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Evelyn Cataldo NFMS President

August Greetings,

In mid-June, 1st Vice-President Fritz Mack and I traveled to California to attend the AFMS Show and Convention. On our way to California, we learned of the passing of our dear friend Dorothy Lee. The Northwest and American Federations will greatly miss her and her contributions to our Societies.

Above is a picture of myself in the garden area of the convention hotel in Fullerton where the Annual Meeting, the Scholarship Committee Meeting and the Editor's Breakfast were held. The Show facility was in La Habra. So, we had ample opportunities to practice our big-city driving....yikes!!

At the Annual Meeting, Northwest's Lauren Williams was elected President-Elect of the AFMS. It was voted to make the Ad Hoc Committees for Inter-Regional Field Trips and Web Site Contest into permanent committees. The 2011 AFMS Show and Convention will be in Syracuse, New York.

The highlight of the Show for us was the display that Walt Wright had of 125 of his petrified wood rounds. Here is a picture of Fritz checking out the geode cutting booth.



The Awards Banquet had a Fiesta theme. Dee Holland announced that the Show had the most competitive exhibits of any show since 1989. There were fifty-some competitive exhibits. Pat and Don Snyder, from the NFMS, both won competitive awards.



I am happy to report that we had three winners from the Northwest in the AFMS Scholarship raffle. Steve Fisher won the amethyst necklace and earrings, Wayne Farley won the amethyst cathedral and the Southeast Idaho Gem & Mineral Society won a collection of lapidary materials.

Now, for Northwest affairs. We have our Annual Meeting and Conventional coming up in September in Hillsboro at the Portland Regional Show. Fritz and I met with Jon Spunaugle while we were in California and everything seems to be shaping up well for a good time in Hillsboro. Hotel B (our convention hotel) has changed its name. It is now a Comfort Inn. There are still reserved rooms available at a reduced price.

Exhibits Registrar, Larry Hulstrom, tells me that he has not received even one competitive exhibit registration! Larry asks that we get our applications in soon.

Our Safety Chairman has had to resign due to family concerns. We need a volunteer to take over those duties. The main duty is to promote safety programs for the NFMS via the *Newsletter* and the web site. If you can spare an hour or so a month to help us out, please contact either myself or Fritz.

The good news is that I believe that we have found a Junior Chairperson! An announcement will be made soon. We are searching for some individuals to assist the new Junior Chairperson. Let me know if you are interested. Until next month, Evelyn

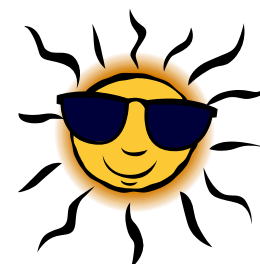
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MEANS-Glenn Lee (chair) & Janice Van Cura, **WEBSITE-**

Jack Eads.

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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.

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

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1. Donations to Endowment Fund
2. Memorial contributions

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

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

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

To AFMS Endowment Fund for:

1. Donations to AFMS Endowment
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Send to: See AFMS Newsletter

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2. Donations

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

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OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Keep your calendar up to date:

Northwest Rockhound Retreat,
September 6-12, 2010, Hancock Field
Station, Fossil, Oregon



NFMS Convention and Annual Meeting, September 18,
2010, 2 pm. Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro,
Oregon



Judi Allison
2nd VP

Happy August.

The annual meeting and the fall season will soon be upon us. Maybe because of the late start of summer we will be fortunate enough to have some continued sunshine well into the

fall months so we can continue to follow those paths toward the “find of the year”.

I had the opportunity to go looking for woods and agates on the Middle Fork of the John Day river in Oregon a couple of times this summer: once with a group field trip and once with a friend who lives in the area. I found a few nice pieces but, as usual, I got to be the “cheerleading squad” as my friend pulled out a perfect 8 inch by 3 inch diameter limb cast. I really don’t mind being the cheerleader because it is the enjoyment of the whole process that is such great fun. And even though at times we might be a bit envious, we are happy that a fellow rockhound was able to add a trophy piece to their collection.

I have to confess in all this, that my digging skills (and desires) are not well honed, so that could add to my lower success rate. I can also use the excuse that I live in a rented duplex and only have room for a few things. That should make me highgrade my fines, right? But highgrading is a matter of personal preference, I think. It is tough to toss out even the tiniest piece of agate or whatever if it has a great color or looks like kitty cat, Sammy; a bull elk; or old dog, Wags. One can always toss it in a tumbler and pass it on to the kiddy corner, if nothing else.

I guess I am somewhat “hooked” as a rockhound since I went to personal expense to put a small shed on my rented property so I could finally get my saw out of the weather and house my other odds and ends of equipment and rocks. So no matter whether you have great wealth and can buy wonderful finds, eke out a living and manage to save just enough to join the field trip or just enjoy walking along the beach to pick up the “shiny stuff”, being a rockhound is a mindset about earth’s wealth. And sharing that mindset with others makes it all worthwhile.

See you in Hillsboro.



**TIME TO START
PLANNING YOUR NEXT
TRIP**
By Doug True

The Multi-federation fieldtrip is set for Memorial weekend (next year) 2011.

