Keith Fackrell
President

This has been one of the Craziest Winters and Spring I have ever witnessed. I know very well that the Ground Hog saw his shadow on February 2, so that is supposed to indicate we are going to have six more weeks of Winter. Well, maybe this will hold true. The six weeks of Winter should end this weekend, March 16th or 17th.

In my home area, we have rain & snow predicted and we are going to be setting up for our Annual Rock & Gem Show. Rain and snow during the show is NOT all bad. First of all we will be getting the moisture we need during the Summer. Second, people will just have to come to the show & enjoy their time spent inside where it will be warm and dry and we will be able to renew old friendships, and develop new friends. The time is now coming very fast to the day of the Annual NFMS/Yakima Rock Show - April 27, 28 & 29, 2018

I hope you have all marked this date on your calendar and you are able to attend this show and the NFMS annual convention. I know you will have a great time, especially if you get involved. I hope to see you there.

Thank you for all you do for NFMS & your local Club.

Ronnie Watkins
1st Vice President

Greetings from Tieton!

As I write this message to you, I realize it may just be spring that is making sitting here so difficult. Spring is in the air and Yakima is so beautiful in spring time. The four seasons we have here are clearly defined and the amazing geological scenery combined with it is outstanding. Now, the basalt grass covered hills are all starting to turn spring green and soon the orchards will be all in bloom. The weather has been bearable all winter and now turns to perfect springtime blue skies. Writing this message gives me a moment to reflect on the beauty around me in the mist of all my business.

So, back to business:
Everything going on turns to our annual NFMS show these days. Here in Yakima we are ready for all the fun coming our way. I hope your club will find time to discuss the proposals that will be brought to the annual NFMS meeting. These things may not seem to be especially important to some of your members, so try to explain them in regard to the NFMS purpose statement. Operational Procedures are just that: The means by which we realize our purpose statement. I want to remind you that director and delegate credentials for the annual meeting need to be signed by your club president and secretary and brought to the meeting, and presidents need to send the Walker’s the names of those who are going to attend. Now is the deadline for that.

Speaking of deadlines: Registration for the Editor’s Breakfast and the Annual Awards Banquet is due April 6th. Competitive Display Entry forms are due by April 13th and Non-competitive exhibit forms need to be in by April 15th.

Take this opportunity to participate and enjoy another great NFMS event. It is the members that make it great! See YOU at the show!

2nd Vice President
Kenneth Zahn

As planning chores for "show-time" have started or are about to hit high-gear for most clubs in our Northwest area, a few thoughts about one important area -- effective local-area advertising -- come to mind. In many clubs, the task for organizing this function is done by an old, experienced hand in a pretty standard way each year. BUT -- do you have any idea of how effective each separate advertising method is toward attracting show attendance, based on actual data?

One way to gather data is to ask attendees at or near the entrance table how they heard about the show. Most will remember and respond, especially if prompted with a few options. The distribution of answers may be surprising, depending on how many different advertising methods have been employed, and where, when and when. Of course, the free announcements via the Federation's website calendar and newsletter show lists, and show schedules in Rock and Gem and Rocks and Minerals magazines help, but the overwhelming percentage of attendees are from your local areas. Getting timely word out -- inexpensively -- to those locals is essential.

The most common inexpensive local venues for advertising include a timely newspaper (or events-oriented magazine) story with interview points and pictures; a timely evening news TV interview spot; free public-affairs TV spots, local morning talk-radio interviews of a key club member; inexpensive short 3-day ads (in bright yellow) in the local-area newspaper want-ad or yard-sale section over the Friday-Sunday period; flyers posted on area bulletin boards in supermarkets, on area campuses, in break rooms of local businesses, and at motel/hotel check-in counters; and lighted signage boards if your fairgrounds/convention center is the show's venue and an advertising sign is available there.

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2. Donations for the general fund
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4. Advertisement in this Newsletter

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1. Donations to AFMS Endowment Fund
2. Memorial contributions

Make check payable to NFMS Endowment Fund, send to Endowment Treasurer, 8810 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126-3617

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2. Memorial contributions

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NFMS HISTORIAN

By Linda Barlow

THE AMERICAN GOLDEN TOPAZ
WORLD’S LARGEST FACETED GEMSTONE

Topaz is often found in superb crystals that range in size from micro-scopic to very large, with some giants weighing as much as several hundred pounds. Most of these crystals, especially the larger ones, are colorless. When cut and polished they can be very brilliant. Although crystals of gem-quality topaz are found throughout the world, the blue ones from Russia and the yellow, amber, blue and colorless ones from Brazil are best known. At the present time, Brazil is the major source of these stones. The size of a gemstone is indicated by its weight given in carats. In these terms, the American Golden Topaz, a rectangular cushion-cut stone – as large as an automobile headlight - is the world’s largest faceted gemstone. It has 172 facets and weighs 22,892.5 carats (12.3 pounds). It has an overall width of 149.2mm with a table facet that is 105.3mm long and 93.7mm across.

