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As soon as I joined our small rock club twelve years ago, something special started happening. Experienced members started sharing their enthusiasm about the beauty of rocks with me. They took my family and me on field trips and showed us great places to find petrified wood, thunder eggs and crystals. They shared lapidary skills and many new aspects of the hobby. They showed us how to share the hobby with our community through our local Gem and Mineral show. As a result, I believe sharing is at the core of what we do at our local club.

It took me several years to figure out what the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies was all about. My first awareness of this group was from this NFMS Newsletter. I usually skimmed it, but sometimes read it from cover to cover. I remember thinking it was probably for other people that were really involved in the organization, but not for me.

My first encounter with the NFMS was when our boys filled out the forms for the NFMS Junior awards. That year they both won awards in their division and received the awards at our first NFMS show in Lakeview, WA. I was fascinated by the large number of beautiful displays, large number of vendors and the banquet.

My next encounter with the NFMS was when our small group of friends from Walla Walla traveled to Jackpot, NV and joined a Tri-Federation field trip. The weather was atrocious. We camped and traveled in rain, wind, hail and snow. However, we found pink agate, snakeskin agate, petrified wood, paisley jasper and Mexican onyx. My best memory is riding in Dick Parks' old pickup over the stream and up the impossible vertical road to the area of onyx. After that year I have joined the NFMS on almost every field trip and loved every minute.

After that I went to the Northwest Rockhound Retreat at Camp Hancock and learned some fantastic lapidary skills like making doublets, wire wrapping and silversmithing.

It took me a long time, but it has finally dawned on me that at the heart of the NFMS is this idea of sharing in everything we do. In the newsletter you will find people from one club sharing ideas with all of the members. You will also find event dates and news that bind us together as a group. The NFMS website is an extension of this information sharing. Our NFMS shows are the culmination of one club sharing their passion and expertise with others through demonstrations and displays. They also host the NFMS meetings and banquet, which is a time of sharing between NFMS committee members and officers. The Juniors' program is all about encouraging our youth in a nature based hobby. The college scholarships we give out each year are all about encouraging young people that want to go into this field as a career. The field trips are all about sharing time, money and stones; experienced people willing to share hidden treasure secrets. The retreat is also all about experienced members volunteering to share lapidary skills and help others. We also have a video library that is full of valuable information to be shared.

Now that I have been an NFMS officer for three years and understand the tremendous teamwork of volunteers that make these activities happen, I am very grateful to be a part of this organization. I hope each and every one of you reading this will take advantage of the many opportunities this year. Join one of the activities, go to the show, rent a DVD, go on the field trip or go to the retreat. You will find many opportunities to enrich your life through an organization that is focused on sharing one of nature's beautiful secrets.



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OFFICERS' REPORTS (cont.)



Hidemi Kira 1st Vice President

Hello to All,

In the last issue, I wrote about the Quartzsite Shows in Arizona and would like to write a short report about the trip. There were several shows going on such as the QIA Show (Jan. 21-25), Desert Garden (Jan. 1 – end of Feb), Panorama, etc. and as every year and my wife and I had a super great time looking around the shows and the dealers. It seemed like Quartzsite itself was busier than last year as we had a harder time looking for a good parking spot and saw more people at the shows. Until last year, the shows seemed to be getting slower and slower every year and we were concerned, but I was glad to see it was slightly increasing again. Maybe the lower gas price helped.

During our relatively short stay in Quartzsite, we usually spend around two days purchasing items for the club such as trophies, raffle and door prizes and others, but we purchased two years supply last year, so we had more time to look around the other shows such as Tyson and other places that looked like villages of Flea Markets. Still not enough time to see the whole thing going on in little over a week.

The QIA Show had many showcases as usual and some cases showed the materials from the area. We didn't participate this year, but you can go on the daily field trips to get some of those for a very reasonable fee. There were 2 cases of various marbles from Arizona this year, one all cabochons and one all spheres side by side. We have not been paying much attention to marbles as material for lapidary, but surprised that there is quite a variety in the area and it was much more impressive than we ever thought.

Our good friend who displayed the marble case took us to one of the sites near Quartzsite during our stay. The road was pretty rough, but had a real good time. We heard that the road to get there may be closed in the future and made us concerned. Overall, Quartzsite is a super fun place, so if you haven't been there, I strongly suggest you to go and have fun at least once in your lifetime.

Another main event at Quartzsite for us was to attend the ALAA meeting on January 23rd and to participate in the Annual Clean-up on January 25th. The ALAA meeting had a speaker from the BLM's Yuma office and others and there were very many attendants. The 3rd Annual Clean-up was held at a different place this year. The participants were lower than last year, but we had some good exercise for a few hours starting early in the morning. Now the BLM has started to put up signs at the places the ALAA cleaned up and we hope to see those signs more and more throughout the country. Please check out the ALAA's website www.amlands.org to see the details of the meeting and clean-up. It is on the front page and will give you the whole story about the ALAA's Quartzsite event.

