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President Beth Heesacker

In the last issue I said that I would be sending a questionnaire out to all the clubs concerning their use of Zoom (or a like product) for their meetings. I may have missed a few clubs but, with the help of Albert Whitehead of the Chugach Gem and Mineral Club, we put together a list of contacts from most of the NFMS clubs.

Of the 61 emails sent out, 15 answers were returned. Knowing the usual response rate to questionnaires is usually not very good, I think we did ok. Almost 25%. The following summarizes the responses:

Five clubs – have not had meetings

Ten clubs - continued to meet

Five clubs - face-to-face, using appropriate precautions

Five clubs - using the internet, all using Zoom

Three are planning on continuing to use the internet. Some for Board meetings only, some for long distance speakers

One of the above clubs – use both, face-to-face and the internet depending on the need

Six clubs - use webcams to hold up specimens, etc. to show to the other attendees

Five clubs - use PowerPoint programs or other types of presentations

In general, the clubs who have not been meeting are staying in contact with their members using their newsletter. Some do not have the expertise to use the internet or Zoom in their club or have not pursued the possibilities.

I know that from my experience that using Zoom has been a wonderful experience. After researching how to use Zoom (it is VERY easy), I have been able to join meetings across the world and see/learn things that I would never been able to do before. I have even been able to give a presentation to a club on the other side of the USA.

Part of the problem is that many of the members of the clubs are elderly and might not even have computers. Can they be invited over to join other members of the club who do have computers for the meetings?

Can the NFMS provide training? Since the NFMS will not be meeting in-person until fall, I do not see that as a possibility until then. Our Mid-Year meeting will be using Zoom and all who join will already be able to use it. Would it be a possibility that clubs could join forces to bring each other up-to-speed?

I was sad to see so many clubs have not been able to meet over the last year. Meetings are so important to maintaining club membership and expertise. Newsletters are great ways to stay in touch, but the social aspect of the meeting is so vitally important. We cannot always socialize face-to-face but at least we can see each other and have discussions.

My hope is that many clubs continue to use the internet and Zoom to meet and acquire the expertise need to set up meetings and help their members to learn how to join. I am thinking that even when the Covid restrictions are lifted, we can continue to use it for some meetings such as Board meetings (we live 40 miles from our club, and we are enjoying not having to travel so far, each month).

Using it to bring in distance speakers for face-to-face meetings (attaching the computer to a projector or large tv) would be a great help for the program committee and to spreading knowledge to all the members.

On a second topic, the NFMS has several openings for ways for you to volunteer. We really need to fill out our full complement of officers. Complete responsibilities for each position are outlined in the NFMS Operating Procedures. A copy of these can be found in the 2018-2019 directory which you club should have.

We need:

Historian – stores historical records and write reports for the NFMS Newsletter

Website Contest (Cheri George is retiring in June) – chairs the website contest and writes reports for the NFMS Newsletter

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

July 14th

The editor will send out a reminder in time for all committees to respond.

For deadlines and to submit articles contact

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NFMS Website:

<http://NorthwestFederation.org>

To see this newsletter in living color go to

<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 on page 6-7.

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SHOW CHAIR 2021: OPEN

AFMS COMMITTEES (NFMS Representatives)

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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**

The **AFMS NEWSLETTER** is published monthly except Jan-Jul-Aug by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Each NFMS member society should have three people (usually the Pres, Secretary and Editor) receiving the AFMS Newsletter. If they are not, or if anyone else wants to subscribe (\$5 per year). Contact: Suzanne Webb, 9895 Kerrydale Court, Reno , Nevada 98521-4401, **editor(at)AMFED.org** 775-624-8446. Make checks payable to “AFMS”.

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.

