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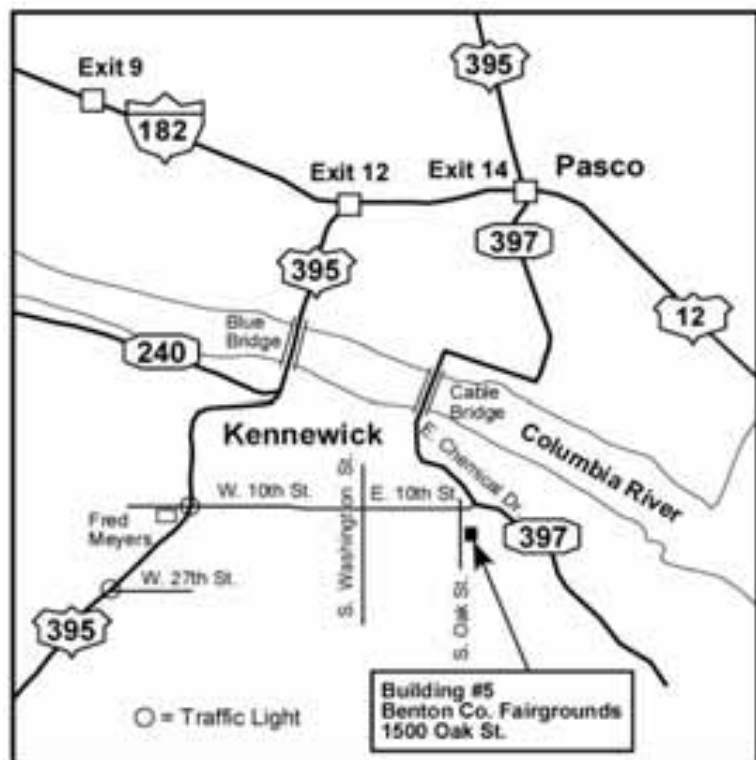
NFMS Mid-Year Meeting April 17, 2010 Kennewick, Washington



The NFMS Mid-Year Meeting is again at the Benton County Fairgrounds, 1500 S. Oak Street, Kennewick, Washington in conjunction with the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club's Annual Show. I cannot stress enough how important it is for each club to participate in these meetings by sending their delegates and directors. These meetings help promote and protect our hobby.

On Saturday, April 17th, the mid-year meeting will begin at 10 AM with registration starting at 9:30 AM. There will be a food vendor available for lunch and dinner that day in conjunction with the ongoing Show. Hours for the Show on Saturday are from 10 AM to 5 PM and on Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM. See more details in the February NFMS Newsletter, page 3.

Besides the meetings you can enjoy one of the best rock shows with great dealers and exhibits. And don't forget the tailgating session on Sunday morning. I have it on good authority that there will be lots of rock for sale at very good prices. I hope to see you there.



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MAY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
ARE DUE ON
APRIL 15TH

There will not be a newsletter in
June since I will be on the Tri-
Federation Trip

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www.amfed.org/nfms

Keep your calendar up to date:



Tri-Federation Field Trip, Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-31, 2010, Blue Forest, Wyoming
Northwest Rockhound Retreat, September 6-12, 2010, Hancock Field Station, Fossil, Oregon
NFMS Convention and Annual Meeting, 2 pm. September 18, 2010, Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro, Oregon

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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 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, 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 Editor**.

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**, 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 and supplies
2. Donations for the general fund
3. Donations to Junior Achievement
4. Advertisement in this Newsletter

Send to: Lyle Vogelpohl, 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.

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: Rose Alene Mc Arthur (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:

1. Memberships, new and renewals
2. Donations

Make check payable to ALAA

Send to Joyce Hanschu, ALAA Treasurer, 6607 Sturbridge Ln; Canton, MI 48187-2638

NFMS NEWSLETTER 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

Do not send ads on colored paper because the back-ground will look gray in the ad. Following the placement of 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 Editor**.