ALAA and other organizations have been working hard to keep the rockhounding sites kept open, but I think it is time we seriously need to act to have the rockhounder's voice heard. Oregon has "Oregon Council of Rock and Mineral Clubs" with around a dozen Oregon Clubs affiliated, which is working to try to keep lands open. I am sure there are similar organizations in each states and doing the same thing. I haven't been involved much in these activities, but hope we can all get together to exchange information and to work together.

Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club, to which I belong, has been using an application form with a simple questionnaire to ask for areas of the interest when the new members join the club. The 9 questions are Collecting, NW Rocks, Minerals, Gems, Jewelry Making, Fossils, Faceting, Carving and All Phases of Lapidary Art. A few years ago, I checked out the results from 69 application forms during Jan. 2010 to Feb. 2013. It is a form that they can check as many items as they wanted and the "Collecting" was the number one reason they wanted to join the club with 61 checked (second was NW Rocks with 49). The word "Collecting" may include some purchasing, but I am sure the majority meant rockhounding. The wording should have been changed to Field Trips, but it showed 61 out of 69 (88%) were interested in collecting. This doesn't mean all who checked the "Collecting" box come to the field trips, but it did show the highest interest among the others. And there are many rockhounds who love to dig including myself and truly hope the sites will remain available.

There are so many stories I hear from the old members of our club that many places have been closed since they started collected. Writing about closures, on the way or back from Quartzsite, we often check the Ludlow area (between Barstow and Needles, CA), but this year the south side road of Ludlow was completely closed. I don't know if this is permanent or if there were other back roads from other exits, but we were pretty disappointing. The north side of Ludlow seemed to be still accessible, but I heard a rumor that the whole Cady Mt. area will be closed in future. We really need to work together.

There should be lots of information in this issue about the NFMS Show in Ogden. Hope many members plan to attend!

A small correction. In the last issue, I wrote I joined the Clackamette Club in "late 2012"...it was supposed to be "late 2002".



**April 10-12, 2015 is not that far away
NFMS Annual Meeting
Ogden, Utah**

COMMITTEE REPORTS



ALL American Club Award Opening

We have an opening for an NFMS committee chair for the All American Club Award. This is a new position from the American Federation of the Mineralogical Society (AFMS), which is to encourage clubs to assemble a "yearbook" or record of the activities and accomplishments they have done in the past year. Awards are given to clubs. The committee chair writes an article or two for our NFMS paper to encourage the clubs. The clubs send in the book or digital form to the committee chair, which then sends the entries to (AFMS). The AFMS November Newsletter has more details and forms which you can find on their website. Please contact Warren Rood if you can help by filling this opening.



Rockhound of the Year Report

By Bev Brockman, Chairperson

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Johnie Pitman has been the guiding light of the **Panorama Gem and Mineral Club**, Colville, WA, since it's founding in 1996. He was President from 1998 till 2013. When other officers were not available, he did their jobs, too. He has a unique style of leadership that fits well with the typical rock collector. Everyone is welcome and made to feel a personal friend, (which they soon become!).

Until 2010 he was show chairman, handling all arrangements in spite of working full time as a chemist. This profession allowed him to understand many of the properties of minerals. Much of his own collection adds to our silent auctions at every meeting. He has been a leader on many field trips, especially those out of state, and has been on many of the NWF sponsored events sharing the experiences with the club. Since 2013 he has been treasurer and keeps careful accounting of the clubs finances.

He has attended most NWF shows since the club was founded. He was instrumental in setting up scholarship programs in all schools in our area, and works tirelessly to secure funding for these. A large part of the money derived from silent auctions and raffles is added to this fund, as well as much of the income from the annual show. He represents our club and our future as rockbounds.

Junior Achievement Awards – Deadline !

By Audrey Vogelpohl

A postmark on or before March 1st is required for a submission for the Junior Achievement Awards. Information was in the Oct/Nov Newsletter. Send to Audrey Vogelpohl, NFMS Juniors Chair, 8810 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126

Note from Your Webmaster:



I hope this finds everyone in good health and spirits. I have had several requests to place many of you on the "early bird" newsletter listing. Typically, we recommend that you contact your editor/president/or person who is in charge of distributing communications within your club.

In turn, I would need a central contact for your club to email the notification of the Newsletter to and then they would forward the email to everyone on their listing. I am doing this for all clubs, so as I do not have thousands of emails to broadcast out each month.

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Clubs, please note that any **SHOW INFORMATION** should go to Pat Lambert, Show Coordinator. She will then send the information out to the rock magazines, websites and to this newsletter.
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BULLETIN AIDS DEADLINE



Newsletter/Bulletin Editors – It is time to tip your heads up from your keyboards! By Ronna Watkins

Happy New Year Everyone! As I write to you this January, Eastern Washington has received another light dusting of snow, but not enough to matter. It has been quite mild here compared to our usual snowfall in Tieton, but I'm sure winter will arrive sometime before spring.

Now to the business at hand: I am writing to encouraged editors and presidents to pick out their club's best bulletin, best features, and best articles to enter them in the NFMS' Annual Bulletin Editor's Contest! (And, don't forget the Juniors' published items.) Or, maybe you could select some and let your members decide. There is still time!

