

**NFMS Annual Meeting
August 15, 2014, Hermiston Oregon
Official Minutes**

Call to Order & Welcome:

After officially opening the meeting with a self-introduction, President, Don Innes welcomed all and introduced the seated Officers: Warren Rood, 1st Vice President, Hidemi Kira, 2nd Vice President, Judi Allison, Secretary, Lyle Vogelpohl, Treasurer and Evan Day as Parliamentarian. He also made special note of the current AFMS President, Richard Jaeger.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Hidemi Kira.

Introduction of Past Presidents and VIP's by Warren Rood included the following roster: NFMS Past Presidents; Lyle Vogelpohl-'82, Ed Romack '86, Dee Holland-'88, Jon Spunaugle-'92, Lauren Williams-'93, Linda Keltz-'99, Doug True-'01, Chris Blickfeldt-'04, Chuck Sonnor-'07, Patty Amos-'08, Paul Heesacker-'09, Evelyn Cataldo-'10, and Judi Allison-'12. Shirley Leeson was introduced as Past President of the California Federation. Dee, Lauren, Ed and Shirley also served as AFMS Presidents.

Credentials: Del & Clara Walker stated there were 14 to vote in as Delegates. Clara moved to seat the fourteen with Janice Van Cura seconding. Vote in favor was unanimous. Seated were 31 clubs with 53 Directors and Delegates. Directly after the vote two additional members arrived without credentials. Clara again moved and Janice seconded to accept their representation. Motion carried. With the addition, the total voting body numbered 32 clubs with 55 representatives.

Memorial Tribute: Tom Burchard gave a memorial tribute to Joan Day. She and Evan met in 1958 and married in 1959. They moved to Brigham City, Utah in 1969. After raising their daughters, Joan spent time in the banking business and with H&R Block. In 1977 they joined the Golden Spike and Beehive Clubs. Joan enjoyed beading and other lapidary endeavors. She became Secretary of the NFMS in 2001 and served until her passing in the fall of 2013. Tom noted that Joan and Evan were the first individuals to introduce themselves when they moved to Utah. Thank you, Joan for being our fellow rockhound and friend.

Beth Heesacker then asked about a tribute to Viola Jones who served most recently as NFMS Rockhound of the Year Representative. Although Beth had not seen any obituary, she asked if Linda Keltz might have some information. Linda stated Vi's three sons were busy going through lots of "stuff", but she didn't know if there was going to be a memorial. She concluded by stating that she would surely be missed.

Invocation was then given by Pastor, Evan Day.

President's Report: Don stated his report is "in process" and he will post it in the Newsletter when it is completed.

Secretary's Report: Judi added that she decided one shouldn't try to do everything at once as she did this year. Three week vacation just prior to the show, co-chairperson for the NFMS show and NFMS Secretary Duties make a very full plate. Following is the written portion included in the packet.

I think am getting the hang of what needs to be done as Executive Secretary. I have come to the conclusion that taking a three week vacation right before a Federation Show you are Co-Chairing is probably not the brightest idea for maintaining a calm state upon your return. But, I think I am getting all together, albeit, probably a little closer to the meeting time than should be for advance packets. Hopefully, you will see fit to make me the permanent Secretary. Judi Allison, Executive Secretary, pro-tem

Minutes of Mid-Year Meeting: Judi pointed out the minutes could be found at the end of the annual packet.

Treasurer Report: Lyle had distributed copies of his report. He pointed out that our membership has maintained and possibly increased a bit. We had a new club join us July 15th: the Kalispell Rockhound Club from Kalispell, Montana. Lyle moved and Paul Heesacker seconded that we accept this club into full membership. Motion carried unanimously.

Lyle then explained a line item on the financial report. There was a need to pay the IRS a tax penalty of \$1429.01. Unbeknownst to us, the woman who generally has done our taxes fell ill and failed to file an extension. Due to the circumstances, we will request a reimbursement. Jon Spunaugle is helping Lyle with the process. If that is not successful, a claim will be filed with the insurance company for errors and omissions. In

the future we will file our own extension when the treasury is taken to the accountant at tax time. In essence, we are financially in “good shape” with Junior funds also being solvent.

2014-15 Budget: Warren introduced the proposed budget he had prepared for the coming year by moving that the body of members accept it as written with permission to move items within the budget’s approved amount as needed. The motion was seconded by Jon Spunaugle. The proposed budget was approved by a show of paddles. (Budget Attached as Addendum)

Custodian: Hidemi thanked committee chairpersons for their prompt response to his request for information. Although most do not have items belonging the Federation, a custodial list follows these minutes.