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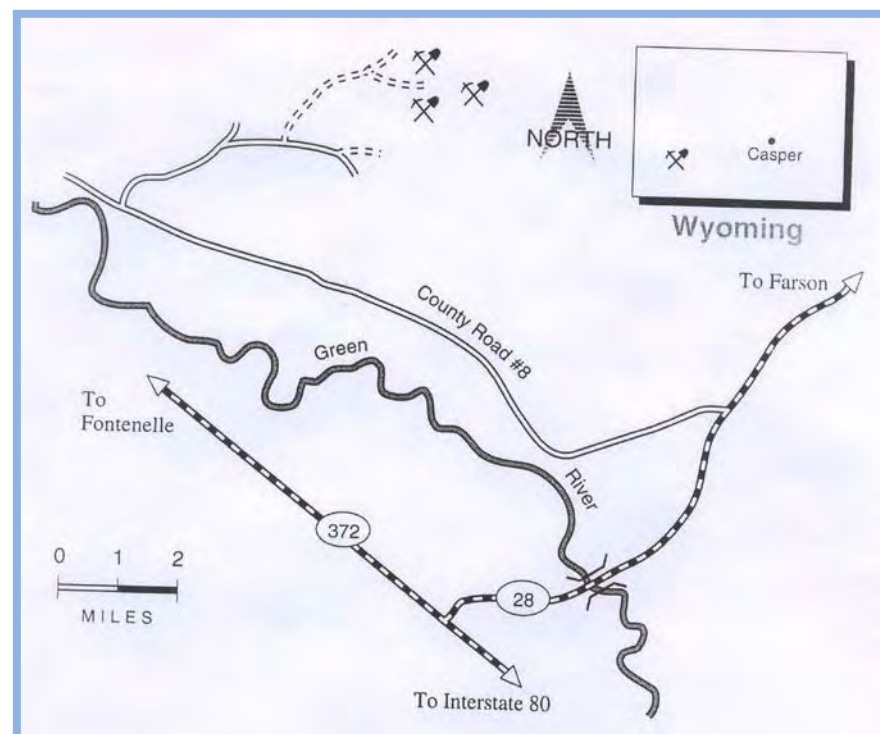
TRI- FEDERATION FIELDTRIP TO THE BLUE FOREST AREA IN WYOMING ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

May 29-31, 2010

Directions to this dig site are as listed. I will only give directions to the turn off from County Road 8. The reason for this is there are a number of people that always have to get there first and or will come in and park in the middle of the road or an area that would not be appropriate for laying out the parking area. When people arrive to this point there will be markers giving directions to the dig area and to the camp area if different from dig site. Details are still being worked out with the BLM. If you are coming from the east: From Farson, Wyoming go east 21.3 miles on Wyoming 28 to Sweetwater County Road 8, turn right and go north 11.3 miles, on the right will be a dirt road. At this point follow the markers we will have for set out for you.

If you are coming from the west on I-80 take exit 83 west of Green River, to Wyoming 372 drive 27 miles north and turn right on Wyoming 28, drive 6.7 miles east to County Rd 8, turn left and drive 11.3 miles.

Check your Wyoming map and find Farson and Green River and work from these locations. There are number of items being discussed with the BLM at this point and will be updated as we get closer to dig time. There might even be some special instructions when you arrive.



Thanks: Doug True
Fieldtrip Chairman
Email: dtruefossils@yahoo.com



Judi Allison 2nd VP

Wow! The mid-year meeting is almost here and that means my tenure as 2nd Vice President is essentially half over. I am learning a bit more about the workings of our federation and I hope all clubs realize the merits of membership.

I developed a presentation for our little club entitled Federation Follies in order to help give members a better understanding of the

Federation. I made the presentation an interactive game so that members had to participate in the process. Since I work with small children, I understand the concept of "learning by doing" and chose that type of delivery. I am not trying to give the impression I think we are all at a four-year-old level, but I am a true believer in active participation rather than passive inertia.

As rockhounds, we should all be able to understand that. We certainly can't find rocks just sitting on our duffs. Unless, of course, you happen to be that lucky one who sits down for a break and happens upon the biggest find of the day. Nonetheless, my point is that we have to be willing to do things to have something happen. So, if you are wanting to receive something from membership, simply being a member will not make things happen for you. You have to be willing to give of yourself to receive the best benefit.

Every club has something that every member can do. You don't have to be particularly talented. It may just be serving on the refreshment committee or simply bringing the treats one time, that you contribute, but you will have taken an active part. So remember, we usually get nothing for nothing, so if you want something, be willing to give a little of yourself to get it. And enjoy the fruits of your labor . . . great friendships, lots of fun and maybe a special find. Happy rockhounding. Hope to see you at the mid-year meeting.

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To All NFMS Clubs

Dear Friends,

Once again, the AFMS Endowment Fund is sponsoring a drawing with the winning numbers to be announced at the AFMS Show and Convention in La Habra, California in mid-June. There are some great prizes to be won; some of which are shown below. The proceeds from the drawing go into the Endowment Fund and the interest from the Fund is used to support activities such as the Junior Badge Merit Program and transferring the old slide programs to DVDs. We have direct benefits from these AFMS programs.



All of the seven Federations sell the raffle tickets and the AFMS oversees the raffle drawing. In the past, Rocky McCall from the Marysville Rock & Gem Club has been the Northwest Federation's lead person for ticket sales. Rocky, due to illness, has had to step down from that position this year. Since nobody has agreed to take over for Rocky, we are getting a late start this year on ticket sales. The tickets have now been delivered to me. Ticket sales need to be finalized by the end of April. So, time is in short supply and I am asking you to respond to my plea.

I am requesting each Northwest Federation Club to invest \$20.00 to purchase five tickets. I am asking that each Club send a check for \$20.00 with their Federation Director to the Mid-Year meeting in Kennewick in order to purchase the five tickets. Please make your checks payable to the AFMS Endowment Fund.

