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Letters From Our Committee Officers:



Lora Hall - President

Growing up I spent every summer at girl scout camp. Looking back, I think my mom may have been “shipping me off”, but I didn’t care. Being the youngest and only girl in a family of all boys, scout camp was a dream come true. When I turned 18, I became a counselor and when I turned 21, I moved into the position of camp director. The pay was dismal at best but each summer I made just enough for the next year’s college tuition. So, the point of this is, before every meal we had announcements and would sing this song.

Announcements, announcements, announcements.

A terrible death to die,

A terrible death to die,

A terrible death to be talked to talked,

A terrible death to die.

Announcements, announcements, announcements!

In the form of announcements, I want to take a few words to remind everyone of some upcoming deadlines.

-Entries for the Bulletin Editors Contest are due January 10. Complete instruction can be found on the NFMS website, or you can contact Priscilla Hall-Ford at rockhounder2019@comcast.net.

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Letters From Our Committee Officers Continued:

-The Endowment Fund Committee wants to remind all clubs and their members that they are still looking for ways to spend available funds this year. The criteria for possible projects and/or programs and needed supporting documents were listed in the October newsletter. The original deadline was January 1, but is extended to Feb 1. Call, text or email me if you have an idea that you think might be crazy but want to bounce it off someone. Lora 406-370-1863 or silvertipminis@msn.com. I am at home recovering from back surgery so I have cabin fever and will be happy to be entertained by wild and crazy ideas.

-Applications/resumes for the Junior Achievement Awards are due February 1. The Complete rules can be found in the December newsletter. If your club has junior members, please encourage them to apply! The NMFS Juniors Chair, Jennifer Fitch will be 100% happy to walk you, your parents, and your juniors through the process. You can reach Jennifer at 517-281-7461 or email her at fitchs4god@aol.com.

-The Endowment Fund Committee is still seeking a Treasurer. Vicki wrote a detailed description in the December newsletter. This position only requires a few hours of your time each month and the other committee members will help you every step of the way. If you are interested contact Vicki Johnson at 360-751-8031 or email her at vickijrocks@msn.com. Lyle who has held this position for many, many, many moons would really like to retire.

-With Faith Farley moving into the NFMS Treasurer position, we need a new Show Coordinator. Faith has everything ready to pass off to someone new. This is an easy-peasy position! Clubs contact you with their show information, you pass it on to Jessica to be put in the NFMS Newsletter, and then you pass it onto Rock and Gem Magazine. Boom, done!

-We are also looking for someone to serve with Larry and Joshua Hulstrom on the Rules and Awards Committee. You do not have to be a judge to serve on this committee and I am sure Larry and Josh would help someone who is new to competitive exhibits get up to speed.

-And last but not least, we are looking for someone to organize our annual website contest.

If you are interested in any of these positions or know of someone you might want to through under the bus, call, text, or email me. 406-370-1863 or silvertipminis@msn.com .

- Lora Hall
President NFMS

Ps. Yes, I may be teaching you all the tune to the Announcements song at the mid-year meeting.

**Michael Rhodes - 1st Vice President**

Happy New Year! Welcome to the year 2025! As the new year begins, I know most clubs are in the middle of calendar events for 2025

These include field trips, club programs and annual shows. I know my home club board of directors are working on all of these. Our annual show takes lots of hours of preparation, setup, operation and cleanup. It takes all of us to make it work. The federation is also working with local clubs to coordinate the Midyear Meeting with the Lakeside Club in Kennewick, WA at the end of April and with the Marcus Whitman club in Walla Walla, WA for the NFMS Annual Show and Meeting September 12-14. It is not too early to plan your attendance at these meetings. We are also looking for clubs that would be willing to host these meetings in conjunction with your annual shows in 2026. The Federation is always happy to have volunteers to help fill positions in committees, including those which are a committee of one. If you are interested in helping out, let one of the executive committee know. Our emails and many of our cell phone numbers are listed at the end of the newsletter, I am looking forward to attending my home club meetings this year as well as joining with club members on a few field trips. As the weather warms up it will be nice to get outside and enjoy the beauties of the world around us. As you go out don't forget to review the AFMS Code of Ethics which gives us guidelines to improve our relationship with those around us such as filling in holes we dig, leaving gates in fences the way we found them and other behaviors that make us welcome at rockhounding sites. The final item on the Code is: " I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use "Good Outdoor Manners," and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public "image" of rockhounds everywhere. In the year ahead be safe, stay hydrated, enjoy our hobby, and as always, Rock On!