Bulletin Aids: Ronna Watkins announced that there was “good news”. There were several winners at the American Federation. Come to the breakfast tomorrow morning to hear the announcements. Please send Ronna either hard copies or electronic copies of your bulletin.

Credentials: Clara pointed out to the membership that their email address has changed. Please note the difference in the newsletter. She also stated they came, they were here and they did their job.

Circulation: Tom Burchard stated his report was in the packet. (As follows)

Our Treasurer, Lyle Vogelpohl, and our Directory Chair, Carol Willey, have not yet delivered the “roster’s” to me. When they do the process of updating the Mailing Labels List will take about two to three weeks. Last year there were a lot fewer Address Service Request (ASR) responses from the Post Office. And I mean a LOT fewer. So, imagine my surprise when the February-March, 2014, ASR Responses came ROLLING IN. \$182.83 worth, so far. I think perhaps I was lulled into believing that the clubs were updating me because there had been so few ASR responses last year. Maybe most of the responses were because of late year changes and there wasn’t enough of a response from the post office during the holiday season. Whatever the reason, our Newsletter Editor has assured me that she WILL publish an ASR late this year to see if that helps. These responses may mean there are some members receiving newsletters that they shouldn’t be receiving, AND, some current and new members NOT receiving newsletters that should be receiving them. The Directory and Circulation Chairs are doing what we can to keep up, but we need the cooperation of the clubs updating us of changes to stay ahead of the curve. If we don’t get that cooperation, we will be way behind in getting federation members their newsletters. (Mid-Year Report) Tom Burchard

Directory: Carol Willey stated the report was in the packet. There are extra directories for sale at the information table at the show for a reduced price. Judi pointed out they make a good item to buy for a club door prize. (Report as follows)

I just wanted to say thanks to a host of people in the clubs who keep current updates for the directory this year, I think the word got out and now it makes the job so much nicer to do. Tom, Audrey and Lyle work so hard for the clubs and they are my hero's. Keep up the good work NFMS Clubs. Carol Willey

Education: Chairpersons, Jim and Libby Spencer were not present. Lakeside Gem and Mineral Society and The Oregon Agate Club had submissions to the All American Award and will be receiving their books and standings by mail. The results will be published in the AMFS Newsletter.

Endowment Fund: Chairperson, Edna Nelson, stated Jon Spunaugle would offer the report. Jon explained the information from the report. There is sufficient money to use to improve the saws for the Northwest Rockhound Retreat and allow OMSI to also utilize the saws. He ended with a request, “Keep donating”.

Historian: Shirley Leeson pointed out the information “back in the Mid-Year Minutes.” She noted the 2016 Show in Albany, Oregon will also be a combined NFMS/AFMS Show. (From Mid-Year Minutes)

The 75th Anniversary of the Northwest Federation took place in Butte, Montana in 2013. The host society Butte Mineral & Gem Club put on a great banquet, NFMS Past Presidents Luncheon and Editor's Breakfast.

This is an important milestone in the history of the NFMS, wish there had been more clubs there to participate. There were NFMS members from throughout the Federation.

Ed Romack, NFMS president in 1985 & 1986 came from Alaska to join us. Other Past Presidents were: Lyle Vogelpohl, 1982; Dee Holland, 1988; Lauren Williams, 1993; Doug True, 2001; Chuck Sonner 2007; Paul Heesacker 2009. If I've missed someone, please forgive me.



The picture is of Doug True, Shirley Leeson, Dee Holland and Lauren Williams. All old and all past presidents.

Juniors: Chairperson, Audrey Vogelpohl, stated we will be honoring eight Juniors for the Awards. The number of Juniors is increasing as evidenced by the number of submissions over last year. Audrey spoke a bit about the Future Rockhounds of America and the simplicity of joining. It is great for families and a way to ensure our clubs and hobby endure. The Junior Achievement Awards will be announced at the banquet. There is a monetary award. The awards have been divided into three sections instead of two because of the age ranges. There will be a total of \$500 awarded to eight Juniors.

