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Fritz Mack President

Happy New Year!

I don't know about the rest of you. But for me 2010 was just a blur. I can remember when it used to take a full year for the Holidays to get here. WHAT HAPPENED? I sure hope that 2011 slows down a little bit so I can enjoy some of it.

I didn't get to as many rock & gem shows as I wanted to, but the ones I did go to did had a good turnout. Keep up the good work. I know firsthand what it takes to put on a show and all the work and planning that goes into it. I would to thank everyone who get's in there and helps make the show go on. But we need to get some young blood in there. So to all clubs, please get the kids involved.



Judi Allison 1st VP

As this newsletter goes to press, the Holiday Season will be behind us and a new year will be upon us. I hope you all had a safe and satisfying time and received what you wished for that would make you happy. In saying such, it brings to mind the thought that I have purchased a few things to "make me happy". The December newsletter showed off my prize opal vase, and the picture in this issue includes the

lapis, turquoise and silver necklace and earring set I treated myself to this year. I initially debated about the purchase of these items, but in the end, realized it took care of a couple of things. First, it helped out a couple of dealers at our show, and secondly, it helped me remember that it is okay to pamper oneself once in awhile.

As members of a club, we are often giving of ourselves and forget to receive. In order to keep ourselves "full" so we can continue to give, we need to replenish once in awhile. Perhaps this sounds a bit selfish-I am thinking such as I write it. But, I also believe that those who give of their time and talents often neglect to take time to take care of themselves. That is why I think it is important to give to yourself once in awhile. After all, we all want to stay "filled up" so we can continue to do and give of our time to help make our hobby a fulfilling endeavor for others. So, as the year goes along, when you go to a show and see that special thing you might just be coveting, think of it, not as selfishness, but as filling up for the next round of giving. And have a safe and wonderful year.

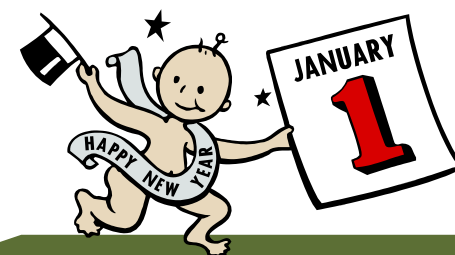
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Tri-Federation Field Trip – Hampton Butte, OR
Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30, 2011

Future NFMS Annual Meetings

2011 – July 29-31, Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, Chehalis, WA

2012 – May 18-20, Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick, WA



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ARTICLES ARE DUE ON
FEBRUARY 15TH

There will not be a NFMS Newsletter
in February, 2011 due to the editor
being on a rock pilgrimage to
Quartzsite, AZ.

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SHOW COORDINATION. Your Federation provides a free service for NFMS members by listing your show in this Newsletter, on the NFMS website, two magazines ("Rocks and Minerals" and "Rock and Gem") and the on-line Calendar from "Lapidary Journal". Please provide the date and time for the show, the club name and show title (if applicable), the location of the show, and most important a contact person with address, e-mail address and/or phone (e-mail is preferred). Please send your show information four to six months in advance to the Show Coordination Chairperson. If you see an error once your show is listed, or if your show is not listed, contact the Newsletter Editor.

SAVE STAMPS PROGRAM. NFMS members are encouraged to use and save commemorative stamps. The money generated from the sale of these used (cancelled) stamps is then donated to Cancer Research. The collected stamps can be sent to the Stamps Chairman, brought to the NFMS Annual Show or given to your Federation Director in your club.

ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS**Where to send your money**

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1. Dues and supplies
2. Donations for the general fund
3. Donations to Junior Achievement
4. Advertisement in this Newsletter

Send to: Lyle Vogelpohl, see Treasurer this page.

To NFMS Endowment Fund Treasurer for:

1. Donations to Endowment Fund
2. Memorial contributions

Make check payable to NFMS Endowment Fund, send to Endowment Fund Treasurer.

To NFMS Scholarship Chairperson for:

1. Donations to AFMS Scholarship Fund
2. Memorial contributions to AFMS Scholarship

Make check payable to AFMS Scholarship Fund.

Send to: Rose Alene Mc Arthur (see Scholarship this page).

To AFMS Endowment Fund for:

1. Donations to AFMS Endowment
2. Memorials

Send to: See AFMS Newsletter

To ALAA Treasurer for:

1. Memberships, new and renewals
2. Donations

Make check payable to ALAA

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NFMS NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE ADVERTISEMENT

Members, Non-members, clubs, etc. can advertise in the Northwest Newsletter. This service is provided to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and is encouraged by the Federation. The only criteria for the ad is that it be hobby related (e.g. rocks, equipment, grit, shows, etc.).

Ads for the Northwest Newsletter are \$1.50 per square inch.

Example: 3" x 4" ad = 12 inches

12 inches x \$1.50 = \$18 per issue of the Newsletter

For an additional 50% of the cost of the Newsletter ad, you can have the same ad placed on the NFMS website for the same length of time. The Newsletter ad must be purchased to receive this additional advertisement.