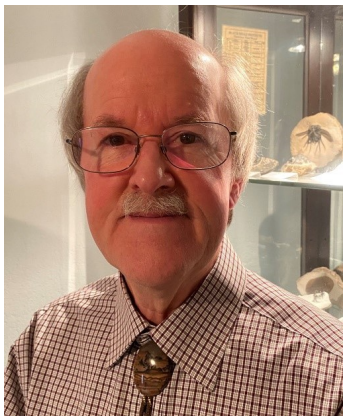
Do not send ads on colored paper because the back-ground will look gray in the ad. The Editor will send a billing statement to the customer which will include instructions to make payment to the NFMS Treasurer. For more information or questions, call, e-mail or write the **Newsletter Chair**



(President’s message continued)

- Endowment Chair** – Oversee the activities of the Endowment Fund Committee
- Endowment Secretary** – Assist the Endowment Chair
- Rules and Awards Chair** - Administer the show Rules and Awards in conjunction with the AFMS
- Rules and Awards Registrar** – Receive applications for display awards, etc.
- Education** – Promotes education within the NFMS and writes articles for the NFMS Newsletter
- Newsletter Editor** (Paul Heesacker expects to retire at the end of the year)– Edits the NFMS Newsletter

On a third topic, our NFMS Mid-Year meeting is coming up. It is April 17th at 10 am Pacific Daylight Time via Zoom. We invite all members to come and join us. We have many reports to be given by our officers and a few issues to discuss. Judi Allison, our NFMS Secretary, will be emailing out the Zoom link to all clubs closer to the time of the meeting. Please spread it around to your members. I look forward to seeing many of you there.



1st Vice President Larry Hulstrom

The Mid-year meeting is coming up on April 17. I hope to see many of you on the Zoom meeting. Instructions on how to connect have been provided. It can even be done from your smart phone. The status of the NFMS, the Rockhound Retreat, plans for an annual meeting and show in the fall, and other things of interest are on the agenda for discussion.

As the weather continues to warm up, shake off the boots, tools, and gear you use to go out collecting and make plans to get outside. Engage with your club and other fellow rockhounds and even clubs in the surrounding area and do some joint field trips.

The NFMS could use your help. As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter there are a number of open positions in the various committees. The time spent is generally not a lot and your talents can be put to use to help all of us get back to “normal”. Please get in touch with us if you would be willing to help out.



2nd Vice President Darrell Coyle

As the weather has warmed and the snow in the mountains is receding my thoughts have been occupied with getting out and rockhounding. Many newcomers to Social Media keep asking where do I go? I often tell them to go join a local Gem and Mineral Club. Local rockhounds are probably your best bet. The Northwest Federation has right at 67 Clubs in 6 states. That means there are thousands of fellow rockhounds with a vast knowledge of locations. If you use the Northwest Federation website at <http://northwest federation.org> you can find contact information for all these clubs. Most clubs do allow guests on field trips and would probably be more willing to share locations with someone who is an ethical collector and a member of a sister club. Don’t forget that you are also members of a larger national organization, the American Federation of Mineral Societies. You will find a link to AFMS on the NFMS website and also in this newsletter. At times you may be able to attend a Multi-federation Field trip such as the one in May in Wyoming.

There are many other resources on the internet. Social Media Groups and Pages. Google Maps. For example in Google Maps type in Rockhounding Locations Idaho and a user created map is found. Also for Utah. Arcgis sites for Washington and Oregon. Also some state agencies such as DNR have Rockhounding maps, locations available. There are phone apps available but my experience is that reception, data caps and battery life can make these less reliable. For those reasons my go to favorites are books. The Falcon Guides are available by state. The Gem Trail Series by Garrett Romain and another is Roadside Geology series. Most book stores such as Barnes and Noble and Amazon have these.

Hope this helps. Now get out there and enjoy the hunt!

NW Rockhound Retreat Update By Walt Butler, Chair NW Rockhound Retreat



The registration for the 2021 NW Rockhound Retreat held at OMSI’s Hancock Field Station has been delayed.

Gov. Brown has not released a date for the resumption of non-family gatherings of greater than 50 people and OMSI is not able to confirm that Camp Hancock will be available.

OMSI has applied for and received a grant to replace the NW Restrooms (men’s toilets and showers). They will demolish the existing facilities and rebuild from new plans. The OMSI does not have approved plans, permits nor construction contracts for the work. They hope to have the work done by September, but a number of planning items have to be completed. Until the construction and all associated work is completed all of the surrounding cabins will be unavailable.

OMSI hopes to be able to determine if the Camp is a go by June 1st, 2021. At that time I will make the decision to Start Registration or Cancel the NW Rockhound Retreat for 2021.

Thank you for your patience, and look forward to seeing you back this year.





