Keep your calendar up to date:

**NFMS Mid-Year Meeting**, April 17, 2010, Kennewick, Washington (More information on page 3)

**Tri-Federation Field Trip**, Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-31, 2010, Blue Forest, Wyoming

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

**NFMS Convention and Annual Meeting**, September 17-19, 2010, Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro, Oregon (More information on pages 4, 6, and 11)

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## 2010 NFMS Convention and Annual Meeting

**Dates**: September 17, 18, 19, 2010  
**Location**: Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro, Oregon with the Hotel B serving as Convention Headquarters and the location of an Awards Breakfast on Sunday the 19th.

The NFMS Executive Board has agreed to hold the 2010 NFMS Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 18th at the Washington County Fairgrounds, Hillsboro, Oregon. Please mark your calendar.

The meeting will be held in a building adjacent to the Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show which will be held on that same weekend. The cost of the $525.00 building rental is to be paid by the NFMS.

Though arrangements and cooperative plans have yet to be completely finalized, the Portland Regional Show Committee has graciously allowed us to use their dates and location for our annual meeting and to provide space in their show for competitive cases to be viewed and judged. Non-competitive displayers will need to work directly with the Portland Regional Show Committee and at the Committee’s discretion. A Competition Entry Form can be found in this issue of the *Northwest Newsletter*.

An Awards Breakfast is planned for making the usual competitive case and NFMS trophy awards, NFMS officer installations, and Editors’ awards. This Awards Breakfast is planned for Sunday morning at 8:00 am at the Hotel B, which is adjacent to the Washington County Fairgrounds. There is an $18.00 per person cost for the buffet breakfast. No additional costs are expected if the attendance meets the minimum requirements.

All interested NFMS members are urged to attend both the annual meeting and the Awards Breakfast as well as enjoy the excellent gem and mineral show put on by the Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Committee.

A special rate of $69 per room per night is available for a special block of 25 rooms at Hotel B – first come basis. It is expected that dry camping at the Fairgrounds will be available through the Portland Regional Show Committee at rates determined by them.

Jon Spunaugle has volunteered to serve as “Event Coordinator” and will accept advance registration requests by mail or email. His address is Jon Spunaugle, 4841 Dr. Eldridge Drive, Washougal, WA 98671. His email address is jonspe@juno.com. You can find an advance registration form and additional information in this issue of the *Northwest Newsletter*. 

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**MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE ON FEBRUARY 15TH**

Contact  
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RESOLUTIONS: Fred Burton, Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society, 90 Lakeview, Tooele, UT 84074, (435) 882-8614, fjburton@juno.com

R.Ok. (Chairman), J. Ronen (Secretary), D. Posthuma (Treasurer), and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and is encouraged to use and save commemorative stamps. The money saved from the sale of these used (canceled) stamps is then donated to Cancer Research. The collected stamps can be sent to the Stamps Chairperson, brought to the NFMS Annual Show or given to your Federation's Chairperson in your club.

Attention Club Treasurers
Where to send your money

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

Send to: Lyle Vogeloh, see Treasurers page.

To NFMS Endowment Fund for:
1. Donations to Endowment Fund
2. Memorial contributions

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

To NFMS Scholarship Chairperson for:
1. Donations to AFMS Scholarship Fund
2. Memorial contributions to AFMS Scholarship

Make check payable to AFMS Scholarship Fund.

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

To AFMS Endowment Fund for:
1. Donations to Endowment Fund
2. Memorials

Send to: AFMS Newsletter

To AlAA Treasurers for:
1. Memberships, new and renewals
2. Donations

Make check payable to AlAA
Send to: JoAnn Hanschu, AlAA Treasurer, 6607 Sturbridge Ln, Canton, MN 48187-2638.

NFSM Newsletter Advertisement

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

Ads for the Northwest Newsletter are:
$1.50 per square inch.
Example: 3” x 4” ad = 12 inches $x 1.50 = $18 per issue of the Newsletter

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

Deadline for Your Submissions to the Next Northwest Newsletter is Februuary 15th
Evelyn Cataldo  
NFMS President

Fellow Rockhounds,

The Articles of Incorporation of the Northwest Federation state in Article III, paragraph 8

“To conduct an annual gem and mineral show, which is open to the general public, for the purpose of conducting educational programs in the form of displays, demonstrations, seminars and lectures.”