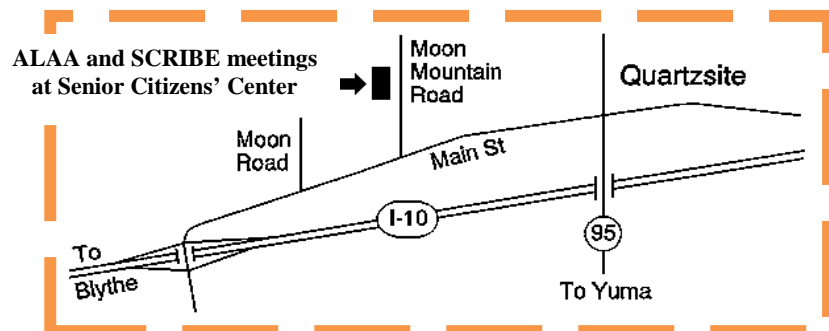
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To see this newsletter in living color and to see it by the first of the month go to

<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newslet2.htm>

and click on the month you want to see.

NEWS OF INTEREST



ALAA Meeting in Quartzsite

ALAA, American Lands Access Assn. is having a meeting in beautiful downtown Quartzsite, Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 9am (Mountain Time, an hour earlier than California Time) This will be at the Senior Center on Moon Mountain Road. ALL are welcome.

The desert will be changing and not for the good of the public, no matter what you enjoy in the desert, large tracts of land will be taken for solar projects and we will lose a number of collecting areas. YOU can help, please attend.

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SCRIBE Meeting in Quartzsite

Saturday, 22 January 2011 (9:00 am MST)
Senior Citizen's Center
Moon Mountain Road
Quartzsite, Arizona

S.C.R.I.B.E., the international organization of bulletin editors of amateur gem, mineral, and earth science societies, invites all editors to share ideas, techniques, successes, problems, and concerns with your fellow bulletin editors at its annual workshop and get-together in Quartzsite, Arizona. **You will also have an opportunity to hear Rock & Gems magazine senior editor Bob Jones who will be the guest speaker.**

Editors are invited to bring copies of their bulletin; original articles, poetry, or puzzles; and write-ups of information or ideas helpful to club editors (50 copies of each item, please) and a rock or mineral to share with one another. There will be pins, patches, and extra copies of our CD for sale. We'll also have S.C.R.I.B.E. bookmarks and cards.

A \$2 registration fee per person, payable at the door, will be used to cover expenses. Registration will begin at 8:30 am (Mountain Standard Time), but someone will probably be at the hall between 8:00 and 8:15 am. So if you are an Early Bird, come early, get registered, have coffee, and visit. The meeting generally ends shortly after noon.

For additional information regarding this event, please send e-mail to: Doug Arnold, President (oldjasper@verizon.net) or Bob Hughes, Treasurer (bjhughes@ellijay.com) or Patty Amos, Secretary (packrats2@msn.com).



Attention Small Scale Mineral Prospectors and Miners and Interested Legislators

Late last week because of a WDFW Press Release, we found that this Saturday, December 4, 2010, the WDFW Commission will hear a by Enforcement Program Deputy Chief Mike Cenci, proposing amendments to WAC 232-12-251, Removal of minerals, wood and artifacts from department lands. Following this report, the commission will hear public input. The commission will then consider adopting these amendments at their January 7, 2011 meeting.

This is the first instance that anybody from the Small Scale Mineral Prospecting and Mining community had heard of this proposed rule making. The original notification of rule making (CR-101) was filed January 5, 2010, with the subject of "***Making changes to permissible activities and use of resources on department-owned and leased property.***" This is identified on WDFW's Rules Information Center - Current Rule Making Activity website as "***Cutting trees and snags on department-owned and leased property.***" The notice of Proposed Rule Making (CR-102) was filed October 20, 2010. Although the "***Title of rule and other identifying information***" became "***WAC 232-12-251 Removal of minerals, wood and artifacts from department lands***", it remains identified as "***Cutting trees and snags on department-owned and leased property***" on WDFW's Current Rule Making Activity website.

The following is the text of the proposed Amendment;
WAC 232-12-251 Removal of minerals, wood and artifacts from department lands.

(1) Except as provided below, it is unlawful to cut down or remove dead standing timber, live trees, wood, soil, petrified wood, minerals, fossils, (~~wood products~~) plants, mushrooms, berries, or artifacts from department lands unless such (~~removal~~) activity is authorized by a permit issued by the director.

(a) Downed dead wood for camping on department lands may be collected without a department permit in a quantity not to exceed one-half cord. However, such wood may not be transported from department lands.

(b) Mushrooms or berries may be collected for personal use without a permit in quantities not to exceed the following limits:

(i) For wild edible mushrooms, five United States gallons; and

(ii) For berries, no limit.

(2) Unlawful cutting down or removal of dead standing timber, live trees, wood, soil, petrified wood, minerals, fossils, or plants constitutes theft under chapter 9A.56 RCW.

(3) Unlawful removal or exceeding limits for downed dead wood, mushrooms, or berries is punishable under RCW 77.15.230.

As you can see, there are a few issues with this proposal. The primary one that effects our activity is that the removal of "soil, petrified wood, minerals, and fossils" constitutes theft under chapter 9A.56 RCW. What this means is; that if you violate this rule, depending on the amount of material in your possession, you may be charged with either a gross Misdemeanor, a Class C felony or a Class B felony. This particular penalty is already allowed in part by Statute (RCW 79.02.310) but WDFW has neglected to use the words "willfully commits any trespass" and appears to be attempting to expand their

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authority. Another issue is that the regulation's for minerals on state lands fall under RCW 78 and RCW 79.14 which are administered by WDNr. This is echoed in the Statutes that govern WDFW (RCW 77). The department has already this year demonstrated their unwillingness to grant a permit to prospect on "Department Lands" by requiring one group who requested to do so additional permits and costly requirements to the point I do not believe they have a permit yet.