AFMS Field trips , June 16th, 21st and 22nd

The Local Club will have a Petrified Wood collecting trip on June 16th to an area north of Farson, Wyoming.

On June 21st there will be a trip to the Blue Forest. We will travel south about 55 miles to the dig site. Easy access. High desert about 7000 ft elevation, no snakes, some cacti, sagebrush and sand. Bring a shovel, rock pick and a steel rod probe if you have one. Several of us will have one. Bring water and lunch and then the fun begins.

On June 22nd there will be a trip to a fossil fish quarry to collect 35 million year old Fossil Fish This is a fee dig, a whole day for \$50. You will find lots of fish. They will furnish tools for splitting the rock, Bring Newspaper to wrap your catch. Bring lunch and water. This trip is approx. 70 miles south and then about 15 miles west. We will leave from the parking lot in front of show entrance at 8 am for all trips.

Doug True
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You Are Needed!

By Judi Allison, NFMS Secretary

Here's hoping that things are opening up for each of your member clubs. This past year has been difficult for our hobby relative to getting to see our fellow rockhounds and enjoying the fellowship and goodies from the individual shows. Let's hope that things will gradually open into the ability to again enjoy the face to face connections we all enjoy so much.

In the meantime, as we work toward that end, rest assured that your executive board is working diligently behind the scenes to keep everything afloat. Because of various reasons, we are losing a number of key committee people. I know your President, Beth, will be addressing all these needs, but I would like to add my "two cents" by suggesting that you consider what position you might be able to fill. A number of the positions

don't take a great deal of time but they do give one the opportunity of becoming more involved in the Federation and understanding just what "the Federation" does. It can also give you the opportunity to meet more rockhounds. I know the Endowment Committee is in need of a Chairperson and Secretary. The Financial Director and Treasurer have a good handle on the workings, but some added assistance with the leadership and minute taking are needed. If you have ever wondered why the Endowment funds are in existence, service on this committee would probably give you some answers. Perhaps you are a techy who enjoys historical things. The Historian position could use a person who can perhaps digitize some of the memorabilia for future generations. If you enjoy the World Wide Web, by becoming the Website Contest Chairperson, you could have a hand in honoring those who work to create a site for communicating with their clubs and the public. If displays are your bag, join the Rules and Awards Committee and become Judging Director or Registrar to learn the processes of competitive displaying. If you really want to learn about all the clubs in the Federation and become more intimate with the Bylaws and other items you will find housed there, volunteer to become the Directory Chair.

We would be happy to further explain the duties of each of these positions. Even though you may not think you are qualified or have time, I would wager you would enjoy the endeavor once you took it upon yourself. Volunteerism really is fun and rewarding. It gives one the sense of accomplishment and helping others. And it gives you a sense of being needed. Is that ever true! We need you!!! So give it a shot. Remember, volunteering can be a reward in itself.

Mid-Year Meeting - April 17

By Judi Allison, NFMS Secretary

Hi all. Thanks again to the abilities of the virtual age, we will be holding our midyear meeting via Zoom on Saturday, April 17th at 10:00 am. I will be sending out a link to be able to connect to the meeting. I have lists compiled that attempt to reach every club by either contacting a director, president, newsletter editor or some other sort of contact. If you did not get notification and would like to attend this meeting, you can contact me at nfmssec@gmail.com or give me a call at 541-720-4950. I will make sure you have the information to connect to the meeting. Remember meetings are open to all members of the Federation. Just a reminder that the midyear meeting is an informational and planning meeting. All "official business" takes place at the Annual Meeting where votes are held. I hope that we will be seeing three dimensional people at an Annual meeting. With the gradual easing of restrictions, we are working on creating that ability. But the midyear meeting very much lays some groundwork for the "official" Annual Meeting, so be sure to attend to represent your club. I am looking forward to seeing your two dimensional selves, so mark your calendars.



NFMS Website Updates

It has been noticed that there need to be some updates by individual clubs to their information on the NFMS Website.

All clubs, please got to:

<http://northwestfederation.org/>

Click on your state, and then check out your club's information.

Please send updates to the NFMS Secretary.

Judi Allison, nfmssec@gmail.com

Thank You !





