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President Beth Heesacker

Hello everybody. I hope that you are all staying safe and healthy. We are starting a new year with hope of vaccines and maybe we will be able to meet in-person before the end of the year.

Our **NFMS Mid-Year meeting** will be using Zoom and is scheduled for April 17th at 10 am. More info, including the link will be emailed out by Judi Allison, NFMS Secretary, closer to the date.

The **AFMS Annual meeting** has been re-scheduled for June 17-20 in Big Piney, Wyoming. This will be an in-person meeting in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Federation Annual Meeting and the Sublette County Rock Hounds.

The NFMS is in the planning stages for an Annual Meeting in-person this fall. We hope and pray that this will work out for us.

All NFMS club Presidents, or another contact person, should be on the lookout for a questionnaire on using the internet for meetings, which will be emailed out for me by Albert Whitehead, President of the Chugach Gem and Mineral Society in Alaska. He is currently putting together the email list for all clubs. I am interested in finding out what your meeting experiences have been. Do you plan on continuing using the internet meeting programs after you can meet in-person? Have you been able to have meeting programs that would not have been possible, such as program presenters from other parts of the world?

Personally, I have been able to attend monthly meetings on the east coast and in Australia. I have also offered to make presentations to some of those groups too. This interaction would not have been possible without the use of the internet. Another group I belong to was able to have their Symposium last Fall using Zoom.

After we can get together in person, maybe we can have hybrid meetings and invite people from around the world to make presentations at our in-person meetings without the extra cost of travel. The possibilities are remarkably interesting.

Our changeover to our new Treasurer is almost complete. There were a few hiccups at the bank but if clubs are worried that their dues checks have not been deposited, they will be shortly.

On another topic that has been affected by the lack of in-person meetings, the Stamp Committee needs your postage stamps. I hope that you have been continuing to collect them. If you personally have some or your club has some and can afford to ship them to Chuck Sonner, please do. His address is: Chuck Sonner, 165 Tingle Rd., Winlock, WA 98596.

I want to give standing ovation for the members of the NFMS Board. We have had a couple of situations requiring a lot of coordination behind the scenes and the Board has been so immensely helpful, especially our NFMS Secretary, Judi Allison. I could not hope for a more helpful and supportive group. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I hope to see many NFMS members either in-person or on Zoom at our meetings in the near future. Stay safe and healthy!

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
The deadline for issues is currently in flux.
The editor will send out a reminder in time
for all committees to respond.

For deadlines and to submit articles
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NFMS Website:
<http://NorthwestFederation.org>

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<http://NorthwestFederation.org/Newsletters.asp>

and click on the month
you want to see.



NFMS Mid-Year Meeting

April 17, 2021 at 10AM

Via Zoom

Link and details to be emailed to Directors closer to
the meeting time



AFMS Annual Meeting (Rescheduled and New Location)

June 17-20, 2021

Big Piney, WY

In-Person meeting



More details will come as they are made available

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ENDOWMENT FUND - Judi Allison
PROGRAM COMPETITION - Darrell Watkins
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION- Mary Lou Northrup

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The **AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION (ALAA)** is a 501(c)(4) organization. Its purpose is to promote and ensure the right of amateur hobby fossil and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public lands managers. Your annual individual/couple membership fee is \$25 which helps support their activities. Club membership is \$50 per year. Send to Treasurer, P.O. Box 54398, San Jose, CA 95154. Make checks payable to: American Lands Access Assn. Applications can be downloaded at: www.amlands.org on the left side of the page. For more information contact: Frank Mullaney, 408-266-1791, cell: 408 -691-2655, Rockyfiv(at) aol.com

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The **NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER** is the official publication of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) and is published at least six times per year. Each member is entitled to receive a mailed copy of this publication with their membership. Please check with your club membership person to assure you are receiving this means of keeping you informed of the activities and events pertaining to the business and services of the Federation. Club membership points of contact are encouraged to forward names and addresses of new club members, soon after they join, to both the Directory Chair and Circulation Chair, so that newsletter distribution by mail to them can be started as soon as practical. The newsletters are also posted to the Federation website electronically and archive there for members to review or download.

