The holidays are upon us, and here is wishing everyone safe travels and joyous time.

First I would like to introduce the AFMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2021/2022. These individuals are your representatives for your regional federations. Contact information will be on the website amfed.org. Even though the AFMS Convention is not until October 2022, if you have something that you feel needs to be brought to the attention of the executive committee, please contact your representative.

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As I mentioned in the November Newsletter, here are the new individuals who have stepped up to the challenge. Please give your support as they start on their new journey for AFMS.

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At present there are two AdHoc committees started before I became president. One is the redesign of the AFMS Website and the other is the Junior Website. Both of these committees have been working hard and have done an outstanding job. At Big Piney these committees did presentations on what had been accomplished to date. In future newsletters more information will be made available.

I am adding an AdHoc committee to be headed by Lee Whitebay. The goal of this committee is to work on how to bring more interest in having more competitive displays at the regional shows, continue the philosophy that judges are teachers, review the Uniform Rules Manual, and have more individuals who can train judges.

Happy holidays and safe travels.
A Poem for the Holidays

by Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian

This poem was featured on the front cover of the Mineralogist Magazine in 1942. The magazine’s headquarters was in Portland, OR, publishing news of rock and gem clubs, and of the federations formalized at that time. As a national magazine it was devoted to mineralogy, gem cutting, geology, gemology, field trips and everything newsworthy for the collector.

The poem was written by Grace Dearborn, a secretary for the Boston Mineral Club, who wrote monthly articles for the club. She was active in Girl Scout work and numerous civic clubs of Boston. She was widely known in the New England states for her lectures on the earth sciences.

There wasn’t a title to the poem, but Grace wrote it as a Christmas wish for everyone who loves the rock, gem and geology, adventure! Here is it, 79 years later. I hope it makes a wish come true for you.

Took a spin around the country.
Object, Mineralogy.
So many places to explore,
So many folks to see.
Renewed a lot of friendships,
Brought back some minerals too.
Some nice new gems and one of them
Is a Christmas wish for you.

Announcing a New AFMS Junior Programs Chair

Jim Brace-Thompson, 2020–2021 Juniors Chair

Margaret Kolaczyk has become AFMS President for 2022. As is her prerogative, she is entitled to choose her committee chairs, and she has chosen to replace me as AFMS Junior Programs Chair and, thereby, as director of the AFMS Badge Program that I instituted and have developed, revised, expanded, and overseen through five editions since 2003.

If your club is using the AFMS/FRA Badge Program or any other AFMS youth program that I have developed, going forward you should contact Ms. Lora Hall, silvertipminis@msn.com. Should you have questions about this transition, I refer you to Margaret or Lora.

It has been a supreme privilege selflessly serving clubs and kids across America for nearly two decades, and I thank the past 19 AFMS Presidents for granting me this privilege and for trusting in the value of my initiatives and endeavors. I hope I may have made a modest contribution and difference in helping kids enjoy our great hobby and avocation. It has been an honor, and I thank all who have helped me along the way in helping both adults and kids in having fun. I especially thank the folks at the local level who have stepped forward, rolled up their sleeves, and made it all happen for their club kids. It is from you that I have always derived my inspiration.

Signing out, I remain your faithful servant. May we all join together. May we all have fun!

Hello and Greetings from Montana

Lora R. Hall, 2021–2022 Juniors Chair

As the new Juniors Chair I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself. I spent my early career as a Park Ranger for the National Park Service in natural and cultural education and retired as the Chief of Resource Management at a little known swamp in Arkansas. From the Blue Ridge Parkway to Craters of the Moon, I worked at 7 different locations. The geological parks were my favorite; the swamps like Big Thicket, fell much lower on my list. I retired from the Park Service to be a mostly stay at home Mom and homeschooler for two awesome sons, who are now in college. Other than serving my local club, the Helgate Mineral Society, I volunteer for Missoula County 4-H as a historic firearms instructor and geology project leader.