The Governor by Executive Order (10-06), Suspended Non-Critical Rule Development and Adoption on November 17, 2010. That same day, the Office of Financial Management issued a memo, Implementation of Executive Order 10-06, to Agency Directors, Statewide Elected Officials, Presidents of Higher Education Institutions, Boards and Commissions which provided guidelines for agencies to use when determining whether rule making should proceed. Regardless, it appears that WDFW is continuing the process.

As the Public Comment period for this proposal ended November 24, 2010, our only option at this time is to contact the WDFW Commission.

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Inform them of your feelings towards the proposed amendments of WAC 232-12-251 and request that they suspend rule making and adoption until 1) January 1, 2012 as directed by the Governors Executive Order and 2) the department has coordinated this proposal with the Small Scale Mineral Prospecting and Mining community.

Thank You

Bill Thomas

President

Resources Coalition



ALAA in the NORTHWEST Shirley Leeson, ALAA VP

I'd like to share a few things with all of you. As you know rockhounds have had concerns about public collecting sites since the 1970s. Many of the regional federations, including NFMS designated Public Lands Advisory committees to keep us up to date on what was going on.

It was during this time that a few people within our regional organizations decided that if our clubs sent letters of concern to our elected officials or to those bodies who oversaw the public lands we collect, on somehow we'd lose our non-profit status. Rather than search out the truth, we sat back and did nothing.

ALAA came along in 1992. It was considered the legislative arm of the AFMS and subsequently designated as such by vote of the AFMS directors. Many individuals and clubs joined. Many of these new ALAA members thought all they had to do was join, and then let ALAA do their work for them. ALAA struggled for a number of years and the situation of public lands got decidedly worse.

Enter 2009. After languishing as an organization, with many individuals and clubs dropping away, ALAA was reorganized and reenergized. Since that time we have focused on getting closer to the problems, we have encouraged our members to get involved in their immediate areas, seek positions on local planning committees, asking to

be considered on BLM and/or Forestry Advisory Boards in their various communities. This has begun to pay off. Once again the word "rockhound" is taking on a meaning recognized by lawmakers and governmental bodies.

We, ALAA as a body can't do this alone. We need each individual and club to come forward and say, "yes we can, what do you need."

We'd like to take this opportunity to recognize those clubs in the Northwest who have come forward:

Clackamette Mineral & Gem - Oregon

Everett Rock and Mineral Club - Washington

Golden Spike Gem & Mineral - Utah

Hells Canyon Gem Club - Idaho

Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club, Washington

Magic Valley Gem Club - Idaho

Mt Hood Rock Club - Oregon

North Idaho Mineral Club - Idaho

Oregon Trail Gem & Mineral - Oregon

Oregon Council of Rock & Mineral Clubs - Oregon

Panorama Gem & Mineral Club - Washington

Rock Rollers of Spokane, Washington

Rogue Gem & Geology Club - Oregon

West Seattle Rock Club - Washington

Yakima Rock & Mineral Club

Northwest has: Dee Holland, Director and Registered Agent, Jon Spunaugle and Evan Day are ALAA Directors, Everett Headrick, assisted by Bev Bockman as representatives for Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington; Shirley Metts of Magic Valley as Southern Idaho representative; and Evan Day is representative for Utah. I'm looking for individuals who will come forward and take responsibility for parts or all of their states within Northwest. There are no paid jobs in ALAA. It's all volunteers. We can only accomplish what our members are capable of doing.

Things have been happening in the Northwest. We not only have to be concerned with what the BLM and Forestry are doing to "managing" our public lands, but now we must be ever vigilant for Fish and Game both at the state and national levels who can decide to close those public and state lands if they deem it prudent for fish and game practices. Also the Water boards can also weigh in on our collecting sites.

In closing, we are asking each and everyone one of you to watch your papers, check websites in your areas for public meetings on those subjects mentioned above and ATTEND. When you do, here are some tips as to what YOU should do. Get an agenda. Ask for a copy of the minutes of the meeting. Get on any lists for future meetings. Be sure someone knows you've attended from the body conducting the meeting. Speak to everyone in authority you can and ask for their business card. Be respectful, polite and not confrontational, but above all, let them know YOU ARE ROCKHOUNDS.

...we can make a difference. There are now over 10,000 ALAA members, most of which come from the Northwest and California. We are growing by leaps and bounds. There is strength in numbers. Won't you join us....



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From the Editor's Rockpile

By Beth Heesacker

A very Happy New Year to everyone!! If your club is anything like mine it has new officers, new plans for field trips and new meeting programs. Behind is the old; ahead is the new.

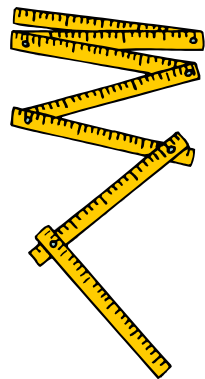
One of the new things for us is our trip to Quartzsite. We have never gone on this sacred rockhound pilgrimage but unless we cannot find an open pass going south from Oregon, we plan on making the trek.

No matter how many people we talk to the whole picture of what it will be like just does not come into focus. Acres of rocks and minerals, etc. Tens of thousands of rockhounds. I guess that my mind just cannot comprehend it.