Due to the a new extended deadlines of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Bulletin Contest, entry deadlines for the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies' Bulletin Editors Contest have been extended to March 15, 2015. Please submit your best 2014 bulletin, articles, and features now! For more information on the rules, and the forms to attach to your entries go to: <http://www.amfed.org/editor/BEAC/contest.htm>. Don't let the 2011 dates fool you. Guidelines and score sheets have not changed since 2011, and all the online forms are undated. Fill them out online and print (or download them, print, and fill them out), then attach them to your submissions and send them to me at P.O. Box 635, Tieton, WA 98947.

If you have any questions or do not have access to the electronic forms, call me at (509) 673-0085 and I will do what I can to help. Remember to RSVP to join the fun at the Editors' Annual Breakfast, **Saturday, April 11th, 8 a.m.** at the Comfort Suites Hotel in Ogden. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

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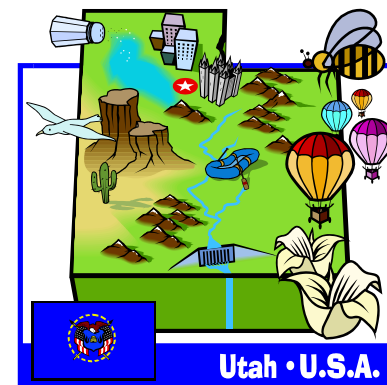
NFMS MEETING INFORMATION - APRIL 10-12, 2015

OGDEN-GRAM #3

By Evan Day

OGDEN-GRAM #3

Updated details regarding the Annual Meeting and Gem Show (April 10-12, 2015) of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies are on our website: <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/>. Click on right hand side of home page at "Federation Show". Our webmaster, Brad Larson, has prominently posted the fine videos regarding things to do in Ogden, along with video of our April 2014 Golden Spike gem show. There are also the "Ogden-grams" from the Federation Newsletter giving specifics on arrangements. Additional messages will appear on the website and in the Newsletter each month.



As mentioned in the last Ogden-Gram, the **Headquarters Hotel** is Ogden's "**Comfort Suites**". At this "full service" inn, we have exceptionally nice rooms with full breakfasts included; and the committee luncheons and Banquet are also taken care of by their on-site restaurant, "**Cactus Red's**". Just off I-15, it is a short drive to the show site, and 21st street is an easy access road to downtown Ogden with all of its attractions. For reduced rates, **be sure to mention you are with the "NFMS convention"**. Call (801) 621-2545 or visit their website at "<http://www.comfortsuites.com/hotel-ogden-utah-UT422>". **MARCH 25th is the Cut-off date** for guaranteed reduced rates (about two weeks before the show).

The **Saturday evening Awards Banquet** is at 7:00, with a "No-Host" happy hour starting at 6:00. The buffet entree' is your choice of BBQ ribs or Baked chicken, with Baked Beans, "Million Dollar Potatoes", Salad, Dessert, etc. The **Past Presidents' and Officers'** luncheon will be at noon Saturday, so that those desiring to travel part way home on Sunday can do so. That meal is Salad, Fettuccine & Spaghetti noodles served with Marinara Meat Sauce and Creamy Alfredo Sauce. The **Bulletin Aids Committee** meeting is at 8:00 Saturday morning, and will match the regular Hotel Guests' complimentary buffet with eggs, meat, potato, oatmeal, waffles, etc.

For folks dining on **Thursday and Friday** evenings, I can recommend **Cactus Red's**, "**Jeremiah's**" on 12th St, "**Harley & Bucks**" downtown on Washington, or on Historic 25th St. at "**Bistro-258**" (25th is loaded with great restaurants!). I've also recently been to **Brewski's** on 25th for pizza and drinks, and listen to Bend, Oregon's "Broken Down Guitars" band on tour. Couldn't have been nicer! The young crowd was dumbfounded that senior people like us could enjoy the same atmosphere and music. Lots of good conversations; had several offers to buy us another round.

The **Registration form** for the **meetings and meals** is elsewhere in this Newsletter (exhibit forms were in Ogden-Gram #2, and are on the Website). As time gets closer, plans are firming-up for field trips and speakers during the show by individuals and our area clubs. More details will follow in future Ogden-Grams. Questions? Contact Evan Day at 801-391-2912 or email to eday@sisna.com.

And we need door prizes. Please bring some nice things to donate!

OGDEN-GRAM #4

As time gets closer, plans are firming-up for the activities associated with hosting of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies during Gemstone Junction 2015 (April 10, 11, 12). Some of the field trips and speakers during the show by individuals and our area clubs are now scheduled. An all-day trip to Topaz Mountain near Delta Utah is leaving Ogden early Friday, April 10. The "Mineral Collectors of Utah" will guide folks to an area where Topaz, Red Beryl, Garnet, Bixbyite, and Apache Tears may be found. The "Beehive Rock & Gem Society" (also in Ogden) is leading a trip on Saturday to an area near Wendover on the UT/NV border for Agate. A couple of our other sister-clubs are also considering short trips on Saturday and Sunday. As always, springtime weather in the Rockies is unpredictable so be prepared for cold & heat, sunshine & rain, gravel & mud, snow & dust!