The rough 26 pound Brazilian topaz, from which this gem was cut, was acquired by Drs. Marie and Ed Borgatta of Seattle, Washington through a U.S. dealer in the early 1970’s. The surface of the stone was so cobbled and abraded that it had no beauty in its natural state. As Ed Borgatta studied the color and other interesting characteristics of the rough crystal, he realized the stone could be cut and polished into a single topaz of extraordinary size, weight, and beauty for museum display. Ed roughed out the gem in 1975, giving it the rectangular shape in which it was eventually cut. At that point, he decided that finishing the job of faceting and polishing the huge gemstone probably would require more time and possibly more skills than he possessed. In 1984, the Borgatta’s entrusted the responsibility of faceting the stone to Leon Agee of Walla Walla, Washington. Agee, an assistant manager of a jewelry store, completed the faceting and polishing of the topaz over a period of two years, doing the work at night and on weekends. Special equipment had to be built to counterbalance the weight of the stone on the cutting lap, adding considerably to the expense and time required to complete the faceting and polishing.

The finished stone was presented to the Smithsonian Institution on May 4, 1988. To make the donation to the Smithsonian possible, the six regional federations of mineralogical societies, representing 60,000 amateur rock hobbyists nationwide, conducted an informal fundraising campaign. This campaign was organized by the Yakima Rock & Mineral Club. The Yakima club and the Northwest Federation are splitting the proceeds this year, so any donation of work or material would be very welcome. (At this time this feature display is tentative and depends on the miners being able to successfully ship specimens to us)
Wednesday April 25
7 am - Gate 5 Opens
8 am - Set-up begins
8 am Check-in - Modern Living Building
12 pm Lunch - Modern Living Building
5:30 pm - Pizza & Pie - Pioneer Hall
7:30 pm - Lock up

Thursday April 26
7 am - Gate unlocks
7:30 am - Buildings open - Check in Modern Living Building
7:30 am - Dealer’s Set-up
8 am - Competition and Non-Competition Display Set-ups start (8 am-8 pm)
9 am - Demonstrators, Feature Displayers, and Activity Stations set-up
2 pm - Hotel Check-in at Best Western
3 pm - Junior Display Case Set-up Modern Living Building
4 pm - Junior FRA Program - Pioneer Hall
6:30 pm - Potluck - Dealers/Displayers/Demonstrators/Volunteers - State Fair Park Trailer Park
8 pm - Lock-in starts - Security team on site

Friday April 27
7 am - Gate 5 Opens
7:45 am - Buildings Unlock for Dealers, Judges & Volunteers
8 am - Judges Meeting - Modern Living Building
9:30 am - Volunteers start set-up - Morning Meeting - Pioneer Hall
10 am - Show Opens, School Groups Arrive
10 am - NFMS Endowment Fund Committee - Pioneer Hall/Upper Level
11 am - See schedule for Presenters
3 pm - NFMS Executive Meeting - Pioneer Hall
4 pm - NFMS Annual Meeting - Pioneer Hall
6:30 pm - Lock-in Starts - Modern Living Building
9 pm - Lock-in starts - Pioneer Hall

Saturday April 28
7 am - Gate 5 Opens
8 am - All Editors’ Breakfast @ Ahtanum Best Western Conference Room
9 am - Building opens for Dealers/Volunteers
9:30 am - Morning Announcements - Pioneer Hall
10 am - Show Opens
9 am - 1:30 pm - Students Jewelry Making Demonstrations - Modern Living Building
11 am - See schedule for Presenters
12 pm - Officers/Committee Chairperson, Judges, & Past Presidents Luncheon @ Ahtanum Best Western
2 pm - Metalsmithing Class Starts - Modern Living Building
6:30 pm - Modern Living Building Closes
6 pm - Social / 6:30 pm - Banquet/ 7:30 pm - No Dinner ticket guests welcome/Pioneer Hall