We have heard it is just not the same as it has been in the past, just not as good, but since we did not see the show before, it will be exciting to us. It will be something "new" for us.

We are also planning to attend the national SCRIBE meeting. This is a meeting for all rockhound bulletin editors. To all my fellow editors, I hope to meet some of you there.

To some, new is scary. To me, new is exciting. I wish you all a very Happy and Exciting New Year.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT AFMS COMPETITION RULES 2011

by Dee Holland

Competitive Exhibitors and judges, please note the following information:

There were a lot of changes in the AFMS Rules, especially the first section, it was completely rewritten and approved by the AFMS Uniform Rules Committee at La Habra in June, 2010. There were changes in all Divisions, be they corrections, or additions.

So, if you are planning on **competitively exhibiting at Chehalis Washington in July, 2011** you're going to have to download your Division and with it Section I. (approximately 16 pages). This is to be done after Jan 10, 2011.

For judges, I suggest you download the complete set of changes, which is 96 pages long. This can be accomplished **after Jan 10, 2011**, at amfed.org then go to AFMS Rules.

Dee Holland, NFMS Rules Chair
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[Editor's note: please see the applications on the next page]



Rockhound of the Year

by Vi Jones



The Board of Directors of **The Mount Hood Rock Club** of Gresham, OR, voted Steve and Edna Nelson as our nominations for the 2010 Rockhound(s) of the year.

Steve and Edna Nelson have been active members of the Mt. Hood Rock Club from the first day they joined. Steve has filled such roles as President, Vice President, Dealer Chairman, Shop organizer and trainer of the shop hosts. Edna has served as Federation Director, Membership Chair, and Kitchen help at shows, Federation Endowment Fund Chair and Treasurer for the Portland Regional show. They both also spend most of the show weekend at the demonstration tables showing/teaching the public about our hobby and Steve usually sits guard duty at night.

Steve and Edna are both avid collectors. It is not uncommon to see them both lying on the ground up to their shoulders in mud and water. Steve is an accomplished Lapidary and has contributed to multiple Society cases over the years. Edna is a skilled Wire-wrapper and teacher. Both Steve and Edna give hundreds of hours volunteering every year with our show, the regional show, and the Northwest Rockhound Retreat.

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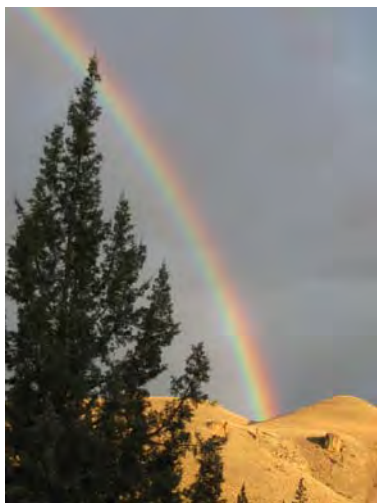
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ROCKHOUND RETREAT REVIEW



TREASURE AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW: THE 2010 NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT

by
Wayne W. Sukow, Ph.D.

There it was an absolutely beautiful intensely colored rain bow in Central Oregon's high desert country. The 67 rockhounds gathered at the OMSI Field Station all stopped what they were doing and ran for their camera. I was

lucky to be one of them and captured IRIS, goddess of the rainbow in all her glory, delivering a message.

There is **treasure** at the end of the rainbow in the high desert country of central Oregon and has been for the past six years. It's at the Northwest Federation Rockhound Retreat (NWFRR). Any rockhound with a bit of planning and a dependable car can find it, usually in early September, at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry's (OMSI) Hancock Field Station, Figure 2 and 3. This year's event was September 6 to 12 and I was there along with 66 other mineral and lapidary hobbyists. The special sharing, the teaching, the learning, the collecting and the lapidary stories, and capped by the camaraderie were special. For all of us, there certainly was treasure at the end of the rainbow. Let's look at the treasure.

THE PARTICULARS: The (OMSI) Field Station is just 75 miles or so East of Madras, OR; it's wise to fill your gas tank there since you won't see another until you return. The NWFRR cost was only \$270 for room and board, \$45 for workshop fee, and \$35 for a field trip to the John Day Fossil beds, if enough people signed up to go. If you bring your own RV there's an additional charge of \$15 for an electrical hookup. That's treasure #1, a cost of only \$350 for a week-long lapidary hobby vacation in a beautiful setting. Along with many others, I bunked in a nifty "A-Frame" cabin, some held one and some held four of us; a single-bed mattress was provided but bring your own sleeping bag and pillow. In the quiet of the desert and with two windows open all night it was very comfortable, I slept; that's treasure #2. There was no need for AC, even during the day. Showers and toilets were housed in a single building and nighttime trips to them treated you to a magnificent display of the Milky Way, constellations, and bright stars. It'd be great to have an astronomy course offered during the workshop. Who needs to sleep? I'll suggest that to the Director, Lamar Tilgner.