It is with great dismay that I have to announce that in 2010, we will not be able to fulfill the mandate of our Society. We will not be holding a NFMS Gem and Mineral Show. Although we have 70 member societies, none volunteered to host the 2010 show and convention. Nor has any club stepped forward for 2011, 2012 or thereafter.

Onward to Plan “B”..........

The Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show is graciously allowing us to share their dates and location. We will be having our annual meeting on Saturday, September 18th at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro, Oregon and we will be holding an Awards Breakfast on Sunday, September 19th at the nearby Hotel B. Additional information and registration forms can be found in this issue of the Northwest Newsletter. There will be further details available in the future.

At this time, I would ask all Northwest Federation Clubs to seriously consider volunteering to host a future NFMS Show and Convention. Please discuss this at your next meeting. If you have questions, contact one of the Executive Officers. We would be delighted to help you with plans to sponsor a Northwest Show. If your club doesn’t have the manpower, think about joining with another club in your area to sponsor a show.

Looking forward to hearing from you, Evelyn

Judi Allison  
NFMS 2nd VP

As I write this, I am hoping that February is bringing hope toward a spring filled with inviting warm days to pursue our chosen desires.

This past year I have watched some of our “old tried and true” friends fade with old father time marching on. I am reminded how important it is to continue to nurture our newly found “younger” (in body-not necessarily in spirit) friends and comrades to carry on the joys of our beloved hobby. So, as we continue into this year, let’s all remember to give a warm hardy welcome to all those new faces we see at our meetings and gatherings. I have seen some enthusiastic folks, and with just a little sincere encouragement, they will one day be the “old tried and true”.

Best wishes in all your rockin’ endeavors, whatever they may be. Judi
NFMS ANNUAL CONVENTION AND SHOW INFORMATION, SEPTEMBER 2010

NFMS ANNUAL CONVENTION
COMPETITIVE ENTRY FORM

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

NAME______________________________________________________________
ADDRESS_____________________________________________________________________
PHONE______________________EMAIL_________________________________
Society______________________________________________

EXHIBITOR GROUP: MASTER___ ADVANCED___ NOVICE___ JUNIOR___
SOCIETY____  JUNIOR SOCIETY____

EXHIBIT DIVISION______ EXHIBIT CLASS_____
Do you have your own case?_____ Size: Width_______Height______Depth_________

CERTIFICATION FOR EXHIBITORS
I hereby certify that all material in competition by me is my own personal property. If, Society, all material belongs to members of the Society. All work, except minor findings or where otherwise allowed by the rules, was completed by me. I have read the current rules and agree to abide by them.

Exhibitor’s Signature________________________________________________________

PRINT NAME__________________________________________________________

Exhibitor’s Society ___________________________________________________________________________________________

I certify, as an officer of the above named society, that the exhibitor is a member in good standing of that society, and to the best of my knowledge is eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the AFMS Rules.

Signature__________________________________________Title______________________________

If this is sent email: we need the officer’s email________________________________________ Date________

BOTH PAGES MUST BE SENT BACK
Be sure and make a copy for your files

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

EXHIBIT ENTRY DEADLINE: Aug 10, 2010

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

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

Cases will be assigned space on tables approximately 30 inches high. Exhibits are limited to 150 watts of power per case, and exhibitor must supply a three prong extension cord to reach the power supply under the tables. (Approximately 10 feet)

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

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

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

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

SIGNATURE______________________________________________________________

Print name________________________________________Date__________________________
Obituary—Doug Anderson

On January 2, the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society was saddened by the loss of one of its life members with the passing of long time Walla Walla resident Victor “Doug” Anderson at the age of 86. Doug was born July 31, 1923, in Tacoma to Victor and Selma Olson Anderson. He attended Oregon State University before graduating from Klamath Falls Technical Institute with a degree in engineering. He retired as a construction site engineer with the U.S Army Corps of Engineers in 1981.