Librarian-Videos and Slides: Darrell Watkins stated the information is in the packet. (As follows from Mid-Year Minutes) Darrell stated many of the slides are falling apart and cracking because of their age. He asked if any could be restored or repaired. Approximately ten percent need to be preserved. Jon Spunaugle stated the AFMS was in the process of doing such to digitize the slides. He has been involved in the process and offered to take some of the slides to work on them. (Darrell's written report also follows) I moved the library inventory from Sharon's house, in December, to Tieton, WA. I have filled several requests, and have had good feedback on the quality of the programs. I have completed and turned in an inventory. I would like to discuss the possibility of having the slide programs digitized, and am investigating options. Darrell Watkins

Newsletter Editor: (Stated from Beth "It's in the packet" – from Mid-Year Minutes) Beth Heesacker commented that some things on the web are late as Brad was sick and/or out of town. She suggested some sort of backup plan. There was not enough information sent in for a May newsletter, so May and June will be combined. Remember to check the second page of the newsletter to find the email and physical addresses of the committee chairs. (Report) Newsletters are going out on time and thanks to Tom Burchard (Circulation) and Pat Lambert (Show Coordinator) and everyone else, the content fills the pages allotted. :-) I look forward to the discussion on emailing or linking to the website for as many as we can in order to save the printing and postage costs. It will be nice to not be the biggest line item/drain on the NFMS budget. Beth Heesacker

Nominations: (in the absence of Chair, Kathy Moedl, President, Don Innes stated the information was in the packet-as follows)

The nominating committee is pleased to announce the slate of executive office nominees for 2015. These individuals will be introduced as candidates at the Midyear meeting in Kennewick, Washington on April 26th. Voting on these candidates will be at the Annual Meeting in August. Most of our candidates have shown their worth in previous service, and thus, are known to our membership.

By way of introduction, the 2nd Vice Presidential nominee, Jim Bosley, is a member of the Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society. Jim just finish a stretch of 3 years as the IFG&MS President and is involved in all activities of his club, makes many items and teaches his craft on a regular basis. Jim graduated as a Mining Engineer and is recently retired from Idaho National Laboratory. He and his wife Linda became members of the IFG&MS in 2007 but enjoyed the hobby long before then. They both enjoy the many field trips and do beautiful work with the items they bring home.

Personally, I have been very impressed with Jim's terms as President of the club. He brought many new and innovative ideas to the club in which we have all benefited and feel that the NFMS will benefit from his participation as well.

Introducing the roster for 2015 Executive Committee Nominees:

President: Warren Rood

1st Vice President: Hidemi Kira

2nd Vice President: Jim Bosley

Secretary: Judi Allison

Treasurer: Lyle Vogelpohl

Nominating Committee: Kathy Moedl

Northwest Rockhound Retreat: Chairperson, Lamar Tilgner, reported three people cancelled and three names were pulled from the reserve list, so the retreat is full again. The total has been raised from 50 to 53, so an additional three persons can enjoy the experience. Lyle spoke a bit about the retreat and the endowment funds money being used to replace two saws. A dealer at the show had a saw that retails for \$1900. This saw had cut thirty-five slabs and is being purchased for \$1400. A second dealer had a nearly identical saw that cut a few less slabs. That particular saw is in Arizona, but will be shipped to the retreat at the same cost.

Nominations, revisited: Judi pointed out that the previously presented slate of nominees needed to be voted on. After no additional nominations were submitted from the floor, Dee Holland moved the slate of candidates be approved by acclamation. Motion was seconded by Linda Keltz and approved unanimously.

Past Presidents Council: Chairperson, Evelyn Cataldo stated a bid for the 2017 has been submitted to the Past President Council for review. Bids for the 2015 and 2016 shows have already passed the Council.

Public Lands Access Committee: Chair, Andy Johnson stated the information was in the packet. (As follows) This time last year I wrote about the "Flames of Change" sweeping through our federal land management agencies. Well folks, fast forward a year and I must now report that those flames of change have grown into a wildfire of enormous proportions affecting the very fundamental freedoms we exercise and enjoy in our country and upon our public and private lands. A poll conducted just last January by the AP-NACo Center for Public Affairs Research found that half of those surveyed said America's system of government needs a lot of changes or even a complete overhaul. A stunning 70 percent lacked any confidence in the government to make progress on the important problems facing the United States in 2014. More recently America's trust for its government has reached new lows. A Gallup poll released in June found that confidence in all three government branches had fallen significantly, with just 7 percent of Americans saying they felt good about Congress, a historic low. Is it any wonder why we feel this way when you consider the long list of misdeeds and scandals this administration and its agencies have been involved in. This nation as well as our Public Lands are in a crisis of historic proportions and if the silent majority of Americans and recreational users continue to be spectators instead of players and remain silent on the sidelines, well sadly, free recreational rockhounding will be lost. Andy Johnson

Resolutions: Resolutions encompassed a Proposal from The Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society to add the following to the duties of the NFMS President & NFMS 1st Vice President as it pertains to the duties they have to the AFMS as AFMS Regional Directors.