Gary Warren, President of the "Cache Rock & Gem Club of Logan, UT, will speak Friday morning on his adventures editing a new volume of "Rock-Hounding in Utah". "Big Al" is the hero of Dr. Paul Bybee's talk on the huge predator "Allosaurus" on Saturday. Speakers from the Natural History Museum of Utah and the College of Eastern Utah (in Price, near the famed Cleveland-Lloyd dinosaur quarry) are also trying to arrange their schedules for us.

Everyone is invited to the Saturday evening **Awards Banquet** at 7:00, with a "No-Host" happy hour starting at 6:00. The buffet entree' is your choice of BBQ ribs or Baked chicken, with Baked Beans, "Million Dollar Potatoes", Salad, Dessert, etc. In addition to a great meal and chance to mingle with Rock-hounds from all over the Northwest; here is a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear **Bob Jones**, Contributing Editor of Rock And Gem Magazine speak! He will be describing his adventures in Mexico inside the deep cave containing Selenite crystals the size of telephone poles. The **Advance Registration** form is on the website, and in the January Newsletter.

Club members from all over the Federation are encouraged to try their hand at competing for ribbons and trophies this year. A Blue Ribbon this year qualifies you for National entry at Albany, OR next year! We all have great material and crafted items worthy of Regional and National recognition. The **registration form** for competitive exhibits is on the website, and in the December 2014 newsletter. Contact Exhibits Registrar Evan Day by phone or text to 801-3912 if interested and need help in entering. Note that the deadline for entries was extended to April 1, by Judging Director Lauren Williams.

NFMS MEETING INFORMATION - APRIL 10-12, 2015

Dick Parks, Patty Amos, and the Mt. Hood Mafia are again handling the Silent Auction. Please bring lots of good Northwest material, it will go like hot-cakes down here. We will have a good supply of fabulous Utah stuff to reciprocate!

The Federation meeting will be held at 4:00 on Friday afternoon, with an ALAA informational meeting earlier at 1:00. We are still hoping to get U.S. Representative Rob Bishop to speak to the ALAA gathering, but his staff is having a hard time coordinating all the requests (he is chairman of the powerful “Natural Resources Committee”).

More details will follow in the next Ogden-Gram. Questions? Contact Evan Day at 801-391-2912 or email to eday@sisna.com.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

“Gemstone Junction 2015” Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society
& Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Weber County Fairgrounds, 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden, UT (Golden Spike Exhibit Hall)
April 10, 11, 12, 2015

(Please Print) One form per person. Forms may be duplicated and stapled together.

Name: _____

Address: _____

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Federation & Local Club Affiliation: Please check all that apply:

Local Club: _____

NFMS Officer: _____ Past President: _____ Director: _____ Delegate: _____

Judge: _____ Clerk: _____ Demonstrator: _____

Competitive Exhibitor: _____ Non-Competitive Exhibitor: _____

SHOW ADMISSION Children under 12 free, with paid adult

DAILY RATE x DAYS: Adult \$3.00 x _____ = \$ _____

CAMPING AT FAIRGROUNDS:

Dry Camping (in parking lot) DAILY RATE x DAYS: \$5.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Electric only (Equestrian or Arena areas) DAILY RATE x DAYS: \$10.00 x _____ = \$ _____

MEETINGS & MEALS:

Note: All food events require reservations. Please CHECK LINE if attending no cost events.

FRIDAY April 10, 2015

ALAA Information Meeting (Golden Spike Arena) 1:00pm no cost _____

NFMS Annual Meeting (Golden Spike Arena) 4:00pm no cost _____

SATURDAY April 11, 2015

Bulletin Aids Breakfast (Comfort Suites Hotel) 8:00am \$8.50 \$ _____

Officers, Committee Chairmen, Judges and Clerks, and Past Presidents Lunch
(Comfort Suites Hotel) (spouses and guests are also welcome) Noon \$13.00 \$ _____

Social Hour (Comfort Suites Hotel) 6:00pm – 7:00pm cash bar _____

Awards Banquet (Comfort Suites Hotel) 7:00pm - 9:30pm \$22.00 \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

Make check payable to: Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society
(OK to combine payment on one check per family)



COMPETITIVE
CASES - OGDEN
By Lauren Williams,
Judging Director

Be sure to submit your application for your competitive exhibits at Ogden. On Friday the show opens at 9am, this is the school children’s day, beware of that change. Your Competitive and Non-Competitive forms were printed in your last NFMS Newsletter. If you still need to find them to go www.amfed.org and click on the NFMS then click on the NFMS Newsletter.

Make your plans now to get your children out of school so that they may attend the show. Most schools are amiable to this if you tell them that it is for a regional competition. And you as parents come and enter your cases into competition. Remember it is you against the Rule Book. If you get a high enough score at Ogden then you may enter next year in Oregon in the AFMS competition. Competition is one of the many tools that you have to help you improve your skills. We invite you to be present when your case is judged so that you and the judge are talking about the same thing. See you in Ogden.