On Feb. 4, 1961, he married Marilyn E. Brown in Walla Walla. They both enjoyed rock-hounding very much and joined the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society in 1965. They both became very active in the club. Doug served the club in various capacities over the years including serving as president three different times; was editor of the newsletter for a total of 16 years; and was the either co-chair or chair of the club’s annual gem and mineral show six times. He was also elected into the NFMS “Editor Hall of Fame”. His service to the club was honored in 1998 by being selected as a life member.
AFMS
YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO IT AND HOW IT WORKS

The AFMS was created by the Northwest Federation, California Federation, Rocky Mountain Federation, and the Mid West Federations. The Eastern Federation and South Central Federation was taken from the Rocky Mountain Federation and the Southeast Federation was taken from the southern part of the Eastern Federation. Unlike other corporations that are created from the top down you could say that the AFMS was created from the middle up.

NFMS are the initials for the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, AFMS are the initials for the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The AFMS is made up of seven (7) regional federations, covering all of the United States. They are, South Central Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Mid West Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies. The reason for listing the federations in this order is, that like the NFMS, the AFMS President is only president for one year and each year the president is from a different federation, and rotates from one Federation to the next in the order that is listed above.

The AFMS officers for this year are: President-Emerson Tucker, South Central Federation; President-Elect-Bob Miller, Mid West Federation; 1st Vice President-Rocky McCall, Northwest Federation; 2nd Vice President-Ann Monroe, Southeast Federation; 3rd Vice President- Judy Beck, Rocky Mountain Federation; 4th Vice President-Marion Roberts, California Federation; and 5th Vice President-Matt Charsky, Eastern Federation. To be an AFMS Vice President each regional Federation elects the individual that it wants to be AFMS Vice President or President Elect. So far, the President Elect is automatically President the following year. The President Elect needs that year in order to prepare the budget and get individuals to fill positions, just like the 1st Vice President in the NFMS needs to.

In the NFMS to be eligible for one of the above positions you have to be a past NFMS President, and only Past NFMS Presidents can vote. This is voted on every year. The AFMS policy is that an individual can only be a Vice President for two (2) years in a row, and then must rotate out for at least one year before that individual can come back as a Vice President again.

Exception, an individual can be 1st Vice President then President Elect then President. To be President Elect the individual must have served in one of the AFMS Vice Presidents positions.

The NFMS year is from September 1 to August 31 while the AFMS year is from November 1 to October 31.

Continued next month!
2009 AFMS Program Competition Winners

"Romanian Mines & Minerals"  30 min. DVD
by Michael Shaw
(Stillwater Mineral and Gem Society, RMFS)
Although Romanian minerals are not commonly available in the U.S.,
many world-class specimens including some rare varieties, have been
produced during its’ long mining history. Some historical background,
location maps, images depicting Romania’s mineral diversity, and views
of mines round out this presentation.

"Barite – The Gangue’s All Here”  30 min. DVD
Larry Havens
(Littleton Gem & Mineral Club, RMFS)
Using his competitive barite exhibit as a starting point, Larry shares his
interest in this essential mineral with basic information, a dash of humor
(note the title), and then a selection of specimens from across this
country and around the world. It’s varied crystal habits and uses add to
the story.

“Opals”  4 minutes - DVD
Nickolas Riebeek
(Rookie Rock Rollers, CFMS)
After a family trip to Virgin Valley, Nevada, Nick prepared this
presentation for his fellow junior club members showing what he had
seen, learned and found at this classic location. Although it is very brief,
adults will also appreciate the geology, how opals are collected and
some specimens found there.

"Excellence in Education Award"
"Oklahoma Rocks!"  58 min. DVD
prod. by Explorer Multimedia (www.okgeology.com)
Looking for an armchair field trip, or an introduction in advance of an OK
expedition? Take a road trip across Oklahoma, visiting State Parks,
museums, tourist attractions, and natural areas to learn about the state’s
rich, interesting geology and natural history by looking at sands, stone
and soils and more.

