



NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 66 NO. 4 - APRIL 2026
NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF
MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES



REMINDER:

All newsletter submissions must be received by the 25th of each month to be included in the following issue.

Table of Contents:

NFMS Executive Board Officer Articles	1 - 2
Historian Article / Donations Update	3
Blue Forest Trip Info	4
NFMS Old Business	5
2026 NFMS Shoe News and Photos	6
Banquet Highlights.	7 - 8
Display Cases and Other Photos	9 - 13
NFMS Meeting Agenda and Reports	14 - 25
NFMS Budget for 2027	26 - 30
Awards Summary and Display Photos	31 - 38
NFMS Shows	39 - 43
NFMS Officer Information	44 - 45

NFMS President Michael Rhodes

Greetings to all of you who love the beauties of nature, whether it be crystal structure, fossils, tumbling, lapidary, or just cutting up rocks to see what's inside. With warmer weather approaching it won't be long until we get to our favorite collection sites or find new places to gather rocks and minerals. Thanks to all of you who made their way to Missoula for the Annual Meeting. I appreciate the input from Directors and Delegates; I think the meeting was successful and look forward to the rest of the year ahead.

As we have mentioned before, we need volunteers to help fill the committees that keep the federation on track. If you find a committee listed at the end of the newsletter that interests you, contact a member of the Executive Board, or the committee chairman and volunteer. In this age of technology, a lot of the committee work can be done electronically, on Google Meets or Zoom.

I am grateful that we have had a couple of clubs that stepped up and volunteered to host the next two annual meetings, but it would be nice to be able to plan even beyond that. Talk to your club board and encourage them to find out what it takes to host a show. In the past, there have been clubs that would not host because of the loss of income, but the Executive Board doesn't want clubs to lose money by hosting an annual meeting. Think about it and then let us know.

Our next Federation meeting will be held in Portland Oregon, on October 3. Since we had our annual meeting in March, we will not have a midyear meeting, but this will be a federation organizational meeting, for directors and delegates. We will set this up to be online but would love to see as many of you as are able to come to Portland. This will be held during the 2026 Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show. With warmer weather get out and enjoy this hobby we share, Be safe and as always, ROCK ON!!!!

NFMS 1st Vice President

Jennifer Haley

I had such a good time in Montana at the Annual NFMS Show & Convention, hosted by the Hellgate Mineral Society. They did an amazing job giving the federation members a good time, along with the public. As soon as the show doors opened, people began rolling in by the herds, which continued throughout the next day. The hotel worked out great for my husband and I too, so convenient.

The vendors at the show were tops. I don't think I've seen so many quality slabs of material at one show like this before. I brought an extra small suitcase to carry all my paperwork and skit props to the event, thinking I'd probably have less weight going home. But nope, I came home with wonderful slabs and other rock and mineral material for future dream projects.

The banquet was a wonderful event. Heartfelt honors and awards were given out to Well Deserved members. As NFMS officers and chairmen, we wanted to give you some good laughs over dinner. It had been in the plans for some time to present you with a skit. It was lots of fun to have it so well received.

There were many excellent exhibits displayed by Juniors-Adults. My favorites-the carved butterflies. I have to hand it to Lora Hall for tying her Western kerchief in such perfect form as seen from the back. Most impressive! Mine never turned out looking that good, when I helped my grandfather round up cattle in the foothills as a kid. She made some of us swear on a rockhounding book to tell the truth in answer to her questions, with promises to shoot us with the bananas resting in the holster around her waist, if we lied. Thank you Lora for a great time, and thanks to Hellgate Mineral Society for doing such a grand job. I heard so much laughter during the setting up and take down of the show. Your members are great! It's was one of the best shows I've been to, along with the NFMS meeting, too! Great job everyone, and thank you for attending!



NFMS Secretary

Judi Allison

Our NFMS Annual Show and meeting is a wrap. The Hellgate Mineral Society put on a wonderful show and exhibited what great hosts a club can be. I am sure if you were to ask any of their members, they would say it was a lot of work, but I think they would also tell you they enjoyed the experience.

One of the best highlights of the time for me was that we FINALLY got our Treasurer on board with the ability to do his work with a financial institution. From now on, you can send anything related to money to our Treasurer, Adam Pettitt.

The entire show was stellar with speakers, great dealers, demonstrations and all 'round wonderful hospitality. Hopefully, you will enjoy the photo array that gives you an overview in this newsletter.

One of the major focuses of the meeting was the results from the Endowment Fund Survey. At the top of the list were more field trips. Look for the list and the funding decisions from the Endowment Committee in this newsletter. (I will include the entire minutes in the next newsletter.)

And, speaking of field trips, the trips being offered in May and June by leader, Doug True follow. I assure you that he will make certain you have a great time. What a wonderful way to spend some vacation time!

Blue Forest-Southwest Wyoming: May 20-24 Eden Valley out of Farson

Teepee Canyon South Dakota: June 24-28 East of Newcastle, Wyoming. Agates

I will send details on motels and instructions for both locations as soon as I get them, so be sure to ask your club contact people to share.

Let's all get out and start enjoying nature and the summer that is just around the corner. Or at least, take in a show or two. My two local clubs have their shows in April and May, so that will keep me busy for a bit. See you next month! Judi

AFMS Historian Jennifer Haley

WANTED: Amateur Geologist Historical Information

I just received written information with photos, from Mary Savage, who read this article last month. A million “thank yous” to her. What she sent was absolutely wonderful! It is about the Giant Ground Sloth skeleton from Devil Peak, Nevada.

As a reminder, here is what I am looking for. Information to help me document the members in your clubs, who over the years, have made significant discoveries and contributions to science as amateur geologists. These categories include, Mineralogy and Paleontology, in the discovery and documented identification of new minerals and fossils. If you have information about someone in the public who were amateur geologists, but not in your clubs, that is fine too.

This information can be found in your club and federation newsletters over the years, nomination letters submitted to, The National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame and newspapers. There are clubs no longer in existence who were once affiliated with your federations, who may have had a member who should be remembered, too.

The information I would like to have is: name of the member, name of their club and federation, name of the mineral or fossil, the year if possible of when the official discovery was found and documented. This information will greatly help me document our recreational rockhounding history, and in part, possibly assist us in our historical significance to public lands management. I would like to get going on this project right away. Thank you're your help with this, and I hope to hear from you soon! Thank you.