Dee Holland, Alternate Federation, Wayne Farley, Federation Director, Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society, Hamilton, Montana

OP Board – 2 PRESIDENT

- Shall serve as a member of the AFMS Board of Directors for the AFMS and the AFMS Scholarship Foundation at their Annual Meetings. Should the NFMS President or NFMS 1st Vice President be unavailable to attend the AFMS Annual Business Meeting, Appoint the NFMS 2nd Vice President. If there are not two (2) of the three (3) NFMS Officers attending, appoint someone to represent the NFMS. Preferably an NFMS Past President. Prepare for the AFMS a report on the state of the NFMS, to be sent to the AFMS Central Office prior to the AFMS Annual Business Meeting – notice of which will be sent out by the AFMS Central Office. In addition the NFMS President will have a written list of members who have passed since the last AFMS meeting, this list will be read at the AFMS Annual Business Meeting and turned over to the AFMS Secretary.

○ OP BOARD – 3 1st VICE PRESIDENT

- Shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the AFMS and the AFMS Scholarship Foundation at their Annual Meeting. Prepare for the AFMS a report of the activities accomplished by the NFMS 1st V.P. to be sent to the AFMS Secretary prior to the AFMS Annual Business Meeting – notice of which will be sent out by the AFMS Central Office.

Dee Holland moved and Paul Heesacker seconded that the above amendment be adopted. Motion carried.

Rules and Awards: Chairman, Dee Holland said to come to the banquet to find out the winners.

Safety: Chair, Chuck Sonner stated, as in the packet, one runs out of ideas. He made a plea for anyone having had a summer experience that may have had something go wrong to submit to him as a safety article.

Scholarship: Chairperson, Evelyn Cataldo stated donations were way down. It was pointed out that our public status with the IRS as a Public Charity could be at risk if we don't maintain a certain level.

2014 Show: Judi Allison again thanked all the volunteers for their hard work in helping the Hatrockhounds get the show up and running. She expressed Mike's and her appreciation for the spirit of volunteerism and giving attitude of everyone. If anyone has any issues, please seek out Judi or Mike. And thanks again. Enjoy the show.

Stamps: Chair, Hermina Kolski stated she received a check for \$225 for sixteen pounds of stamps. She asked for \$126 and, "The idiot sent \$225!" It was figured by the membership that the price was about \$14.06 per

pound. Perhaps there were some stamps with more value. After a bit of bantering about the value of stamps and the money received, it was ascertained that “the idiot” probably sent an amount that was correct for the going rate of stamps at this time.

Supplies: Chair, Patty Amos stated there was a lot of different items, but the documentation from the packet probably wasn't correct, as she has been selling some things. There are still T-shirts and hats at a very good rate.

Ways and Means: (As follows-from the packet)

During the year I have received copies of the monthly accounting from the treasurer and revenue and expenditures compared to budget appear to be on track. No other information to report. Janice Van Cura, Chair

Website: Webmaster, Brad Larson stated his report was in the packet. He indicated usage has increased this year, as shown by the provided statistics. (See tables following official minutes)

American Lands Access Association: President, Shirley Leesom stated there will be a meeting at 10:30 tomorrow morning. We should all go by the American Federation Code of Ethics. There are some serious closures happening and we need to keep on top of things and keep abreast of what is happening.

Special Committees:

Multi-Federation Field Trip: Chairman, Doug True reported on the recent trip to the Terry, Montana area. Attendees were able to collect a variety of items from various areas. There were nearly four-hundred people with thirty-one states and Canada represented. The rendezvous lasted seven days and included kids' activities, pot lucks, fund raisers, and a live auction. After repayment of \$600 seed money, there was \$2200 profit for the Federation. He stated the next trip will be put together for the 2016 Show.

Rockhound of the Year: New chairperson, Bev Bockman presented 2014 certificates for Mike Wall of West Seattle, Beth and Paul Heesacker of Clackamette Club and Marshall Curran of the Rock and Arrowhead Club. This was the first year certificates were presented.

Evelyn Cataldo, Chair for the American Federation Rockhound of the Year made a plea to clubs to resubmit the name of an honoree if they had not heard of the person being listed. Because of Vi Jones' sudden passing, it was not certain all submissions were passed on to the AFMS. If a submission wasn't published, please resend it to Bev Bockman.