In addition, I will have plenty of tickets available at Kennewick for individual sales and for Clubs that wish to make a larger investment. Single tickets are available for \$5.00 each.

If your Club is not going to be represented at the Mid-Year meeting, please contact me and I'll work directly with you on ticket sales. This is a very worthy cause and of great value to the success of our organization.

Each Federation is guaranteed to have at least one winner. The tickets will be separated by Federation, a winner will be drawn from each Federation, then the tickets will be mingled and the remainder of the prizes awarded. You do not need to be present to win; the prize will be shipped to you. If your Club is a lucky winner, the prize can be used to generate funds at the Club Show or annual auction or as a fabulous door prize.

Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause. Please help.

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**We are still
in need of a
Juniors'
Chairperson**

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Ed Kristovich

1923-2010

I lost a very good friend and mentor this year. He was an asset to his rock club and to his community. Many of you might have seen his videos of tuffa casting or his beautiful displays of silversmithing and turquoise. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace.

Beth, editor



Edmin Alfred Kristovich, 86, Hillsboro, died March 2, 2010, at Rosewood Memory Care, Hillsboro.

Interment and military service was held at 2 p.m., March 19, at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland.

Edmin Kristovich was born Oct. 10, 1923, in Los Angeles, Calif., the son of Martin and Grace Kristovich. He graduated from Alhambra High School, Alhambra, Calif., in 1940.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

On Nov. 19, 1944, he married Maxine Orchid White, in Alhambra, Calif.

He worked for Pacific Telephone until retirement in 1974. He then started Aka's Gems, a lapidary and jewelry supply business.

He moved to Hillsboro in 1988 and was active in the Tualatin Valley Gem Club and the Washington County Fair Boosters.

He enjoyed gold and silversmithing and taught weekly jewelry classes at his shop until December 2009.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine Kristovich; son, Jeffrey Kristovich; sister, Ruth Worthy; three granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter.

Remembrances: Tualatin Valley Gem Club.

(From the Hillsboro Argus)

Double Your Pleasure 
 **Double Your Fun**

Double shows

April 17th & 18th
 Saturday - 10-5 pm
 Sunday - 10-4 pm

Yakima Rock Show
 Yakima Fairgrounds
 Hosted By: Yakima Rock & Mineral
 Info - Marti Sondgeroth - 509-248-6401
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Tri-Cities Rock Show
 Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick
 Hosted By: Lakeside Gem & Mineral
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Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society Show

Ravalli County Fairgrounds
 First Interstate Center
 100 Old Corvallis Road
 Hamilton, MT.



Dealers
 Silent Auction
 Wire Wrapping Demos
 Beads

Dave Texler, Paleontologist
 Two River Dinosaur Center, with his displays,

Friday, May 15, 10:00 AM to 6:00 Pm
 Saturday, May 16, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.



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AFMS

YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO IT AND HOW IT WORKS



The NFMS has various committees to meet the goals of the NFMS. Some of these committees are directly allied to some of the AFMS committees. The NFMS committee chairman of these allied committees are suppose to contact and work closely with the AFMS committee chairman. The reason is to be sure that the individuals in the NFMS receive proper recognition at the AFMS level. By ensuring that AFMS requirements are met the individual will be recognized at the AFMS level. Some of the NFMS committees that should mirror the AFMS committees, for reason of competition are:

All American Club, AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year, AFMS Newsletter, Bulletin Editor Hall of Fame, Bulletin Editors Advisory, Conservation and Legislation, Judges Training Seminar, Juniors Programs, Program Competition, Publications, Public Relations, Safety, Uniform Rules, URC Eligibility Files, Ways and Means, Website/Webmaster. Other AFMS committees that members of the NFMS need to be aware of are:

Boundaries, Bylaws Revisory, Central Office Administrator, Commemorative Stamps, Endowment Fund, Historian, International Relations, Long Range Planning, Nominating, Parliamentarian, Past President's Advisory, Photography, Show Consultant, Ad Hoc Web Site Contest, Ad Hoc Competition Study, Ad Hoc Inter-Regional Field Trip, AFMS Scholarship Foundation.

When competitors get in trouble, some of the most common things being: the regional federation did not forward the name of the competitor or any of the information about the class or score of the competitor to the URC Eligibility Files, the URC cannot find the competitors name in any of the regional federations data bases. Make sure the name on the competition form agrees exactly with the name in your federation directory, this is the spelling that will make it onto the trophy or plaque you win. A junior will not be recognized if the directory listing says - husband, wife and family. The juniors name must be listed as a separate name in a juniors club or as an adult along with the junior's father and mothers names. A junior, for competition, will not be recognized by the AFMS when hidden under the heading of "and family".

Continued next month!