2026 GEM SHOW

Hosted By Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club
29th Annual Show

Saturday, April 18th – 9 am to 6 pm

Sunday, April 19th – 10 am to 4 pm

Benton County Fairgrounds

SAVE THE
DATE!

EXTENDED
HOURS ON
SATURDAY!

1500 S. Oak St., Kennewick, WA



Adult Admission \$5 (good for both days)

Children 14 and under FREE

with paid adult admission

ATM now available!



Events & Activities Include:

40 Collectors' Exhibits
Great Door Prizes
Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Dealers
Fluorescent Displays
Kid's Korner – Games & Crafts
Silent Auctions
Geode Cracking
Member Parking Lot Sale – Sunday

Demonstrations Include:

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

8:00am to Noon

Follow the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club
on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube
And at lakesidegemandmineralclub.com



Donations

Mary Lou Northup

Attention! Attention! Attention!

First I want to say thanks, thanks, thanks for everyone who has donated to the scholarship fund this year. Each donation no matter how big or how small is much appreciated. I had the chance to talk to one of the scholarship receivers in Missoula this last weekend. He is doing wonderful work and really appreciated his scholarship. There has been a little confusion this year about how to address your donation. Although I am a Northwest Scholarship person it really is American Federation that gives out the scholarship/ If you make out a check please address it AFMS scholarship fund. I then send your check to New York state where the current scholarship treasurer lives and she puts it in the bank in the proper account. Again thank you for your donations. Each one helps a student continue their education.

Mt. Hood Rock Club's 2026 Rock & Gem Show

April 10 - 12 | Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-3

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

- 30+ Vendors selling: minerals, rocks, beads, jewelry, and fossils
- Kids' corner with games and activities
- Raffle prizes, silent auctions, and door prizes
- Live demonstrators
- Oral auction on Sunday
- Educational exhibits featuring fossils, minerals, lapidary, etc.
- And more!

Jackson Armory, 6255 NE Cornfoot Rd, Portland, OR

mthoodrockclub.com/annual-rock-show
Mt. Hood Rock Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

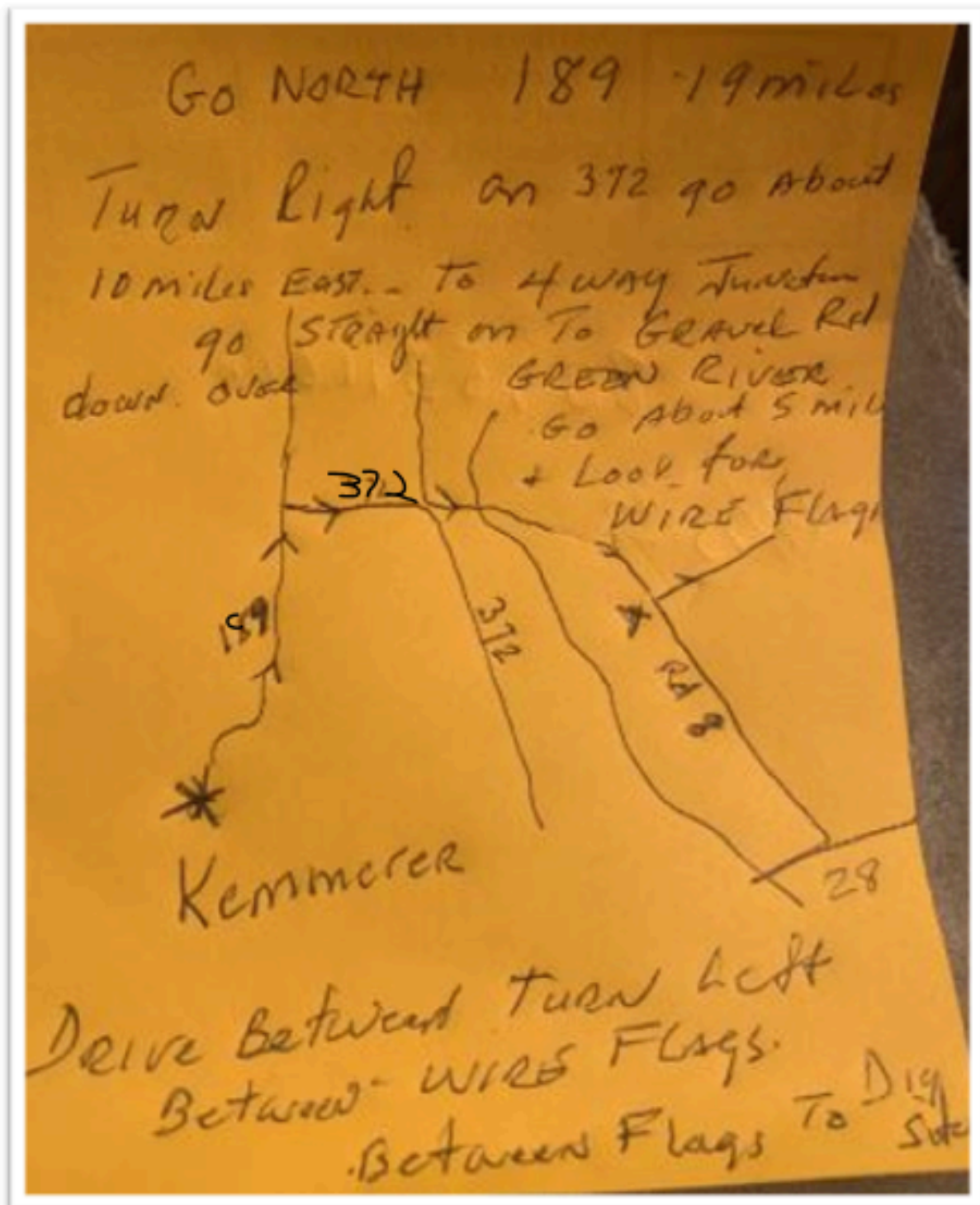
FREE ADMISSION!

Blue Forest Trip Directions

May 20-24 Out-of Farson, Wyoming

Directions from Farson. Once the collectors cross the Green River (single lane bridge) Go about 5 miles east on Road 8. Watch for a gravel road to the left (yellow standpipes at the north corner). At this point Doug puts out wire flags marking the way in. Collectors just need to stay between the flags.