I ask that folks be patient as I get up to speed as the Juniors Chair. Needless to say, it can be challenging to step into a position that was held by someone for two decades and I want to thank Jim Brace-Thompson for twenty years of dedicated service. The Juniors Committee, made up of representatives from the seven Regional Federations is working non-stop on the new website. Thanks to Marty, we now have a shiny new dedicated email. The Juniors Chair and Juniors Committee members can be reached at you@amfed.org.
A. F. M. S. SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERS

(a) The Members of this Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the Foundation, shall consist of the participating Regional Federations of the AFMS, the President and President-Elect of AFMS and President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Foundation.

(b) Members may be added through negotiations with the Foundation Executive Board and approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(a) Except as otherwise required by law or by these By-Laws, the control of the Foundation and its affairs and property shall be vested in its Board of Directors.

(b) The Board of Directors shall consist of the two (2) Directors from each participating Regional Federation that are Directors to the AFMS. These Directors are the President and Vice President or their designated alternate from their Regional Federation. The President Elect of the AFMS also serves as a Director, along with the Officers of the Foundation. The Regional Directors are elected by their Regional Federation and may succeed themselves in office.

(c) If a vacancy occurs, the Regional Federation shall select a successor to fill such vacancy for the balance of the term.

(d) The Officers must personally be members in good standing of a club belonging to a participating Regional Federation of the AFMS. All succeed themselves in office.

(e) If any vacancy occurs the Board shall elect a successor to fill such vacancy for the balance of the term. Such election may be by mail ballot at the direction of the Foundation President.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

(a) The Directors shall elect a Foundation President, a Foundation Secretary, and a Foundation Treasurer, together with such other officers as the Board deems necessary for the operation and control of the Foundation. Election of a Foundation President shall be conducted in the uneven numbered years, election of a Foundation Secretary and a Foundation Treasurer shall be conducted in the even numbered years. They shall hold office for two years and their respective terms of office shall commence on the first day of the fiscal year following their election and terminate on the last day of the second fiscal year following their election, or until their successors are elected and qualify.

(b) The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Foundation and, subject to the directives of the Board, shall have the general management of its affairs. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Foundation.

(c) The Vice-President shall be the President of the AFMS. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President of this Foundation in the event the elected President is unable to do so.

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ARTICLE IV - COMPENSATION

No Officer or Director shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation, or emolument from the Foundation, other than reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses authorized by the By-Laws. The Foundation may, however, pay compensation to employees or agents who are not members, directors, or officers of the Foundation.

ARTICLE V - FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal Year of the Foundation shall commence on November 1st of each year and end on October 31st of each succeeding year.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

(a) The regular annual Meeting of the Directors shall be held on the same date and meeting place as the AFMS Annual Meeting, immediately following the AFMS meeting. No notice of regular meeting shall be required.

(b) The Treasurer shall prepare and present to the AFMS Annual Meeting an Interim Report, verified by the President of the Foundation, showing the whole amount of properties owned by the Foundation, where located and where and how invested; there shall also be prepared in the same manner a statement of receipts and expenditures, including any scholarship appropriations and the recipients of same. A similar Annual Report shall be prepared by the Treasurer at the end of the fiscal year. Copies of both the Interim and Annual Reports shall be filed with the records of the Foundation and copies of these reports shall be presented in person or by mail to the Foundation Officers, Directors, Investment Committee Members, and the AFMS Historian. These reports are also to be provided to any person requesting a copy.

(c) The President, in consultation with the Foundation Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, shall arrange for an annual audit or review of the Foundation's books and records. This audit or review shall be conducted by a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) who is not affiliated with the AFMS or the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. The Foundation Treasurer shall provide the auditor or reviewer selected with the records of accounts, statement copies and all other necessary records within 30 days of the end of the fiscal year. The audit or review must be completed as soon as practical but in all instances prior to the next annual meeting and in time for the filing of the necessary Tax Returns. A copy of the annual audit or review report shall be mailed to all Officers and Directors of the Foundation and be made available to anyone upon written request. The Treasurer shall make an announcement of the receipt of the audit or review report in the AFMS Newsletter.

(d) A Quorum shall consist of a majority of Directors and Officers of the Foundation.