You can spend 4 plus days in central Oregon collecting petrified wood, agate, jasper, obsidian and thunder eggs.

The groundwork has started with an hour long meeting with the BLM, I have also obtained permission to have our base camp on a private ranch centered within the multitude of special trips we have planned. We have been checking out some of the locations to dig wood, hunt agate and working with several claim owners that own thunder egg beds. Just so you have some idea as to what will be available, I will list some things planned. Dig for wood in the Hampton Butte area, Dig in the pink limb area southwest of Paulina, Surface collecting for wood and agate casts Hampton Butte area, Maury Mountain moss agate, and some thunder egg beds near Prineville. There will be at least 5 fieldtrip leaders and camp hosts.

Our base camp will be on a private ranch, dry camping, no electricity, no water; we are looking at hauling porta-potties out to the camp.

Start planning for your back country outing now

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**Nominee for Rockhound
of the Year**
JERRY BLIMKA

Hells Canyon Gem and Mineral Club of Lewiston, Idaho, would like to name JERRY BLIMKA our 2010 Rockhound of the Year. Jerry’s unfailing good humor and helpfulness are his very valuable attributes. We especially appreciate his willingness to share his time, workshop, and knowledge to individually inform and teach us. Want to learn wire wrapping? No problem. Need to know what equipment to buy? He has the answers. How to work opals? Glad you asked.

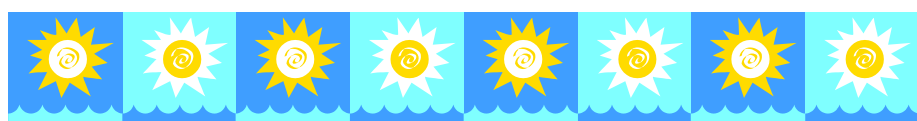
The rock stockpiles from two generations have been shared to give us an overwhelming supply of beautiful rock for every need in our club.

As a master of intarsia it is fascinating to see Jerry pick and choose the stones that make a perfect intarsia and then show you how to do it.

His intarsias grace the showcases of the federation and our club cases.

Thanks again Jerry, for being here for our club.

Submitted by Rose Alene McArthur, Federation Director



AFMS BULLETIN CONTEST

2010 AFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest Winners



I. Original Adult Articles, Top 10

1. The First American Gold Rush: The Forgotten Gold Rush

by Jackie Fisher, Austin Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS). From: *The Stone Chipper*, 6/09

2. My Beautiful Rock

by Vivian Stockton, Northwest Arkansas Gem & Mineral Society (RMFMS). From: *Rock, Pick & Chisel*, 12/09

3. Scheelite – The Brilliant Ore of Tungsten

by Brett Whitenack, McPherson Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS). From: *The Post Rock*, 11/09

4. Homegrown 'Diamonds'

by Regina & Tony Kapta, Central Illinois Gem & Mineral Club (MWF). From: *CentrILL Gems*, 1/09

5. SD Mining in 1951

by Harold Lundberg, Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society (MWF). From: *The Pick & Dop Stick*, 11/09

6. March 2009 Field Trip to Western Kansas

by Lois Larson, McPherson Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS). From: *The Post Rock*, 4/09

7. Rockhound Honeymoon

by Sigrid Stewart, Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS). From: *The Backbender's Gazette*, 11/09

8. Rock Hunting in Iron Country

by Keith Peregrine, Central Illinois Gem & Mineral Club (MWF). From: *CentrILL Gems*, 11/09

9. Growing Crystals Part 2

by Robert Winsor, Northern Virginia Mineral Club (EFMLS). From: *The Mineral Newsletter*, 1/09

10. Adventure to NASA's Johnson Space Center – Houston, Texas

by Kathy Hrechka, Northern Virginia Mineral Club (EFMLS). From: *The Mineral Newsletter*, 9/09

II. Original Adult Articles, Honorable Mention

Can Rockhounding Improve Various Skills?

by Don Kauffman, Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club (EFMLS). From: *Rock Buster News*, 6/09

Search for the Elmwood Mine

by Chuck Neely, Roseville Rock Rollers (CFMS). From: *The Rollin' Rock*, 6/09

Meteorites: High-Tech Meteorite Hunting

by Zeb William Rike, III, Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS). From: *The Piney Woods Rooter*, 4/09

The Field Trip that Wasn't

by Karen Newlin, El Dorado County Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS). From: *Petroglyphs*, 2/09

Red Hills Magnesite

by Jenni Long, Mother Lode Mineral Society (CFMS). From: *MLMS Ghost Sheet*, 3/09

The Virgin Valley Gamble

by Dylan Porter, Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS). From: *Tips and Trips*, 12/09

Gems, Macon County and the Washington Monument

by Fred Plesner, Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC (SFMS). From: *The Mountain Gem*, 5/09

Dispensing the Collection

by Bruce Siegfried, Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC (SFMS). From: *The Mountain Gem*, 7/09

III. Original Adult Articles Advanced, Top 10

1. Continents Moving Around – You Have to Be Kidding

by Terry Proctor, Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS). From: *The Backbender's Gazette*, 8/09