In Doug's words, : We dry camp on site, have campfires, etc. Motels in Kemmerer are about 40 miles from dig site. There is a camp on the Green River, but there are too many mosquitoes, no snakes. Bring shovels, picks, rock picks, gloves. I have probes. Bring plenty of liquids, come and have fun! (Doug's phone number: 406-670-0506)



NFMS Old Business

Approval of Endowment Funds Expenditures for 2026

(This was approved at the Annual meeting on March 20th in Missoula, Montana)

Background:

- Per its operating procedures, the NFMS Endowment Fund Committee solicits, evaluates and recommends for approval by the NFMS Executive Board projects or programs to be funded from the available Endowment fund monies.
- Per our Endowment Fund spending policy we have \$11,000 to spend this year.
- NFMS is a 501c(3) organization that is obligated to make expenditures that benefit individuals outside the organization. (The amount isn't specified but the IRS is looking closer nationally at all Non Profits for levels of compliance).

This year the committee received and evaluated 17 spending proposals. Our process included an online survey of the federation membership assessing their level of support for each proposal. With that information we looked deeper into the top 6 ranked proposals and have come up with the following recommendations.

The top six proposals:

1. **More federation sponsored field trips.** It was suggested that we cover fees charged at commercial mines that offer collecting by the public. A committee is working on details to make this happen. We recommend allocating **\$4,000** for this project.
2. **Develop canned "Rock Talk" packages** that clubs could use when asked to make outside presentations as well as for club meetings. This is a low-cost item and needs a lot more work to develop. We recommend developing a committee from the 12 people who said they would like to work on this with the goal of having some talks available by the end of 2026 for implementation in 2027.
3. Have the **NFMS sponsor undergraduate scholarships for geology** related studies. A committee is working on details for this proposal. We recommend allocating **\$3,000** to this proposal.
4. **Fund Liability and other insurance premiums** either under a blanket policy or reimburse clubs what they currently pay. Looking into either options it was determined that the cost would greatly exceed what is available, so this proposal was dropped from further consideration at this time.
5. **Make more activities available for attendees** to participate in at the show associated with the annual NFMS meeting. Since the annual meeting is happening as we speak, this was deferred until next year. It has been suggested that this be an item negotiated when the agreement between the sponsoring club and the federation Executive Board is put together and may affect how funds are split.
6. Work with **Rockhound Retreat coordinator** and identify area where endowment funds could be used **to reduce the cost** to attend that event. There are several opportunities, so we recommend allocating **\$4,000** to the Rockhound Retreat.

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

As part of our banquet this year, we decided to add a little levity to the proceedings while educating the general membership about our positions and what they entail. The Executive Board and the Committee Chairs who were present were "on trial" and questioned by "Judge Lora (Bean) Hall" with her banana guns at her sides. Each member gave an overview laced with

"Judge Lora" with her banana gun

a bit of humor of what their position entailed. In the end all were found to be hard working individuals who were "let off the hook" as all confessed that we still need volunteers!

Our Credentials folks, Clara and Del Walker ferreting out those who forgot their credentials so they can give them the ability to vote.



Before our future President (1st Vice President, Jennifer) switched to her 2026 confession, she explained her attire.

"First I should do some explaining. In the Western theme of the show, I come dressed as Mary Anning born in 1799. She actually wore a bonnet similar to this. She was considered the first professional female paleontologist. At the time, she discovered 2 new dinosaurs, and recognized the true nature of coprolites (fossilized poop)."



President, Michael pulling a rabbit out of his hat to get his job done.

Banquet Highlights

The Hellgate Mineral Society hosted a wonderful show complete with a delicious meal provided by Famous Dave's BBQ. After the meal, Emcee Doug True led the proceedings. Scholarship Honoree, Darrell Coyle received a plaque for his part in obtaining two graduate students studying in the field of science to receive the NFMS Scholarship award of \$4000 through the American Federation. One of the recipients, Russell Krantz made an appearance to give his thanks. Our Rule and Awards "guys", Larry and Josh Hulstrom presented the awards for the competitive displays. Lora Hall, our new Education Chair, presented the newly created Excellence in Education awards to Dr Paul Bybee of the Golden Spike Club, Doug True from the Billings club and Susie Koppert from the Mt Hood Club. Former NFMS, AFMS President, Bill Smith officiated the swearing in of the officers for the 2027 year. And, Secretary, Judi Allison presented the traditional rock hammer to outgoing President, Michael Rhodes (who will continue to be busy as President until the end of 2026.)



Honoree, Darrell Coyle



Student Russell Krantz



Rules and Awards, Larry and Josh Hulstrom presenting a traveling trophy to the Hellgate Club



Education Awardee, Doug True



Education Awardee, Susie Koppert



2027 Officers: Treasurer, Adam Pettitt; Secretary, Judi Allison; President, Jennifer Haley; 1st Vice President, June Dorning; 2nd Vice President, Steven Stiff being sworn in by Bill Smith

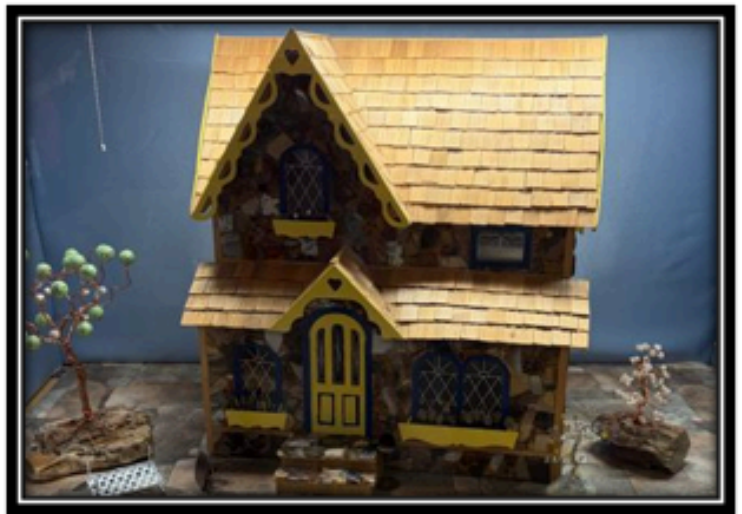


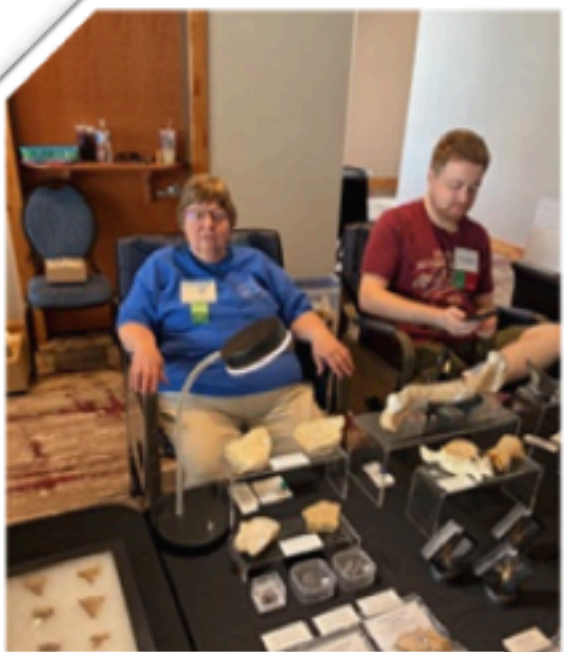
President, Michael Rhodes receiving the outgoing hammer.