These and other programs will be available in DVD format from your
Regional Program Library. To reserve a program, contact your Regional
Library.

Information about the 2010 Program Competition
will be published in this newsletter and on the AFMS website. Even
though digital formats are generally preferred, 35mm and VHS
presentations are still eligible – as long as the content is current and
images are good quality.
Entries can be sent for preliminary comments.
Deadline for submission is April 15, 2010.
Contact your Regional Librarian or AFMS Program Competition Coordinator,
Marge Collins
marge@qtm.net  or (269)695-4313

Yes, Elyssa. I know it is scary.

We still do not have a Junior’s Chair

Please, Please!!

We need someone who is willing to take
on this very vital position in the NFMS.

The future of our hobby depends on it.

Please contact Evelyn Cataldo
At ecataldo@cbtabs.com
to volunteer.

Thank You!!

Prayers Needed ! !
Bill Luke is now in a care facility and he and Betty
would appreciate your prayers and notes of
encouragement.

Bill and Betty Luke
Crest House
3131 Amherst Ave., Rm # 222
Butte, MT 59701
2010 AFMS Program Competition

The purpose of this Competition is to Recognize and Reward authors of presentations about the Earth Sciences and to make winning programs available to affiliated Clubs across the country. Video, digital presentations or slides, relating to the Earth Sciences are eligible. Submit entries in one of the four amateur classes or "EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION" for "commercial" presentations.

* Each program is judged on its own merits.
* Entrants in amateur categories will receive a composite score sheet with comments / score.
* Judging Form and "Tips for Good Programs" are available on AFMS website (www.amfed.org) from AFMS Coordinator or your Regional Program Librarian.

WHO MAY ENTER
Any Club, Society, or members thereof, with 2010 dues paid to a Federation affiliated with AFMS may enter. (Does not apply to “Excellence in Education” entries)

DEADLINE for entry: April 15, 2010

CLASSES FOR ENTRIES
Class I -Educational- about geology, minerals, gems, fossils, etc.
Class 2 -Field Collecting- showing site(s), specimens, with some geology, collecting methods and other aspects of interest.
Class 3 -“How To Do It”- techniques/equipment for fossil prep. jewelry, metal work, carving, faceting, other lapidary, etc.
Class 4 -“Just for Juniors” - any of the above for/by youngsters.

“Excellence in Education” entries are judged separately.

JUDGING (Judges look for:)
- accuracy of information / educational value
- quality of photographs / visuals
- completeness of story - but not “too much” information
- narration that moves well from one image to the next
- presentations that explore an area of interest or demonstrate ideas/techniques which viewers may try
- title, credits and “The End” “slides”
- where needed, phonetic spelling of unfamiliar words in “script” example: Sault Ste. Marie (SUE saint marie)

For CD, DVD or VIDEO entries
- submit a copy
- may be ‘live action’ or static slides
- integrated audio is greatly appreciated but not required

For SLIDE PRESENTATIONS
- must be 35mm, in standard mounts.
- should be relatively new originals, though historic slides can be appropriate in some presentations.
- must be spotted for projection, preferably with a red dot in lower left corner and coded with entrant’s initials.
- must be numbered to match script.
- a script (written narration indicating when each slide is to be projected) preferably typed, ready for duplication.
(sample formats are available upon request) Script on a “floppy” or CD is very helpful but not required.

AWARDS
A $200 cash prize for the highest scoring program (with 95+ points), $100 if score is 94 - 90 points, (for highest score) in each Class 1 - 4. In addition, Winners receive national recognition.
A copy of each winning program is given to each Regional Program Library; thus winning programs are available to Clubs across the country. Winners will be announced at the AFMS Awards Banquet at La Habre CA, June 19, 2010

PROGRAM LENGTH
Adult programs: 30 - 40 minutes is optimum
Juniors: 20 minutes suggested maximum

REPRODUCTION / DUPLICATION
By entering, all winners grant permission for AFMS to duplicate / transfer their entry to DVD format for the Regional Libraries. 35mm slides will be scanned, and then returned to producer. Digital entries can be returned after duplication if requested. Non-winners will be returned after AFMS Convention. AFMS will take reasonable precautions to protect program while it is in our hands.