For matters related to this newsletter (i.e. content, advertising, etc.) contact the editor. For matters related to this newsletter distribution (new members, address changes, etc.) contact the Circulation Chair.

SHOW COORDINATION. Your Federation provides a free service for NFMS members by listing your show in this Newsletter, on the NFMS website, two magazines (“Rocks and Minerals” and “Rock and Gem”) and the on-line calendar from “Lapidary Journal”. Please provide the date and time for the show, the club name and show title (if applicable), the location of the show, admission price, and most important a contact person with address, e-mail address and/or phone (e-mail is preferred). Please send your show information four to six months in advance to the Show Coordination Chairperson. If you see an error once your show is listed, or if your show is not listed, contact the Newsletter Chair.

SAVE STAMPS PROGRAM. NFMS members are encouraged to use and save commemorative stamps. The money generated from the sale of these used (cancelled) 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 Director in your club.

ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS

Where to send your money

To NFMS Treasurer for:
1. Dues (new and renewal) and supplies
2. Donations for the general fund
3. Donations to Junior Achievement
4. Advertisement in this Newsletter
Send to: see Treasurer this page.

To NFMS Endowment Fund Treasurer for:
1. Donations to Endowment Fund
2. Memorial contributions
Make check payable to NFMS Endowment Fund, send to Endowment Fund Treasurer, 8810 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126-3617

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: Mary Lou Northrup (see Scholarship this page).

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

To ALAA Treasurer for:
Memberships, new and renewals
Donations
Make check payable to ALAA (American Lands Access Assn) Treasurer, P.O. Box 54398, San Jose, CA 95154

NFMS WEB SITE: www.amfed.org/nfms or <http://northwestfederation.org/>

See the NFMS on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>
(for the desktop/laptop/tablets)
<https://m.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>
(for mobile devices like phones)

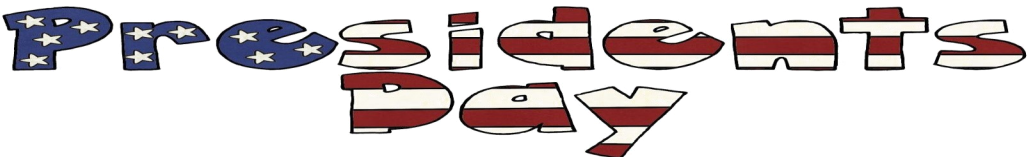
NFMS NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE ADVERTISEMENT

Members, Non-members, clubs, etc. can advertise 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
12 inches x \$1.50 = \$18 per issue of the Newsletter

For an additional 50% of the cost of the Newsletter ad, you can have the same ad placed on the NFMS website for the same length of time. The Newsletter ad must be purchased to receive this additional advertisement.

Do not send ads on colored paper because the back-ground will look gray in 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 Chair**





1st Vice President

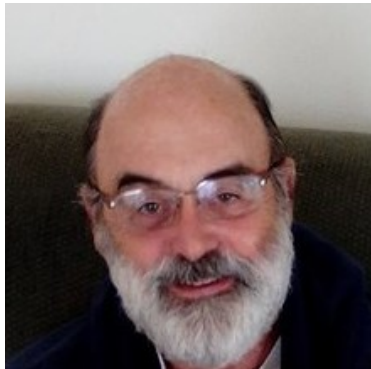
Larry Hulstrom

Start planning your summer field trips! It's a good way to practice social distancing, see your rock collecting friends, and get some fresh air after being cooped up all winter. Be sure to bring your face coverings and wear them when appropriate.

Vaccination sites are being set up so there's no excuse not to get your shot, especially if you are in the over 65 years old group like myself. It's take a bit of effort to get it scheduled, but keep with it. You and everyone around you will ultimately benefit from us all getting our shots.