NFMS MEETING INFORMATION - APRIL 10-12, 2015

Clara & Del Walker, Committee Chairpersons, must receive the NFMS Credentials, **the NAMES (only)** of Club Directors and Delegates, as soon as possible (ASAP) for planning purposes of the meeting. The annual meeting will be held in Ogden, Utah, on Friday, April 10th, at 4 pm in the Golden Spike Events Center

The Credential forms below must be completed by the designated director/delegate, signed by the Club President and Secretary, and **BROUGHT BY THE DIRECTOR AND DELEGATE** to the annual meeting. Or, this should be done by the alternate delegate(s), if necessary. Send the name(s) (not the credentials forms) at least two weeks prior to the meeting to:

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

Cell (preferred) 503-812-6540 or phone 541-447-7826 or email to cdwalker@q.com
(note email address is new.....and that is a "Q" not a "G")



Help, Help, I Need You ☺
By Judi Allison, Executive Secretary
Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies

The Annual NFMS Meeting is rapidly approaching. I will be sending out agendas with the annual reports to all the club directors/delegates/contact persons very soon via email. The information allows the representatives for their clubs to be abreast of what will be brought forth at the meeting and what has occurred during the course of the year. There will also be some hard copies at the meeting, but advance information can be very helpful.

I am still having difficulty reaching some of the clubs, even though emails are listed. I realize email addresses or delegate names change, but I try to use the most current information available, which is from the yearly Directory.

I am unable to send email to contacts for the Marysville, South East Idaho, Eureka, Eugene and Federal Way Clubs. If your Club is not receiving information, but not listed here, please send me an email contact. If your club name is on this list, please help by making certain I receive an email address. (I have found that perhaps some people block certain things, so maybe you could check your junk mail to be certain the information didn't go there.)

I will also send the Annual Minutes after the meeting via email to as many as possible. Because of the size of the packet and the cost of postage, email can be a much better option, both economically and timeliness of receipt.

So PLEASE help me out. . .My email address is on the second page of this publication and also listed here: jall@eotnet.net.

Thanks for your help.

NFMS DIRECTOR’S CREDENTIALS

Name of Director _____
Name of Club _____
City, State _____
Club President Signature _____
Club Secretary Signature _____
Date _____

Must be **completed** and **signed** to be seated with voting rights at the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Meeting

NFMS DELEGATE’S CREDENTIALS

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Name of Delegate _____
Name of Club _____
City, State _____
Club President Signature _____
Club Secretary Signature _____
Date _____

Must be **completed** and **signed** to be seated with voting rights at the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Meeting



Be patient !
Spring is coming !

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The Mineral Hobby

By Roy A. Redfield

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The nicest thing about the mineral hobby, or any other hobby, is that you don't have to pursue it.

Suppose that gracious being in the household whose moral authority you cannot deny should say to you in the evening after dinner. "Now, Henry, you must get at your home work. Take your Dana, and learn all about the monoclinic minerals tonight. If you get that well done, perhaps there will be time for you to polish a thunder egg before bedtime." What a hideous thing to imagine! Under such compulsion your zeal would be quenched like a hot poker in a rain barrel.

A good part of the charm in your mineral interest is that you can take your minerals or you can leave 'em alone. Sometimes you do the latter and pay no attention to the subject for weeks, then you see a fine item and become as eager as ever. There is no reproach for the lapse, and your return of interest is purely spontaneous. You take up your hobby

again just as a child might resume play. The parallel is close; your side interest does for you exactly what play does for the youngster.

There are poor wights who put every pound of energy they can generate into their jobs; in such slavery they grow old before their time and die in their chains. Any hobbyist could give them priceless advice. To save a fraction of one's vitality for the uses of recreation is thrifty living; one keeps renewed as he goes along, to say nothing of the pleasure enjoyed and the life enriched. Therefore more power to the hobby, so be that the person following it can forget drudgery and play in it as a child plays.

The king of Sweden enjoys doing embroidery. We would pat him on the back and say, "Go to it, Gustaf." It seems slightly wacky for a man, but if it helps him to forget the cares of a neutral country in a war-torn world, we are for it. We would even give a kindly nod to the people who collect matchcovers or buttons or blue glass bottles. Maybe there ought to be a limit somewhere. There are men who make a fad of collecting blondes; this, however, is understood to be an expensive pursuit and for various other reasons is not highly recommended. Anyhow minerals are safer.

