2008 NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT

by Lamar Tilgner

We are all back at work and putting the pieces in place to make our Retreat at “Hancock Field Station” West of Fossil, Oregon, become a bigger and better annual event. The timing is the same as last year, starting on Monday September 1, 2008, and ending on Sunday September 7, 2008. The cost to the attendee will be about the same, $240.00 for room and board, (barring any increase) $45.00 for workshop fee, and if you desire a guided one day trip to the Fossil Beds, costing you $35.00. If you take the full package, that will be $320.00 for a one week vacation. What a deal. You should not miss this.

The Agenda outline looks like this:

Monday- Arrive after 3PM, get settled in your temporary home, join a Spaghetti Feed at 6:30.
Tuesday- All day in the Workshop of your choice and an evening of star gazing after dinner.
Wednesday- Trip to Fossil Beds or Workshop with an evening Swap Session, no selling.
Thursday- Workshop activities all day with an evening session called “Stump the Experts”.
Friday- Workshop activities all day with an evening session on Exhibiting or star gazing.
Saturday- Workshops all day with an evening session of feedback from you as to what you want next year. A “Show and Tell” session from the Workshops concluding with an oral auction of donated items.
Sunday morning- Have breakfast, clean your cabins and give fond farewells till next year.

Workshops available - based upon signup:
- Lapidary
- Basic Faceting
- Silversmithing
- Basic Intarsia – Minimum of four
- Basic Wire-wrapping
- Beading
- Casting - New
- Basic Stone Setting - New
- Judge’s Training

If you need additional info, please call Lamar Tilgner at 503-666-2905 or Email at lstilgner@aol.com.

COST FOR “RETREAT” REGISTRATION

Registration - Cost includes Breakfast and Evening Dinner with a Sack Lunch, sleeping quarters in an A frame cabin, (bring your own bedding and pillow) (Mattress provided), or Dry Camping for an RV. No hookups available. Tenting is the same price as RV or A frame.

6 Day Total = $240.00 If Camp prices remain the same, meals included.

If you can’t stay the full time, we can break it down by the day. This would mean $45.00 per day, plus the Workshop Fee to take advantage of this great program.

Trip to Fossil Bed and Museum – Trip will be in Vans. Cost will be $35.00 per person. We need at least 15 to make this trip a go. You will get a tour of the Fossil Beds, see the country and visit the new museum. Not available to Judge’s Training People.

Workshop Cost: $45.00 for Workshop – Choose Primary and Secondary

Lapidary - Provide your own rough or purchase ours at nominal fee from instructors.
Faceting - Provide your own rough or purchase ours. Bring your own machine if you want.
Silversmithing - Fee per project to instructor. Provide your own stones if you want.
Wire-wrapping - Cost of Wire. Provide your own stones or purchase from instructor.
Intarsia – Per Project cost provides full kit with materials from instructor.
Beading – Components and kits can be purchased from instructor.
Casting – Covering multiple casting methods and building wax models.
Basic stone setting – Basic information on setting of stones. Two to three hours per day.
Judge’s Training – This is a full time session with everything provided.

The Workshop cost is a one time fee even if you participate in more than one. Please mark all workshops you plan to utilize so we can maintain the workshop count.

We must have a minimum of 20 people register to make it all happen with a maximum of 50. Please send registration in as soon as possible because we must let the camp know by June if we have enough to go. That means at least 20. Help us keep this great activity going.

The “Swap Session” is a place to swap materials, arts, crafts, rocks or anything that someone else might want. No money will change hands, just goods.

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3. Donations to Junior Achievement

ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS:

To be determined to send your money:

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DEADLINE

For your Submissions to the next Northwest Newsletter is April 10th

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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 Chairman (printed elsewhere on the page), brought to the NFMS Annual Show or given to your Federation Director in your club.