Website Contest: Cheri George stated it is in the packet. (Following)

We had only one entry in the Website Contest for NFMS, what a shame!! There are so many fine websites in our Federation and I am at a quandary as to why none of our fine Webmasters are not willing to enter theirs. Why wouldn't you want to have a nice Trophy and Certificate for your club's edification?? Why would you not have a moving .gif on your website that tells the world that it won 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the NFMS and or AFMS. The rules have changed, you no longer have to put your clubs membership form on the Website, you can enter one year after another if you do not win 1st place in AFMS for one of those years. Then you only have to wait a year to do it again!! Tell me why this contest doesn't interest you!! Email me at lizardwoman3@yahoo.com and let me know your concerns for not entering your club's website, I am interested in knowing the reasons. I would appreciate hearing from you. Cheri George

Future NFMS Shows:

2015 Show: The past Presidents Council requests the membership to vote on acceptance or denial by the Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society to host this show. Tom Burchard moved and Janice Van Cura seconded that the venue of April 10, 11, and 12th, 2015 to be held in Ogden, Utah be accepted by the membership. A discussion and questioning period then ensued. Chuck Sonner asked what was the recommendation from the Past Presidents Council. It was pointed out they agreed with the proposal and recommended the membership accept the venue. Judi Allison stated there is a video running at the show giving information about the area. Evan Day presented additional information. Utah is typically in the mid-seventies about that time of year. There may be some snow in the mountains, but it is generally pleasant. The show will be held in conjunction with Golden Spike's regular show. There will be accommodations for sixty exhibits, camping on site and field trips. There will probably not be a mid-year meeting because of the timing of the show. Possible collecting trips may include minerals as Roger Beck has already offered to lead a group to Topaz Mountain. Members from the Provo Club and Beehive Club have also offered to lead trips. Evan requested that members bring materials from their home areas for the silent auction, as they should sell well. With the above information the vote was called for. Motion passed.

2016 Show: Janice Van Cura, Chairperson for the combined NFMS/AFMS Show, Treasures of the Northwest, stated it will be held July 29-31 in Albany, Oregon. AFMS will also have meetings on July 27-28. The club is working on field trips to take place before, during and after the show. The plan is for 200 displays. Mark your calendars and save the dates.

Announcements: Co-Chairperson of the 2014 show, Mike Filarski gave a report on the attendance thus far. It appears there is a steady flow of people. He also requested that volunteers and those spending longer periods of time please use the overflow parking lot behind the Conference Center so there is more room in the main lot.

Additional Business: President Elect, Warren Rood then took the floor. He stated he was humbled and excited and thanked the membership for accepting him as the President for the next year. He is a very busy teacher, but will spend the most time he can on Federation business. He has spoken with many about continuing with their chairmanship of specific committees. He offered his thanks to those who have served and those willing to stay on. Warren then mentioned the proposal brought forth at the mid-year meeting about saving money by switching from the hard copy to electronic versions of the newsletter. Current publishing costs are around \$18,000 per year for the paper and shipping. A committee was formed consisting of Brad Larson, Beth Heesacker, Tom Burchard, Hidemi Kira, Don Innes and Warren. The committee talked and discussed many aspects of the process. Warren stressed that any changes would be made gently and would, ultimately, most likely be up to the individual clubs. The committee came up with two possible suggestions.

I – Each club would have a contact person who is usually an individual in charge of the regular mailing list. Brad, the NFMS webmaster, would take the list of contacts and send out notification that the Newsletter is published and available on the website. The contact person of the club would then inform their membership.

II- In each club, the editor would send out either a PDF or hard copy of the Federation Newsletter to each member as they do their individual newsletter.

Warren asked that the representatives of individual clubs take the information back to their clubs for discussion at that level. Beth stated that she sends out fifty-three hard copies of her club's newsletter. Seventy-five percent is emailed. Her plan with this proposal is to convert the NFMS newsletter and her local Newsletter to PDF. She will send members both the link and the hard copy so they can get used to the electronic version and make a decision about which they choose. Don suggested that all members be sent an email with a PDF they can download. Lauren commented that with more and more on email the volume of hard copies is down. Does that increase the costs? We will most probably need to decide one day whether to drop shipment of hard copies. Audrey pointed out that members will still need to submit a circulation list for the directory. Warren cautioned that all was a suggestion and that it would be nice to pare down the cost of the newsletter. Clara stated the breaking point would probably be the printer. This is something that can be checked out. Lyle commented that the time involved to set up is fixed and what would tilt the scale would be the price of postage. He also stated he is the "fossil" of the group who remembers the old days of three copies of the Federation letter being sent to clubs. Unless you were a person who received a copy he could guarantee you never knew about anything printed in it. If it is mailed, at least it is in your home. Ed Romack told the story of being "an old guy who can't see so well". He finds the electronics on the I-phone and computer to be exasperating and deletes things so as not to fill up his memory. Warren pointed out more and more companies and businesses are starting to slow down on shipping. A link to a PDF or other source doesn't clutter up your email. Kat Koch discussed the difficulty of printing out a newsletter if it was written in an 11x17 format. The resulting hard copy is too small to read. It was suggested that printing in landscape mode can help the situation. The discussion was then laid to rest. Do please have a conversation with your individual clubs about their receipt of the newsletter via email or PDF.