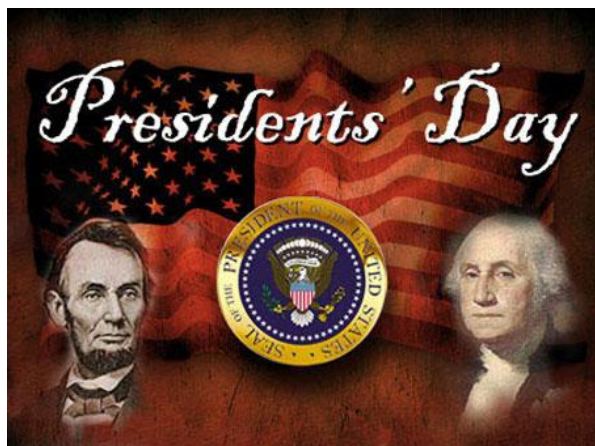
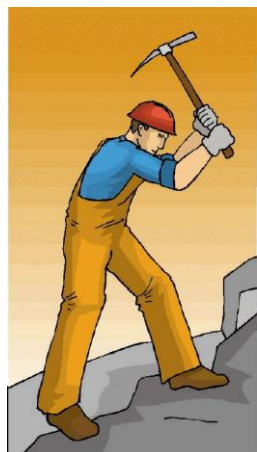
The wide diffusion of interest in mineral collecting as a form of recreation is due in part to the many lines of approach which lead up to it. Perhaps one liked geology in college, but found it rather too vast for daily use and focused on the mineral side of it. If one's background is chemistry, he does not even have to cross a line to take up minerals. Then there are people who are geometrically minded; they can imagine forms in three dimensions, and for these the crystallography of minerals is a fascinating lore. It may be admitted, however, that those who take up mineral study for the pure and abstract joys of crystallography are not an overwhelming group. We should come nearer to finding the majority in still another section, those who respond to the aesthetic appeal. These people not only admire the beauty of nature, they yearn to improve on the Lord's handiwork by skilful lapidary treatment of their own. "Pebble-polishers," the would-be-scientific collector calls them, with mild disdain; not to be outdone in scorn, they regard him as just plain squirrely.

It may be that all of us rockhounds inherited our interest in some degree. Our remote and hairy ancestors who lived in caves were great collectors, showing keen discrimination. They prized their jade as much as any sophisticated modern, albeit they worked it up somewhat differently. Mounted with thongs on the end of a stick it was a great soother and persuader. The earliest arsenal of democracy was in their quarries of flint and obsidian. So in our prowlings after choice specimens do we perhaps show vestiges of an ancient racial trait?

Let us come to sober agreement on this, that racial inheritance has conditioned us for enjoyment of sun- shine, motion in the fresh air, and the patterns of cloud shadows moving over rounded hills. The vast harmony of nature brings harmony to vexed minds. Working over the ledges where choice exposures are found we can forget all about Hitler and the New Deal and income taxes and the price of meat. The burdens are off us, we breathe freely and grow an inch taller. It is this tonic of nature which reinforces our hobby interest and at the same time reconditions us for daily living. In the office, the shop, or the home we are artificial, paltry and compromising; we dull vitality with poisoned air and wear down the spirit with human frictions. But in the field, with pick and rock sack, we are kings and queens living royally; the air is wine, the sunshine is a benediction, pettiness falls away and the big, round world is ours.

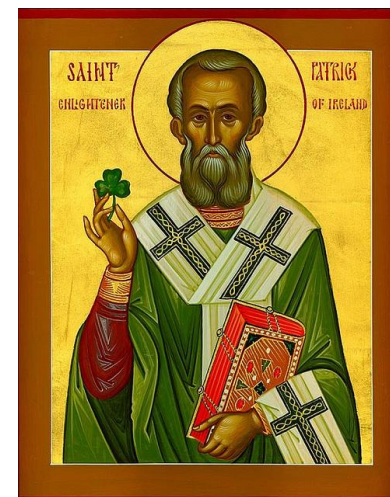
(This look at the hobby originally appeared in the May 1943 issue of ROCKS AND MINERALS.)

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President's Day
February 16

St. Patrick's Day
March 17



EDITOR'S ROCKPILE & SAFETY REPORT



From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

It has been an eventful time since the last edition. Not so much rockhounding due to the rainy weather but I had my surgery and all worked out well. I am recovering nicely. Microscopic cancer but the surgeon feels that they got it all. I want to recommend to any woman that is having unusual bleeding to get it checked out by their doctor. Sorry men for the “embarrassing” talk but if your wife or significant other is in the same situation I was in, encourage her to go to her doctor.

You will be glad you did.

Another item that is taking some time to resolve is the printing of this newsletter. We found out just about a week ago that our printer is shutting down their web-press and so we are scrambling to decide what to do. I think we have enough data to decide on a solution but we need to get the NFMS Executive Board to look at it and make a decision. Many thanks to our President, Warren Rood, our Treasurer, Lyle Vogelpohl and our Circulation Chair, Tom Burchard, for working with me to make sure that we can continue to keep all of you informed about the NFMS happenings.

On a lighter note, I am really looking forward to getting out on some field trips. I need the exercise to keep losing weight (almost 50 pounds so far). And I enjoy the companionship of all those who share my love of rocks and minerals. Our club's first field trip is to our local rock museum, The Rice Museum, one of the best in the USA. It is always good to see what is new and to talk to the staff. I am also really looking forward to their Mystery Mineral Day a week after our field trip. Last year I took some of my unidentified micro-minerals and found out I had a rare one, an elongated boleite.

The NFMS meetings are coming up, just in case you could not tell from the other articles in this newsletter, and I am anxious to get on the road to Ogden. I find these meetings refreshing and informative. I get to pal around with lots of spectacular people. And there are the field trips to places I have never been to. I encourage all of you to consider making the journey and seeing what the NFMS is all about. See you in Ogden.