Following is a myriad of display cases from the show.









Lora and Carter Hall relaxing at their paleontology booth



Junior Leader, Jennifer Fitch introducing the new NFMS Junior Rockhound Patch



Idaho Star Garnets Display

In loving memory and tribute to the founders, Dudley & Alberta Stewart
Stewart's Gem Shop

The "Original" star garnet necklace (center) on the cover of Lapidary Journal Dec 1967

NFMS ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Friday, March 20th, 2026 – 2:00 pm Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula, Montana

Zoom Link for the Meeting: <https://meet.google.com/tyb-ewfn-rns?pli=1>

Parliamentarian-Darrell Coyle

ORDER OF BUSINESS. . .

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance -Michael Rhodes, President

Introductions: Officers, Chairs-Michael Rhodes, President

Introduction of Past Presidents and VIPs-Jennifer Haley, 1st Vice President

Introduction of Attendees – Directors/Delegates-June Dorning, 2nd Vice President

Invocation-Evan Day

Moment of Silence for Those Lost-Michael Rhodes, President (See last page for list)

Credentials – Swearing in of Directors – Clara and Del Walker, Credentials

Committee Reports – Acknowledgements, additional information – Committee Chairpersons

Old Business

Endowment Fund Survey Results/Projects-Jim Brain

Additional Old Business

AFMS Endowment Fund Ticket Sales

Door Prize Drawing

Distribution of Directories - 1 Per Club and Committee Chair (additional \$5.00)

New Business

Adoption of Proposed Budget-Jennifer Haley

Rules and Awards Proposals-Larry Hulstrom

Introduction of Executive Board Nominees and Vote-Lora Hall

Plea for 2027 and 2028 NFMS Host

Additional Business

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-REPORTS IN PACKET

President-Michael Rhodes

Executive Secretary-Judi Allison

Treasurer-Adam Pettitt

Budget /1st Vice President-Jennifer Haley

Bulletin Aids-Pricilla Hall-Ford

Credentials-Clara & Del Walker

Custodian-2nd Vice President-June Dorning

Directory-Janel Lacey

Education-Lora Hall

Endowment Fund-Vicki Johnson/Jim Brain

Field Trip-Doug True

Historian-Open Ronna Watkins, pro tem

Juniors-Jennifer Fitch

Newsletter Editor-Jessica Himple

Nominating-Lora Hall

Northwest Rockhound Retreat-Walt Butler

Rules & Awards-Joshua Hulstrom

Past Presidents Council-Larry Hulstrom

Public Lands Advisory-Susie Koppert

Public Relations-Open

Resolutions-Audrey Vogelpohl

Rockhound of the Year-Laurie Ellis

Safety-Kathy Larson

Scholarship-Mary Lou Northrup

Show Coordination-Faith Farley

Slide/Video- Ronna Watkins

Stamps-Aaron Currier/Ed Anderson

Supplies-Open

Ways & Means-Open

Webmaster-Brad Larson

Website Competition-Open

ALAA-Jennifer Haley

AFMS COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

AFMS President -Ronna Watkins

AFMS Junior Program Chair-Lora Hall

Endowment Fund-Judi Allison

Program Competition-DeLane Cox

Scholarship Foundation-Mary Lou Northrup

REPORTS FOLLOW:

President– Michael Rhodes

The annual report is part of the accountability for the responsibilities we hold within the Northwest Federation. Most of the annual reports are specific. The First Vice President is also the budget committee chairperson, this is where the proposed budget for the coming year is presented to the membership. The 2nd Vice President is the Federation Custodian, that report lists the various materials owned by the federation as well as listing who actually has possession of those items. Committee heads report on their specific committee responsibilities.

The President has no specific area of responsibility to report on, so my Annual Report is a bit more freeform. While I was in the USAF I learned that the only real constant in this world is change. Phrases like “firmly etched in Jello” “rigidly flexible,” and “subject to change without notice” explained the actual operation of many units. That is not to say there wasn’t planning. Most missions were planned well in advance, but situations easily become fluid in the “real world.”

Change has been my experience since becoming a member of the Executive Committee now the Executive Board (change?) At the Billings Annual Meeting there was a somewhat contentious discussion of going electronic with our NFMS Newsletter. The proposal was passed the next year without too much discussion. We have altered the format of the NFMS Directory, removing most private information and cutting down the size (and cost) of the directory. Last year we made major corrections and improvements to the Bylaws and Operation Procedure. We also changed our federation year to correspond to the calendar year. This was actually a financial decision because our fiscal year didn’t even end at the end of the calendar quarter, which made something of a mess with taxes.

Since becoming a member of the Executive Board, we have had two NFMS Treasurers pass away in office, which also caused some IRS confusion, but I think the confusion has been straightened out (Thanks Lora Hall). Our faithful federation Secretary, Judi Allison, who says she’s not a numbers person has carried that additional responsibility for quite a while. At our 2026 annual meeting we will formally elect a new Treasurer, who will give us stability in the years ahead.

Some clubs have withdrawn from the federation, not seeing any benefit in belonging to our organization, while other clubs have applied to be member clubs. Change is constant. While I am sad that some loud, squeaky wheels have caused clubs to abandon us, I am happy to see the overall growth, not just in the number of member clubs, but in the membership in many of these clubs. A new generation is catching “rock fever”, and not looking for a cure,

Thanks to Anna McKenny for creating and running the Endowment Fund Survey, and thanks to those of you who took the time to respond to the survey, These responses will help determine the direction (change) for the use of endowment fund monies.