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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 & 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, and most important a contact person with address, e-mail address and or phone (e-mail is preferred). Please send your show information for six months in advance to the SHOW COORDINATION (printed elsewhere on this page). If there is an error once your show is listed, or if your show is not listed, contact Newsletter Editor (printed elsewhere on this page).
you have already planned your trips for the next few months. I know that I have a few that I am planning on going on. The Tri Federation trip looks like it will also be a good one. That will be over Memorial week. I will probably see some of you there, unless I am unable to take off from work. I hope to see a lot of you at the Federation show in Ontario, OR. In June. From all of the reports that I have received, it looks like it will be a good show. As most of you who have gone to the shows know, the Federation is in charge of the Silent auction and the Oral auction again this year. We will need rock for both of them so if you have some you would like to donate, please get it to the show. Dick Parks and Keene Clay will be in charge of the auctions and will be putting in their messages for rock in the newsletter themselves also. We are hoping to have as good if not better auctions than we have had other shows. So, plan on attending the show, putting in an exhibit and coming to the auctions.

The mid year meeting will be held April 19th, 2008 in conjunction with the Lakeside Gem and Mineral club show. So, come to the meeting and plan on going on to the same show. I do believe the Yakima club show is also that same weekend. So, mark your calendars and plan on being there. If you have stamps you can also bring them if you are unable to attend the show in June. We will make sure they get to Herminie for you.

I saw a few of you at Quartzite, AZ in January while we were there. I am sure that more of you were there but I just didn’t see all of you. We tried to hit as many of the shows as we could while we were there. We got to do a little rockhounding but when you go in a car you are limited to what you can do and what you can bring home. The car was loaded on the way home with rock and anything else we could bring back. Dick and I managed to miss most of the bad weather going and coming home. We did hit snow on the way home the other side of Rogue River rest area, and that was 140 miles of snow, which was enough for me. But, we made it home in one piece.

I look forward to seeing each of you either at the midyear meeting or the NFMS annual show.

Suiseki Art Form
by Dick Wendel, Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club
At the March 18 meeting, Daryl Paulson, PhD gave a presentation on Suiseki—a traditional Japanese art form which enjoys naturally formed stones as objects of beauty. Suiseki are stones that suggest mountains, lakes, waterfalls and other natural scenes or that is aesthetically pleasing in shape and texture. If you did not make the meeting, I encourage you to look at the website www.suiseki.com to see what this art form is all about.

Welcome Rock Chucks!
The Northwest Montana Rock Chucks of Kalispell have become the most recent members of the Northwest Federation. The Club is 23 members strong. We welcome you and look forward to getting acquainted with all the Rock Chucks.

I am currently very busy in helping to prepare for our Annual Show in Kennewick, Washington. We started our Show 13 years ago as a way for Club members to meet each other and become involved in Club activities. Our Show is not about making money but is about strengthening the ties amongst our members and also gaining new members. Our Show is not large – small budget, ten or eleven dealers, 48 great displays, a kid’s corner, silent auction, a few demonstrations and perhaps a special display.

For three days we work together as a team, we share, we exchange information, we learn about our hobby and about each other. Lasting friendships are formed.

If your Club does not have an annual Show, I challenge you to form a fact-finding committee and see if your Club would benefit from the experience. I believe that shows are one of the fundamental requirements for a strong, growing Club.

By Evelyn Cataldo
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Show reports
Boy! This year is flying by already with only 79 days left till the Ontario Show. I’m trying to get to as many shows as I can. I have bundles of flyers if you would like some sent to you for your show. Our inside dealers building is full so we are working on the out side areas. We received Gary Buhr’s request for the

All is good. However, we still need many supplies. The auctions need rocks of all kinds, minerals and fossils. Any arts and crafts would be wonderful to help out in the kids building.