Some of the lapidary skill workshops had a minimum and/or a maximum enrollment. This is similar to the Eastern Federation of Mineral and Lapidary Societies' EFMLS-Wildacres Workshops, Workshops for this session were: Lapidary, Basic Faceting, Silversmithing, Basic Intarsia, Basic Wirewrapping, Beading, Casting, and Doublets and Triplets, All classes ran from 9 AM to 5:30 PM daily, that's 7 and 1/2 hours a day-every day. That is in marked contrast to sessions at the EFMLS Wildacres Workshops, which run for 5-hours a day for four days with a fifth day being "free day." One very noticeable result was that participants in the workshops had time to complete significantly more lapidary projects

Evening activities began at 7 PM and included three presentations, two on Lake Superior Agates and a third on IRIS Agates from around the world. As guest speaker for the week these evening presentations were

my responsibility. It also meant that I had no mid-morning presentations as is the case at the EFMLS-Wildacres Workshops. The other two evening sessions were a swap session and on the last night a general wrap-up/cracker barrel session.

WHAT I NOTICED: As the guest speaker at the Northwest's Rockhound Retreat I had time to visit all lapidary workshops and participated fully in one, that's treasure #3. I face polished 14 copper replacement agates (Recently I've been advised that at the Eastern's workshops the speaker-in-residence can take classes and visit all workshops.). Since I had served as the Director of the EFMLS-Wildacres Workshops I couldn't help but notice similarities and differences in Wildacres and the NWFRR. The differences fall into three categories; the geographical locations, programmatic and procedural, and administrative. Each geographical location is unique in ways that cannot be changed and each program adapts to theirs. The programmatic, procedural, and administrative differences are open to change.

Among the programmatic and procedural differences in the Northwest's and Eastern's Federation's program are several that have been noted: 1.) The daily and total class time is longer for the NW Federations program, 2.) The camp-like lodging and sanitary facilities for the NW's program are in



contrast to the EFMLS's motel-like lodging with private bath and toilet facilities, Clearly, this gives the NWF workshops an outdoorsy camp-like feel. 3.) The 3-presentation schedule for the guest speaker means that a person can participate in one or several lapidary workshops. I liked that.

Continuing with the differences between the programs: 4.) What is meant by multi-workshop participation and what makes it possible? Recall that, the daily and total class time is longer for the NW Federation's program, People attending the NWFRR sign up for a particular workshop but if room is available in another they can transition to it. This means people can do projects that involve several lapidary skills. For example, you might sign up for lapidary and cut several cabochons and then transition to a wirewrapping or silversmithing class to use your cabs for making pendants or bracelets. Or, you might sign up for the doublet and triplet making course and then transition to wirewrapping to complete a bracelet or brooch. I'm sure you can envision other combinations that you'd like to try. That's treasure #4. 5.) The site also has well-marked trails, starting at the OMNSI Station site, which invite people to see the flora and fauna close up. The geological features are huge, interesting, and always visible; they also are inviting and provide opportunities for extending the workshops on your own. For example, the John Day fossil beds essentially surround you and thunder egg locations are closer than gas stations; that's treasure #5. 6.) Some folks came in and lived in their RVs, which would make it easy to stop at more collecting sites on the way home.



ROCKHOUND RETREAT REVIEW (cont.)

Shared features of the NWFRR's program and Eastern's Wildacres program include: 1. the cost for participants is essentially the same and both are excellent bargains. 2. The week-long duration is the same although activities within that week differ. 3. Participants in both programs are active rockhounds and many are leaders in their local club and the Federation. 4. Invariably, the workshops are characterized by enthusiastic teachers who are fellow rockhounds and their enthusiasm is matched by that of the "students" who are also active rockhounds. Sharing of enthusiasm, lapidary skills, and collecting stories is a hallmark of both and is a contributing factor in the enrollment of many returning students. 5. The lapidary artifacts, in many cases jewelry or polished cabochons and faceted gems, some set in self-made silver castings or wire wrapped, are generally of excellent quality. Even beginners, along with those whose lapidary skills have gotten rusty, (I am among the latter.) get a good polish on their cabs, triplets, intarsia, knife handles, and faceted gems. Creative designs are common.



6. While there are designated instructors there is a great deal of peer teaching where those who are more skilled in a lapidary technique mentor the less experienced. I experienced this first hand as I face-polished some small copper-replacement-agates from the Wolverine #2 Mine in Upper

Michigan; I was shown that I had to remove the 80 grit scratches with the 200 grit wheel before I went to the 400 grit and then to the polish. You can't polish out 80 grit scratch marks. 7. Overall expenses are offset by an auction of donated lapidary rough and finished jewelry. The bidding is spirited and the very high winning bids are applauded. 8. Friends are quickly made and all seem to feel the workshops end too soon. As I left a group of six was still sitting on a cabin patio working on lapidary projects.

I've left comments about the administrative aspects until last. However, I believe that just as the workshops procedures and protocols are malleable, so are the administrative ones. 1.) Perhaps most obvious is the single session of the NWFRR compared to the two times a year sessions of Eastern's Wildacres Workshops.



2.) From the outset The NWFRR welcomed participants from all Regional federations while Eastern did not. However, Eastern's enrollment protocols are changing in the direction of the NWFRRs. 3.) As in the Eastern Federation, NWFRR volunteer instructors mean they share their lapidary and mineral experience, instructional skills, equipment as needed and high quality items for the auction. Some workshops seemed to have multiple instructors, which is different. I'd call those items treasure #6. 4.) In the NWFRR here is no Registrar and no Functioning Committee. The Director does it all including teaching, WOW. Hold on a second; his wife contributes full-time in all aspects of the program as well.