Sunday April 29
7 am - Gate 5 Opens
7:30 - 9 am Dealer’s Breakfast includes all Volunteers, Dealers, & Speakers
8:30 am - Juniors Cracker Barrel - NFMS Darryl Powell “Building and Maintaining a Vibrant and Fun Juniors Program” - Pioneer Hall
9:30 am - Morning Meeting - Modern Living Building
10 am - Show Opens
10 am - Metalsmithing Class - Modern Living Building
11 am - See schedule for Presenters
2 pm - Live Auction NFMS
4 pm - Raffle Prize Awards
5 pm - Show Closes

NFMS Annual Convention
Special Interest Meetings

NFMS Endowment Fund Committee Friday April 27, 10 a.m. - noon @ State Fair Park/Pioneer Hall-Upper Level

NFMS Executive Meeting Friday, April 27, 3 p.m. @ State Fair Park/Pioneer Hall

NFMS Annual Meeting Friday, April 27, 4 p.m. @ State Fair Park/Pioneer Hall

All Editors’ Breakfast Saturday, April 28, 8 a.m. @ Ahtanum Best Western Conference Room - Darryl Powell to speak

Officers/Committee Chairperson, Judges, & Past Presidents Luncheon Saturday, April 28, Noon @ Ahtanum Best Western Conference Room

Social (No Host) Saturday, April 28, 6 p.m. Awards Dinner 6:30 p.m.@ State Fair/Park Pioneer Hall

NFMS Juniors Cracker Barrel Sunday, April 29, 8:30 a.m. @ Pioneer Hall
From the Editor’s Rockpile

By Beth Heesacker

Happy Spring from Forest Grove, Oregon. The trees are breaking out with buds and blossoms. The daffodils are blooming. The lawn is turning green. I am so delighted with the arrival of Spring this year for some reason. Maybe it is because we did not get to travel this winter so the change of the season is very welcome.

The changes are also heralding the approach of the NFMS Convention in Yakima. As Ronnie mentions in her article the fruit trees are starting to bloom there. Yakima Valley has wonderful fruit trees but I do not know if there will be any still blooming at the end of next month. Even if not the green of the leaves will be a welcome sight. I have been through Yakima in the past and found it a beautiful place. Another place to visit while there is just a few miles north of Yakima. Toppenish is a small town that has some of the most beautiful wall murals I have ever seen. They are everywhere you look. I challenge you to find all of the almost 100 murals in town.

Yakima Valley Museum

Arrangements are being made for show goers to visit a really spectacular display of petrified wood from a local deposit found and excavated by Clyde Friend. These beautifully preserved specimens were found buried upright in a lava flow that was part of one of the largest eruptions of basalt in history. Expertly cut and polished rounds are on display as are mostly whole trees from the deposit.

After Show Fieldtrip

Plans are in the works for the Yakima Club to host a two day field trip to collecting sites in Oregon after the show is over on April 29, 2018. Places we would visit would include the Polka Dot Agate Mine and Richardson’s Ranch. On day one we would travel to the Polka Dot Agate Mine where you can dig for thundereggs from the new Canyon’s Rim deposit and check out material from the agate mine and also material from the Blue Mountain Jasper and Amethyst Sage claims that Dale will have on hand.

After that we will stay overnight in Madras. those with campers can stay at the Fairgrounds or if you don’t have a camper you can make arrangements to stay at one of the motels in town. The next day we will visit Richardson’s Rock Ranch and go dig thundereggs from the Blue Bed, Red Bed, and Friday Moss Bed (weather permitting). Richardson’s has a large stock of rough agates, jaspers, petrified wood, and other goodies from all over the world you can go through also. Check out the March 2018 and February 2018 issues of Rock and Gem magazine for articles that highlight these locations.

We will also be putting together detailed information on how you can get to Glass Butte (obsidian) and the McDonald Ranch (petrified wood and thundereggs) if you would like to extend your stay and check out some other localities. Details of when we will be leaving and last minute trip itinerary will be handed out at the show.

See you in Yakima ! ! !
California Mineral Society
Interactive Displays

The California Mineral Society will be bringing up two interactive displays for the show. We are delighted that they are willing to travel so far to participate. One of their displays is on how volcanoes work and the other is on metamorphic and sedimentary rocks and how they form.