- Michael Rhodes

Letters From Our Committee Officers Continued:
**Judi Allison -
Secretary (Treasurer
Pro Tem)**

As our President, Lora, mentioned last month in her message, we have a new Treasurer. Faith Farley, who has been chairing the Show Coordination position, has stepped up to the challenge. I am continuing to work with Faith as we transition into the new calendar year. With both of us working on the dues and the involvement of our Directory Chair, Janel Lacey, we should be able to get everything done in a smooth manner.

Our Directory will look a bit different this year. As you all know, the assembly of directors voted not to list the entire membership in the directory, so the information that is being supplied when you submit your dues will be what goes into the Directory. In addition, since the Slide and Video Library and the By-Laws are housed on the website, they will be omitted from the Directory. Our plan is to have them available for the midyear meeting in Kennewick in April.

Dues have been coming in on a fairly steady basis. Remember, they are due by January 31, 2025. If you did not receive a form via email, they were in the November newsletter. I am sorry we do not have any electronic means of receiving payment, so the dues need to be submitted by check via snail mail.

Thanks to all for your continued support and dedication to our Federation. Remember, there are lots of things you all can take part in, so let's all jump into the New Year and become an active part of our future.

- Judi


**Gary Warren -
2nd Vice President**

I hope that everyone had a really great Christmas and New Years and enjoyed the holidays with their friends and family. As we start this year, please take the time to sit down and decide where and when you want to go out rock hunting and also start to plan your trips so that you are prepared when it is time to go.

One of the things that we need to do is to make sure that we all have a good first aid kit with us at all times and make sure that we know how to use it properly. As I have gone out rock hunting, I have had to use mine a number of times to bandage everything from a scratch to bandaging large wounds. I once went out and fell down a mountain and ended up severely cutting both hands. Because I am on blood thinners, we were having difficulty stopping the bleeding and applying pressure wasn't working and we were running out of bandaging materials. One of the items in my first aid kit was rubber gloves. I used them to put over my hands and then held ice which helped to stop the bleeding. It was a unique solution, but it worked. Check with your local fire department and see if they offer any first aid classes that would help you as you go out into the great outdoors.

Also, you need to determine what tools you will need depending on where you are going. Will it require a large shovel, pry bar, or just a rock hammer or chisel? Also make sure you are prepared with what you need to put the rocks in to carry them home safely.

These are just a few thoughts that I have had and just wanted to share them with you. Wishing you a successful year ahead!

- Gary

“Thanks to Our Stamp Guys”

As you may know, when Aaron Currier and Ed Anderson took over the Stamp Committee they made the decision to donate the funds to the Junior Members of our Society. I just received another check from them for \$178.00 from the sale of stamps. Since the two of them have taken over, they have garnered \$1163.00 for the Juniors. Thanks guys! You are appreciated.

**Secretary Report**

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and will be enjoying something special bringing in the New Year. I took a quick trip to Spokane before Christmas to have a special breakfast with some of my grandchildren and seven of my great-grandchildren. Then at Christmas, I took a quick trip to Montana to share Christmas with two daughters, three grandchildren and seven more great-grandchildren. Two of them were three month old twins. So, needless to say, my holiday was great!

This is a slower time of year for secretarial duties, so it works out well to help get things done for the Treasurer position. Before you know it, the midyear meeting will be upon us, then the Annual Show and on to a new year. It would be wonderful to have venues slated for the Annual Shows for the next two or three years-2026, 2027 and beyond. I guess that is something I am going to do during this “slower” time. I am going to redo the manual about putting on a Federation Show. What is housed on the website is quite dated and a bit intimidating. We need to let clubs know that shows don’t have to be that complicated. In fact, I believe a club could build a good show without having to do much more than what is usually done for the their own local show. Let’s talk. We can negotiate. Think about the possibilities. And have a great New Year!

SHOWTIME

Hatrockhounds Rockhound of the Year

Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society recognizes **Doug Gill** as their 2024 American Federation Rockhound of the Year. Doug has been a faithful member for a number of years. He had served as President, and after taking care of some medical issues, he volunteered to return to the position. He is now on his second successive two year term. Doug has become the Chair of our annual club show silent auction, running everything smoothly and gradually increasing our realized income. He went into this year’s auction with a bit of apprehension. Our club was hosting the NFMS Show and, because the Federation was in charge of running the auction and gathering supplies, the proceeds would go to them. As it turned out, the Federation Chair was in need of some workers. Doug volunteered and learned that “the Federation” (of which we are all a part) was full of “some pretty nice guys”. In Doug’s words, “Those guys are all right!” Not only has Doug been a great help; this year he learned firsthand about who our Federation really is. Thanks, Doug, for your steadfastness and continued support.