(e) No proxy or absentee votes shall be accepted.

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(f) Notice of all special, mail or Electronic Communication meetings of the Foundation shall be mailed and electronic communication to each Director and shall state the time and place of each meeting and the purpose thereof. Due to the distance involved, a mail or electronic communication meeting may be held, stating the time, purpose and objective and the date for final vote and decision. A two-week minimum notice must be give in all such cases. E-mail Electronic communication may be used if the recipient acknowledges receipt of e-mail electronic communication. Special, mail and electronic communication meetings may be called by the Foundation President and Vice President acting together or by a simple majority of the Directors.

ARTICLE VII - FINANCES

(a) The funds of the Foundation shall initially be deposited or kept with a Bank or Banking Institution doing business in the area of the Treasurer. Such fund or other values may be reinvested only as a “prudent man” upon the order or orders of such Officers as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. At no time shall such funds or values be invested in speculative ventures.

(b) The Treasurer is authorized to sign all checks for the withdrawal of funds upon receipt of a confirming authorization or voucher signed by another officer which meets the requirements of Article VII (c). The signatures of the President and the AFMS President shall also be authorized for use in emergency withdrawals only.

(c) No funds of the Foundation are to be expended for any purpose without the approval of the Board of Directors of the Foundation; however, such approval may be had through the medium of a predetermined and preapproved Budget.

(d) A financial bond shall be purchased covering those responsible for the collection and dispersal of funds for the Foundation. The amount of such bond is to be determined by the Board of Directors and purchased and held by the Secretary.

(e) Unrestricted funds, i.e. interest and dividend income and capital gains earned on donated funds may be used for scholarship grants and operating expenses. Interest income shall be accounted for using methods accepted by the Internal Revenue Service. Restricted funds (trust funds) shall be made up of contributions/donations to the Foundation and shall be held in trust by the Foundation. To remove or transfer to another financial institution any funds from the “restricted funds” (trust funds) requires the signatures of at least two (2) persons who are signatories on the account. All interest, dividends and capital gains (unrestricted funds) may be drawn by a single signature, normally the Treasurer. Only in the case of dissolution of the Foundation may they be distributed as per Foundation Articles of Incorporation, Article VI and Article VII.

(f) Donations that are designated by the donor for special purposes (directly for scholarships, expenses, etc.) may be accepted by the Treasurer and placed in the appropriate account.

(g) Reimbursement of any unused scholarship payments or legal judgments may be received and shall be placed in the appropriate account.

(h) Copies of the Brokers monthly statements are to be mailed to all Foundation Officers, the AFMS President Elect and two other members of the AFMS who have investment experience selected by the President. (The two members may be members of the investment committee.)

ARTICLE VIII - RULES OF PROCEDURE AND ORDERS

The rules of procedure and order at all meeting shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order so far as applicable and when not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Committees may be appointed by the Board of Directors to carry out procedures and objectives desired in the raising of funds and for other purposes.

ARTICLE X - PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

(a) Details of operation, not included in the Articles of Incorporation or in the By-Laws of the Foundation, that are of a continuing nature, may be authorized and reduced to writing by order of the Board and such writings, to be known as Operating Procedures, shall be binding upon both current and succeeding administrations until amended, suspended, or rescinded by action of the Board.

(b) Should it appear desirable, in the opinion of the Board, to present an Award, Grant or Scholarship in Earth Sciences, and the funds of the Foundation are deemed sufficient to permit such Award, an Operating Procedure shall be instituted, and performed, the same to comply with Article VIII of the AFMS By-Laws, quoted as follows:

"Article VIII of AFMS By-Laws - Scholarship Foundation

Section 1. AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION: For the purpose of financially aiding young men and women in acquiring an education the field of Earth Sciences, this Federation shall organize and form a Division of the Federation to be known as the ‘AFMS Scholarship Foundation’. The Federation shall so organize this Foundation as to be incorporated and have its own Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws apart from the Federation; such laws to be formed as set forth by the Board of this Federation. The Foundation’s Directors shall be selected from within the membership of this Federation in accordance with their own By-Laws. Annual reports shall be made by the AFMS Scholarship Foundation President, Treasurer and Audit Review person to the AFMS at the Annual Meeting of the Directors.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

(a) Alterations or amendments to these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a vote of two thirds of the voting Directors; provided that notice of the proposed amendment is mailed by first class mail or electronic communication to all Directors of the Foundation by the Secretary at least thirty (30) days before such vote is to take place.