I think that spring is finally coming. It’s warming up! All our early rock shows have started. Everyone is starting to return from Arizona. The Boise, Idaho show was awesome, as always. Charlie did a wonderful job with set-up and the weather was nice giving good attendance. With the weather so iffy, Oak Harbor’s attendance was down. We will have to try to help them out more next year. I got good reviews about the Everett, Washington show, and next week I will be at the Caldwell, Idaho show, then to Ogden, Utah on the 7-8-9. Hopefully, I will be able to stop in at the Twin Falls, Idaho show on my way back to Idaho. The count down to the Ontario show is on. I hope to see all of you there. Just remember, if you have a problem, a question, or a positive comment, talk with me and I will see that the show board hears it. I hope to see many of you at the Midyear Meeting in April. I will have show packets, T-shirts, and Hats with me. If you have rock-craft stuff, or country store stuff, I would be glad to bring them back as I will have the truck. The Gooding, ID show will be April 5-6. I look forward to seeing a lot of you there. Dixie Reale and I are working hard with the kids in the area as they are the future rock hounds. We all need to take time to teach them what we already know. The club in King Hill is growing by leaps and bounds. Good job! The Mt. Home, Ontario, Vale, and the Stallknecht Museum clubs all went to the Jenson collection at the College of Idaho as a group trip. It was well attended, and I was glad to see 12 children there. Have a happy St. Pattie’s Day and may the luck of the Irish be with you all!

By Patty Amos
NFMS President

Margaret Stallknecht
Education Chair and NFMS 2008 Show Chair

Show reports

Now is the time, while we’re waiting for the snow to melt, to get our ‘STUFF” and prepare your competitive exhibits for the NFMS Ontario, Oregon Convention and Show in June. Also, while you’re preparing your exhibit, don’t forget to fill out your application and send it on to Rocky McCall, our NFMS Registrar. As you know after the snow melts, the weeds grow and the field trips beckon, so don’t wait too long. I hope the NFMS can at least beat Eastern Federation who just had their Convention & Show in February and they only had one competitive exhibit. Very sad.

Don’t let the Rules Committee down, and if you have a non-competitive exhibit, and would like the judges to help you make it a prize-winning exhibit, let the Rules Team know and we’ll find someone with the expertise to help you.

By Dee Hollander
NFMS Chair, 2008
LAPIDARY WORKSHOP
(Plan to bring your own good quality slabs, or purchase from instructors)
We will be teaching beginning cabochon making and also advanced cab making to those qualified cabbers who wish to learn how to make free-form cabs or just learn to be a better cabochon cutter.
We have multiple workstations utilizing both diamond and carborundum, High Speed Sanders, 18” slab saws, small trim saws, a large flat polisher, and leather with Optical Cerium Oxide polishers. Instructors are Master Cutters.

SILVERSMITHING WORKSHOP
We have tools and room for at least 20 students. All tools and supplies are provided by the Instructor; but, he will charge you for all Silver and any stones that you take from the Instructor’s supply. The tools are for your use at no charge. This is a basic class with a lot more information available for those that learn fast.

FACETING WORKSHOP
We are limited to 6 machines for this workshop; therefore 6 students is our limit. Again we are addressing the basic level or novice cutter. The Instructor is a Master Cutter so advanced information is available to those type cutters.

BASICS OF STONE SETTING
This will explore the properties of the stone which allows it to be set. It will cover a variety of ways to set a stone whether it be cast, fabricated or commercial mounts. This class will run about 2 to 3 hours per day.

WIREWRAPPING WORKSHOP
Again we are addressing the needs of the beginning wrapper but will be covering a large variety of techniques and projects. Instructor will have Wire available for you to buy for your projects as well as stones. It would be nice if you brought your own stones to wrap.

READING WORKSHOP
The beading class will be held along with the Wirewrapping so that you can learn various beading techniques and learn how to work them in to blend with Wirewrapping. This is a unique opportunity to develop some new techniques to create a new and different style of jewelry. There will be a variety of techniques explored but not necessarily all of them.

INTARSIA WORKSHOP
The Instructor will have a kit for your first project that you must purchase. If you have brought your own material, you may use it after finishing the first project. If you do not have your own material, the Instructor will have a limited amount available at a reasonable price. There will be enough equipment to handle at least 10 people. This class will last for a maximum of 2 ½ days so that a second class can be done within the week. “Advanced” would be available if so desired.

