 1976

Eugene Stewart welcomed all and requested Clark Elwell to give the invocation. A roast beef dinner was than served to 104 members and their guests. Afterwards there was a short business meeting. A treasurers report was given by Hal Harvey. The first prize for the mini-rock show, a faceted Idaho garnet, donated by Quincy Howell, was won by Del Blickfeldt. Patsy Bethel was introduced as Toastmistress, Patsy introduced Al and Lillian Dawson who presented an audio-visual slide program of Idaho history from the time of Lewis & Clark, Patsy thanked the Dawsons for their Bicentennial show and then announced the winning number for the centerpiece prize at each table.

In Loving Memory Of Days Gone By  
Marge Conley - Historian

## Welcome New Members

1. Christina Anderton, Boise
2. Dana Dancer, Boise

### THE GRINDINGS

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## Bench Tips

"Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" and "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry" are available on Amazon [www.BradSmithJewelry.com](http://www.BradSmithJewelry.com)

### DEPTH GAUGE FOR DRILLING

Sometimes you need to drill a number of holes all to the same depth. One quick and easy way to do this is to wind some tape around the drill bit so that the tape just touches the part surface when the hole is deep enough.

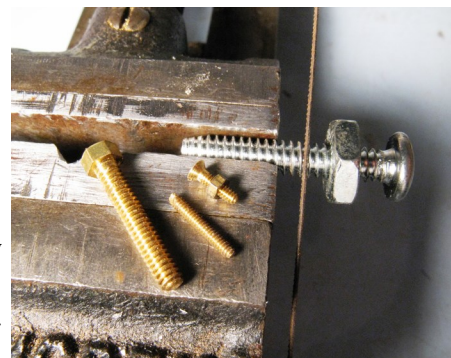


You can set the depth either by measuring from the tip of the drill to the tape or by drilling to the correct depth, leaving the bit in the hole, and wrapping tape around the bit at the surface level.

Note that a little extra tape left free on the end will blow away debris from the drilling.

### CUTTING A BOLT

Whenever you have to cut a threaded bolt shorter, it's often difficult to get the nut to thread back onto it. And the smaller the bolt, the more difficult it is to restore any distorted threads. The problem is easily solved with the use of a nut. Here's how I do it.



First, screw a nut onto the bolt before cutting it. Grip the bolt by the threaded section that is to be sawed off. Then saw the bolt to the desired length, taper the end with sandpaper or file, and unscrew the nut from the bolt.

Unscrewing the nut over the freshly cut end of the bolt will straighten out any damage that sawing and filing did to the threads. Gripping the bolt by the piece to be sawed off localizes any crushing damage to the piece that will be thrown away.





HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

## FEBRUARY

2/1 Charles Osgood  
 2/10 Kim Williams  
 2/13 Evette Syverson  
 2/13 Arlene Purchase  
 2/14 Rowan Lancaster  
 2/19 Kitty Bryner  
 2/20 Jackson Neuhoff  
 2/22 Aaron Wanner  
 2/23 Addison Syverson  
 2/23 Jim Clinton  
 2/25 Deanna Moser  
 2/28 Sharon Alexander

## CABUCHON: ONYX



## FACETED: AMETHYST



GEM: ONYX

**COLORS:** Black, gray, white, blue, brown, yellow, red, & orange.  
 Multicolored, layered variety of Chalcedony

ASTROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION: Leo

CHAKRA: Base

VIBRATION: # 6

**HEALING QUALITIES:** Good for decision-making. Brings luck and happiness in the home.

**Physical :** Good for bone marrow and feet.

**Emotional/spiritual:** Helps w/grief & lack of self control. Helps one take charge of situations. It is good for yin/yang balance, contact w/"god", and connecting you to your roots.



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METAPHYSICAL PROPERTIES  
OF STONES & CRYSTALS

GEM: AMETHYST

**COLORS:** Purple, purple/white banded chevron, black (d/t manganese & iron inclusions), & prasiolite (greencolored by mineral inclusions).

**ASTROLOGICAL ASSOCIATIONS:** Virgo, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pices

CHAKRA: Crown

VIBRATION: #3

**HEALING QUALITIES:**

It magnifies the energy of other crystals. Good for overall protection, and physical, emotional, & mental balance. It is used to encourage chastity & relieve homesickness. It helps negotiation skills, decision-making, wealth, business success, moving forward in life, coping w/responsibility & change, and public speaking. It is used for purification ceremonies.

**Physical:** It heals the causes of dis-ease. Aids detoxing & blood cleansing. Helps w/ drunkenness & addictions, esp. alcoholism. Good for hearing, hormone regulation, insomnia, headaches, migraine, acne, asthma, blood clots, bacterial, & viral infections. Good for immune, circulatory & sympathetic nervous systems, bones, heart, stomach, skin, teeth, liver, & endocrine glands.

**Emotional/spiritual:** It helps with OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder, w/anger & violent tendencies. It calms passion, nerves, oversensitivity, tension, emotional energy, & grief. It enhances the aura, self-esteem, meditation, spirit contact, & spirituality.

Above information gleaned from THE CRYSTAL HEALER by Philip Permmtt & LOVE IS IN THE EARTH by Melody



Rocky Rattlers

**Dates To Remember**

**GENERAL MEETING**  
3rd. Tuesday of every month

**BOARD MEETING:**  
1st. Tuesday of every month  
2 September 2014  
Church of the Brethren  
2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho  
Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

**Save Stamps For Cancer Research**  
Cut at least 1/4 inch margin around the stamps. You can turn them into Chuck McCreath at our next meeting. **THANK YOU!**

Two links for additional newsletters we receive as members of the rock club.  
NFMS—Newsletter available at:  
<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newsletters.asp>  
AFMS—Newsletter available at:  
<http://amfed.org/news/default.htm>

**Here is a really good sight from NOAA on weather issues.**

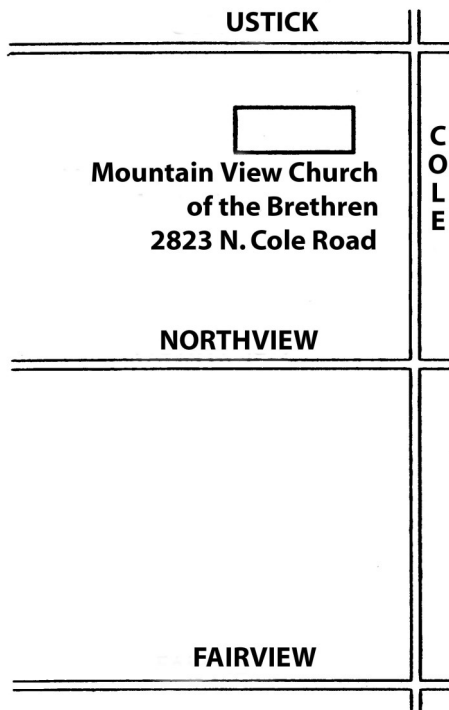
[http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/summer\\_safety.html#.VaUvP2dFDcu](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/summer_safety.html#.VaUvP2dFDcu)

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**Dues:**  
\$22.00 per person  
\$25.00 per couple  
\$28.00 per family

**Subscription:**  
\$10.00 per year

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3rd. Tuesday of each Month at 7:30 p.m.



**The Whangdoodle Bird**  
(Often seen on field trips)