Do I Need a Fire Extinguisher?? By Chuck Sonner, Safety Chair

Fire extinguishers are required on commercial trucks. The question is what about the trucks we use rock hounding? This article is about why we would need one and a few other problems.

A few years back I bought a used Ford F250 pickup truck. The truck was in great shape but I still had all the fluids changed, the brakes replaced and bought new tires. My wife and I took a five state trip thru the Northwest and collected rocks in some remote locations. We made it back with a lot of rocks.

My son borrowed the truck to take his quads and trailer to the beach. On the way back, one of his friends in the back seat yelled “your truck is on fire”!! What happened was the brake cylinder on the driver's rear started leaking. The braking done in the mountains returning from the beach ignited the leaking fluid. I had purchased a fire extinguisher when I bought the truck and it was used to put out the fire.

Just last year, one of our Federation members was leaving the Portland area on a rock hounding trip. He was pulling his camper when a passing driver alerted him about the trailer tires smoking. This did not involve a fire but was very close.

What I am illustrating are two problems:

One – When you replace the brakes on a vehicle, replace the wheel cylinders. Being in the outback when this failure occurred could be disastrous. Check with your mechanic if you have any questions.

Two – **Bearings**. When young, I had my share of hot rods. I don't know how many wheel bearings I cleaned and re-greased. What we always looked for was the condition of the bearings. If you are not sure of the condition, replace them. If not sure what to look for, check with your mechanic.

Both of the examples illustrated the need for a fire extinguisher. Better safe than sorry.

**[Editor's Note: Always have a fire extinguisher near your rock saws and other rock equipment.
You never know when a belt or a motor will give up and catch fire either.
Ask my hubby why I mention this. ☺]**

NFMS MEMBERS' SHOW SCHEDULES

Feb 28-Mar 1 Sat - 10-6 Sun - 10-5	East KingCo Rock Club	Pickering Barn 1730 10 Avenue NW Issaquah, WA	Norma McDonald kev1123@hotmail.com PO Box 2203 Redmond WA 98073
March 6 & 7 Fri – 8:30 – 6 Sat – 9 – 5	Panorama Gem and Mineral Club	Colville Fairgrounds Ag Building, 317 West Astor Colville WA	Bill Allen 509 935 8779 sago@theofficenet.com
March 7-8, Sat - 10-6 Sun - 10-5	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society	O'Conner Field House 2200 Blaine, Caldwell, Idaho	Darell Ehlers 208-674-1213 ddehlers@fmtc.com
March 13 - 15 Fri 9 – 5, Sat 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Tualatin Valley Rock and Gem Club	Hillsboro Fair Plex 873 NE 34 th Avenue Hillsboro OR	Walt Butler Waltercbutler@comcast.net PO Box 641 Forest Grove OR 97116
March 14 - 15 Sat - 9-5 Sun - 10-5	Magic Valley Gem Club	Twin Falls County Fairgnds, Merchant Building #1, 215 Fair Avenue, Filer ID	Shirley Metts 208 423 4827 imetts@centurylink.net 550 Main Street South Kimberly ID 83341
March 14 - 15 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	NW Montana Rock Chucks	Flathead County Fairgnds, 265 North Meridian Road Kalispell MT	Kathy Fager babcockk@montanasky.net NW MT Rock Chucks PO Box 5541 Kalispell MT 59903
March 21 - 22 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Hellgate Mineral Society	Hilton Garden Inn 3720 North Reserve Street Missoula MT	Bob Riggs 14 Holiday Lane Missoula MT 59801 406 543 3667
March 20 - 22 Fri 9-7, Sat 9-7 Sun 9 - 5	Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society	Spanish Fork Fair Gnds. 475 South Main Street Spanish Fork, Utah 84660	Aaron McKnight, Show Chairman, P. O. Box 65, Provo, Utah 84603, timprocks1@gmail.com Keith Fackrell, Dealer Chairman, at 801-592-0410
March 27- 29 Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6 Sun 10 – 4	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA	Spokane County Fair & Expo, N.604 Havana at Broadway, Spokane WA	David Rapp 509 891 6533 showchair@rockrollers.org
March 28 - 29 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Club	Bloedel Donovan Com. Center, 2214 Electric Avenue, Bellingham WA	Tracy Jackson 360 366 0576 tracyljackson@comcast.net – www.mtbakerrockclub.org
March 28 - 29 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Sweet Home Rock and Mineral Society	Sweet Home High School Gym, 1641 Long Street Sweet Home OR	Joe Cota 541 451 2740 PO Box 2279 Lebanon OR 97355
April 10 - 12 Fri – 9-6 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4	Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society NFMS Annual Meeting	Golden Spike Event Center, Weber County Fairgrounds, 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden UT 88440	Deborah Blake 385 205 9187 PO Box 12835 Ogden UT 84412 NFMS information: Evan Day 801 391 2912 eday@sisna.com
April 11-12 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	South East Idaho Gem and Mineral Society	Bannock Co. Fairgnds. 10588 Fairground Dr. Pocatello ID 83201	Larry Manhart 208 406 3990 luv2huntrocks@gmail.com
April 11 - 12 Sat- 10-6 Sun - 10-4	Yakima Rock and Mineral Club	**New Location, Central Washington State Fair Grounds, Modern Living Building, 1301 S Fair Ave, Yakima WA 98901	Marti Sondgeroth 509 248 6401 (evenings – leave message) marthams@q.com , 2013 South 41 st Avenue Yakima WA 98903
April 17-19 Fri 9-6, Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4:30	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S Pacific Hwy W Rickreall, OR 97371	Etheleen Flippo 503-623-4241 reflippoo@hotmail.com
April 18 - 19 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club	Benton County Fairgrounds, 1500 South Oak, Kennewick WA	Mary Lou Omstead 509 783 2798 PO Box 6652 Kennewick WA 99336
April 18 & 19 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society	Idaho Falls Recreation Center, B Street, Idaho Falls ID	Dave Gunderson 208 523 2355 or Tom Strong 337 384 6820 PO Box 2362 Idaho Falls ID 83403
April 24 - 26 Fri 10 – 5, Sat 10 - 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Mt. Hood Rock Club	Kliever Memorial NG Armory, 10000 NE 33 rd Dr., Portland OR 97221	Contact: mhrcshow@gmail.com
April 25 & 26 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Grays Harbor Gem and Geology Society	Grays Harbor County Fairgnds, 43 Elma-McCleary Road, Elma WA	Gary Emberley 624 Fairmont Place Aberdeen, WA 98520 360 533 6196 melissa624@hotmail.com