HOW TO ENTER
Fill out entry form (or copy) and ship with carefully packed program to address below.

DIRECT QUESTIONS AND ENTRIES TO:
AFMS Program Competition Coordinator, Marge Collins, 3017 Niles-Buchanan Rd., Buchanan MI 49107 phone: (269) 695-4313 email: margaret@qtm.net

2010 ENTRY FORM
I / we submit “ _________________________________________”
(title)

in [circle one] Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 4 - or -
(for programs produced "for sale") "EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION"

Producer(s) ________________________________
(your name/s)

Club ____________________________________________
[if Club entry]

Federation __________________ [your Office __________________]

[street address]

[city] [state] [zip]

Home phone __________________ e-mail __________________

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR SALE? No ___ Yes ___ Cost: ______

COMMENTS, THOUGHTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD INFORMATION

2010 NFMS Junior Achievement Award by Gary Buhr

Holy Calendar Pages Batman! It is February/March already and time for top Junior Rockhounds to consider being very famous this year. Do you excel in your Hobby? at School? in your Community? or Work related activities? If so, then it is now appropriate for you to write your resume and fill out an Application to be our 2010 NFMS Junior Achievement Award Winner. There are categories for age 12 and under or ages 13 to 18, so there is a place for you to win!

Check this Northwest Newsletter edition or visit your NFMS Website Juniors Page to copy or print the Application that needs to accompany your Resume. Then you should read the details for entry. Bottom line is that your Resume and Application together require a postmark by April 1, 2010. After that it is "dropdeadsville" until the next annual cycle for entry. Winners will be notified a month later after the NFMS Officers vote on the candidates' Resumes. Am confident there are superstar achievers looking for a postage stamp already.

As a First Place Winner in either category you will receive your name inscribed on a Legendary Plaque, a framed Certificate of Achievement, a Personalized Pen Set and a BIG check for $100.00! If any of this sounds too complicated or if you have any questions just ask your Juniors Advisor, parent or the Federation Director of your Rock Club, they will be delighted to help you in the quest of achieving fame. We would love to see your smile when you win this very special Award for very special Junior Rockhounds. Be a super achiever and enter right now to win this Award for 2010. As Zig Zigler always says, "see you at the top!"

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD--2010
The NFMS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM
Updated November, 2006 by Gary Buhr

A. NFMS Juniors Committee Chairman shall promote this Award, including the past and present Winners, throughout the entire year at every appropriate opportunity.

1. Official announcement of the upcoming contest along with the rules and application will be published during February and March in the Northwest Newsletter and on the NFMS Website Juniors Page. The rules and application will remain all year on the NFMS Website Juniors Page and applications can be downloaded.

2. Completed applications and resumes will be due each year with a postmark deadline on the first day of April. This will be the same date each annual cycle.

3. After receiving the applications and resumes, the Juniors Committee Chairman shall make copies and send with score sheets to the NFMS President, 1st VP, and 2nd VP, to be judged and returned by April 15. The Juniors Committee Chairman shall also judge each application.

After all judged applications are returned, the scores will be tallied and winners determined by the Juniors Committee Chairman.

4. Juniors Committee Chairman will notify the Junior Achievement Award Winners and their parents/guardians by the first day of May. This will be the same date each annual cycle. Hence allowing time to plan for the Awards Banquet at the NFMS Annual Show and Convention where the Awards are to be presented.

5. Junior Achievement Award Winners and their families can attend the Awards portion of the Banquet without dining and buying a Banquet ticket or they can purchase Banquet tickets in advance like other Award Winners of the evening and enjoy the full evening of dining and Awards. If the Winners do not attend, the Juniors Committee Chairman will make sure they receive their Awards.