2. The Paleontological Resources Preservation Act: What Does It Mean For LGGMC Members

by Mike Nelson, Lake George Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS). From: *Lake George Gem & Mineral Club News*, 4/09

3. Miller Indices: What Are Those Numbers in Parentheses on Crystal Drawings?

by David Babulski, Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS). From: *Tips and Trips*, 9/09

4. Twinning in Crystals

by Bob Carnein, Lake George Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS). From: *Lake George Gem & Mineral Club News*, 8/09

5. A Close Encounter of a Different Kind
by Daryl Serafin, Maryland Geological Society (EFMLS). From: *The Rostrum*, 9/09

6. *Dryopteris*: A Fossil Fern from Florissant
by Steven Wade Veatch, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS). From: *Pick & Pack*, 6/09

7. Grab the Kids, Ma; She's Agoin' Ta Blow: Sand Dunes, Volcanoes and Uniformitarianism
by Mike Nelson, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS). From: *Pick & Pack*, 3/09

8. Tiny Diamonds Hint at Past Catastrophes
by Vivien Gornitz, New York Mineralogical Club (EFMLS). From: *The Bulletin of the New York Mineralogical Club*, 3/09

9. An Early November 2008 Trip to Arkansas
by Art Smith, Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS). From: *The Backbender's Gazette*, 1/09

10. Millerite, Violarite and Polydymite
by David F. Hess, West Central Illinois Rock & Mineral Club (MWF). From: *Rock Chatter*, 2/09

IV. Original Adult Articles Advanced, Honorable Mention

Let's Go Metal Detecting! A Good Hobby for Bad Times.

by Vince Migliore, El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society (CFMS). From: *Petroglyphs*, 6/09

Rare Specimen of a Late Paleocene Pinaceous Cone

by Lucy Kuizon, Maryland Geological Society (EFMLS). From: *The Rostrum*, 11/09

IV. Original Adult Articles Advanced, Honorable Mention (continued)

Zoned Crystals: 'Tree Rings' of the Mineral Kingdom

by Andy Weinzapfel, Arlington Gem & Mineral Club (SCFMS). From: *The Hound's Tale*, 1/09

From Vice to Gneiss: How Rockhounding Changed My Life

by Anita D. Westlake, Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS). From: *Tips and Trips*, 12/09

Pickens County Marble Festival and Mine Tour

by Tom Batcha, Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS). From: *Tips and Trips*, 9/09

The K-T Mass Extinction Event

by Stan Balducci, Richmond Gem & Mineral Society (EFMLS). From: *The Collecting Bag*, 1/09

AFMS BULLETIN CONTEST (cont.)

V. Junior Articles – Under 12, Top 10 (7 entries)

1. Minerals in My Home
by Emily Gudeman, El Dorado Mineral & Gem Society (CFMS). From: *Petroglyphs*, 7/09

2. A Quick Look at Vanadinite
by Aaron Hendricks (10), Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS). From: *Pick & Pack*, 9/09

3. Lifting Up History with David Freeman
by Noelle Skubal (9), Houston Rock & Mineral Society (SCFMS). From: *The Backbender's Gazette*, 3/09

4. Treasures from the Smoky Mountain Region
by Jaret Williams (9), Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club (EFMLS). From: *Rock Talk*, 3/09

5. Geoland Picnic
by Mahlon Sharf (11), West Central Illinois Rock & Mineral Club (MWF). From: *Rock Chatter*, 8/09

6. First Cabochon
by Alexis Lanier (10), Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society (MWF). From: *LOESS Bulletin*, 2/09

7. Adventures in Lapidary Arts
by Jay Kahling (9), El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society (CFMS). From: *Petroglyphs*, 11/09

VI. Junior Articles – 12 to 17, Top 10 (8 entries)

1. Archeology Field School at Kampsville, Illinois
by Mary Boesdorfer (15), Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society (MWF). From: *LOESS Bulletin*, 9/09

2. A Brief History of Turquoise
by Elizabeth Hixon (16), Wichita Gem & Mineral Society (RMFMS). From: *Quarry Quips*, 12/09

3. Amber: Nature's Window to the Past
by Kurt Lahmers (12), Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS). From: *Pick & Pack*, 4/09

4. Glendon Quarry '09
by Melissa Siver (14), Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS). From: *JAX Gems – JGMS Newsletter*, 6/09

5. Copper: The Magic Metal
by David Carter (16), Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society (MWF). From: *LOESS Bulletin*, 5/09

6. Dolomite
by Ruby Clancy (14), Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS). From: *The Pineywoods Rooter*, 3/09

7. Rainbow Bismuth
by Carmen Amos (14), McPherson Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS). From: *The Post Rock*, 5/09

8. Ant Hill Trip
by Blake Vella (13), Mother Lode Mineral Society (CFMS). From: *MLMS Ghost Sheet*, 5/09

VII. Written Features, Top 10

1. Our Early Years
by Terry Yoschak, Roseville Rock Rollers (CFMS). From: *The Rollin' Rock*, 7/08

2. An Old Geezer Reminisces
by John Emerson, Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS). From: *The Backbender's Gazette*, 10/09