2018 GEM SHOW
Hosted By Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club
22nd Annual Show
Saturday, April 21st – 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, April 22nd – 10 am to 4 pm

Benton County Fairgrounds
1500 S. Oak St., Kennewick, WA

Adult Admission $5 (good for both days)
Children 14 and under FREE
with paid adult admission

Events & Activities Include:
40+ Collectors’ Exhibits
Great Door Prizes
Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Dealers
Fluorescent Displays
Kid’s Korner – Games & Crafts
Silent Auctions
Geode Cracking
Tailgating – Sunday 8:00am to 2:00pm

Demonstrations Include:
Cabochon Fashioning
Gemstone Faceting
Gem Trees
Sphere Making
Silversmithing
Wire Wrapping
Jewelry Fabrication

Bring This Flyer To The Show For
$1.00 Off Price Of Admission
(Good for One Person per Flyer)
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Rockhound of the Year
By Laurie Ellis
Rockhound of the Year Chairperson

Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club of Oregon City, Oregon proudly presents Duane Flackus as our 2018 Rockhound of the Year. Duane has been a member of CMGC since 2009. He became program chairman and has held that position since. Program chairman is responsible for choosing the demonstrations, lectures and presentations at our monthly meetings. These programs are educational in nature and benefit both our members and visitors. He has done an excellent job finding interesting and diverse lapidary related topics.

Duane has been making monthly contributions to our Newsletter in the form of his award winning cartoons for the past 4 years. On top of this he just joined our board this year as a member at large.

Duane is an integral part of our club and we are fortunate to have him as a member.

NFMS WEBSITE CONTEST
By Cheri George
NFMS Website Contest Chairman

Thank you to all our hardworking Webmasters who entered the Website Contest this year. I will be presenting awards at the NFMS show in April.

2/3/18

Please submit all membership and address changes to Tom Burchard, Circulation Chair, and to Carol Willey, Directory Chair. Their contact information can be found on the second page of this newsletter.

You MUST submit all show information (including admission charge) to Pat Lambert, Show Coordinator. FUTURE SUBMISSIONS MADE DIRECTLY TO THIS EDITOR WILL BE IGNORED!

Pat’s information can be found on the second page of this newsletter.

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<td>Don Innes 541 396 5722 <a href="mailto:donnnix.ines20@gmail.com">donnnix.ines20@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>August 4 &amp; 5</td>
<td>Darrington Rock and Gem Club</td>
<td>Mansford Grange 28806 463rd Avenue NE Darrington, WA</td>
<td>Troy Lehman 360 391 1153 <a href="mailto:littleexplorer.erys@zioo.com">littleexplorer.erys@zioo.com</a></td>
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<td>August 11 &amp; 12</td>
<td>Maplewood Rock and Gem Club</td>
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<td>September 8, 9 &amp; 10</td>
<td>Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association</td>
<td>Vern Burton Community Center 308 East 4th Street Port Angeles WA</td>
<td>Kathy Schreiner 360 681 3811 or Kathy Bachman 360 681 3994 PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382</td>
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<td>Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society</td>
<td>Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, Community Center Bldg., 363 Orchard St. Walla Walla, WA</td>
<td>Jack L. Edwards, cell 509-520-1182, <a href="mailto:jcedwards1475@hotmail.com">jcedwards1475@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td>September 15 &amp; 16</td>
<td>Southern Washington Mineralogical Society</td>
<td>Castle Rock Fairgrounds, 120 Fair Lane Castle Rock, WA</td>
<td>Robert Klickman &amp; Nicole Doiron 360-785-4417 PO Box 679 Winlock WA 98596</td>
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<td>September 22 &amp; 23</td>
<td>Cascade Mineralogical Society</td>
<td>Green River College Student Union Building 12401 SE 320th Street Auburn, WA</td>
<td>Mark Hohn, 32009 199th Ave. SE, Kent, WA 98042, (253)-332-3736, <a href="mailto:showchair@cascademineralsociety.org">showchair@cascademineralsociety.org</a>, <a href="http://www.cascademineralsociety.org">www.cascademineralsociety.org</a></td>
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<td>Portland Regional Gem &amp; Mineral Show Association</td>
<td>Washington County Fair Complex, 873 NE 34th Ave., Hillsboro, OR 97124</td>
<td>Linda Harvey <a href="mailto:lindaharvey2010@gmail.com">lindaharvey2010@gmail.com</a> 503-310-3036, PO Box 5401 Portland, OR 97228 <a href="http://www.PortlandRegionalGemandMineral.com">www.PortlandRegionalGemandMineral.com</a></td>
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<td>Clackamette Mineral and Gem</td>
<td>Clackamas County Fair-grounds, 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013</td>
<td>Beth Heesacker, <a href="mailto:heesack-er@coho.net">heesack-er@coho.net</a>, 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116</td>
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<td>Bellevue Rock Club</td>
<td>Vasa Park 3560 West Lake Sammamish PKWY SE Bellevue, WA 98008</td>
<td>Bruce Himko PO Box 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009 <a href="mailto:bellevuerockclub@comcast.net">bellevuerockclub@comcast.net</a></td>
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