The NFMS Executive Board has been staying in touch and planning for a virtual Mid-Year meeting scheduled for April 17 as noted elsewhere in this newsletter. We are also attempting to locate a club willing to host the annual show and meeting later this summer or fall. Let's hope that things have opened up sufficiently by then so that we can all get to shows again and start meeting in person.

I would also like to personally thank Linda Harvey for accepting the position as NFMS Treasurer when Lyle Vogelpohl decided it was time to retire from that position. As noted in the last newsletter there are still some positions open. If you are willing to get involved please contact one of the Executive Officers listed. We can always use your help, and the experience you will have will be a great one. After all you will be working with fellow rockhounds, and I don't know of a better group of people!



2nd Vice President

Darrell Coyle

Hello All, I want to address something that has happened a couple of times since I became involved with the NFMS, I recently received an email from an individual pretending to be the NFMS President. They have asked me to send prepaid debit cards for veterans or they had an emergency. I knew this was a scam as the email address it originated from did not match our President's. Secondly you will not ever receive any personal emails requesting money from any of our Officers or Committee members. When we elect new Officers and appoint Committee Members their names and contact information are posted to public websites. Notably the NFMS and AFMS sites. Unfortunately there are dishonest people out there.

As many of you know I retired from the military and dealt with classified documents and information covered by the Privacy Act. So I feel strongly about protecting private information. I would encourage clubs and individuals to shred, burn or otherwise destroy any documents containing personal information such as directories and membership rosters rather than dispose of them in the garbage.

As a reminder the yearly inventory of NFMS property is to be conducted prior to the mid year meeting. Please respond to me at coyled@bresnan.net with any changes or transfers of property.

I sincerely hope everyone is staying healthy and safe. Here's hoping that we can be getting back to having shows and meetings like we used to.



RULES AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

By Darrell Coyle

It looks like we may have some competitive cases in September if some ideas on the board come to fruition. So where am I going with this? We are still in need of two members on the Rules and Awards Committee. I can assure you these positions do not take a lot of time to learn or to fulfill.

The Registrar receives the registration forms and fills out a card and judging sheet for the case. At the show he/she meets with the Club Registrar to locate the competitive cases. Very simple. The judging Director supervises the judging and collects the completed sheets then gets together with the Chairman to determine Awards. Each year the members rotate to the next position as per the NFMS By Laws. As the sole member of the Rules and Awards I also have duties as the Second Vice President, so the **need for volunteers is urgent**. I cannot walk up and look you in the eye and ask for help which is considered the most effective way of recruiting, so I will continue to ask via this venue.



Please step up and help out. Thank you!





Multi-Federation Field Trip

Third Weekend in May

Blue Forest, Wyoming and Fish Fossils



2021 AFMS Video Slide PROGRAM

By Darrell Watkins

With all of us having cameras and cell phones that can make movies, I think that we should start filming field trips, shop techniques, and other items of interest concerning our hobby to share with our membership. The AFMS has a Programs competition every year that anyone can enter.

Here is what it is about: 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.

AWARDS

A \$200 cash prize for the highest scoring program scoring 95 and above, and a \$100 for a score of 94-90 points in Classes 1-4. In addition, winners receive national recognition. A copy of each winning program is given to each AFMS Regional Program Library; thus winning programs are available to clubs across the country. Each program is judged on its own merits. Entrants will receive a composite score sheet with comments / score (Winners may be asked to make some changes based on judges' comments before final version is produced for duplication.).

Here is what you need to know to enter: All digital presentations or videos relating to the Earth Sciences are eligible. Submit entries in one of the four amateur classes (See below).

WHO MAY ENTER: Any Club, Society, or members there of, with 2020 dues paid to the NFMS may enter.

Judging Form and "Tips for Good Programs" are available on AFMS website (www.amfed.org), or from me.