3. As Old as Dirt . . . Or Is It Older?
by Ed Wagner, Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society (MWF). From: *LOESS Bulletin*, 2/09

4. My Rock Egg Collection
by Jilleen Wagner, Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society (MWF). From: *LOESS Bulletin*, 4/09

5. President's Message
by Bill Waggener, Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS). From: *Tips and Trips*, 2/09

6. Gem-O-Rama: Hanksite and Pink Halite
by Bob King, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS). From: *Pick & Pack*, 11/09

7. Return to the Copper Country Retreat 2009
by Keith Peregrine, Central Illinois Gem & Mineral Club (MWF). From: *CentrILL Gems*, 9/09

8. Collecting Pyrite at Navajun, Spain
by Bill Gilbert, Richmond Gem & Mineral Society (EFMLS). From: *The Collecting Bag*, 11/09

9. Facetor's Corner
by Steve Weinberger, Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore (EFMLS). From: *Gem Cutters News*, 1/09

10. When 'Thank You' is Just Not Good Enough
by Jack Hommel, Mohave County Gemstoners (RMFMS). From: *Little Gems*, 12/09

VIII. Written Features, Honorable Mention

Thanksgiving Celebration in the Desert
by Gary & Mary Gann, Mohave County Gemstoners (RMFMS). From: *Little Gems*, 12/09

The Big One That Didn't Get Away
by Jeff Taylor, Richmond Gem & Mineral Society (EFMLS). From: *The Collecting Bag*, 8/09

You Really Do See Stars
by Ed Price, Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS). From: *JAX Gems – JGMS Newsletter*, 1/09

Quiz #2
by Bruce Siegfried, Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC (SFMS). From: *The Mountain Gem*, 12/09

It's a Hen Party
by Sharon Scott, Lubbock Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS). From: *Rockytier*, 9/09

Pond Memories
by Jackie Fisher, Austin Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS). From: *The Stone Chipper*, 10/09

IX. Drawn Features (1 entry)

1. Diamond Hunt
by Three Rivers GMS Juniors (Michele Yamanaka), The Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF). From: *The Strata Data*, 9/09

X. Adult Poetry, Top 10
1. The Excitement of a Dig
by Terry Proctor, Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS). From: *The Backbender's Gazette*, 9/09

2. The Geology of Newsletter Editing
by Jim Stedman, Maryland Geological Society (EFMLS). From: *The Rostrum*, 11/09

3. Clovis Once Upon the Land
by Steven Wade Veatch, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS). From: *Pick & Pack*, 5/09

4. Can't Live Without Rocks
by Mary Owens, East Texas Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS). From: *Rock-N-Rose*, 10/09

5. A Tribute to Al Juhle
by Billy Beal, The Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks Co., Pennsylvania (EFMLS).. From: *Rock Chatter*, 11/09

6. I am a Rock, a Rock Collector
by Ralph Gamba, Southern Maryland Rock & Mineral Club (EFMLS). From: *Rock Talk*, 2/09

AFMS BULLETIN CONTEST (cont.)**7. Twas the Nineteenth Day Before Christmas**

by Tony Kapta, Central Illinois Gem & Mineral Club (MWF). From: *CentrILL Gems*, 11/09

8. Graveyard Point 2009

by Tom Noe, Michiana Gem & Mineral Society (MWF). From: *Rockfinder*, 12/09

9. Midnight Saturday

by Dee Sharf, West Central Illinois Rock & Mineral Club (MWF). From: *Rock Chatter*, 8/09

10. What I Enjoy

by Wally Smith, Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC (SFMS). From: *The Mountain Gem*, 10/09

XI. Junior Poetry, Top 10 (7 entries)**1. The Dinosaur Disaster**

by Michael Kuhn (16), Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF). From: *The Strata Data*, 1/09

2. Turquoise

by Tomas Ackendorf (9), Mineral Minds (EFMLS). From: *A Mineral Minds Newsletter*, 11/09

3. Pterodactyl

by Kaitlyn Jenkins (13), The Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF). From: *The Strata Data*, 2/08

4. Rocks-Rocks-Rocks

by Lily Cave (8), Austin Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS). From: *The Stone Chipper*, 2/09

5. Historically Speaking

by Sam Stein (13), Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF). From: *The Strata Data*, 1/09

6. Quartz

by Kailynn Gatto (9), Mineral Minds (EFMLS) From: *A Mineral Minds Newsletter*, 11/09

7. Hungry, Hungry Me

by Gavin Rater (10), Mineral Minds (EFMLS) From: *A Mineral Minds Newsletter*, 11/09

XII. New Editors, Top 10 (6 entries)**1. No first place winner**

2. The Mineral Newsletter, 6/09 Robert Winsor, Editor

Northern Virginia Mineral Club, Reston, VA (EFMLS)

3. The Collecting Bag, 6/09, Barbara Hadley, Editor

Richmond Gem & Mineral Society, Richmond, VA (EFMLS)

4. The Rock Rustler's News, 8&9/09, Zoma Olson, Editor

Minnesota Mineral Club, New Brighton, MN (MWF)