The truth is that change is constant. Some members of the Executive Board will move up to other responsibilities within Judi Allison, who is the repository of our federation memory, will remain as secretary, but will shed the responsibilities of Treasurer Pro Tem. A new Treasurer will be elected, a new second Vice President will be elected, and the rest will move up one notch. I will move to immediate past president at the end of the calendar year. Annual Meetings will be held somewhere else next year (WE ARE LOOKING FOR A CLUB TO VOLUNTEER TO SPONSOR UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETINGS!!! [HOST A SHOW])

I want to thank the members of the EB for their expertise and support. I want to thank you for your interest in rocks, minerals, fossils, geology, and earth sciences.

As always, ROCK ON!

Secretary – Judi Allison

Hi folks. For some reason, this year seems to be a scramble. We have had midyear meetings before and annual meetings early in the year, but I have really felt a case of the “catch ups” this year. I think my plate was a bit smaller than what it was holding. By sitting down and writing this and getting the agenda almost finalized, I feel I am catching up a bit. I do have to admit that I tend to pile my plate a little high at times. Throw in an impromptu trip to Pheonix to visit family and a previously unscheduled trip to the west side of Washington for a great nephew’s wedding and things start to spill over. I do have to admit, though, that I rather abhor being idle, so I guess it is all working out.

I am excited about the coming year. I do think we are working hard to continue to move forward with our Federation. We are striving for more visibility and interaction. We are creating opportunities for members, and we are working on simplifying communication and creating a more universal platform. Even though a number of

our “committees” can be run by a “chairperson”, a committee is made up of more than one individual. You will see that our new Education Chair, Lora Hall, very much believes in this philosophy to create an effective committee. I have seen her commitment before and have every confidence that she will follow through and create something exciting and dynamic. In the very short time since she decided to take on this position, I have seen wonderful results.

Don’t get me wrong. Every person and everyone who volunteers for our Federation is a gem, and many do a great deal in the shadows. But, taking up on Lora’s push, everyone could use a little assistance and support. Take for example, our wonderful newsletter editor, Jessica Himple. She puts together a stellar publication, but I know for a fact she would love to see some input from individual members and clubs. Perhaps your club had a great activity at a meeting; maybe you wrote a poem, or a member gave a great account of a recent field trip. Send the information to Jessica and she will put it in the newsletter. Everyone loves to read about what others are doing. It can add interest and ideas for their own clubs. Our Bulletin Aids Chairperson could use help soliciting for and organizing submissions for the contests. There are two “stamp guys” who work together to take care of the piles of stamps donated for benefit of the Juniors. We also have committees that are completely vacant. Consider doing some volunteering and help revitalize and reinvent the positions. Let’s keep moving forward. I believe there is a saying about how “many hands make short work”. Come join in and enjoy the fun!

NFMS Treasurer-Adam Pettitt *Income/Expense Report ADDENDUM III (Prepared by Judi)*

1st Vice President –Jennifer Haley

As I write this, I am close to finishing up working on the NFMS Proposed Budget for 2027. Each year for every NFMS 1st VP, one of their jobs is chairman for the budget. Because I’ve done it before, and in understanding all the thought and details that need to go into it, I actually find it rather fun this time around. And that’s saying a lot, because I never thought of myself as a number’s person before. So, you see, you can volunteer to be an NFMS officer or a committee chairman or be on a committee, and you’ll learn so much that it is involved in being a federation. I don’t plan the budget all on my own. I work on laying out the budget though interactions and feedback from the chairmen and the officers. Once I think I have it ready, then it goes back to the executive board for review and final tweaking, before it’s presented to all of you at the NFMS Annual Meeting for your approval. I can tell you, working together with everyone is a great experience. The NFMS is a wonderful federation, and I’ve enjoyed being a part of it since I joined a few years ago. It’s full of warm and friendly people, who are generous with their time, and dedicated to this federation. So, I would encourage you to volunteer. Each year we are always looking for a 2nd VP, so please do think about it. There are a few open committees that could use an extra hand, and don’t forget, there is room for your creativity within those committees and officer positions.

As 1st VP, I am also a member of the NFMS Endowment Fund Committee, and I am the Club at Large- President. For the Club at Large, so far this year I’ve sent out a letter of hello to each of the members and reminded them the various contests and Juniors programs. I plan on keeping in touch with those members during this year. I am also currently the AFMS 5th VP.

2nd Vice President-June Dorning

Budget-1st Vice President-Jennifer Haley

(See the Proposed Budget as Addendum II)

Bulletin Aids –Priscilla Hall-Ford

Priscilla had an emergency this year and is unable to attend the show. We wish her well. (No Editor’s Breakfast)

Credentials – Clara & Del Walker

By the time you read this, our job should already be completed. Thank you for your help in making our job easier by sending us the info on who your Directors and Delegates are who will be attending this meeting.

Clara & Del Walker, Credentials Chair

Custodian-2nd Vice President-June Dorning

(See the Custodial Report as Addendum I)

Directory – Janel Lacey

As I add this tidbit in the report, Janel is busy getting the Directory in order so she can take it to the printers before she leaves to take her granddaughter on a special trip. We will miss her at the meeting but thank her for all the work she has put in to have the Directories available for distribution at the Show.

Education-Lora Hall

When my term of President was over, I began looking around for another way I could volunteer and stay active in the federation. There was no shortage of empty positions, but in keeping with my background in interpretation and environmental education, I decided the Education Chair was where I could do the most good, or the minimal damage, depending on your point of view.

Like many positions in the federation, the Education Chair it is supposed to be a chair position that guides a committee or group of people working towards the same goal. With that in mind, I am looking for other people that would like to join the Education Committee. I envision us meeting 3 to 4 times a year via zoom to exchange ideas and come up with projects that will help the federation fulfill its mission as an educational organization. Everyone is welcome to join with a very limited time commitment. If you would like to jump on board, simply shoot me an email or drop me a text. Maybe we can work on an in-person meeting at the annual show and again at the mid-year meeting. Moving forward, I see us working hand in hand with the Endowment Committee to help further their mission as well.

To jump start the education program and show off our pride in the NFMS, we ordered a limited number of custom designed t-shirts in garnet red and Sapphire blue that will be for sale at the Annual Convention and Show in Missoula, MT. Be sure to grab yours early! At \$15 you can even afford to pick-up one in each color.

I look forward to serving as your Education Chair and if you can give a couple hours of your time every other month to zoom and share your ideas, please consider joining the Education Committee.