WOW! WOW 5.) There's no daily NWFRR newsletter; mealtime announcements and a blackboard suffice to keep all up to date. I'd call that treasure #7. 6.) There is no tailgating session but there was a lot of giving and exchanging a specimen of rough or a slab or two. 7.) While in both programs any profits are given to the federation, the EFMLS Wildacres Workshops are a program of the federation while in the

Northwest Federation at this early stage of its existence the NWFRR is simply recognized by the federation. 8.) On opening night at dinner, the Director introduced all the past NWF and EFMLS Past Presidents and immediately announced that they would be honored by being the first mealtime clean-up crew; that meant clear dishes, wash dishes and load the dishwasher, wipe the tables, and take out the trash. It was well received by all and similar mealtime cleanup was done voluntarily and automatically the remainder of the week by all participants. My comment...what a great community building procedure!

Attending the NWFRR was the highlight of my summer and I'd do it again...I have some more copper replacement agates to polish. I applaud the strong volunteer effort that enables it and marvel at it. There is a sense of the pioneering spirit that hovers in the nooks and crannies of the sidebar conversations. I applaud the diversity of participants from young folks, those less than 55 years, to myself and those who negotiated the unpaved pathways using a walker. I was impressed by both the quantity of finished materials and the quality and the high skill workshops that enabled both. I was delighted to have the opportunity to stroke the exceedingly soft fur of a wild bobcat and share several head-butts with it. Finally, I thank Lamar Tilgner who invited me to be the guest speaker thereby enabling me to discover the treasures at the end of the rainbow.



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NEWS OF INTEREST



OUR USE OF OUR PUBLIC LANDS THREATENED!

As we enter into this new year of uncertainty and confusion, which faces each and every level of our nation's government from the federal bureaucracy down through our state, county, and city governments, I feel compelled to reiterate and remind our membership and readers of the wise words of wisdom our forefathers believed in, fought and died for:

"When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitles them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

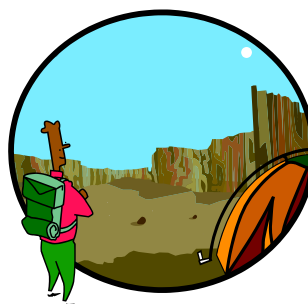
We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security."(Excerpted from the Declaration of Independence)

In Washington State rules of Public Conduct have been implemented legislatively which make it a misdemeanor to collect rocks, minerals, fossils, and petrified wood upon Department of Fish & Wildlife lands they manage and control except by a permit which doesn't exist. Ignore the fact that they are facing deficits in funding sources and do not even have the manpower to enforce fish and wildlife violations occurring on their lands. Disregard the fact that the wildlife resource has become the central focus of that agency's attention while the recreational opportunity to enjoy these public lands by other users outside the hunting and fishing communities has evaporated.

This is just one example of of what the American Public is experiencing in various deviant forms of access denial and loss of recreational opportunities throughout this great land of ours. Rockhounding in it's historical sense is not the only community of recreational user's being shut out and ignored by those entrusted to preserve, protect and promote the foundational truths laid down and enumerated in the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution. Wake Up Rockhounds.

Andy Johnson
Public Lands Chrm.



2011 Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous

Join us for this 2011 Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous on May 27th to the 30th to the Hampton Butte green petrified wood area, the Paulina area for pink, green and blue limb casts and to Glass Butte for a big variety of obsidian. Eight to 10 other nearby sites for agate, thunder eggs, jasper and petrified wood for self guided collecting trips will be available too. These trips will include: Muary Mtn. jasper, Bear Creek petrified wood, Eagle Rock dendritic/moss agate, Ochoco thunder eggs, and several other petrified wood and thunder egg sites.

Camping will be on a centrally located private ranch about 35 miles southeast of Prineville, OR. This is a dry camp with no services available. There will be porta potties at camp for those who need them. Motels and RV parks are available in Prineville.

Of course we will have daily happy hours, evening campfires, and a couple of potluck dinners and special speakers. Everyone who agrees to adhere to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Code of Ethics, abide by the direction of the field trip leaders, and practice safe rockhounding is welcome to attend.

In February or March maps and other detail information will be published in this newsletter.

Please notify one of the Federation leaders early, but no later than May 20, if you plan to attend; e-mail (or call) if you have questions or need more information.

Come join us for a great Inter-Regional Rendezvous of collecting, fun and fellowship.

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NEWS OF INTEREST



Why Create an All-American Club Yearbook?

by John Washburn,
All American Award Chair

Why create an All American Club Yearbook?"

Here are some answers.

- It would give your club an excellent record of 2010;
- If you've never done one before, it can be a tool to examine your club's strong points and where you need to put more effort in the future;
- If you have put together a book in the past, a comparison of this year to past years can also be an effective tool - what's changed, what's good, what needs improvement, have we been moving in the right direction – all good things to look at and weigh;
- It can pull club members together around a common goal, each adding their own talents and strengths to the project; and most importantly
- It can act as a focal point at your Show or at your meetings to attract potential new members.

In the past, I have written a series of articles for the *AFMS Newsletter* giving hints and suggestions about how you can tackle this project. It is, by no means, a simple task, but it is one that can be done with a plan in mind and with the help of a group of members.

Last year, I compiled those articles into a booklet form and took copies to the AFMS Convention & Show in Billings, MT. They were well received. How well? I kept returning to Office Depot to make more copies!