5. Crack 'N Cab, 9/09, Keith Gilmer, Editor
Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, Syracuse, NY (EFMLS)

6. The Pick & Dop Stick, 9/09, Craig M. Heinze, Editor

Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society, Schaumburg, IL (MWF)

7. Pick & Shovel, 10/09, Sharon Marburger, Editor

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Lincoln, NE, (MWF)

XIII. Mini Bulletins, Top 10 (4 entries)

1. Greater Cincinnati Lapidary & Faceting Society Newsletter, 9/09, Jim & Judy Budnik, Editors, Greater Cincinnati Lapidary & Faceting Society, Goshen, OH (MWF)

2. Rock, Pick & Chisel, 7/09, DeLane Cox, Editor

Northwest Arkansas Gem & Mineral Society, Colcord, OK (RMFMS)

3. Stepping Stones, 4/09, Colleen Reigh, Editor

Lockheed Martin Rockhound Activities Stone Steppers, Fort Worth, TX (SCFMS)

4. The Conglomerate, 9/09, Robert Miller, Editor

Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club, Bohemia, LI, NY (EFMLS)

XIV. Small Bulletins, Top 10

1. The Conglomerate, 5/09, Barbara Hartman, Editor

Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Sparks, NV (CFMS)

2. The Rockytier, 10/09, Rhonda Taylor, Editor

Lubbock Gem & Mineral Society, Lubbock, TX (SCFMS)

3. The Strata Data, 10/09, Michele Yamanaka, Editor

The Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society, Ft. Wayne, IN (MWF)

4. The Mountain Gem, 12/09, Linda Behr, Editor

The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC, Franklin, NC (SFMS)

5. Quarry Quips, 11/09, Carolyn White, Editor

Wichita Gem & Mineral Society, Wichita, KS (RMFMS)

6. CentrILL Gems, 4/09, Regina Kapta, Editor

Central Illinois Gem & Mineral Club, Decatur, IL (MWF)

7. The Pineywoods Rooter, 11/09, John D. Nash, Editor

Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society, Jasper, TX (SCFMS)

8. The Rockhouser, 9/09, Wendell C. Mohr, Editor

Gem, Lapidary, & Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD, Gaithersburg, MD (EFMLS)

9. The Post Rock, 10/09, Sara Murphy, Editor

McPherson Gem & Mineral Club, McPherson, KS (RMFMS)

10. The Roadrunner, 5/09, Lola Lamb, Editor

Big Spring Prospectors Club, Big Spring, TX (SCFMS)

XV. Small Bulletins, Honorable Mention

The Rockfinder, 11/09, Tom Noe, Editor
Michiana Gem & Mineral Society, South Bend, IN (MWF)

The Rockhound Gazette, 3/09, Daleene Caldwell, Editor

Stillwater Mineral & Gem Society, Stillwater, OK (RMFMS)

Rock Lore, 9/09, John L. Dolde, Editor
St. Louis Gem & Mineral Society, St. Louis, MO (MWF)

Rock Talk, 3/09, Jessica Thomson, Editor
Southern Maryland Rock & Mineral Club, Waldorf, MD (EFMLS)

The Shawnee Slate, 7/09, Llewellyn Allspach, Editor

Shawnee Gem & Mineral Club, Shawnee, OK (RMFMS)

Rock Chatter, 12/09, Eric Brosius, Editor
The Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, PA, Levittown, PA (EFMLS)

Bulletin of Mineralogical Society of Southern California, 5/09, Shou-Lin Lee, Editor, Mineralogical Society of Southern California, Whittier, CA (CFMS)

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XVI. Large Bulletins, Top 10

1. T-Town Rockhound, 2/09, Mary Watts, Editor

Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society, Tulsa, OK (RMFMS)

2. The Backbender's Gazette, 1/09, Phyllis George, Editor

Houston Gem & Mineral Society, Houston, TX (SCFMS)

3. MLMS Ghost Sheet, 11/09, Chris Whittier, Editor

Mother Lode Mineral Society, Modesto, CA (CFMS)

4. Pick & Pack, 12/09, Betty Cain, Editor
Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society, Colorado Springs, CO (RMFMS)

5. Gem Cutters News, 12/09, Carolyn Weinberger, Editor

Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD (EFMLS)

6. The LOESS Bulletin, 9/09, Ed Wagner, Editor

Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society, Springfield, IL (MWF)

AFMS BULLETIN CONTEST (cont.)