Urgent Reminder for all Clubs – IRS Filing

An organization that fails to file required e-Postcards Form 990-N (or information returns - Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for 2007 and 2008, it is imperative that they submit Form 990-N for 2009, by May 15, 2010, or revocation may apply.

If an organization loses its exemption, it will have to reapply with the IRS in order to regain its tax-exempt status. Any income received between the revocation date and renewed exemption may be taxable.

Be sure your organization is up to date!!

All tax-exempt organizations are now required to file either a federal tax return if their income is above a certain level (\$25,000) or file the new Form 990 (the E--Postcard). The law, requiring the e-form filing has been in effect for three years.

A tax-exempt organization that does not file its required annual information Form 990 for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. The end of 2009 marks the third year that the law has been in effect, and many tax-exempt organizations which failed to file during that period will have their tax-exempt status revoked this year.

Organizations that are expected to lose tax-exempt status this year are small tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and who in the past were not required to file a Form 990.



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2010 CFMS/AFMS Show

This is for all of you Rockhounds out there!! The North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society is cordially inviting each and every one of you to come to the 2010 CFMS/AFMS Show. We promise that you will have a great time, see some old friends, and meet some new friends. Bring you exhibit and let us see the wonderful things you can do and have done with your hobby. We want to see you all there, and are looking forward to a wonderful three day weekend.

When: June 18, 19, 20 2010

Time: Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Where: So. CA University of Health Sciences Campus, 16200 E. Amber Valley Drive, Whittier, California

Cost: Adult daily admission - \$6, Three day admission - \$15

Juniors 14 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

Parking: Free.

Contacts:

(626) 330-8974 - odwarthen@verizon.net

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(626) 330-8974 - odwarthen@verizon.net

Host Hotel:

Anaheim Park Hotel, 222 W. Houston Ave., Fullerton, CA 92832

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Come on out and make the AFMS PROUD of all her member societies!!

AFMS, CFMS Show and Convention 2010

By Loretta Ogden

All of the members of North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society have been very busy planning and working on the 2010 AFMS, CFMS & NOC Show and Convention. We are all hoping you are planning to come. The show is called Hidden Treasure and when you are here you will experience all the treasure we can find for you.

The field trips we have planned are superb and if you don't have a vehicle we will do our best to match you with one of the locals. All of these trips are planned after the show so you won't miss any of the other activities. There are two different trips to tourmaline mines and also our wonderful and bountiful Mojave Desert. This area is on the list to be closed to us so now may be your last chance. The exact dates and info are listed below.

We will have over 40 dealers with everything your heart desires and more. There are world-class speakers lined up for the weekend. Bob Jones of Rock & Gem magazine and the knowledgeable Walt Wright who we are lucky enough to call a member of our club. The competition will be fierce and the displays spectacular. The demonstrators are anxious to show you all they do and hopefully spark your interest in something new.

The social activities are measuring up to be loads of fun. I guarantee you have never had a past Presidents luncheon like this one. You are going to love it. The Cracker Barrel on Friday night is going to be a pirate debacle. There will be a treasure hunt, food and good company galore. But be prepared someone may have to walk the plank. The awards banquet is going to be a Mexican Fiesta complete with dancers, music and of course the traditional authentic food.

It is our hope that you will enjoy yourselves and take home priceless memories of your time at The Hidden Treasure Show.

Two Tourmaline Mines in Two Days!

June 21st:

The Oceanview - Fee Dig \$50 (this is a \$25 discount per person)

Caravan to the Lake Henshaw Resort (I am working on a group rate reservation

for the spaces next to the mine)

June 22nd:

The Himalaya - Fee Dig \$50 (this is a \$15 discount per person)

Fossil Hunters Choice!

June 23rd:

Trip One - Ant Hill - More Strenuous Option

Trip Two - Jalama Beach - lead by Jon Meredith - less strenuous option

Rock Hound or Tourist?

June 24th:

Trip One - Lavic Siding - lead by Jay Valle - More Strenuous Option

Trip Two - LA County Natural History Museum - lead by Dr. Larry Barnes - less strenuous option

COMMENTS, THOUGHTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WILL IT BE YOURS?

By: Loretta Ogden
AFMS Rockhound of the Year
Chairperson



It is not often these days that you can do something nice and not have it cost you a penny. So how about every club honoring one of their members by writing a short (50-100 words) article about how your choice for AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year has contributed to the success of your club.

After you have chosen your member you can have your federation director mail it to your federations chairperson, they will sent it to me and I in turn will mail it to the AFMS Newsletter editor. That's it and your member will be very proud you chose him or her or maybe even a couple and seeing it in print in the AFMS Newsletter.

Come on now get busy and let's see what federation is going to have the most entrants.

NFMS -- Vi Jones, Rocks1xlv1.george@verizon.net



National Monuments = Less Rockhounding

Recently a short list (below) describing the Obama Administration's potential new national monuments was leaked to the media in late February of this year.