(b) The Secretary shall mail or electronic communication notices of such proposed amendments when requested to do so by the President or in writing by two or more persons, all of whom are Directors or Officers of the Foundation.

Jet

Mary Sue Bucher, San FranciscoGMS

In the year 1861, Prince Albert, husband to Her Royal Majesty Queen Victoria of England, died of typhoid fever. For the remainder of her life, which numbered forty years, she remained in mourning and dressed only in black. Back then, mourning attire included beads fashioned from jet—a strange but beautiful gemstone which is a form of Lignite ... coal. Jet is a fossil mineraloid, sometimes called Black Amber, Agstein, Scorpion Stone, and Witch's Amber. Most jet originated in the Jurassic period, approximately 182 million years ago from the remains of Araucaria conifer trees whose living relatives we call Monkey Puzzle trees. It’s lightweight, has a distinctive “coal” smell to it, is known to be flammable, and like amber, it takes on a static charge when rubbed. It is soft, with a Mohs hardness of 2-4 and is known to polish to a luster resembling black velvet.

Victorian mourning jewelry has a distinct “look” to it; the beads are, of course, black and are usually faceted. Long ropes of these faceted jet beads were common, and they remained popular well into the 1920s when they were adopted by young “Flappers” to wear with their short, straight dresses. . . . After jet beads became popular, there were, of course, imitators such as Ebonite, also called Vulcanite (hardened rubber). Unlike jet, Vulcanite was molded rather than cut and if heated, smelled like rubber instead of coal. It also bleached out with age to an olive-brown color. “French Jet, Paris Jet, or Faux Jet,” is glass, and is the most common imitator of jet; it’s easy to distinguish from real jet as it’s heavy and has a cold feel to it.

Bakelite is a type of vintage plastic that was sometimes tinted black to resemble jet. Bakelite, in its own right, has become valuable. About ten years ago, a friend asked me to pick up a Bakelite bracelet for her at an antique show. Turns out most of the good ones that I saw were being offered for around five hundred dollars and needless to say, she didn’t get her bracelet. Jet has been imitated by Bog Oak, a type of black wood found in Irish peat bogs, and jewelry makers have also used Cannel Coal, Shale, Horn, and a few things that aren’t around anymore. Then, of course, there’s onyx, or black chalcedony, obsidian, coral, and any stone that’s been dyed or enhanced with dyes. Naturally, Queen Victoria could afford the real thing, and the only jewelry that was allowed at court during the mourning period was real jet—preferably, mined from Whitby England, a town on the Yorkshire coast that was and still is known to have the finest jet in the world.

From SFGMS Mineralog, 8/10, via Gem Cutter News, 9/10, via The Rollin’ Rock, 8/16; via WGMS The Rockhounder 09-2016, via TGMS The Glacial Drifter 11/21

AFMS Land Use Policy

1. Adherence to the AFMS Code of Ethics assures compliance with most statutes and regulations governing collecting on public lands and encourages respect for private property rights and the environment. Clubs are urged to read the AFMS Code of Ethics in at least one meeting every year, to publish the Code frequently in the club newsletter, and to compel compliance on club field trips.

2. Individuals and clubs are urged to write their elected representatives and land use management agency supervisors regarding issues of rule making, legislation and enforcement affecting field collecting of minerals and fossils.

3. Individuals and clubs are urged to join and support activities of the American Lands Access Association (ALAA), a sister organization with responsibility for advancing the interests of earth science amateurs with legislatures and land use management agencies.

4. The AFMS will receive a report from ALAA at its annual meeting.

5. The AFMS endorses the principle of multiple use of public lands as a guarantee of continuing recreational opportunities.