B. The NFMS Junior Achievement Award Trust Fund was established in 1989 for the purpose of providing at least one monetary award to the Junior whose submitted resume/outline rates highest in the opinion of the judges. Your age determines whether you enter the age 12 and under category or the age 13 to 18 category. The applicant must not have had an eighteenth birthday prior to the date of application, because then the applicant would no longer be defined as a Junior, but the applicant can turn 18 between application and presentation of the Awards. The judging panel consists of the NFMS President, NFMS 1st VP, NFMS 2nd VP and the Juniors Committee Chairman. Judging is based on the judges' subjective interpretations of the relevant quality of the applicant's resume/outline. The Award is presented to a Junior applicant who is a member in good standing with a Rock Club affiliated with the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The Junior applicant should be active in our hobby, education & school, community and work related achievements. The primary Award Winner will receive a certificate, a check, a pen set and his/her name on the legendary plaque. More than one Award Winner is possible, depending on the entries and ages of participants. Each participating Junior MUST personally author their written resume/outline. Your application, score sheet and resume/outline MUST BE POSTMARKED by the first day of April.

C. Here are your three EZ steps:

1. Write or type a short summary (resume/outline) about what your achievements are, regarding Sections I, II, III & IV from the SCORE SHEET below.

2. Photocopy the SCORE SHEET and APPLICATION from the Northwest Newsletter or download them from the NFMS Website Juniors Page. Fill out the APPLICATION and have your Rock Club representatives sign their spaces.

3. Mail your summary (resume/outline), the SCORE SHEET and completed APPLICATION to the NFMS Juniors Committee Chairman, postmarked by April first.

Thank You Kindly for your participation this year! Gary Buhr at 425-356-7696 or gemnut@hotmail.com
JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD INFORMATION

D. SCORE SHEET--Junior Achievement Award (judges fill this out)

Section I. HOBBY RELATED ACTIVITIES
Club involvement (field trips, committees, show participation) 20 points possible_____________________________________________

Hobby Craft involvement (faceting, lapidary, metals, collecting) 20 points possible____________________________________________

Competitive involvement (display, articles, promotion, awards) 5 points possible______________________________________

Section II. EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT ACTIVITIES
Scholastic (honor roll, advanced classes, improvement of grades) 15 points possible_____________________________________________

Extracurricular (sports, drama, debate, drill team, music) 10 points possible______________________________________________

Section III. COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT ACTIVITIES
Events involvement (charity, volunteer, donation programs) 10 points possible____________________________________________

Scouts, Campfire, 4H-Club, Other community groups 10 points possible______________________________________________

Section IV. WORK RELATED ACTIVITIES
Employment, Home Chores, Neighborhood Work, Business 10 points possible____________________________________________

TOTAL SCORE SHEET POINTS_________________________________

E.) APPLICATION--Junior Achievement Award (confidential info)

Applicant Name_________________________________________________
Rock Club Name_________________________________________________
Date of Birth_____________________Age_____________________
City___________________________State___________Zip Code_____________
Phone or Email___________________________________________
Your Federation Director Name__________________________________
Federation Director SignatureX_________________________
Your Rock Club President Name_____________________________
Club President SignatureX_____________________________
Applicant SignatureX__________________________________

Mail your summary (resume/outline), SCORE SHEET & APPLICATION to:

Gary Buhr, NFMS Juniors Committee Chairman
1242 State Ave, Suite I, pmb 157
Marysville, Washington 98270-3672
(Please be sure to postmark by APRIL 1st --Thank You!)

From the Editor’s Rockpile
By Beth Heesacker

Happy Valentine’s Day!! May each one of us both receive, and give, all the love that the whole world needs.

I do want to apologize to a few people that received their January edition of the Northwest Newsletter a little later than normal. We had some problems with labels and it took awhile to sort it out and get your newsletters printed and sent to you. We are taking steps so that it won’t happen again. Thank you for your patience.

We have a few more months of weather that will make it hard to do any active rockhounding, but we can all use the time to get our collections in order or to cut, form and polish a few more cabs or make a few more pieces of jewelry.

I am in the middle of our planning for the Tri-Federation Rendezvous trip to the Blue Forest in Wyoming. A geologist friend of ours and his wife are going to be making the trip with my husband and me so I am studying the geological stresses that went into the forming of the state. From this we can have a better idea of what rocks may be found and where. In addition to collecting in the Blue Forest, we will probably travel up to Pinedale, Wyoming to see the glacial moraines and the Precambrian rocks and then down south into Utah to the Sheep Creek Geological Area and the Flaming Gorge. We might as well cover as much of the local area as we can on the trip.