The areas under consideration for new national monument status subject to public support and other considerations include the following lands, Owyhee Canyons, Montana Plains, Otero Mesa, San Rafael Swell, Northern Sonoran Desert, Cascades Siskiyou, Vermillion Basin, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Berrysessa-Snow Mountain, Heart of the Great Basin, Bodie Hills, Modoc Plateau, Cedar Mesa, and San Juan Islands. Approximately 13 million acres of land (possibly more) are at risk for potential designation.

The Proposed National Monuments:

Otero Mesa in New Mexico: A 1.2 million acre grasslands inhabited by prairie dogs, pronghorn, and other wildlife.

San Rafael Swell, Utah: A wild 40x75 mile mix of canyons, gorges, arches, and buttes that includes 5 wilderness study areas.

Owyhee Canyon lands in Oregon and Nevada: The adjacent Idaho portions of this canyon complex was given some partial protection by legislation last year, but Nevada and Oregon sections of this area remain unprotected.

Montana Northern Plains: This would protect the Bitter Creek WSA and other BLM lands which lies just south of the Canadian border and immediately adjacent to Grasslands National Park in Canada. Back in the 1980s.

Northwest Sonoran Desert, Arizona. The Sonoran Desert, dominated by its signature plant, the saguaro cactus, is the most diverse of all North American deserts this proposal would encompass desert lands northwest of Phoenix.

Cascade Siskiyou National Monument expansion, California/Oregon. In 2000 the Cascades Siskiyou National Monument was established in Oregon, but a portion of the area lies in

California. There is also discussion of including an expanded boundary in Oregon as well to include the proposed Siskiyou Crest to the west of Ashland. The Siskiyou Crest includes portions of the PCT, the Red Buttes Wilderness, and the Kangaroo Road less areas, one of the largest road less areas in northern California.

Vermillion Basin, Colorado. The Vermillion Basin lies along the Colorado-Wyoming border and bisected by Vermillion Creek, a tributary of the Green River. Part of the area was studied by the BLM for wilderness designation. It is another lonely corner of the West with rugged canyons and sage covered slopes containing important sage grouse habitat. .

Lesser Prairie Chicken, New Mexico: A 58,000 acre area that is home to bluestem grasslands.

Berrysessa-Snow Mountain, California: This 500,000 acre area would include portions of California's northern Coast Ranges that are the headwaters of Cache Creek, a BLM wilderness area.

Heart of the Great Basin, Nevada: This monument would include the Toiyabe, Monitor, and Toquima Ranges. All three ranges have some protected status granted by wilderness designation.

Bodie Hills, California. If you ever visited Bodie Ghosttown State Park north of Mono Lake, than you have been in the **proposed** Bodie Hills National Monument. This is a land of sweeping sage covered hills

Modoc Plateau, California. The 3 million acre proposed Modoc Plateau National Monument is another one of those out of the way places in the West where few venture..

Cedar Mesa, Utah. The Cedar Mesa area extends from the San Juan River to Elk Ridge on the north borders Grand Gulch on the west and Comb Wash on the east. It includes some of the best canyons in Utah like Mule, Arch, Fish and others

San Juan Islands, Washington. The 172 islands and islets that make up Washington's San Juan Islands lie in Puget Sound north and west of Seattle.

Other areas on short list:

Among areas on the short list which probably will not get national monument designation at this time are Wyoming's Red Desert, Bristol Bay region and Teshekpuk Lake on the North Slope, both in Alaska.

Land Acquisition and Consolidation

Other parts of the leaked proposal discuss funding for land trades and targeted land acquisition from willing sellers in several important areas to consulate management. For instance, within the Missouri Breaks National Monument there are approximately 80,000 acres of private lands which the administration believes could be purchased for approximately \$24 million. Another area targeted for land acquisition is the Upper Green River Valley of Wyoming where almost 400,000 checker boarded state and private acres are located that could be purchased or exchanged. A third area for consolidation is the John Day River in Oregon and the south slope of the Pioneer Mountains in Idaho near Craters of the Moon National Monument.

There is developing in Congress at this moment resistance from some of our western congressional leadership to prevent the government's expansion of removing these lands from the public domain. You can read the drafted letter by following the link.

http://www.eenews.net/public/25/14600/features/documents/2010/02/26/document_gw_03.pdf

I would encourage each one of you to inform your senators and congressional reps that we the people do not need any more National Monuments at this moment in time. We need sensible leadership to maintain and make available to us that which we already own.

Andy Johnson – Public Lands Chrm.

COMMENTS, THOUGHTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUICK TIPS for EDITORS

By Linda Jaeger, AFMS Bulletin Editors Advisory Chair

If you have a question (or suggestion) about editing or writing or the bulletin contest or something related, send it to me by email: LjgrAlg@aol.com or at home address: 3515 E. 88th St., Tulsa, OK 74137. If I cannot find an answer to your question, we'll publish the question and ask the readers for their answers.