Submitted by Executive Committee





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Walla Walla, Washington

87th Anniversary Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show & Convention 2025

Walla Walla, Washington September 12-14, 2025
Hosted by the Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society

We are excited to combine our Annual Gem Show with the NFMS Convention and welcoming all to Walla Walla. As we look forward to September, we must let you know that this is, quite possibly, the busiest week of the year. In addition to the Gem Show and Conference, there is an Annual Car Show, Aviation Show, and Fall Release for wine lovers. With that being said, we highly recommend getting a head start on booking your stay with us.

Here are various links to lodging options within the valley:

- Bed & Breakfast Lodging: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/bed-and-breakfast/>
- Hotels & Motels: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/hotels-motels/>
- RV/Campgrounds: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/camping-campgrounds/>
- Vacation Rentals: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/vacation-rentals/>

Stay tuned for the full conference program coming soon. We look forward to having you in Walla Walla.



Feb 22 nd & 23 rd Sat 10 - 7 Sun 12 - 6	Idaho Gem Club 85th Gem Show	Expo Building 'South Wing' 5610 Glenwood Boise, ID 83714	Brent Stewart Willa Renken idahogemclub.com
Feb 22 nd & 23 rd March 1 st & 2 nd Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Chugach Gem and Mineral Society Show	Midtown Mall 3 Large Show Rooms! 600 E. Northern Lights Blvd. Anchorage, AK 99514	Paul Burger cavemonpaul@hotmail.com
March 1 st & 2 nd Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society	O' Connor Field House 2207 Blaine Street Caldwell, ID 83605	Paul Deveau devidaho@outlook.com 208-994-8025
March 1 st & 2 nd Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	E. King Co. Rock and Gem Show	Pickering Barn 1730 10th Ave. NW Issaquah, WA 98027	Kim Villines earthlightgems@gmail.com 425-828-3872
March 7 th - 9 th Fri 10 - 4 Sat 10 - 4 Sun 10 - 4	Oregon Agate & Mineral Society	OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry) 1945 SE Water Ave. Portland, OR 97214	Rose Cohen nwcohenfamily@gmail.com
March 7 th - 9 th Fri 10 - 5 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Tualatin Valley Gem Club	Forest Grove National Guard Armory 2950 Taylor Way Forest Grove, Oregon 97116	Gordon Hale gordonhale@comcast.net



<p>March 14th & 15th</p> <p>Sat 9 - 6</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>Hellgate Mineral Society</p> <p>30th Annual Show</p>	<p>Hilton Garden Inn</p> <p>3720 North Reserve St.</p> <p>Missoula, MT 59801</p>	<p>Neil A. Maier</p> <p>nam56@yahoo.com</p> <p>406-546-6013</p>
<p>March 22nd & 23rd</p> <p>TBD</p> <p>TBD</p>	<p>NW Mt Gem & Mineral Show</p>	<p>NW Mt. Kalispell Grounds</p> <p>Kalispell, MT 59904</p>	<p>Lloyde Fager</p> <p>406-250-0285</p>
<p>March 22nd & 23rd</p> <p>Sat 10 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>SE Idaho Gem & Mineral Society</p>	<p>Bannock County Event Center</p> <p>10588 Fairgrounds</p> <p>Pocatello, ID 83201</p>	<p>Joe Rodriguez</p> <p>rodriider@msn.com</p>
<p>March 29th & 30th 2025</p> <p>Sat 10 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>Mount Baker Rock and Gem Club</p>	<p>Pioneer Pavilion Community Center</p> <p>2007 Cherry Street</p> <p>Ferndale, WA 98248</p>	<p>Candi Gerard</p> <p>candisjewelry@gmail.com</p> <p>www.mtbakerrockclub.org</p>
<p>April 11th - 13th 2025</p> <p>Fri 9 - 6</p> <p>Sat 10 - 6</p> <p>Sun 10 - 4</p>	<p>Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society</p>	<p>Golden Spike Event Center</p> <p>Weber County Fairgrounds</p> <p>1000 N. 1200 W.</p> <p>Ogden, UT 84401</p>	<p>Margie Miller</p> <p>(385) 205-9187</p> <p>goldenspikegem.org</p> <p>FB: Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society</p>
<p>April 19th & 20th</p> <p>Sat 10 - 6</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>Idaho Gem & Mineral Society</p>	<p>Bonneville County Fairgrounds</p> <p>1542 E. 73rd South</p> <p>Idaho Falls, ID 83404</p>	<p>Tom Strong</p> <p>wildlandlapidary@gmail.com</p> <p>www.ifrockhounds.com</p>