The NFMS Endowment Fund Committee is Working for You But Needs Your Help



By Jim Brain-Endowment Fund Committee Financial Advisor

The NFMS Endowment Fund is often confused with the AFMS Endowment Fund. Each has a specific purpose, a different scope, it’s own advisory group and depends on funding from different sources. The AFMS Endowment Fund is maintained through the selling of raffle tickets for donated items from the national membership. (Judi Allison coordinates the sale of raffle tickets within our federation.) Our NFMS Endowment Fund is funded by donations from individuals or member societies from within the federation. Some NFMS societies budget annual contributions to the fund, others make donations in memory of deceased members. ***Any and all donations continue to be welcome.***

Currently the NFMS Endowment Fund balance is around \$250,000 which is invested in the stock market and managed by Charles Schwab Investment. In 2017 the membership authorized annual expenditures of 4% of the fund balance each year. At the 2019 annual meeting a motion was approved to extend the program of using endowment fund monies to offset member dues in the amount of \$1.00 per member for the next five years (business years 2020-2024). Assuming that the 4% spending authorization continues to produce around \$10,000 per year and that the federation membership stays around \$6,000 this leaves about \$4,000 per year for funding other programs or projects. ***We continue to need your ideas on appropriate projects or programs that could be funded from Endowment Fund proceeds, keeping in mind the expenditures must benefit the membership as a whole, not individual clubs or societies.***

One option is to make permanent the use a portion of Endowment Fund proceeds to provide financial support to clubs hosting the mid-year or annual federation meetings. This might encourage local societies to step up to host such events. ***This idea will be discussed at the mid-year meeting.***

Another option that has been suggested is to use Endowment Fund proceeds to update some of the material in the NFMS Library (slide programs, VCR tapes, etc.) to more current technology that clubs use for their monthly programs. ***This option will also be discussed at the mid-year meeting.***

As previously mentioned in the article by President Beth Heesacker, the ***committee still needs a chairperson and secretary.*** Neither position requires much work. The chairperson’s main responsibility is to convene committee meetings as needed to discuss items brought to the committee for funding consideration. These meetings can be in person, virtual, by telephone or e-mail. The secretary’s main responsibility is to prepare any correspondence as requested by the chairperson and maintain the permanent file of:

- Spending requests and related decisions made by the committee and any correspondence originating from the committee related to such requests.
- Letters of thanks and confirmation of donations received by the committee,
- Copies of the annual financial reports prepared by the financial advisor.

The committee will be looking at modifying its operating procedures to provide more detail in how to handle endowment funds authorized for expenditure that remain unobligated at the end of an operating year. ***This will be discussed at the mid-year meeting.*** Two options are:

- The authorization to spend is cancelled and funds are allowed to continue to accrue.
- The authorized amount is rolled over into the next budget year and is added to that years authorization.



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

Sublette County Rock Hounds' **Gem & Mineral Show** **2021**

Hosting the annual CONVENTIONS of the
American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

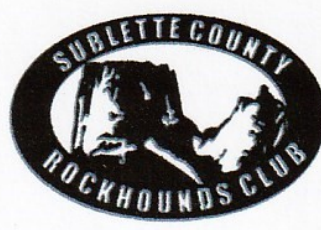
June 18th, 19th, & 20th

at the Sublette County Fairgrounds
10937 Hwy 189,
Big Piney, Wyoming

Friday & Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4

Dealers, demonstrators, exhibits, field trips, fluorescent mineral display, kids' activities, food concession & more!

Admission: \$2.00 adults, kids free



Contact: jimgray@wyoming.com or schafma1@hotmail.com

Door Prizes	Raffles	Exhibits	Fluorescent Mineral Display	Field Trips
Knapping	Faceting	Fossil Preparation	Rock Identification	
Silent Auctions	Dig For Topaz	Find a Rock	Wheel of Fortune	Paint a Rock
Rough Rock	Slabs	Cabochons	Opals	Petrified Wood
Jewelry	Fossils	Specimens	& More!!!	Jade
<i>Family Fun for everyone</i>				

2021 Sublette County Rock Hounds Annual Gem & Mineral Show
hosting both the AMFMS and RMFMS Conventions

June 17, 18, 19, & 20, 2021
at the
Sublette County Fairgrounds
10937 Hwy 189
Big Piney, WY 83113

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): Phone:

Mailing Address:

Name of Club/Society:

Check all that apply:

Federation: AFMS RMFMS SCFMS CFMS MWF EFMLS NFMS SFMS

Office: Officer Chairman Delegate Alternate Editor Judge Clerk Other

Exhibitor: (Exhibitors must complete this form and the EXHIBITOR FORM)

Admission to the Show is \$2.00 per day.