7. Tips and Trips, 12/09, Tom Batcha, Editor
The Georgia Mineral Society, Atlanta, GA
(SFMS)

8. Little Gems, 11/09, Donna Robinson, Editor
Mohave County Gemstoners, Kingman, AZ
(RMFMS)

9. Jax Gems, 7/09, Chuck Sederholm, Editor
Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society,
Jacksonville, FL (SFMS)

10. The Lithnics, 10/09, Tom Kottyan, Editor

Richland Lithic & Lapidary Society, Mansfield,
OH (MWF)

XVII. Large Bulletins, Honorable Mention
The Hot Springs Bulletin, 11&12/09,
Raymond Lynch, Editor

The Hot Springs Geology Club, Hot Springs,
AR (SCFMS)

The Vug Examiner, 6/09, Edward Mattson,
Editor

The Stamford Mineralogical Society, Stamford,
CT (EFMLS)

XVIII. Special Publications (2 entries)

1. Membership Information by Linda Behr
The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC,
Franklin, NC (SFMS)

2. Membership Brochure by Susan Burch
East Texas Gem & Mineral Society, Tyler, TX
(SCFMS)



From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

Some of you may wonder if I just wasted the last 3+ pages listing the winners of the AFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest. Admit it now, it is not very exciting reading. But I did it for three reasons. 1) The people who put in such long hours researching and writing articles, and the editors that put in sometimes many days preparing your bulletins for publishing deserve their time in the spotlight. 2) Maybe listing the articles others have written for their bulletins will spark an idea for you to write for your bulletin too. 3) Did you notice that there are NO NFMS winners!!!! No one in our Federation won in ANY category. I am unsure why. I understand from the AFMS that nothing was sent to them. Hummmm? I hope this never happens again.

Even if everything went right there is still the chance that we may not win in the AFMS Contest but we will all still be winners since we will have all done something to help our fellow rockhounds by letting them laugh at our foibles, learn a new technique or about a collecting site, or have a more colorful and exciting bulletin. Let's see lots of "(NFMS)" sprinkled throughout this list next year.

On a lighter note, we have added a new option to our advertising. As in the past, any rockhounding related ad may be placed in the newsletter, even if the person or group is not a member of the NFMS. The money is used to defray the cost of printing and mailing this newsletter. Starting this month, if you wish to, the ad can also be placed on a special sale page of the NFMS website at an additional 50% of the cost of the printed ad. For example, if the cost for your ad in one issue is \$25 then for an additional \$12.50 it will also be placed on the website for the same month. I hope this sounds attractive to all clubs and individuals and is a helpful service.

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It is your land!

By Andy Johnson



On April 16, President Barack Obama launched a national dialogue on conservation and reconnecting Americans to the outdoors. As part of this

initiative, we are hosting listening sessions around the country to hear from ranchers, farmers and forest landowners, sportsmen and women, state and local government leaders, tribal leaders, public-lands experts, conservationists, recreationists, youth leaders, business representatives, heritage preservationists, and others to learn about some of the smart, creative ways communities are conserving outdoor spaces and helping Americans to go out and enjoy them.

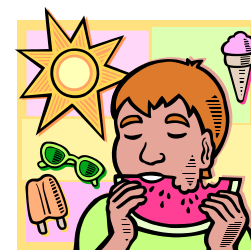
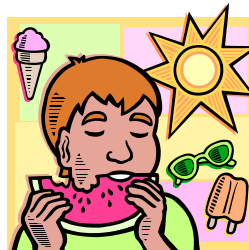
As the nation's largest land manager, the Federal Government has a responsibility to engage with its partners in order to help develop a conservation agenda worthy of the 21st Century. We must look to the private sector and nonprofit organizations, as well as towns, cities, and States, and the people who live and work in them, to identify the places that mean the most to Americans, and leverage the support of the Federal Government to help these community-driven efforts succeed. Through partnerships, we will connect these outdoor spaces to each other and reconnect Americans to them.

We hope you will join the conversation about America's Great Outdoors. We want to hear from you about the places you love, your community's efforts to protect them, and how we can better support modern-day land and water conservation efforts happening in communities across the country.

However, as much as we would like to it simply won't be possible to meet with every community group that is practicing creative conservation, or visit every valued outdoor place in America. Nevertheless, it is very important that we get your ideas and experiences to help us create an enduring 21st Century conservation agenda.

To learn more about this movement and provide your specific input check out the following link

www.doi.gov



NFMS Convention and Annual Meeting Registration



NFMS Convention and Annual Meeting

September 18, 2010

2 pm.

Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro, Oregon

(For additional meeting times, see the registration form)

GREAT FAMILY FUN
Cascade of Rocks and Gems
 30th Annual Regional Gem and Mineral Show
 Including the 2010 Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Society's Annual Competition and Meeting

Friday, September 17, 2010: 10:00am-6:00pm
Saturday, September 18, 2010: 10:00am-6:00pm
Sunday, September 19, 2010: 10:00am-5:00pm

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REGISTRATION FORM - 2010

Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Meeting and Awards Breakfast - September 18-19, 2010
Annual Meeting Location - Washington County Fair Grounds, Hillsboro, OR

ADVANCE REGISTRATION (Deadline: September 1, 2010)

Please one form per person or family. Form may be duplicated. Payment may be combined for families.

Name(s): _____

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Your Local Club/ or Federation Affiliation: _____

Please CIRCLE all that apply:

AFMS/NFMS Officer, Past President, Director/Delegate, Alt Director/Delegate
Committee Chair (if so, what position _____) Judge, Clerk,
Competitive Exhibitor, Guest.

Awards Breakfast \$18.00 per person _____ @ \$18.00 + \$ _____

The Annual Meeting is being held at the same location and time as the PORTLAND REGIONAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW, September 17,18,19, 2010.