Endowment Fund – Vicki Johnson, Chair: Jim Brain, Financial Advisor

2026 Annual meeting NFMS Endowment Fund Report

The Endowment Fund Committee would like to thank the Everett Rock and Gem Club for the significant donation they recently made in honor of Art CASS who passed away 12/20/2025. According to [his Seattle Times](#) obituary, "*Art Cass (Arthley M. Cass, 1939–2025) was a long-time member and instructor for the Everett Rock & Gem Club in Everett, Washington. Known for his expertise in lapidary, he taught classes and was recognized as part of the club's "prodigious brain trust".*" The Endowment Committee continues to encourage clubs within the federation to make donations in memory of deceased members.

Highlights of our year:

1. We welcome the following new members to the Committee:
 - a. Mikki Richard of the Marysville club as our new secretary/treasurer
 - b. Jennifer Haley of the large club by virtue of her position as 1st VP of the federation
 - c. June Doring of the Yakima club by virtue of her position as 2nd VP of the federation
2. We recalculated the Fund's authorized spending limit for budget year 2026 to reflect the shifting of our budget year from Sept 1 thru Aug 31 to a calendar year basis.

Year ending	Managed account balance
12/31/2025	\$300,236.16
12/31/2024	\$272,595.40
12/31/2023	\$266,599.89
3-year average balance	\$279,810.48
2026 4% spending limit	\$ 11,192.42

3. Prioritizing the potential EF spending options for this year. We followed up on a suggestion made at the September annual meeting in WW to use a Google Survey of the NFMS membership to get a sense of membership support for the various EF spending options that have been presented. We want to thank Anna McKinney of the Marysville club for all the work she put in to make the survey happen.

The survey got off to a rocky start in late October when we released two surveys. One survey was sent to each club and was intended to be completed by the club's leadership committee reflecting the degree of support by their club of the various items. The other was to be forwarded by the club to their entire club members to gauge the support of individual members. Having two surveys turned out to be very confusing, so in mid-November we started over with one survey that was intended to reach the entire federation membership. We tried several ways to communicate info about the survey to membership. In addition to sending survey instructions to the designated contact person that Judi Allison uses to send information clubs with several follow-up reminders, the NFMS

President and Executive Sec encouraging members to take the survey in their messages to the membership in the NFMS newsletter.

By the end of January, 2026 we had received 340 responses from members representing 44 clubs. This represented a response from 6% of the total federation membership which is about what is expected when conducting such a survey of a large dispersed membership group.

For a first try at using such a survey, the committee felt it was successful and has given us enough information to prioritize the spending proposals which will be forwarded to the NFMS Board of Directors for final decision.

It should be noted that despite all the effort to get the word out about the survey, we did not get responses from members of 11 clubs which may have identified a different problem.

- Judi found that some of the club contact information was not correct or out of date.
 - Some contacts didn't pick up on the fact that they were expected to forward the information regarding the survey to their individual members.
 - The various Clubs took different approaches to disseminate information. Some forward the info directly to members via emails. Others posted info on their club web site and members were expected to check the web site periodically to get information.
 - Computer skills and access varies significantly across the federation membership.
4. The current Endowment Fund balance in the investment account is \$315,000 with another \$22,900 in the brokerage account. Details are attached. **(This will be finalized after the month end data is available in early March).**
 5. Committee work that remains to be done this business year includes:
 - a. Correct information in the NFMS Newsletter regarding where to send donations to the Endowment Fund.
 - b. Developing final details and cost estimates for the selected funding options.
 - c. Update the paperwork at Charles Schwab to reflect the current committee membership.
 - d. Transfer the committee's historical financial records to the new Secretary/Treasurer.
 - e. Start the search for new funding opportunities to consider in the 2027 business year.
 6. Finally, we would like to thank Lyle Vogelpohl for the hundreds of hours of work over the years he has put supporting the Federation and Endowment Fund Committee activities and wish him the best in his retirement from the Federation Activities.

Submitted by:

Vicki Johnson, Endowment Fund Committee Chair

Jim Brain, Endowment Fund Financial Advisor

NFMS ENDOWMENT FUND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2024-25 ANNUAL MEETING (ADDENDUM VI)

Field Trip – Doug True –

There will be a trip to the Blue Forest over Memorial Weekend (May 21-25) and a trip to the Tee Pee Canyon Agate area June (25-28). Doug will have the details at the meeting.

Historian – Open All historical items are safely store in Hillsboro, Oregon thanks to Gordon Hale and the generosity of Bill Harvey and his mother. One can see the size of the keepsakes in the Custodial report. If you are interested in History and love poring over old materials, a Chairmanship as Historian might be right up your alley. You get to look through the keepsakes and write up about the history of the Federation.

Juniors – Jennifer Fitch

Hello, everyone!

I want to share some exciting news happening with the NFMS Juniors! First of all...we have a new NFMS Junior's Patch designed and on its way to us! I held a contest to have the kiddos give inspiration for the design, and had 9 children from around the NFMS send in submissions! Wow! A main design was chosen, then a few members collaborated together and were able to include little parts from every submission into the design. I am so excited to unveil and share these with the kids! All participants are getting an award for helping!

The next thing I did was go through and try to revamp the Junior Achievement Award. I felt that the kids needing to remember activities and achievements from two years ago was a bit too hard, especially for the younger kiddos,

so I changed it. Now they only have to remember the activities in which they were involved and what they achieved for one year. I also changed the frequency they are allowed to enter. Previously, they could enter, then had to wait two years to do it again unless they moved to a different age bracket. This is too confusing for me, much less the kiddos, to keep track. Now, they can enter EVERY year! This will help encourage participation and will also simplify everything for everyone. I also made the due date the same every year... entries must be postmarked or emailed by February 15th of the year. The last thing I revamped was the prize amounts. Some kids were only receiving a prize of \$5. This is not really a great showing that our awesome federation cares for the kids. So...I changed the amounts to reflect a more generous amount, thus hopefully encouraging more participation in the future.

I have enjoyed getting the reports from the junior leaders on all the things the juniors of the federation have been doing this past year! I love including the achievements of the badges earned in the NFMS newsletters, as well as a joke of the month and a little letter to everyone. One thing that I have also been doing is participating in the AFMS Junior Committee as we update our FRA badge program. Many cool things have happened there, including the invention of an all new badge – Sand and Sediment. More things are in the works concerning the badge program, and things will be announced as they happen.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve the NFMS in this position. My hope is that all clubs with juniors can move towards a maximum participation, and I am blessed to be of assistance to these leaders!