CLASSES FOR ENTRIES:

Class I Educational - About geology, minerals, gems, fossils, etc.

Class II Field Collecting - Showing site(s), specimens, with some geology, collecting methods and other aspects of interest.

Class III "How To Do It" - Techniques/equipment for fossil preparation, jewelry, metal work, carving, faceting, other lapidary, etc.

Class IV Just for Juniors - Any of the above for/by youngsters.

“Excellence in Education” Class is for “commercial” Presentations (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” For CD, DVD or VIDEO entries

For CD, DVD or VIDEO amateur entries do not send in a DVD format for judging. Submit a copy preferably in PowerPoint or similar format on a flash drive instead of CD, without author's credits, for anonymity. Entries may be 'live action' or static “slides”. Integrated audio is preferred but not required for judging (audio will be added for final version). Please include a typed script if there is no audio 35mm SLIDE PRESENTATIONS can be considered. Please contact me before submission.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2021

DIRECT QUESTIONS AND ENTRIES TO:

NFMS Program Competition Coordinator, Darrell Watkins 509-673-0085, PO Box 635, Tieton WA 98947 email: AFMSprograms@gmail.com

2021AFMS /Slide PROGRAM ENTRY FORM

I / we submit _____ (Presentation title)

In [circle one]

Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 C lass 4

"EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION" (for programs produced ' ' for sale' ')

Producer(s) _____

(your name(s) (include your Office if Club entry)

Parents (if junior entrant) _____

Member of _____ (Club name)

Address: _____

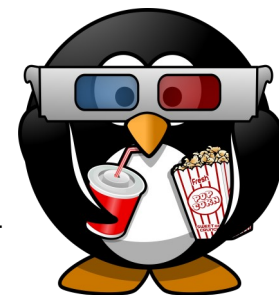
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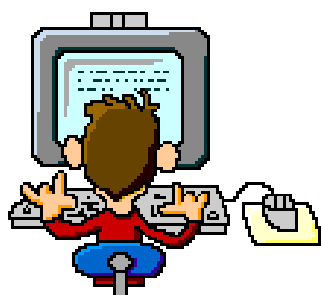
Preferred contact(s)

phone _____ Best time to call: daytime / evening

e-mail _____

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR SALE? No ____ Yes ____ Cost: \$ _____





ATTENTION WEBMASTERS!! WEBMISTRESSES!!

By Cheri George, NFMS Website Contest Chairmen

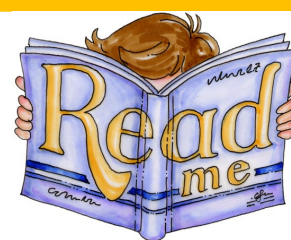
GET YOUR WEBSITES TUNED UP! It's time for the 2021 Website Contest. I am apologizing for my lack of attention to trophies and certificates for 2020, as we all know California is one of those states keeping everyone from doing most things. I will get the IOUs mailed out within the next week, my sincere apologies to Denise and Mark.

I am going to be accepting your Website entries for 2021, until February 28. The forms may be found on the AFMS Website. Please download the required forms, fill out and forward to me at cherig1946@yahoo.com for judging.



NFMS 2021 Bulletin Contest Winners !!

By Kat Koch, NFMS Bulletin Aids Chairman



I know we have all been concerned about holding our clubs together during 2020 and now going into 2021.

I put in a lot of effort to email every club in the NFMS. I had hoped I would get submissions from multiple clubs acknowledging everyone's hard work in 2020. I am very sad to say, I received less submissions this year than I did last year.