Show admission is handled by the Portland Regional show committee and a daily admission pass is expected to cost \$5.00. Daily passes and a 3 day pass should be available at the show entrance. RV Dry camping is also available from the show committee on a first come basis.

NFMS ACTIVITIES:

September 18, 2010
- Endowment Committee meeting 12:30 p.m. Fairgrounds Building
- Annual Meeting - 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 19, 2010 8:00 a.m.
- Awards Breakfast - Comfort Inn (next to Washington County Fairgrounds)
\$18.00 per person

Accommodations: Rooms at a special rate of \$69.00 have been reserved under the name of the "Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies on a first come basis at:
Comfort Inn, 3500 NE Cornell Road, Hillsboro, OR 97124
Phone 503-648-3500 The Hotel is next to the fairgrounds.

Mail Registration with any payments made out to the "NFMS" to:
Jon Spunaugle, Meeting Coordinator,
4841 Dr. Eldridge Drive, Washougal, WA 98671
e-mail jonspe@comcast.net

NFMS Convention Competitive Display Forms

NFMS CONVENTION
COMPETITIVE ENTRY FORM
 Fri-Sun 10am – 5pm Sept 17 - 19– 2010
 Washington County Fairgrounds
 Hillsboro, OR

EXHIBIT ENTRY DEADLINE: Aug 10, 2010

SETUP:

All entries must be set up and ready for judging by the close of set-up time, Thursday, Sept 16, 2010. Or, with the approval of the Rules Chairman – between 7am 9am on Friday, Sept 17, 2010.

**SECURITY WILL BE FURNISHED.
 TWO GUEST PASSES PER EXHIBITOR WILL BE FURNISHED**

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Please complete all information on the entry form and this certification form and mail to the Competitive exhibits registration chairman for acceptance and acknowledgement – email is acceptable. Mail to Larry Hulstrom, 5409 West 26th, Kennewick, WA 99338. His email address is larryhulstrom@live.com.

Refer to the AFMS Rules Update to 2010. Download your copy of the rules from: www.AMFED.org

If you are uncertain as to the correct class or group you should enter or for clarification of the rules contact Dee Holland, P.O. Box 23, Tendoy, ID 83468 or email: beauholland@centurytel.net or shirleyleeson@cox.net

LIABILITY: It is mutually agreed that the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the host society shall not be liable to any exhibitor in whole or part. This includes the property of the exhibitor or injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submitting this signed application/certification form for entry constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

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 September 17 – 19, 2010
 Washington County Fairgrounds
 Hillsboro, OR

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NFMS Convention and Annual Meeting



A REMINDER AND REQUEST FROM THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The NFMS Credentials Committee Chairpersons, Clara & Del Walker, must receive the names (only) of Club Directors and Delegates as soon as possible (ASAP) for planning purposes of the annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held on

September 18, 2010,
Registration prior to the 2 pm meeting, Washington County
Fairplex, Hillsboro, OR.

The Credential forms below must be completed by the designated director/delegate, signed by the Club President and Secretary, and **BROUGHT BY THE DIRECTOR AND DELEGATE** to the annual meeting.
Or, this should be done by the alternate delegate(s), if necessary.

Send the name(s) (not the credentials forms) to:

Clara & Del Walker
12377 SE Davis Loop
Prineville, OR 97754

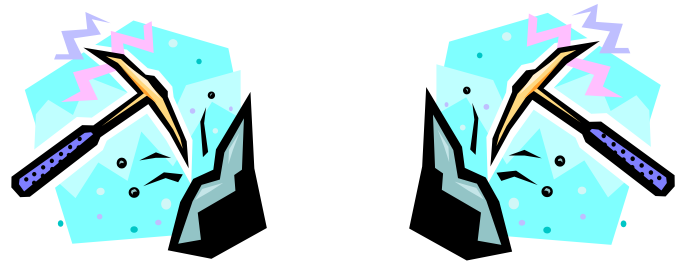
Phone: 503-815-1863 or email to dcwalker@embarqmail.com

NFMS DIRECTOR'S CREDENTIALS

Name of Director _____
 Name of Club _____
 City, State _____
 Club President Signature _____
 Club Secretary Signature _____
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 Must be **completed** and **signed** to be seated with voting rights at the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Meeting

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 Date _____
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Gem Mineral SHOW

Sat. Sept. 11th, 10-5 Sun. Sept. 12th, 10-5

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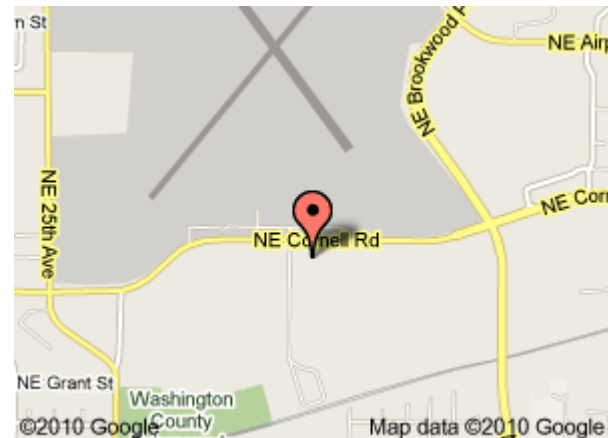


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Ads for the Northwest Newsletter are
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 12 inches x \$1.50 = \$18 per issue of the Newsletter

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. That is, in the example above, for an additional \$9 you could have your ad on the website for the same month as your ad is in the Newsletter. The Newsletter ad must be purchased to receive this additional advertisement opportunity.