April 25th - 27th Fri 10 - 4 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Yakima Gem & Mineral Club	Modern Living Building @ Central Wa. State Fairgrounds 1301 South Fair Ave. Yakima, Wa 98901	Marti Smith marthams@g.com 509-910-3484
April 26th & 27th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Show	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 S. Oak St. Kennewick, WA 99336	Larry Hulstrom rockhound132@charter.net lakesidegemandmineralclub.com
May 3rd & 4th Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4 Dealer/Demo Contact:	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds 2110 Frear Ave. Roseburg, OR 97470 Jason Jakubos 541-580-7584	Jay Thomas jrthoms2@gmail.com 503-400-2090 rockandwool@gmail.com
May 3rd & 4th 2025 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Everett Rock & Gem Club 70th Annual Show	Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Weikel Event Center 18359 Cascade View Drive Monroe, WA 98292	everettrockclub@hotmail.com
May 10th & 11th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Hatrockhound Gem & Mineral Society	Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center 1705 East Airport Rd. Hermiston, OR 97838	Mike Filarski stonemorlin1@netscape.net Hatrockhounds.org
May 31st & June 1st 2025 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	North Idaho Mineral Club's 64th Annual Show	Kootenai County Fairgrounds Jacklin Building #25 4056 N. Government Way Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815	Mike McConnell nimcshowchairman@gmail.com

AFMS FEDERATION SHOW DATES



Shows in 2025:

- AFMS/EFMLS Hickory, NC March 27 - 30
- Midwest Federation Lincoln, NE April 5-6
- Northwest Federation Walla Walla, WA
Sept 12-14
- Rocky Mountain Federation Grand Junction,
CO Sept 19-21

Shows in 2026:

- Midwest Federation St. Charles, IL.
May 23-24

A Good Idea Built to Last:

The Gem Scoop

By: Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian

In April 1961, Ernest Estwing of the Estwing Mfg. Co. of Rockford, Illinois, makers of World Famous Rock Picks and Sportsman's Axes, introduced his invention called the Gem Scoop. This same scoop is still sold today. Back in the day it only sold for \$7.50. Today, the same scoop or updated version sells for up to \$65!

What is fun to note, is the thought that went into creating the actual scoop so many of us have carried with us. The idea for it came from three rockhounding friends from different parts of the country who each wished for a particular type of tool to assist them on field trips.

One woman friend from Arizona, wished for a tool to use for chasing snakes away while collecting and for grabbing specimens from under prickly cholla cactus and other precarious spots. An Idaho friend wished for a good climber's tool. Another friend wished for a scoop that would help him get specimens out of the water in Lake Superior. All three friends thought a cane type tool would be very effective for what they needed.

After listening to his friends, Ernest spent the winter of that same year inventing and manufacturing the scoop. It was created to be the ideal tool collectors in every region of the country would want to have. The Gem Scoop was and is an ideal tool for its many uses. Skindivers and beachcombers can use it to explore rocks, shells, sea glass and clams. You can rake and pick up things with it without hurting your back, and it makes a good hiking cane up and down slopes while collecting. My guess is on a camping trip you could also use it as a handy back scratcher.

The original tool was 36" long which you can buy new today. You can also buy the same size which also comes in a more compact design which folds up for easier traveling. There's a 42" version in either a solid cane style or as a folding type. Prospecting and lapidary supply companies sell the scoop either under the original name, Gem Scoop, or as Treasure Scoop.

Rock Of The Month: Pyrite

Pyrite, often mistaken for gold due to its metallic luster and golden hue, has earned the nickname "fool's gold." This iron sulfide mineral (FeS_2) has a rich history, dating back to ancient times when it was valued for its ability to create sparks when struck against steel. This property made pyrite an essential tool for starting fires before modern ignition methods were developed. The mineral's name is derived from the Greek word *pyr*, meaning fire, reflecting its historical use in early civilizations.

Although pyrite is not a precious metal, it has had its share of economic importance. During the 19th and early 20th centuries, pyrite was mined extensively as a source of sulfur for sulfuric acid production, which is essential in various industrial processes. Its cubic crystal formations and dazzling appearance have also made pyrite a favorite among mineral collectors. Notably, large and impressive specimens have been discovered in locations such as Spain's Rio Tinto mines and Peru's Huanzala mine, celebrated for producing some of the world's finest pyrite crystals.

Beyond its industrial and historical significance, pyrite has a fascinating set of characteristics. For example, pyrite is prone to oxidation when exposed to air and moisture, which can result in the formation of sulfuric acid—a process known as acid mine drainage. Interestingly, some pyrite deposits contain traces of gold, making it a valuable resource in gold extraction. With its rich golden sparkle and intriguing properties, pyrite continues to captivate both geologists and the general public, standing out as a mineral of both beauty and utility.