Contest time – here we go again! Regional Federation contests are in the making. And the next AFMS contest is even earlier than last year, since the CFMS/AFMS show is June 18-20, 2010. **Have you submitted your entries to your regional federation contest?**

Important dates for the 2010 contest:

February 28, 2010 – AFMS Judges List to BEACs

March 20, 2010 – Regional entries due to AFMS judges

May 1, 2010 – Judged AFMS entries due to me

June 18-20, 2010 – CFMS/AFMS show in La Habra, CA

June 20, 2010 – Breakfast with the Editors & Web Masters

The **AFMS web site** has been updated with 2010 contest information available. **New this year** – For Regional BEACs and AFMS Judges, there are fillable control sheets online for you to download and use. Remember that you can also find sample score sheets online at the AFMS website, www.amfed.org, as well as good information on editing a newsletter.

FYI: Some minor changes have been made to the General Guidelines and to the score sheet for bulletins.

Write Some Sparkle!

There is really no formula for writing great articles, but when we let our personalities shine through our writing we get readable articles that will sparkle. Here are some suggestions for adding pizzazz.

- 1. Remember your audience.** Are you writing for kids? For all club members? For a specialized group? Adjust sentence length and vocabulary just for them.
- 2. Vary the length of your sentences,** making some short and some compound. Ask a question to introduce a topic.
- 3. Keep paragraphs fairly short.** Reading is easier on the eyes if there is a nice amount of “white space” within and around an article.
- 4. Make your reader laugh** by using humor or irony. It's okay to poke some fun at yourself!
- 5. Use the “active voice”** by turning “being verbs” into “doing verbs.” Instead of writing *Metamorphic rocks were formed from the pressure of our hands on colored pieces of playdough*, write: *We “made” metamorphic rocks by pressing colored pieces of playdough into a “rock” with our hands.*

6. Write as if you were talking to a friend about the subject. This makes your article “friendly” and easier to read.

7. Use positives instead of negatives. Instead of saying *I did not remember*, say *I forgot*. Many times the positive is shorter and easier to understand than the negative.

8. Be specific. This gives your reader a “mind” picture of what you said.

9. Leave out repetitions of the same idea and unnecessary words (i.e.: in fact, in other words). A good sentence will get your idea across to the reader in one try. Leaving out unnecessary words keeps the reader from having to hunt for the idea.

10. Use a short, attention-getting title. This grabs the reader's attention by making him curious about your subject. You can start with the title or come up with it after you have written your article.

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From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

First of all, I wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Easter. This time of the year can be a time of new life, the welcoming of Spring, the chance to alleviate some cabin fever by getting out to rock shows and even some lower altitude rockhounding.

Second, I want to apologize to some who have been receiving their Northwest Newsletter a bit late. I send it to the webmaster and to the printers by the 25th of the month. Jack has been very good at putting it on the website (<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newslet2.htm>) by the first of the month. We have little control over the printing but I have assurances that they are going to work it into their schedule in a timelier manner. The mailing is a whole other problem. Since we send it bulk mail, it can wait at each stop up to 48 hours. This really slows things down.

Just so that you don't feel that you are alone. I have not received mine yet and it is the 19th of March. Yes, I know what is in it already, of course, but I have it sent to me as a quality control check of the process. Patience is a virtue. Boy, am I learning that virtue.

HIGH GRADING FROM OTHER NEWSLETTERS

EDIBLE ROCK RECIPES

IGNEOUS ROCKS

- 1 can evaporated milk (6oz.)
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- 1-1/4 cups tiny marshmallows
- 1-1/2 cups chocolate chips
- 1-teaspoon vanilla



1. Grease and 8x8 or 9x9 inch pan.
2. Combine evaporated milk with sugar and salt in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring for 5-9 minutes.
3. Remove from heat. Add remaining ingredients and stir gently.
4. Pour into prepared pan. Let cool. (Refrigerate)
5. 1 pan (8x8) makes 30 1-inch squares.

METAMORPHIC ROCKS

- ½ cup shortening or margarine
- 1-cup brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- ½ cup well-drained crushed pineapple
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1-cup whole-wheat flour
- 1-cup flour
- 1-teaspoon soda
- 1-teaspoon salt

1. Cream the shortening and the sugar.
2. Add the beaten egg and vanilla.
3. Add the dry ingredients and mix.
4. Stir in the fruit and the nuts.
5. Drop by teaspoonful onto cookie sheet.
6. Bake for 7 minutes at 375* degrees.

Note: Chocolate chips; coconut, wheat germ, etc. can also be added.

SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

Bottom:

- 1-1/4 cups crushed cereal
- 1-1/4 tablespoons sugar
- ½ cup margarine

1. Melt the margarine.
2. Mix with the cereal and the sugar.
3. Press into and 8x8 or 9x9 pan.

Top:

- 1-cup chocolate or butterscotch chips
- 1-1/4 cups coconut
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk (14oz.)