Newsletter Editor – Jessica Himple

As editor of the Northwest Mineralogical Newsletter, this year has been both rewarding and transformative. One of the biggest developments has been transitioning our publication to new software as we prepare for the phase-out of Microsoft Publisher, which will soon no longer be operable. While the shift required some extra learning and adjustments behind the scenes, it also offers exciting opportunities to improve how we design and share the stories, discoveries, and knowledge that make our community so special. It continues to be a privilege to help bring together the voices of collectors, researchers, and enthusiasts from across the Northwest. I'm always grateful for the enthusiasm and expertise of our contributors, and I encourage readers to send in articles, photos, field trip stories, or mineral highlights. Your submissions are what keep the newsletter vibrant and engaging for everyone!

Nominating – Lora Hall

Introducing 2027 2nd Vice President Candidate-Steve Stiff

Hello everyone, my name is Steve Stiff and I live in Missoula, MT with my wife Linnea (we celebrate our 48th anniversary this year). I am currently serving as vice president of the Hellgate Mineral Society, and was recently appointed its society director.

I served in the U.S. Air Force, attended the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. I moved to Missoula in 1977, which is where I met my wife. I attended the Missoula Vocational-Technical Center and then worked for many years with Honeywell, Inc. I later attended the University of Montana, taking classes with my son, and received a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (I love saying I got a BS in CS). I then taught as a tenured assistant professor at Missoula College. While teaching at Missoula College I received my Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction. Now, finally, my wife and I are now enjoying our retirement.

My interest in the Hellgate Mineral Society began a number of years ago when my wife and I were told by close friends of the club's rock show taking place at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula; we had been picking up the odd rock and mineral with these friends during our explorations around western Montana. We joined the club the day we attended the show and we have been active in the club ever since.

My son got us truly interested and active in collecting specimens on a trip to the Challis, ID area and the rest is history. We enjoy collecting agate, jasper, quartz, fluorite, and petrified wood all of which are abundant in various locations in Montana and Idaho. My son and I have collected opal in Nevada. We have also collected fire agate, flame agate, sunstones and thundereggs in Oregon. We have dug quartz crystals in Montana, Idaho, and Arkansas, and collected petrified wood in Montana, Idaho, and Oregon (but we haven't been to the Blue Forest in Wyoming, yet).

Lora Hall nominated me for Second Vice President of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and after some encouragement from Judi Allison, I accepted the nomination. I thank you for the opportunity to serve the NFMS.

Additional members being presented for the Executive Board are as follows:

Jennifer Haley -NFMS President

June Dorning-NFMS 1st Vice President

Judi Allison-NFMS Secretary

Adam Pettitt-NFMS Treasurer (Although this ran in the newsletter, since the assembly will be formally electing him, I have added it here.)

I have been married to my wife Denise for 4 years and we have been together for 10 years now. I have 3 adult children of my own, 2 adult stepchildren and 2 of the cutest dogs ever! I was originally born in Albuquerque, New Mexico and moved to Oregon for the first time in high school. Since then, I have moved back and forth a few times but have lived exclusively in Oregon for the last 25 years. I love living in Oregon because I am 1.5 hours from the beach and mountains, plus there are some great minerals here in the Pacific Northwest for digging up.

Outside of work I enjoy rockhounding of course, playing golf, attending beer/wine festivals with my wife, trips to the beach, spending time at home with the wife and dogs, and watching sports on TV. Formula 1 and Football (Go Giants!) are the sports I watch the most but will watch any sport really. I also really enjoy decorating my house for Halloween and Christmas. I strive to be the house all the kids want to trick or treat at. Luckily, this November I get to take a 2-week trip to Japan, which has been on the top of my bucket list since I was a teenager. Hopefully, I can convince my family to go rockhounding with me while we are there.

I have been an enthusiastic rockhound for about 4 years, since my youngest kid graduated high school and moved out. I was always interested in rocks but really did not have the time to focus on the hobby while I was raising 3 kids alone and even less time when my wife and I combined our families. Once my son moved out, I decided that I needed a hobby and started rockhounding and prospecting. I have been starting to gather lapidary machines, and raw materials so fill my winter with cabbing projects.

I officially joined WAMS in 2023 and for the same reason most of us joined a club, to learn where to dig more rocks! As a member I really enjoyed going on field trips, attending meetings and found myself wanting to volunteer more. The Federation Director spot was open and even though I had no clue what that position fully entailed, I volunteered for it, and I am glad I did. I had a wonderful time in Walla Walla, met some friendly club and federation members, bought a bunch of rock and this experience made me want to get more involved in the federation. So, when Judi asked for volunteers for Treasurer, I jumped at the chance since my work skills matched up well.

If anyone has any questions about me, I am more than happy to answer them. Thank you for learning a little bit more about me and I look forward to collaborating with you all.

Northwest Rockhound Retreat – Walt Butler

In 2025 we had an exciting camp with a local wildfire that came within 3 miles of Camp Hancock. On Thursday we had a lightning storm that started a wildfire. On Friday during the Oral Auction, we experienced an unusually strong thunderstorm and pelting rain. The sound on the roof of Berrie Hall was so loud that the auctioneer had to yell to be heard. On Saturday while forming up for Dinner a Fire Marshal drove up and ordered us to evacuate the camp (Level 3 – Go Now). We immediately packed up all personal gear, equipment to evacuate the camp within 25 minutes. We evacuated with dinner still on the table.

We are looking forward to another great camp Sep 7th through 13th 2026. Registration will start March 1st, 2026.

Walt Butler, Camp Hancock Rockhound Retreat Chairman

Past Presidents' Council – Larry Hulstrom

As of February 2026 there have been no clubs stepping forward to host the 2027 show and meeting. There are plenty of resources available, including a monetary loan from the NFMS to kick start a club. The NFMS Operation Procedures spell out the duties of the Host Society in OP General-2. There is even a Guidebook for Hosting an NFMS Show found on the NFMS website at [2025Guidebook for Hosting an NFMS Show.pdf](#). Please consider this and get in touch with me or any member of the NFMS Executive Board.

Public Lands Advisory – Susie Koppert

Although the RAC (Regional Advisory Committee) was dismantled in 2024, Susie continues to keep abreast of developments relative to our rockhounding rights. There is a possibility the RAC may resume in the future. If so, Susie plans to reapply to sit on the committee.

Resolutions – Audrey Vogelpohl

Rockhound of the Year – Laurie Ellis

Send your submissions to nfmsroy@gmail.com

Rules & Awards Committee – Joshua Hulstrom

We received 13 competitive display applications for the show in Missoula, MT. Judges are being contacted to provide support at the show.