NFMS MEMBERS’ SHOW SCHEDULES (cont.)

April 25 & 26 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40 th Avenue SW Seattle WA	Leroy Christensen soundviewathome@comcast.net 206 582 2267
May 2 & 3 Sat - 9-5 Sun - 10-4	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds, I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg OR	Sue Woodman 541 391 3347 rocksandhorses3@gmail.com
May 2 & 3 Sat - 10-6 Sun - 10-5	Everett Rock and Gem Club	Everett Comm. College, Student Fitness Ctr, 2206 Tower Street, Everett WA	Fritz Mack 425 232 0809 PO Box 1615 Everett WA 98206
May 2 & 3 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Al Bedoo Shrine Aud., 1125 Broadwater Avenue Billings MT	Doug True dtruefossils12@yahoo.com 406 670 0506
May 9 & 10 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4	Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club	Gallatin County Fairgnds. Building #1, 901 North Black, Bozeman MT	Jerry Hancock jaegers@bresnan.net PO Box 11001 Bozeman MT 59719
May 16 & 17 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society	Ravalli County Fairgnds., 100 Old Corvallis Road, Hamilton MT	Steve Vieth 406 381 7597 viethsteve88@gmail.com
June 5 - 7 Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club	Swiss Park 9205 198th Avenue East Bonney Lake WA 98390	Nancy LeMay bees2knees@att.net , 253 952 6216, PVGMC % Club Show, PO Box 134, Puyallup WA 98371 info@puyallupgemclub.org
June 6 & 7 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	North Idaho Mineral Club	Kootenai County Frgrnds., 4056 North Government Way, Coeur d’Alene ID	Bev Bockman 208 773 5384 bockbb@aol.com
June 6 & 7 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4:30	Oregon Coast Agate Club	**Back at the Armory this year** , National Guard Armory, 541 SW Coast Hwy. Hwy 101, Newport OR	K. Myers 541 264 5908 George 541 991 0311, PO Box 293 Newport OR 97365
June 13 & 14 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Butte Mineral and Gem Club	Butte Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Avenue Butte MT	Joe Slouber 406 494 3034 PO Box 4492 Butte MT 59702
August 14 - 16 Fri & Sat– 10 – 9 Sun – 10 – 6	Port Townsend Rock Club	Jefferson County Fairgrnds., 4907 Landers St., Port Townsend WA	Garnett Brooks 360 379 5531 garnett@email.com
September 12 & 13 Sat - 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society	Walla Walla Frgnds., Com. Cntr. Bldg., 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla WA	Jack Edwards 509 529 3673 jcedwards1475@yahoo.com
September 12 & 13 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association	Vern Burton Community Center, 308 East 4 th Street Port Angeles WA	Jennie Bourassa 360 681 0372 or Kathy Schriner 360 681 3811 PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382
October 10 & 11 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Totem Middle School Café., 7 th Street and State Ave., Marysville WA	Brian Murril 425 346 9313 bmurriel@aol.com
October 17 & 18 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society	Hermiston Conference Center Highway 395 South Hermiston OR	Mike Filarski, 541 571 2593 stonemorlin1@netscape.net
October 24 & 25 Sat – 9 - 6 Sun – 10 - 5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 Ne. 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013	Beth Heesacker, heesacker@coho.net , 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116
October 24 - 25 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Bellevue Rock Club	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish Blvd SE, Bellevue WA	Bruce Himko 425 957 1284 PO Box 1851 Bellevue WA 98009