Chuck Sonner brought a question to the floor about the balance in the Junior account. He related a story of the family of a Junior Award recipient coming to a banquet and sitting to the side during the meal as if unable to pay the fee for the meal. His suggestion was for banquet tickets be given to parents and awardees paid for by money from the Junior Fund. After phrasing the suggestion in the form of a motion, it was seconded by Dee Holland. A discussion then ensued. In the past there have been families of seven attend. The suggestion was to only pay for two adults and the awardee. Audrey Vogelpohl noted that there would need to be changes in the operating procedures in order to do such. Evan Day stated the OP's read that the fund may support special project if approved by the executive branch. Chuck then requested that the body of members present at the meeting request that the board do such. The motion was then revised to read that the Executive Board review

for viability payment to parents and an awardee and discuss the possible aspects and/or ramifications of such action. With Chuck so moving, Paul Heesacker seconded the revision. This motion was approved by the voting body present.

Judi then gave directions to the banquet. Jon Spunaugle moved and Jeannie Willey seconded the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

NFMS Inventory for 2014 NFMS Annual Meeting - Custodian, Hidemi Kira

NFMS Executive Officers

President: Don Innes - No Items Briefcase containing the president's gavel and flags
1st VP: Warren Rood - No Items
2nd VP, Hidemi Kira - No Items
Executive Secretary: Judi Allison 1-4 Drawer file cabinet with past minutes, 2-Eastwing presentation hammers, Supply of NFMS letterhead stationery and envelopes, Old NFMS pins, 2 Cassette tape recorders with numerous cassettes, 1 briefcase, Miscellaneous old secretary stamps, Additional miscellaneous items including broken cassette recorder and possible items for historical archives, Past President's specimens and cabochons
Treasurer: Lyle Vogelpohl Briefcase, One-drawer cabinet, Olympia-Cpd 3210 adding machine, s/n 306-6631.

NFMS Standing Committees

Budget: Warren Rood - No Items
Bulletin Aids: Ronna Watkins - No Items
Circulation: Tom Burchard - No Items
Competitive Exhibits
Judging Director: Joe Slouber 8-Clip boards, 1-Box of stone boxes (for faceted or other small stones to be evaluated), 15-Judging in progress signs, 1-Cigar box of pencils, Tape, Judges and clerks ribbons and miscellaneous items
Rules and Awards: Dee Holland 1-Master Plaque, 1-Advanced Plaque, 1-Large Society Traveling Plaque 1-Small Society traveling Plaque, 2-Boxes of competitive ribbons printing plate with NFMS emblem for NFMS ribbons
Registrar: Lauren Williams Partial box of Competitive Registration Forms, Metal 8 1/2" x 8 1/2" x 6" NFMS Eligibility File box
Credentials: Del & Clara Walker - No Items
Custodian: Hidemi Kira - No Items
Directory: Carol Willey - No Items
Education: Jim & Libby Spencer - No Items
Endowment Fund: Edna Nelson - No Items
Financial Advisor: Jon Spunaugle - No Items
Historian: Shirley Leeson 1-4 drawer file cabinet, 1-Large pink plastic tote box (NFMS yearly directories), 6-Boxes of show favors, NFMS newsletters, Minutes from mid-year & convention from 1976, Mineralogist magazines, 4-Early bound volumes of NFMS history, 2-Large binders of NFMS