1. Sprinkle the chips over cereal layer.
2. Sprinkle the coconut over chips.
3. Sprinkle the nuts over coconut
4. Pour condensed milk over the layers.
5. Bake for 25 minutes at 325* degrees.

*From the Dec/Jan 2010 Rock-it, Mt. Hood Rock Club
Via: The Calgary Lapidary Journal*

A BIT OF HUMOR - WHEN INSULTS HAD CLASS

from Larry Brennan's weekly e-mail

“He is a self-made man and worships his creator.” - John Bright

“I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial.” - Irvin S. Cobb

“He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others.” - Samuel Johnson

“He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up.” - Paul Keating

“Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?” - Mark Twain

“His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork.” - Mae West

“Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go.” - Oscar Wilde

“He has Van Gogh's ear for music.” - Billy Wilder

“I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it.” - Groucho Marx

Golden Spike E-News, March 2010

FALSE SPRING

By Belle Myers

It's time to start sharpening all your tools,
Brush up on all the Good Sportsman rules.
The rains have come, the drought is broken,
And I'm ready to go, tho I'll get a soakin'.



The rocks are washed clean and ever so bright,
You might even find 'em on a moonlit night.
So, come on, let's go on a Rock Safari,
If you find only one, you won't be sorry.

The ground is wet, the diggin's easy,
But watch out now or you'll get sneezy.
So head out today for the valley or hills,
And I hope you find a million thrills.

Jaspers a-plenty with colors so bright,
You might even find a perfect Dendrite.
Opals and Agates and Petrified Wood,
You'll find you've never had it so good.

But maybe you'd rather head for the ocean,
On second thought, that's a very good notion.
I heard on TV that where we always go,
They've just reported a foot of new snow.

*From the Carney Hound, February 2010-
Southern Washington Mineralogical Society*

HIGH GRADING FROM OTHER NEWSLETTERS



My Grandma

by Betty Hicks

In the dim and distant past,
When life's tempo wasn't fast
Grandmas used to rock and knit
Crochet, tat and babysit.
When the kids were in a jam
You could always count on Gram.

In the age of gracious living
Grandma was the gal for giving.
But now Grandma is out all day,
After agates, geodes and jasper they say.

Over hill and dale for that perfect rock,
Filling showcases and sharing with the rockhound flock.
If you need grandma these days
You will need to call the cell phone,
Although out in the hills, it's usually a dead zone.

The knitting needles were traded for rock hammer and pick,
And if you interrupt Grandma you had better be darn sick.
No, the old days are gone, and don't try to block her
All has changed since Grandma has gone off her rocker.

From the Rockpile, March 2010 – Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society, via Magic Valley Gem Club News (9/08), T-Town Rockhound (1/10)

COLLECTOR

by Rosie Miller

Compulsively driven to find more
Obstinately seeking come rain or shine
Leaving no rock unturned
Looking at every outcrop
Eagerly anticipating the next road-cut
Culling the mundane from the extraordinary
Tantalized by every quarry
Oblivious to all else
Rabid for rocks.

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Gem and Mineral Show Calendar

Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
Apr 9-11 Fri 9-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society, 59th Annual "Gemstone Junction" **NEW DATES & LOCATION**	Golden Spike Event Center Weber Co. Fairgrounds 1000 North 1200 West, Ogden, UT	Cindy Aeschlimann (801) 648-5060 club@goldenspikegem.org
April 9-11 Fri 10-8, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	B.C. Lapidary Society 2010 BC Gem Show - Featuring "Crystals"	CFV Fairgrounds, Ag-Rec Building 32470 Haida Drive, Abbotsford, B.C., Canada (close to the Sumas, Lynden and Blaine border crossings)	Contact: Jennifer Moore 604 328 9766 jenmac02@telus.net
April 10-11 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	SEIGMS Gem & Mineral Show	Bannock County Fairgrounds Pocatello, ID	Martin Rakatansky, (208) 233-2538, rak80@cableone.net
April 10 - 11 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club 49th Rock & Gem Show	Bloedel-Donovan Park 2214 Electric Avenue, Bellingham, WA	Candi Gerard 360 384 3187
April 10 - 11 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Mt Hood Rock Club Show	Mt Hood Community College Gym 26000 SE Stark, Gresham, OR	Contact: Keene Clay 503 558 8500 ODROC@comcast.net
April 10-11 Sat 9- 5, Sun 10-4	The Petrified Watermelon Pickers Annual Rock & Gem Show	Cancelled	Dixie Reale dixiereale@mac.com