Lots of planning going on, a bit of lapidary work and continued sorting of our rock are happening to fill our dreary winter months just waiting for that first rockhounding field trip of the year. Get your tools ready, it won’t be long now!!
Paul Heesacker  
Past President  
Nominating Committee Chair

We have two candidates for 2nd VP for 2010. They are Peggy Blickfeldt and Kathy Moedl. Their pictures and biographies follow. Voting will be at the Annual Meeting, September 18, 2010 in Hillsboro, Oregon. People are advancing in all other positions in their normal rotation. Thanks to the members of my committee for their help and input. Thank you also to those who are stepping forward to be candidates.

Peggy Blickfeldt

Peggy has been very active in the clubs and federations since 1973. She has been active in teaching at Camp Hancock for four years. She has been involved as an instructor in the class to train new Federation Judges. She also has taught the class in silversmithing and has had very happy students. One is even co-teaching with her now. In the American Federation she has judged and clerked cases for many years.

She was voted in as President of ALAA (American Lands Access Association) for one year. She was very involved in the actions of BLM, Forest Service and road access. She still stays in touch with her contacts in BLM at this time.

Peggy was show chairman in the Northwest Federation one year and was in charge of setting up the Midyear meetings when they were in Boise, Idaho for many years. She was head of public relations in the NFMS for several years and helped me with public lands access by going to BLM meetings and monitoring Forest Service activities. She has judged showcases at the NFMS and other federations.

In her local club, of which she is a life time member, she has held the office positions of secretary, treasurer and federation director. Peggy was a show chairman for her local club one year. Also she was setup chairman and black light chairman. When Idaho Gem Club was having competitive cases she not only competed but she also judged. At the shows she demonstrates silversmithing which she has done for years. She also has done this at other clubs and still does it at our other local club. For many years she shared with me the responsibility of leading the field trips. We would put cases in the public library and the capitol building showing our rocks from around the area. She usually did the actual setting up of the displays.

We both did a television program on PBS on rock hunting in Idaho. She worked with some kids on the program and showed them how to look for certain rocks. At one time on the show she even had to give first aid. Together we wrote an article for Rock and Gem Magazine. We get several calls a year from all over the world asking us to take people out rock hunting while they are in this area. She is always very courteous and helpful to our visitors as we go in search of whatever treasures they seek.

In our community she has been a volunteer with community education teaching rock hunting classes and also classes in silversmithing. I think this has been somewhere in the neighborhood of thirty years.

I think Peggy would be a very good second vice president as she is willing to help where ever needed. She is not a person to try to do everything herself but is able to delegate and supervise as needed. She is always open to suggestions and different ideas and implements them whenever possible. I also feel her vast experience will benefit the federation.

Chris Blickfeldt

Kathy Moedl

My name is Kathy Moedl. I live in southeastern Idaho and am a member of the Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society along with my husband Grant and my daughter Alex.

I have been a rock collector all of my life. I love the outdoors and have hiked many trails and climbed many mountains and usually brought rocks or fossils home in my pack. Joining the Idaho Falls club was a great choice and we actively participate. I have made many friends within the club to share in our expanding collecting experiences.

I was first introduced to NFMS when my daughter Alex entered her first NFMS junior competitive showcase. The encouragement and friendship extended to my daughter, my husband and I by the NFMS organization made it a fun and positive experience. We plan our vacations around our field trips, as many shows we can go to and plans for going to the NFMS and the AFMS shows.

One of the things I enjoy about our local club is the diversity of its members. It is fascinating to interact with them at meetings, on field trips and socially. I have found the same to be true with the people I have met at NFMS. Diverse personalities, friendliness and willingness to share and encourage make it a great organization. I have enjoyed renewing friendships with the people I met at NFMS in the past and look forward to new friendships in the future. This is one of the reasons I would like to become a part of the NFMS team.
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