JUDGES TRAINING
This is a 5 day, intensive course to teach you about the Rule Book and how to use it, then blending those skills into the art of Judging. We will not teach you the skills of Lapidary or Jewelry making. We expect you to have the skills you intend to judge mastered, when you take part. We will teach you how to work with the clerk and how to fill out the critique sheet so that the experience of competition becomes one of pleasure rather than a nightmare. We will concentrate on the Lapidary functions and Educational displays with other areas being visited if the Trainee’s skills support it. There will be classroom work and studies as well as actual judging experience with displays designed specifically for this purpose. About 50% of the time will be in the experience area with actual judging and then reviewing and evaluation of the process.

CASTING
Learning to carve wax to create models. Learning about investments and how to use them. Learning Vacuum, Steam and Centrifugal Casting. Learn Cuttle Bone and Straw Broom Casting. Learning Free Casting including Organic, Rubber Mold and Multiple Casting. All of this will take most of the week, so expect to spend most of your time in this shop.
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By Betty McLin Hare, Idaho Gem Club member

Northwest Fossil of the Month
Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks & Minerals

Today we’re going to visit a museum in the Great Northwest that has something for everybody - rockhound, geologist, and fossil collector! And, best of all, we can do this during the winter! The Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals is just outside the city, in Hillsboro, Oregon near Portland, Ore. It’s all about some of the most spectacular geological specimens of the Northwest and the planet: minerals (emeralds, obsidian, rubies, rhodochrosite, rutilated quartz, lapis lazuli, meteorites and more. Oh, don’t forget the thunder eggs—the state rock of Oregon that’s like a geode born of volcanos.

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Darlene’s Doodles
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Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks & Minerals

Today we’re going to visit a museum in the Great Northwest that has something for everybody - rockhound, geologist, and fossil collector! And, best of all, we can do this during the winter! The Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals is just outside the city, in Hillsboro, Oregon near Portland, Ore. It’s all about some of the most spectacular geological specimens of the Northwest and the planet: minerals (emeralds, obsidian, rubies, rhodochrosite, rutilated quartz, lapis lazuli, meteorites and more. Oh, don’t forget the thunder eggs—the state rock of Oregon that’s like a geode born of volcanos.

Additionally, large cut and polished sections of petrified wood, fossil palm, and cycad are displayed. Other fossils include a 2-foot-long Psittacosaurus baby dinosaur and a 25-million-year-old petrified white oak!

The Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals is at 26385 NW Groveland Drive, Hillsboro, Oregon 97124-9315 Phone: 503-647-2418. Email: info@ricewnmuuseum.org. It is open to visitors: 1:00-5:00 P.M. Wed-Sun. Group tours are by appointment only. Admission: Adult - $7.00, Senior(60+) - $6.00, Student(5-17) - $5.00, Under 5 – Free. Directions: West of Portland, Oregon Off Hwy 26 West, Exit 61 North. Take first turn West on to Groveland Drive.

Rocks and Minerals are an important part of the earth we share as well as the environment and economy we enjoy. The Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals was founded by Richard L. and Helen M. Rice in 1996 for the express purpose of passing on to present and future generations the opportunity to obtain knowledge and pleasure from these beautiful wonders of nature.