history, 2-Large binders of NFMS history, 2-Large binders of NFMS past presidents, 1-Large binder of NFMS scholarship honorees and recipients, 1-Binder of NFMS at AFMS conventions, Copy of "NFMS Articles of Incorporation", Papers on NFMS incorporation
Junior Chair: Audrey Vogelpohl - No Items
Newsletter Editor: Beth Heesacker - Adobe Acrobat Pro, \$62 Petty Cash.
NFMS Club-at Large: Warren Rood - No Items
Nominating Chairman: Kathy Moedl - No Items
Northwest Rockhound Retreat: Lamar Tilgner - No Items
Past President Council: Evelyn Cataldo - No Items
Public Lands Advisory: Andy Johnson - No Items
Slide/Video Librarian: Darell Watkins 123-VHS, 85-DVD, 206-Slides, Tall particle board cabinet (3x5, 4 shelf) 2- Metal file cabinets, 3-Cardboard slide storage boxes, 3-Flat boxes of slide show scripts, 1-Slide projector with carousel tray-Kodak ERKTAGRAPHIC III, 1-Single slide viewer Pana-Vue 6566 Automatic slide viewer
Resolutions: Fred Burton - No Items
Safety: Chuck Sonner - No Items
Scholarship: Evelyn Cataldo - No Items
Show Chairperson 2014: Mike Filaski, Judi Allison - No Items
Show Coordinator: Pat Lambert - No Items
Stamps: Hermina Kolski - No Items
Supplies: Patty Amos 4-AMFS pins, 3-Uniform rules 2009 Ed, 3-Small Directory Binders, 9-Fossil Lists 11-Mineral classification lists, 6-Guidelines for Editor-2012, 3-Guidelines for Judges-2003 7-Mineral lists-2001, 5-NFMS pins, 27-2006 Show pins, 2-Public relations, 19-The book in Binder, 9-The collectors catalog, 37-A system of Mineral collecting 3-Show committee chairman, 6-2005 rules update, 11-2007 rules update, 11-2008 rules update 10-2009 rules update, 39-Uncollated collector catalogs, 188-Federation hats, 154 - T-shirts 1-Cash box, 2-Paper punches, 2-Reams of copy paper, 1-Box of misc. color paper 25-Sheets of NFMS labels, 1-Box of file hangers, 1-Box of sheet protectors 11-10 1/2 x15 bubble mailers, 8-10 x 13 clasp envelopes, 5-6 x 9 clasp envelopes
Ways & Means: Janice Van Cura - No Items
Webmaster: Brad Larson - No Items
NFMS Special Committees
Field Trip Chairman: Doug True - No Items
Rockhound of the year: Bev Bockman - No Items
Website Contest: Cheri George - No Items

Webmaster Report-Charts and Information on Usage

I hope this report finds everyone in good spirit and health.

Well, it has been one fast ride this year for the website. The data for this report will be from August 20th 2013 to July 3rd 2014. I do apologize for the latency of the show listings and delay of one of the monthly newsletters; this was due to a weeklong hospital stay with 3 weeks of recovery which was added to that. I am in better health now and hope that I will not have to experience this again.

Basically as for the structure of the website, the only new page that I have added was the Newsletter Archive. This encompasses all newsletters from 2006 to 2013, as each New Year the old newsletters will be housed here, so that the most current newsletters will be housed in the main Newsletters page.

If there is anything that the membership would like to see, a wish-list of sorts, I would be glad to try to accommodate this for the good of the membership to advance communications throughout the lapidary world. Please don't hesitate to speak up.

In the pages to follow I will show the growth and or decline of pages being seen and who has visited our site. The date range will be from 20th of August 2013 thru the 3rd of July 2014.

I did have one suggestion to add to our site.

❖ **Add a location for the Federation Show to include photographs of the award winners and/or their showcases to be displayed on our site.**

- If we show a photograph of the person, we would need to get a photographic release and if they are under 18 a release signed by their parent/guardian before posting on the website.
- If we photograph the winners showcase (without photo of winner) and denote the placing and or specific award along with their name and club that they belong to, we would not need a photographic release statement.

Also, I am requesting the following from persons who are webmasters for their local clubs within the Northwest Federation:

- ✚ Please verify that if you are linking to the following sites, to use the current links as listed below.
- ✚ Please email your name and contact information, along with your URL for your site. This is, so I can create a centralized listing/location/site for all Northwest Federation club webmasters information in case of changes to anything on our NFMS Site or I need to communicate to all with new information regarding our NFMS Site.
- ❖ NFMS Main Site: <http://amfed.org/nfms/>
- ❖ NFMS Newsletters: <http://amfed.org/nfms/newsletters.asp>
- ❖ NFMS Rock and Gem Shows: <http://amfed.org/nfms/shows.asp>
- ❖ NFMS Calendar: <http://amfed.org/nfms/calendar.asp>
- ❖ NFMS Library: <http://amfed.org/nfms/library.asp>
- ❖ NFMS Committees: <http://amfed.org/nfms/committees.asp>
- ❖ NFMS Forum Site: <http://nfms.freeforums.org/portal.php>
- ❖ NFMS Juniors Program: <http://amfed.org/nfms/juniors.asp>

Comparison of last year's data to this years compiled data

2012 – 2013			2013 - 2014		
Top Visits for Countries visiting our site					
Country	Total Visits	Average Time per visit (hh:mm:ss)	Country	Total Visits	Average Time per visit (hh:mm:ss)
USA	1912	00:03:17	USA	5161	00:02:27
Canada	15	00:01:56	Canada	83	00:02:13
Ghana	6	00:00:00	India	24	00:01:12
Australia	5	00:13:13	United Kingdom	17	00:02:47
India	5	00:00:55	Ghana	11	00:00:04
Brazil	4	00:00:47	Nigeria	11	00:00:45
Germany	4	00:01:34	Netherlands	11	00:08:24
Iran	4	00:00:00	Côte d'Ivoire	10	00:00:08
Côte d'Ivoire	3	00:09:25	Germany	6	00:00:35
France	3	00:00:47	Philippines	6	00:01:19

The assessment of the above table shows that we had 1961 visits in 2012-2013 and a whopping 5329 visits in 2013-2014 which is an increase of **3368** visits or an increase of **271.749%**. This is only our top 10 countries that viewed.