Do not send ads on colored paper because the back-ground will look gray in the ad. The Editor will send a billing statement to the customer which will include instructions to make payment to the NFMS Treasurer. For more information or questions, call, e-mail or write the **Newsletter Editor**.

NFMS Member Clubs - Gem and Mineral Show Calendar

Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
August 6 - 8 Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Far West Lapidary and Gem Society Rock & Gem Show	Far West Lapidary and Gem Society North Bend Com. Ctr., 2222 Broadway, North Bend, OR	Rocky Pribble 541-572-8301 PO Box 251 Coos Bay OR 97420
August 13 - 15 Fri 10 - 9, Sat 10 - 9 Sun 10 - 6	Port Townsend Rock Club	Jefferson County Fairgrounds 4907 Landes Street Port Townsend WA	Tom Madsen, 2915 SR20 Port Townsend WA 98368 tomadsen@olypen.com
September 11 & 12 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society	Walla Walla County Fair Ground 9th Street & Orchard, Community Center Walla Walla WA 99362	Warren Rood 509 522 2330 warrenrood@yahoo.com
September 11-12 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Umpqua Gem and Mineral Club "Rough to Gems"	Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Frear Street, off I-5 at Exit 123, Roseburg, OR	Bob Sampson (541)459-1755
Sept 17 - 19 Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5	Far West Lapidary and Gem Society South Coast Rock & Gem Fest 2010	4th Street Parking Lot (across from Outdoor-In) Downtown Coos Bay, OR	Rocky Pribble 541-572-8301 PO Box 251, Coos Bay OR 97420
September 18 - 19 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fairgrounds Castle Rock, WA 98611	Fran Wolff PO Box 1492, Kalama WA 98625 360-560-2987, fwolff@comcast.net
September 17-19 Fri 10 - 6, Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	30th Annual Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show AND NFMS Convention	Washington County Fairgrounds, 873 NE 34th Hillsboro, OR 97124 (take Shute Rd exit off Hwy 26 to Cornell Rd, turn right, at Airport turn left, go past motel on left, take next right onto Fairgrounds.)	Josh Heater cell 971 570 5456 jfrankray@hotmail.com
Sept. 25-26 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Hellgate Mineral Society Big Sky Rocks	Ruby's Reserve Street Inn 4825 North Reserve Street Missoula, MT 59808	Bob Riggs 14 Holiday Lane, Missoula MT 59801, 406-543-3667
October 9-10 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club 36 th Annual Rocktoberfest	TOTEM MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA 7th Street & State Avenue, Marysville, WA	Bill Moser 425-238-8222 bill-jj@comcast.net George Haage, 425-339-2272 haag@GTE.net
October 15- 17 Fri 12-7, Sat 10-7 Sun 11-4	The Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club 53rd Annual Rock & Gem Show	Gateway Mall, 3000 Gateway Street Springfield OR, (Use Exit 195A off I-5, turn right on Gateway Street)	Bob Smith 541-741-0060 PO Box 312, Springfield OR 97478 John Randall 541 683 2661
October 16 - 17 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Hells Canyon Gem Gifts From The Earth	Nez Perce County Fair Grounds 1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston ID 83501	Rick Westerholm 208-746-2101 POBox 365, Lewiston ID 83501
October 16 - 17 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Billings Gem & Mineral Club	Billings Hotel & Convention Center 1223 Malloweny Ln Billings, Mt	Lynn Edwards 406-855-3675 93 Cache Dr. Billings, MT 59102
October 23-24 Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Harvest of Gems in 2010 - 46th Annual Gem and Mineral Show	Clackamas County Fairgrounds Main Pavilion Building, 694 NE 4th Avenue Canby, OR	Bea Settle 503-631-3128 Rick Mauer 503-691-6395 tallericardo@juno.com
November 12-14 Fri 10-5 PM, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Northwest Opal Association and the Boeing Employee Mineralogical Society 6 th annual South Sound Gem, Opal and Mineral Show	Washington State Fairgrounds, Meridian Street South and 9 TH Ave SW, Puyallup, WA	Lyle Jorgensen 425-483-0557. mechanix@comcast.net
November 20 Preview - 5:30pm Auction - 7 - 10pm	Columbia-Willamette Faceters's Guild 37th Annual Gem and Jewelry Auction	Monarch Hotel 12566 SE 93rd Avenue Clackamas OR 97015	Gail Lough 971-678-2862 glough7@gmail.com
November 20 & 21 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Kitsap Mineral & Gem Society 2010 Fall Festival of Gems	The President's Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds 1200 N.W. Fairgrounds Road Bremerton WA 98311	Jim McClure 253-265-3011, pogy2@centurytel.net

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