Claim a chunk of Earth history—perhaps an opal or a carnelian agate—with an 80-cents-per-pound specimen from the museum’s rock pile. The museum collection and reference materials are available for viewing, study and research to all who are interested in the earth sciences.
Notice that 2008 is rolling along like a fast moving railroad train; will you be a passenger on the "Spirit of '08" or just watch another train go by? Hopefully you will choose to get aboard, get involved and PARTICIPATE! The Oregon Coast Agate Club have been great participants with the leadership of President Guy DiTorrice by making a very generous cash gift into the NFMS Junior Achievement Award Trust Fund. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Donations fuel the fire of Juniors Activities, especially this year at the 2008 KIDS CORNER in Ontario, OR. We will need lots of polished stones, small, loose crystals or specimens for prizes on the Spinner Wheel of Fortune. We need lots of tiny polished stones/gems for dry sand gem panning. Also we will need about 25 quality prizes for the Junior Achievement Trust Raffle, such as quality specimens, lapidary work, books, jewelry/beads, or even prospecting tools. This is our major fund raiser for the year for the Juniors Committee, and last year in Butte, MT we "sold out" all of our donated supplies so please send donations to Gary Buhr, bring them to the Mid-Year Meeting or bring them to the KIDS CORNER in June. In advance, thank you kindly for your consideration and generosity in whatever you can donate.

We can make this 2008 NFMS Annual Show and Convention an historical event by entering TEN Juniors Competition Display cases for the Judges to evaluate. My goal is to have 2 or 3 Everett Rookie Rockhounds with Competition Displays, at the Ontario, OR Show. If one or more from your Juniors Rock Club also enters a Competition Display we could keep the Judges busy, learn lots and win! Your rewards are way beyond what can be imagined, so let's get it done and become famous in Ontario, OR this June.

The West Seattle Rock Club is going through a renewal of their Juniors Members. Their current WSRC President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer have all become members during the last two years because of their child wanting to join the Juniors Program in that Rock Club. That is clear and present growth or "rejuvenescence". Bringing in New Members is what keeps your Rock Club vital and the future bright.

WSRC Juniors Advisor Audrey Vogelpohl put in a display case (in photo) about the AFMS Merit Badge Program which has recently been expanded by six new areas to study for badges. The display includes one project example from each Merit Badge group. The West Seattle Rock Club is using the Merit Badge Program to attract New Junior Members and it works!

Also at the 2008 West Seattle Rock Show pictured is CRYSTAL Waters (left) age 13 and a member for one year. CRYSTAL ran the Spinner Wheel of Fortune at their Annual February Show. Also in photo is Everett "rocker" Kelly Avila (right) who was winning prizes. Juniors were given a paper with eight questions about the Show Displays. After the Junior answered the questions correctly, they received a FREE spin and prize at the Wheel of Fortune.

At the 2008 West Seattle Rock Show pictured is Lyle Vogelpohl teaching MILES Durnwirth age 8
Mt Hood Rock Club

ROCK AND GEM SHOW
Free admission—Plan a trip and bring your friends!

SAT/SUN, April 5 & 6, 2008, 10 am to 5 pm

Mt Hood Community College Gym
26000 SE Stark, Gresham, Or.
(Watch for signs)

26 DEALERS, DEMOS, DOOR PRIZES, Raffle, EASTER (THUNDER) EGG HUNT FOR KIDS
2:00 Saturday—800 lbs. of free polished rock
Kids 1-12

ORAL AUCTION: QUALITY ROUGH—Sunday 2:00
USED EQUIPMENT SALE and SILENT AUCTION:
(Buy it now-Sat and Sun, auction closes at 4:30 Sun.)
For auction lists contact odroc@comcast.net

Guest Cases welcome—for information contact
Gail Bumala: 503-637-5165

STRINGER’S GEM SHOP
Inventory Reduction Sale

• 45 lb Haystack Butte Jasper
• 245 lb Willow Creek Jasper
• 40 lb Owyhee Picture Jasper
• 200 lb Bruneau Jasper
• 185 lb Snake Skin Agate grade B
• 95 lb Snake Skin Agate grade A
• 90 lb Beacon Hill Nodules grade A
• 255 lb Beacon Hill Nodules grade B
• 100 lb Brazilian Agate
• 35 lb Morrisonite Jasper
• 75 lb Graveyard Point Plume Agate — rough
• 45 lb Graveyard Point Plume Agate — polished

Call for prices and more information
W. A. (Bill) & Anna Stringer
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2008 Gem & Mineral Show Calendar

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