6. Wilderness and monument designations are inconsistent with the principle of multiple use. In view of the vast amount of public land already designated as wilderness and monuments, future such designations should be minimal, taking into account the increased demand for recreational opportunities, including rockhounding, created by a growing population.

7. In furtherance of the principle of multiple use, the AFMS believes that laws, regulations and rules established by relevant governmental authorities should be designed to allow freest possible access to all public lands, coupled with minimal restrictions on the recreational collection of minerals, fossils, gemstone materials and other naturally occurring materials.

8. A right to collect minerals and fossils on public lands should be protected by statute.

9. The AFMS urges its members to work with any or all government authorities to achieve a good working relationship in order to improve the public image of recreational collectors.
Your safety matters

sage about fire safety.

To begin at the beginning, the best advice for dealing with fire is to prevent it from happening in the first place. The next best advice is to prepare for a fire's occurrence.

Entire books have been written about fire safety. Having an evacuation plan, keeping suitable fire extinguishers handy where fires are likely to occur, and having the recommended smoke detectors in place are all strongly recommended fire guidelines. Knowing the best place to locate an extinguisher, keeping it visible, keeping it inspected, and knowing how to use the extinguisher you choose are also strongly recommended.

A club safety person should be familiar with the fire issues related to the club meeting hall—emergency exits, fire extinguishers/hose locations, and specific building guidelines. Having every member familiar with these is also highly recommended.

Most people's first thought with a small fire is to put it out using a fire extinguisher. The fire extinguisher most often used is the dry chemical, multi-purpose type. This type is suitable for class A, B, and C fires. Class A is for wood, paper, trash having glowing embers and the like. Class B is for flammable liquids such as gasoline, oil, and grease etc. Class C is for electrical equipment fires.

Knowledge and understanding are required for proper use of a fire extinguisher, just as for any other piece of equipment. Generally, their use is intuitive—though some have a button to press, or a pin to be pulled before the release trigger can be activated. Once the fire extinguisher is active, point the nozzle toward the base of the fire (not the flame itself) and pull the trigger. If the fire is a bit larger, a side to side sweeping motion may be more effective in putting out the fire. Calling a fire department is recommended if there is the slightest doubt about a fire being out.

One of a fire extinguisher's primary purposes is to allow occupants to safely exit the building. It is a judgement call as to what can and cannot be safely extinguished with a hand-held extinguisher. Fire extinguishers come in a wide variety of sizes. Small ones are about the size of a spray whipped cream container and range up to heavy canisters weighing about 25 pounds. It is advisable to have extinguishers suitable to one's ability to lift the weight. Good places to have a fire extinguisher include kitchens, basements, workshops, motor vehicles and any place open flame might be found.

Many, if not most, community fire departments offer training, classes, and workshops, as well as house and shop evaluations about fire safety. States and communities often have specific fire prevention recommendations. It would be wise to have knowledge and understanding of those rules and regulations.

This article is not in any way a comprehensive discussion of all matters regarding fire safety. It is recommended that additional reading be done regarding your particular situation and needs. One additional comment will be about the wisdom regarding the unseen danger of carbon monoxide (CO) in homes. CO detectors are mandatory by fire codes in most, if not all, states.

My thanks to one of our readers for suggesting a safety message about fire safety.

Your safety matters - always.
Here is the Committee Chairs list for 2021-22. You can contact these people if you need information, have questions or to share ideas with them. Please note that the @ sign in the email address has been replaced by the word “at” to foil bots that collect email addresses.

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AFMS Code of Ethics

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I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind—
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I will leave all gates as found.

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leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material—matches, cigarettes,
etc.

I will fill all excavation holes, which may be dangerous to
livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and
will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully
and well the materials I have collected and will recycle
my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

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manner which will add to the stature and public image
of rockhounds everywhere.

Purpose of the AFMS:

To promote popular interest and education in the various
Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology,
Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and related subjects,
and to sponsor and provide ways to coordinate the work
and efforts of all interested persons and groups; to sponsor
and encourage the formation and international develop-
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