2012-2013			2013-2014		
Top 10 Total Visits / Average Pages per visit / per State					
State	Total Visits	Average Page/Visit	State	Total Visits	Average Page/Visit
Washington	701	3.4	Washington	1857	2.64
Oregon	344	3.35	Oregon	1227	2.32
Idaho	241	4.73	Idaho	438	4.20
California	167	2.66	California	312	2.84
Montana	71	4.17	Montana	237	2.97
Utah	37	3.59	Utah	205	2.21
Colorado	33	1.85	Colorado	96	2.29
Michigan	27	1.93	Texas	88	2.49
Texas	25	2.48	Arizona	74	2.07
Maryland	23	2.43	Mixture (not set)	69	1.65

From the data above, it looks that we have an increase in total visits per state:

- Washington – increase of **1156** or an increase of **264.907%**
- Oregon – Increase of **893** or an increase of **356.686%**
- Idaho – Increase of **224** or an increase of **181.742%**
- California – Increase of **145** or an increase of **186.826%**
- Montana – Increase of **166** or an increase of **333.802%**
- Utah – Increase of 168 or an increase of 554.054%
- Colorado – Increase of 63 or an increase of 290.909%

Overall to gauge this based off the top 6 states from last year and this year we had a total of 1594 hits from last year verses 4372 hits this year, which is an overall increase of 2778 hits or 274.278% gain in views across the country

2012-2013		2013-2014	
Mobile Devices (Including Tablets)			
	Visits		Visits
No	1834	No	4174
Yes	163	Yes	1258

It looks like we have had in increase in Desktop visits, above graph stating No, of 2340 hits or a **227.589% increase.**

It looks like we have had in increase in Mobile Device visits, above graph stating Yes, of 1095 or a **771.779% increase.**

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Top 10 pages on the site							
#	Page	Page views	#	Page	Page views	Increase	% Increase
1	/nfms/	2069	1	/nfms/	3764	1695	181.924 %
2	/nfms/newsletters.asp	507	2	/nfms/newsletters.asp	913	406	180.079 %
3	/nfms/Shows.asp	424	3	/nfms/Shows.asp	1166	742	275%
4	/nfms/ClubsWA.asp	376	4	/nfms/ClubsWA.asp	824	448	219.149 %
5	/nfms/ClubsOR.asp	271	5	/nfms/ClubsOR.asp	609	338	224.723 %
6	/nfms/FederationShow.asp	247	6	/nfms/FederationShow.asp	559	312	226.316 %
7	/nfms/Clubs.asp	220	7	/nfms/Clubs.asp	373	153	169.545 %
8	/nfms/index.asp	200	8	/nfms/index.asp	292	92	146%
9	/nfms/ShowsJanJun.asp	185	9	/nfms/ShowsJanJun.asp	1169	984	631.892 %
10	/nfms/NwRockHoundRetreat.asp	163	10	/nfms/NwRockHoundRetreat.asp	425	262	260.736 %

Overall we had a positive page view for the top ten pages from last year.

2012-2013				2013-2014			
Top 10 Cities in the USA for Visits to our Site.							
#	City	Visits	Pages / Visit	#	City	Visits	Pages / Visit
1	Seattle	120	3.05	1	Portland	402	2.25
2	Spokane	113	3.58	2	Seattle	337	2.47
3	Nampa	95	6.62	3	Spokane	196	2.99
4	Portland	84	3.25	4	Boise	169	2.61
5	Boise	57	3.49	5	Kennewick	112	3.08
6	Richland	42	4.17	6	Salem	98	2.11
7	Tacoma	32	3.19	7	Eugene	82	2.12
8	Bellingham	31	4.32	8	Vancouver	82	2.60
9	Eugene	27	3.26	9	Bellingham	68	2.57
10	Klamath Falls	25	3.28	10	Nampa	63	13.95

Overall I am very happy as to the amount increased from last year in the amount of visitors to our website.

Thank you all for letting me be your webmaster,

Regards,

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