Congratulations to the following clubs!! The winners for 2020 are:

1st Place Monthly Bulletin – Small: **Cascade Mineralogical Society, Kent, WA**
Keith Morgan, Editor

1st Place Monthly Bulletin New Editor: **Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club, Oregon City, OR**
Lily Oaks, Editor

1st Place Article – Category A Informational: **Cascade Mineralogical Society, Kent, WA**
“*Silverton Colorado – A Silver Mining Town and My Family History*, author Kat Koch”
2nd Place Article – Category A Informational: **Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club, Oregon City, OR**
“*The Story of Dietrich*” author Denise Harrison”

1st Place Article – Category B Collecting Localities: **Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club, Oregon City, OR**
“*Focus On: Opal & Sunstone Field Trip*, author Ene Sock”
2nd Place Article – Category B Collecting Localities: **Cascade Mineralogical Society, Kent, WA**
“*Recent Government Activities*, author Bob Pattie”

1st Place Article – Category D Science: **Cascade Mineralogical Society, Kent, WA**
“*New Evidence When Humans Came to North America*, author Kat Koch”
2nd Place Article – Category D Science: **Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club, Oregon City, OR**
“*Around the World: Places to Dig*, author Jim Urbaniak”

1st Place Article – Category F Cartoon: **Cascade Mineralogical Society, Kent, WA**
Drawn by Keith Morgan

1st Place Article – Category H Puzzle: **Cascade Mineralogical Society, Kent, WA**
Created by Keith Morgan

NOTE: There were no additional submissions in the categories where there are no 2nd Place, 3rd Place, or Honorable Mention awards listed above.

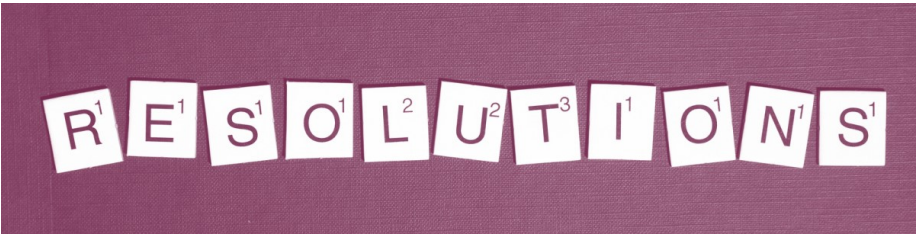
ADDITIONAL NOTE: Submissions were judged by independent judges that had no affiliation with any of the clubs that made submissions.

The above winners will now move on to compete in AFMS contests. The AFMS winners will be announced at the AFMS/RMFMS 2021 Annual Convention & Show, Big Piney, WY, June 17-21, 2021.

I feel every club should take a more active interest in acknowledging their volunteers no matter what capacity of their efforts. The NFMS contests every year are a simple and great way to acknowledge your volunteers that help provide content for the monthly news bulletin plus your club editor. It takes a lot of commitment and time to be a club news bulletin editor or for writers to provide articles for the bulletins. It is also a simple why to get publicity for your club.

Let's make next years contest more competitive and have more clubs make submissions!





“We Resolve”

By Judi Allison

Hi Folks. Now that we have a time scheduled for our midyear meeting, I want to remind you about any club that may have a resolution to submit. Resolutions need to be submitted to the Secretary at least ninety days before the annual meeting so that member societies can review them, discuss them within their society and give their director instructions on how to vote on said resolutions. With all that jargon being said, this is how it works.

As an example, for a number of years “the Circulation Chairman” (the person who keeps track of all the members so the newsletter can be sent out) has been doing a terrific job. At one time this task was handled by the Newsletter Editor, I believe, but the task became too great, so a Circulation Chair-man was added and the task was given to that person. The addition of this position never formally made it into the by-laws until the 2019 Annual Meeting. A club, recognizing the large task this actually is, wanted to credit the person responsible for the job he has done over the years; and also wanted to have a viable description of the job for future reference. Thus, the club set about the task of creating a resolution. They wrote the resolution, checked for correct wording and gained suggestions from the Resolution Chairperson, then submitted the Resolution for publication and distribution at least 90 days before the meeting.