Gem and Mineral Show Calendar

Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
April 16 – 18 Fri 9 -6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4:30	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society "Rocks of Oregon"	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 South Pacific Hwy W Rickreall, OR 97371	Kristi Edwards, (541) 738 6811, edwardskk@gmail.com
Apr 17-18 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show – NFMS Mid Year Meeting	Benton Co. Fairgrounds Kennewick, WA	Mickee Madden (509) 582-8599
Apr 17 -18 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club 49 th Annual , "Parade of Gems"	Central WA. State Fairgrounds, Modern Living Building Fair Ave & E. Nob Hill Blvd., Yakima, WA	Marti Sondgeroth marthms@q.com
April 17 – 18 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society 45th Annual	Idaho Falls Recreation Center, B Street, Idaho Falls, ID	Greg Hayes 208 521 8885
April 24 - 25 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4	Grays Harbor Gem & Geology Society "Earth's Treasures"	Gray's Harbor Co. Fairgrounds 32 Elma-McCleary Road Elma, WA	Gary Emberly, 624 Fairmont Place Aberdeen, WA 98520 (360) 533 6196, Melissa624@hotmail.com
May 1-2 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5	West Seattle Rock Club 44th Annual Gem & Mineral Show	Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40th Ave SW, Seattle, WA	Rachel Miller westseattlerockshow@hotmail.com
May 8 – 9 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4:30	Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club "Montana's Treasures"	Gallatin County Fair Grounds Black & Tamarack (Exit I-90 @ N. 7th Street), Bozeman, MT	Dan Carter 406 586 4552 Sally Griffin 406 451 4248 griffin830@yahoo.net
May 15 – 16 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society	Hermiston Conference Center 4155 Highway 395, Hermiston, OR 97838	Mike Filarski, (541) 922 5091 stonemorlin1@netscape.net
May 15 - 16 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Annual Show	Ravalli County Fairgrounds, First Interstate Ctr, 100 Old Corvallis Road, Hamilton, MT	Steve Vieth, (406) 369-5489 viethsteve88@gmail.com
June 4 - 6 Fri 12-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-4	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club	Fruitland Grange 112th Street & 86th Avenue East, Puyallup, WA	Mark Baumann, (253) 756-8636 djbmeb@earthlink.net
June 5 – 6 Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4	North Idaho Mineral Club Show	Kootenai Co. Fairgrounds and Event Center Kathleen and Gov't Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID	Warren Price, PO Box 1643 Hayden ID 83835 genuniegems@gmail.com
June 18 - 20 Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4:30	Oregon Coast Agate Club Rock'n the Coast 47th Annual Gem and Mineral Show	Yaquina View Elementary School - Multipurpose Room, 351 SE Harney Street Newport, OR 97365	K. Myers 541 265 2514 PO Box 293 Newport OR 97365
June 19 - 20 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Butte Mineral & Gem Club Annual Show	Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Avenue (exit 127 North) Butte, Montana	Pete Knudsen 406 496 4395, PO Box 4492 Butte, MT 59702
July 16- -18 Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary "Treasures Of The Earth"	Reedsport community building 415 Winchester Ave, Reedsport, OR	Bill Hendrickson 541-271-6816 or bamoonman7@msn.com
July 24 – 25 Sat 9 - 6 Sun 9 - 5	Washington Agate and Mineral Society (WAMS) and the Tenino Rock Cruisers Rock & Gem Rendez-Vous	Parkside Elementary School, Stage Street South Tenino WA Exit 88 from I-5, go east approx 8 miles. Turn right on Stage Street South. Go one block. The school is on the left.	Contact: Daniel De Boer keylock1@live.com 5107 Brenner Dr. NW Olympia WA 98502
August 6 - 8 Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Far West Lapidary and Gem Society Rock & Gem Show	Far West Lapidary and Gem Society North Bend Com. Ctr., 2222 Broadway, North Bend, OR	Rocky Pribble 541 572 8301 PO Box 251 Coos Bay OR 97420
August 13 - 15 Fri 10 – 9, Sat 10 - 9 Sun 10 - 6	Port Townsend Rock Club	Jefferson County Fairgrounds 4907 Landes Street Port Townsend WA	Tom Madsen, 2915 SR20 Port Townsend WA 98368 tommadsen@olypen.com
Sept 17 - 19 Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5	Far West Lapidary and Gem Society South Coast Rock & Gem Fest 2010	4th Street Parking Lot (across from Outdoor-In) Downtown Coos Bay, OR	Rocky Pribble 541 572 8301 PO Box 251, Coos Bay OR 97420
September 18 - 19 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fairgrounds Castle Rock, WA 98611	Fran Wolff PO Box 1492, Kalama WA 98625 360 560 2987, fwolff@comcast.net
Sept. 25-26 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Hellgate Mineral Society Big Sky Rocks	Ruby's Reserve Street Inn 4825 North Reserve Street Missoula, MT 59808	Bob Riggs 14 Holiday Lane, Missoula MT 59801, 406 543 3667
October 23-24 Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Harvest of Gems in 2010 - 46th Annual Gem and Mineral Show	Clackamas County Fairgrounds Main Pavilion Building, 694 NE 4th Avenue Canby, OR	Bea Settle 503 631 3128 Rick Mauer 503 691 6395 tallerricardo@juno.com