The booklet is called "An All American Club Yearbook: A Guide for Preparation." If you didn't keep a copy of the newsletters containing my articles and are interested in having a copy of the booklet, you can contact me for either an electronic copy in pdf format, or I can send you a hard copy.

You can write to me:

John Washburn, 107 Deer
Creek Road, Rochester, IL, 62563-9220.

You can e-mail me: <jrwashburn2@att.net> or you can call me at 217-498-7713. I would welcome the opportunity to be of help to you and your club.

The deadline for entry in the AFMS contest is April 15th. Check with your regional chairs for their deadline. The entry form that you should use can be found on the [AFMS Website within the December 2010 issue of the AFMS Newsletter.]

Via the AFMS Newsletter 12/10

[Editor's note: the link to the newsletter is
http://www.amfed.org/news/n2010_12.pdf]



Having Fun: Junior Activities

by Jim Brace-Thompson,
Jr. Activities Chair

As the Junior Activities Chair for the California Federation, for well over a year I've been working with my fellow committee members to compile a "Menu of Kids' Show Activities and Display Ideas." At long last, I'm happy to report this is done,

and CFMS webmaster Don Ogden has posted it to the CFMS web site. To check it out, go to <www.cfmsinc.org> and click on "Manuals" at the top of the screen. That will take you to a list of various documents, and the Menu is item 14 on that list. I'm planning to contact AFMS webmaster Marty Hart to create a link to this menu from the Kids Corner section of the AFMS web site.

My thanks especially to Terry McMillin and Susan Chaisson-Walblom for suggestions on how to organize the menu and to June Harris, Ismael Sanchez, and youth leaders across the Federation for providing suggestions by example. The goal is to provide a list of ready-made, club-tested suggestions for displays and activities for any clubs wishing to increase the variety and number of activities for kids at their next annual show.

The menu is divided into six broad categories:

- **Educational Displays** has ideas tied to scout badges and school curricula.
- **Activities** suggests hands-on fun, including simple activities kids can do on their own as well as more involved activities requiring supervision.
- **Prizes for Selling or Giving Away** describes prizes you can use to motivate and award kids and where you can get them or how you can make them, from time-honored grab bags to spinning wheel prizes to badges and ribbons.
- **Lectures & Special Programs** gives ideas on providing extra educational value for kids at your show.
- **Resource Suggestions** tells where to turn to get further ideas, ready-made lesson plans and handouts, rock specimens, posters, etc. The list includes mailing addresses and web sites.
- **Tips on Running a Kids Booth** provides thoughts on what to consider in putting together and running a Kids Booth smoothly and effectively.

The suggestions in this menu came from the experiences of the members on the CFMS Junior Activities Committee and from observing the many great kids' activities CFMS clubs are already pursuing at the local level. We felt it was time to "share the wealth" and collect together the best of what we've observed.

We see this as just the first step of a growing menu. If you and your club have been doing a terrific kids' activity at your show, we'd love to add it to the list, so e-mail (jbraceth@roadrunner).

Via the AFMS Newsletter 12/10



NEWS OF INTEREST



Club Bulletin Editors: Let's See the NFMS Represented in the Bulletin Editor's Contest This Year



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all.

This year has been a very busy and hectic year but things are winding down finally. I am hoping for a great new year for all of us.

I am still trying to figure out this new position of Bulletin Aids so please keep sending in those newsletters or articles and I will do my best to get through them all. Thanks for your patience and support.

Peggy Blickfeldt
Bulletin Aids Chair

The deadline for submissions is January 31st and all submissions must be in a hardcopy/paper format. Emailed bulletins, articles, etc. cannot be submitted to the AFMS so cannot be judged. Mail submissions to Peggy Blickfeldt, 236 Tollgate Rd., Boise, ID 83716

NFMS Member Clubs - Gem and Mineral Show Calendar

Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
February 11-13 Fri 10 - 5, Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Oregon Agate and Mineral Society	OMSI, 1945 SE Water Ave. Portland, OR 97214	Craig Prier oamsrockhound@live.com
February 12 - 13 Sat 9 - 5, Sun 9 - 4	Whidbey Island Gem Club 46th Annual Sweetheart of Gems Show	Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE Jerome Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98277	Keith Ludemann, 360-675-1837 rock9@whidbey.net
February 26 - 27 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Idaho Gem and Mineral Club	Expo Idaho, 5610 Glenwood St., Boise, ID 83714	Charlie Smith, 208-628-4002 P.O. Box 8443 Boise, ID 83707
February 26 - 27 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Everett Rock & Gem Club 58th Annual Gem & Jewelry Show	Washington National Guard Armory 2730 Oakes Avenue, Everett, WA 98201	Fritz Mack, PO Box 1615, Everett, WA, 98206, 425-232-0809
March 5 & 6 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society 57th Annual Rock & Gem Show	O'Conner Field House 2200 Blaine, Caldwell, Idaho	Carolyn Roberts, 208-466-6191 ncrobertsrp@msn.com
March 11 - 13 Fri 10 - 6, Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Tualatin Valley Gem Club 53rd Annual Rock and Mineral Show	Washington Co. Fairgrounds 873 NE 34th Avenue, Hillsboro, OR (Cornell Road, across from Hillsboro Airport)	Roy Woo, rwoo12648@gmail.com PO Box 641 Forest Grove, OR 97116
March 12 - 13 Sat 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 4	Rock and Arrowhead Club, Annual Show Featuring Petrified Wood	Klamath County Fairgrounds 3531 South 6th Street, Klamath Falls, OR	Jennifer Zimmerlee, jlazys@hotmail.com, 541-545 6773 or Marv Stump 541 882 8341
March 12 - 13 Sat 9 - 6, Sun 9 - 5	60th Annual Gem Show Magic Valley Gem Club	Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, East side of Filer ID on US Highway 30, Filer, ID	Harold Waggoner, 208 423 9668 or Shirley Metts 208 423 4827 rmetts@cableone.net
March 18 - 20 Fri 10 - 7, Sat 10 - 7 Sun 10 - 5	Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society 52nd Annual Spring Parade of Gems	Spanish Fork Fair Grounds 475 South Main Street Spanish Fork, UT	Keith Fackrell, 801-489 7525 PO Box 65 Provo UT 84601 krfackrell@msn.com www.timprocks.weebly.com
March 26 - 27 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society 63rd Annual Show, Featuring Fossils	Sweet Home High School Activity Gym 1641 Long Street, Sweet Home, OR	Joe Cota, 541-451-4027 PO Box 2279 Lebanon, OR