POTLUCK provided by the Sublette County Rock Hounds, Thursday June 17, 5 pm. Donations accepted.

Number who will attend

PRESIDENT’S LUNCHEON - \$15.00 per person (see next page for menu)

\$15.00 each (tax and tip included) x Number = Total \$

FEDERATION BANQUET - (see next page for menu)

Prime Rib Dinner \$45.00 (tax and tip included) x Number = Total \$

Chicken Entrée Dinner \$45.00 (tax and tip included) x Number = Total \$

BREAKFAST with the Editors and Webmasters - \$25.00 per person (see next page for menu)

\$25.00 each (tax and tip included) x Number = Total \$

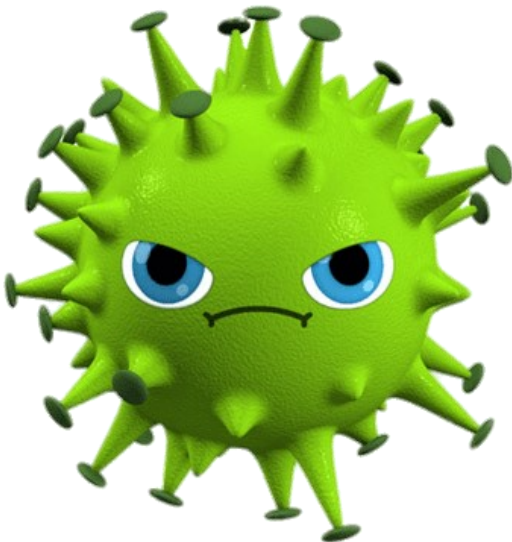
GRAND TOTAL \$

Deadline for Advance Registration is June 1, 2021. Payments are non-refundable after June 1, 2021.
Please make checks payable to SCRH and mail to Sublette County Rock Hounds, PO Box 1351, Big Piney, WY 83113.

Remember to save your postage stamps for the NFMS!



Please send bags and boxes of postage stamps to
Chuck Sonner
165 Tingle Rd.,
Winlock, WA. 98596



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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 elsewhere in this newsletter.	
April 23, 24, & 25 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 message); 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
May 15 & 16 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society	Ravalli County Fairground, First Interstate Center, 100 Old Corvallis Road, Hamilton MT	Deb & Linsey Strickland, 125 Tawney View Hamilton, MT 59840, 202-870-8542, mtpiper@gci.net
May 20 - 22 Thursday – 10 – 8 Friday – 10 – 8 Saturday – 9 – 6	Cache Rock and Gem Club	Cache County Events Center 450 South 500 West Logan UT	Larry Christopherson crgc.showmanager@gmail.com Website: cacherockgemclub.weebly.com
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 elsewhere in the newsletter, including information on field trips.	
June 18 - 20 Fri – 10 – 5 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 3	Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society	In the parking lot on the corner of Winchester Avenue and North 5 th Street, Behind Elsie’s Wood Carving shop Reedsport OR	Bambi Darling reedsportrockshow@gmail.com 541 420 8014 100 River Bend Rd, Sp. 68, Reed- sport OR 97467, ReedsportRockandGemShow.com
August 13 - 15 Fri – 10 – 5 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 9 – 3	Mt Hood Rock Club	Jackson Armory, 6255 NE Cornfoot Road (Take NE Alderwood Rd from NE Columbia Blvd – just south of PDX), Portland OR 97218	Wayne King 503-284-7195 mhrcdc@gmail.com www.mthoodrockclub.com
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
September 25 & 26 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak, Kennewick WA	Larry Hulstrom rockhound132@charter.net 509 308 8312
October 1 - 3 Fri – 10 – 6 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Asso- ciation	Wingspan Event Building 801 NE 34 th Avenue, Hillsboro OR 97124	Linda Harvey lindaharvey2010@gmail.com For more information go to: www.PortlandRegionalGemandMineral.com