At the Annual meeting in Lewiston, Idaho the resolution was passed, so now the Circulation Chairperson is a recognized position under Committees of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies By-Laws. Remember to access the By-Laws and Operating Procedures, one only need to look in the back of the Directory that lists all the member clubs and their members. Each club is given one for free, so if you personally haven’t seen it and would like to educate yourself, ask an officer if you can borrow the copy.

So, if you have a brainstorm, or great idea, or think there is some omission in the by-Laws, consider having your club sponsor a resolution. It’s the proper way to get things done.

(Just to note, in order to amend an operating procedure, the process can simply be done at an annual meeting. But, it is nice to write up a resolution so that the membership is aware of what is being proposed.)



Tickets, Tickets, Get ‘Em While They’re Hot!
By Judi Allison

Time to buy one, two or even five tickets for the AFMS Endowment Fund Raffle. The drawing will be held at the AFMS Show in Big Piney, Wyoming in June. NFMS is guaranteed at least one prize, as a ticket is drawn from each federation before mixing them all together.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. I haven’t sold too many because of the inability to meet, so that gives you a better chance to win. . .and help with funding the Junior Rockhound Program or the Video Library Program. Prizes have a starting value of \$75, so if you win a prize you are ahead in the game. You can purchase your tickets by submitting your check made out to AFMS Endowment Fund to me, Judi Allison, 1701 NW 11th Street, Hermiston, OR. 97838. I will send you your stubs and be certain your entry tickets get into the drawing. (Judi – NFMS Chair for AFMS Endowment Fund Raffle)



AFMS NEWS

Commemorative Stamps

Ellery Borow,



Remember stamps? They are the miniature works of art glued to the upper right hand corner of the envelopes we send and receive through the United States Postal Service (USPS). Envelopes are those thin paper containers used to enclose the cards, bills, letters and various bits of correspondence we send and receive.

Stamps, those miniature works of art, are still an important piece of the process that keeps the mail flowing through the postal system. "Important" because try sending a birthday greeting card to a friend without a stamp on it. Without a stamp it just comes back and the process has to start over. Please don't ask how I know this, but I do.

Stamps, postage stamps, have for a long time been an item of interest to philatelists--people who collect or study stamps. Every year the USPS commissions new designs for stamps which people may affix to the correspondence and communications they send though the postal service. The new designs are eagerly acquired by collectors, not necessarily to use as postage, but to add to their collections of stamps.

Among the stamps produced by the USPS, there is a class of stamps called commemoratives. Commemoratives are just that, the images depicted on the stamps commemorate a special event, activity, time, person, etc.. Commemorative stamps are particularly sought in the world of collectors and non-collectors alike because of their beautiful designs. There are collectors of holiday stamps, classic car stamps, flower stamps, scenic river stamps, super-hero stamps, and, well, just about any and every subject imaginable--even gem and mineral stamps.

The USPS has an office that solicits ideas and designs from people for new commemorative stamps. The office receives many thousands of design ideas every year. The submission process has numerous requirements, rules and regulations.

Over the next few months, a series of articles will explain the process of getting a design onto a new stamp issue, as well as describe the duties of the AFMS Commemorative Stamp Committee.

Happy (mineral, fossil, and gem stamp) collecting.

Safety Matters: Safety in the New Year

by Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair



Some believe COVID-19 is hokum. Some believe is it quite genuine. That will not be discussed here.... But

But what if... What if mask wearing, social distancing and observing safety guidelines saves a life. What if minding state guidelines protects a club. What if protocols for COVID-19 keep from bringing it home or from taking it out of your home if its already there. What if procedures for safety really do curb spread to ones family, friends, or community.

Does mask wearing violate rights? Does respectful distancing dishonor relationships? Does hand washing hurt the community? Only you can decide for yourself.... But it is not only just about yourself, it is for all those around you.

What if... What if a price for COVID-19 is too high? What is the price? There are many such questions. The job of safety is to be mindful of what ifs and prepare for them.