NFMS Member Clubs - Gem and Mineral Show Calendar (cont.)

April 1 - 2 Fri 8:30 - 6, Sat 9 - 5	Panorama Gem and Mineral Club	Fort Colville Grange Hall, Hwy. 20, Colville, WA	Bill Allen (509) 935-8779 sago@theofficenet.com
April 2 & 3 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	The Rock, Gem and Craft Show Mount Hood Rock Club	Mt Hood Community College Gym 2600 SE Stark, Gresham, OR	Mary Jean Dowell 360 721 9095 mjdowell@fs.fed.us
April 2 & 3 Sat 10 - 5, Sun - 10 - 4	South East Idaho Gem & Mineral Society	Bannock County Fairgrounds Commercial Bldg Pocatello ID	Kevin B. Taylor, 208-232-4269 246 Washington Avenue, Pocatello, ID 83201
April 8 - 10 Fri 10 - 6, Sat 10-6 Sun 10 - 4	Golden Spike Gem And Mineral Society	Weber County Fairgrounds, 1000 North 1200 West, Ogden, UT 84404 New Location	www.goldenspikegem.org info club@goldenspikegem.org
April 8 - 10 Fri 10 - 6, Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Rock Rollers Club 52nd Annual Gem, Jewelry, Rock and Mineral Show	Spokane County Fair & Expo Center North 604 Havana at Broadway Spokane, WA	Gerry Pfeiffer, 509-294-1927 pfeiffer@webband.com
April 9 - 10 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	"Golden" Family Affair - 50th Anniversary, Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Show	Bloedel Donovan Park 2214 Electric Avenue, Bellingham, WA	Wes Gannaway, 360-384-4209, debnwes@comcast.net
April 15 - 17 Fri 9 - 6, Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4:30	Willamette Agate Mineral Society 56th Annual Show	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 South Pacific Hwy West, Rickreall, OR	Kristi Edwards, 541-738-6811 edwardskk@gmail.com
April 16 - 17 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club 50th Annual Parade of Gems	Yakima National Guard Armory 2501 Airport Lane, Yakima WA 98931 New Location	Marti Sondgeroth 509 248 6401 evenings, cell 509 910 3484, marthms@q.com
April 16 & 17 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak, Kennewick WA	Dom Cataldo dac@bioguardtech.com PO Box 6652, Kennewick, WA 99336
April 16 & 17 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society	Idaho Falls Recreation Center Memorial & B Streets, Idaho Falls, ID	James Bosley 208-520-1819 PO Box 2362, Idaho Falls, ID 83403
April 23 & 24 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4	Grays Harbor Gem and Geology Society	Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds 32 Elma/McCleary Rd., Elma WA	Gary Emberly, 624 Fairmont Place Aberdeen, WA 98520 360-533- 6196 Melissa624@hotmail.com
April 30 & May 1 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40th Ave SW, Seattle, WA	Audrey Vogelpohl, 206-932-3292, avogelpohl@comcast.net www.westseattlerockclub.org
May 7 & 8 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds 901 North Black, Bozeman, MT	Sally Griffin 406 451 4362 griffin830@yahoo.com or Dan Carter 406 586 4552
May 14 - 15 Sat 9 - 5, Sun 9 - 4	The Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society	First Interstate Events Center Ravalli County Fair Grounds 100 Old Corvallis Road Hamilton, MT 59840	Steve Vieth, 406-369-5489 viethsteve88@gmail.com or Mike McConnell, 406-360-4944 micker1949@yahoo.com
June 11-12 Sat 10 - 6, Sun - 10 - 6	Butte Mineral & Gem Club	Butte Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Avenue (ext 127 North) Butte, MT	Pete Knudsen, 406-496-4395 PO Box 4492, Butte, MT 59702
July 23 - 24 Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 10 - 4	Northwest Montana Rock Chucks - 4th Annual Gem and Mineral Show	Flathead County Fairgrounds - 265 N. Meridian Rd., Kalispell, MT	Milah Gano 406-844-3560 mallard_g@centurytel.net Jim or Vi Hoover 406-862-1316
July 29-31 Fri 10 6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	NFMS ANNUAL MEETING AND SHOW	Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, Chehalis, WA	Chuck Sonner csonner2011@gmail.com



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