Jessica Himple
Everett Rock and Gem Club
Editor for NFMS Newsletter

Specimens from my personal collection:

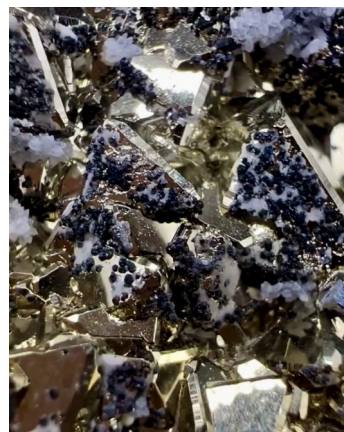
*Send in photos of your own specimens for a chance to have them showcased in the newsletter!



Pyrite - Gold Meyer Hot Springs, King Co., Wa, USA



Pyrite - Huanzala Mine, Level 38, Huallanca District, Ancash, Peru
Ex: Alex Schauss



Pyrite, Calcite, Galena - Huanzala Mine, Huallanca District, Ancash, Peru

"Pyrite." *Mindat.org*, Hudson Institute of Mineralogy, www.mindat.org/min-3314.html.

"Pyrite." *Encyclopedia Britannica*, Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc., www.britannica.com/science/pyrite.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

NFMS Dues and Directory Request

Hi Folks, it is rapidly approaching that time of year again. What the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies wants to offer you, is membership, all there is to gain from continued membership is our wonderful Federation. In order so do so, we do have expenses that must be covered. And, of course, you know that is accomplished largely by a small contribution of \$3.50 per year from each of its members.

NFMS dues, need to be paid by January 10, 2025, so if you pay yours right away (before the holiday rush) you will have taken care to protect your valuable affiliation with fellow rockhound enthusiasts. I hope these directions will be simple and help streamline things.

Following is the process to accomplish this task.

1. Count your membership at this point in time (unless you are paying after December 31- then count your membership on December 31)
2. Make a check out to NFMS for 2025 dues: (\$3.50 per adult member count, plus \$1.00 per junior member count) (You are on your honor, so please be honest.)

Example: Your club has 142 adults and 16 juniors (18 and under)

142 x \$3.50 = \$497.00

16 x \$1.00 = \$16.00

TOTAL DUE: \$513.00

3. Complete the form on the next page listing vital information for our membership directory. (Note: Starting this year, after being passed at the 2024 Annual Meeting, we will only be including officer and chairpersons' information, not the entire membership.) Each club will continue to receive a Directory. (We are working to also streamline this process. More to come, I'm sure)

4. List three (3) people who will receive the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) Newsletter. My suggestion would be the president, federation director, and newsletter editor, but it is your choice. (These three individuals can facilitate a sharing of information with your membership.)

5. Send all of this to me at:

Judi Allison, NFMS Treasurer (pro tem)

1701 NW 11th ST

Hermiston, OR 97838

Yes, I am sorry, it has to be snail mail. We don't have VENMO or any of that fancy stuff. And thanks a heap in advance.

Dues and Directory Request Form

Print out this page for easy use!

Club Name: _____

Club Location: _____

Club Website: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Meeting Place: _____

Meeting Address: _____

Meeting Time and Day: _____

Club Email: _____

Club Contact and Email: _____

President and Contact: _____

Vice-President and Contact: _____

Secretary and Contact: _____

Treasurer and Contact: _____

Federation Director and Contact: _____

Bulletin Editor and Contact: _____

Junior Advisor and Contact: _____

Show Chair and Contact: _____

Field Trip and Name and Email Contact: _____

Who will receive an email of the NFMS Newsletter for distribution to your club members? Name and email contact: _____

Who will receive 3 copies of the AFMS Newsletter? Name and Physical Address of Each:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Number of Adult Members x \$3.50 =

Number of Junior Members x \$1.00 =

Total amount to remit to NFMS=

Send this form and your remittance to:

NFMS Treasurer pro tem, Judi Allison

1701 NW 11th ST

Hermsiton, OR 97838

Any Questions? Call 541-720-4950

NFMS EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2024-2025

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* Clubs need only to send contact info for their board members. Contact clubs directly to reach out to specific members.

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CUSTODIAN: 2ND Vice President: (see above)

DIRECTORY: Janel Lacey, Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society, 43618 SW McKay Dr, Pendleton, OR, 97801, (541) 215-2839, jlclaw16461@gmail.com
* Clubs need only to send contact info for their board members. Contact clubs directly to reach out to specific members.

EDUCATION/ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD : OPEN

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