What else can a mask do? One can go a few days without shaving and no one in public will care. One could wear a mask that looks like a majestic orangutan's jaw and lips. One can wear a mask to make a statement of art - there are a great many artful mask designs out there. One can wear a mask to be brave in facing a pandemic and take charge of ones care. One can wear a mask because the CDC, WHO, NIH, NIAD say it is a good idea... and they care about saving people. One might wear a mask because a friend got sick... or worse. One can wear a mask to make a stand because the numbers are not going down. One can wear a mask till vaccines start taking effect. One can wear a mask to help keep the flu numbers down. One can show one's bravery by wearing a mask. Masks can do a great deal. How about making them work for you? How about making them work for those around you?

I'm not here to judge, but to simply help people stay safe. It seems the right thing to do.

The alphabet soup:

WHO - World Health Organization

CDC - Center for Disease Control

NIH - National Institute of Health

NIAD - National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases

The disclaimer - understand that this article does not profess to offer medical advice but merely compiles data from several sources about masks and the COVID-19 virus. For current information please check with trusted sources.



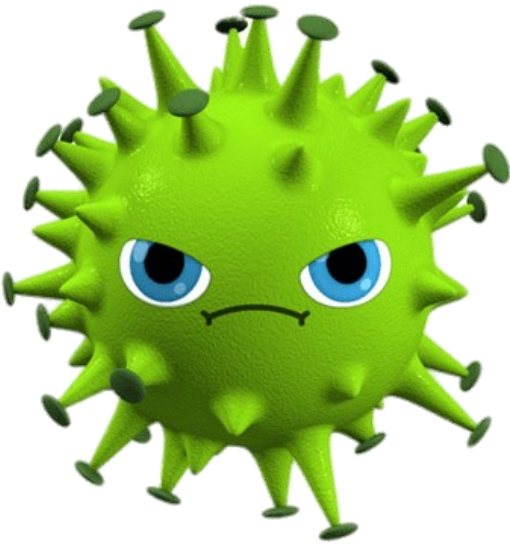
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NFMS Clubs’ Show Schedule -- 2021

Please note that due to the Covid-19 virus, schedules may be changed. Please check with the show contact for any updates.

March 13 & 14 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Northwest Montana Rock Chucks	Flathead County Fairgrounds, Expo Building (next to grand-stands), 265 North Meridian Road Kalispell MT	Lloyd Fager oldgrayelf@sbcglobal.net 608 436 0780
March 27 & 28 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 or Ed Anderson 541 451 1577 ela4rocks@gmail.com
March 27 & 28 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	South East Idaho Gem and Mineral Society	Bannock County Fairgrounds 10588 Fairground Dr. Pocatello ID 83201	Val Wuthrich 208 720 8239 valwuthrich@gmail.com
April 17 NFMS Mid-Year Meeting 10 AM		Via ZOOM More information to come later.	
April 23, 24, & 25 Fri – 10 – 4 CANCELLED Sun – 10 – 4	Yakima Rock and Mineral Club	Central Washington State Fair Park Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima WA 98901	Marti Sondgeroth evening 509 248 6401 (leave a mes- sage); daytime cell 509 910 3484; marthams@q.com 2013 South 4 th Avenue , Yakima, WA 98903 www.yakimarockclub.com www.facebook.com/ YakimaRockandMineraClub
May 1 - 2 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium 1125 Broadwater Avenue, Billings MT	Doug True, show@billingsgemclub.com , (406) 200- 8778
June 5 & 6 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	North Idaho Mineral Club	Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Jacklin Building #25 4056 North Government Way, (Kathleen & Gov’t Way) Gates C & D, Coeur d’Alene, ID	Mike Rose NIMCshowchairman@gmail.com
June 17-20	AFMS Meeting	Big Piney, WY More information to come later.	
September 11 & 12 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Associa- tion	Vern Burton Community Center 308 East 4th Street, Port Angeles WA	Kathy Schreiner 360 460 0827 kmsjes@olypen.com PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382