The Rules & Awards Committee needs new members. I have been Rules & Awards chair for the past 4 years. My dad, Larry Hulstrom, has performed the role of Exhibits Registrar for the past 3 years so that we would have someone in this position. If you are interested in becoming part of this 3-person committee, please contact me or talk with me at the Missoula show.

Safety – Kathryn Larson

I write an article each month for the Newsletter concerning Safety. What it is, how to be safe and things to look out for. These are normal, everyday common-sense things that we tend to take for granted or overlook in our busy lives. Sometimes I feel like I'm that nagging mom who tells you to take an umbrella and not to do dangerous things.

Coming up with new topics each month has been an interesting challenge. Sometimes the ideas flow quickly and other times I got nothing. Looking at the things that I do in my life has often given me new topics. For example, I was working on a grinder with a new project and quickly realized the dangers involved and how I needed to protect my hearing, my breathing and my eyesight.

I would like to hear ideas from other people suggesting topics for safety. I can only tell you so often to take extra water, tell others of your plans and to wear good shoes. Are there other things that you would like to hear about? Kathryn Larson, NFMS Safety Chair

Scholarship – Mary Lou Northrup

This spring there has been little activity with the scholarship fund. We did receive a nice contribution from the Clackamette Mineral and Gem Corporation. And we had an addition of a \$75.00 check from Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club in memory of Paul "Bear" Bentrup. We do have a new treasurer for the scholarship fund. She is Lucy Jackson and lives in New York state. Any donations to this fund are greatly appreciated. Remember each year two geology students in the northwest area are awarded \$4,000 to further their studies. Keep those donations coming. (Students chosen this year were Amelia Fullwood and Russell Krantz, both attending the University of Montana in Missoula. Their articles describing their graduate projects were featured in the February issue of the NFMS Newsletter.)

Show Coordination – Faith Farley

I enjoy writing up the shows and publishing them. The folks I come in contact with, either through an email or over the phone, are very appreciative and dedicated to their part of the process. I feel that all seven states understand the time it takes to publish now, which makes for better advertising for all our shows in general. I'd like to continue in 2026 unless there's someone who is waiting to take their shot at a position. Thank you Judi for ALL that you do and coordinate for everyone.

Thank you, Lora, for Everything you've been involved with in your time as president. Sincerely, Faith Farley

Slide/Video – Ronna Watkins

There has not been any activity borrowing from the library since our Mid-year meeting. Plans to duplicate slides are still on the agenda. I have added the AFMS Public Relations Chairman Jim Brace-Thompson's powerpoint presentation flash drive to our collection "Basic Elements of Showmanship: Exhibiting Your Material to Best Advantage". with 45 slides of tips and examples to craft a fine exhibit.

More programs: We have been given permission by Nick Zentner to present his videos for our club programs. Find them here: <https://www.nickzentner.com/>

NOTE: These are not the "Nick on the Rocks" programs owned by public broadcasting, they are his geology lectures and personal productions.

One last thing: We want you to participate in this annual competition that has cash prizes. The purpose of the New Programs Competition is to encourage the production of earth science programs related to the rockhound hobby by the individual members and member clubs of the various Federations through the conduct of visual arts program competitions. As a result of the annual competitions, the member Regional Federations are provided with duplicate copies of the award winning programs. These programs are therefore available for use by the individual clubs and societies through their associated Regional Federation. Go to <https://www.amfed.org/contests/program-competition> or contact Delane Cox <delanec3 at earthlink.net>

Stamps – Aaron Currier and Ed Anderson

Ed and I have been sorting and organizing stamps that have come in. Thank you to everyone who has submitted material for us to sell to raise money for our youth scholarship program. We sold another \$40 recently, including a pretty cool framed set of first day covers recognizing Pope John Paul's visit to the US a number of years ago. That's just one example of the unique things we see passing through. With the check I'm sending to our new Treasurer, I think we are contributed \$1323 total since we started our effort. I am sending a check for \$160 tomorrow. We have so much more to go too. If you are considering donating stamps, contemporary commemoratives are good, but the best fund-raising opportunities come from mail/postage that are from WW2 and older, foreign stamps, and, of course, collections. If you have questions, don't hesitate to email me (Aaron) at fossils@curriergraphics.com. Thanks again for those who have donated! It's a lot of work to go through all of them, but it's a lot of fun too. I'm sending the check in tomorrow's mail to Adam.

Supplies – Open

Ways & Means – Open

Webmaster – Brad Larson

Nothing really, just updating new officers, the newsletter and anything else that is needed for the members as per the executive board.

For Website Contest:

Website Competition – Open

American Lands Access Association ALAA –

Those We've Lost Fall 2025-2026

Idaho Gem Club - Ron Ridenour.

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society - LaVonna Griffin

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Society and Hatrockhounds - Eileen Moon

Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society - Pauline Prather

Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society - Michael Szramek, Rick Magnaghi, and Jack Edwards

Everett Rock and Gem Club - Art Cass

Mount Hood Rock Club - Mary Bolton (January 2026)

Chugach Gem and Mineral Society - Mary Helms (January 2026)

Hells Canyon Gem Club - Amil Callahan (February 2026)

ADDENDUM I

NFMS CUSTODIAN REPORT and INVENTORY SUMMARY 2025 Annual Report

NFMS OFFICERS INVENTORY

PRESIDENT: Lora Hall - briefcase (6 small tabletop flags representing each of the 6 member states of the NFMS Federation. One holder for these flags,) Two tabletop United States flags. (one same size as the state flags, one a bit larger),

gavel. Robert's Rules of Order In Brief, booklet.

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Michael Rhodes- No items.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Jennifer Haley - No items

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Judi Allison - 1 Estwing Rock Hammer, 1 Pyle Speaker Assembly with 2 wireless microphones, 3 Reams NFMS letterhead paper, 25 long NFMS Envelopes, Archived Minutes from Past Meetings,

TREASURER: (pro tem) Judi Allison- 1 briefcase, 1 business checkbook, 1 file box with records, past tax forms..

PAST PRESIDENT: Jennifer Haley-No Items (All items currently in the possession of Larry Hulstrom.)

NFMS COMMITTEES

ALL AMERICAN CLUB/Education: Open

BUDGET: 1st Vice President: Michael Rhodes- No items.

BULLETIN AIDS: Priscilla Hall-Hall-No items.

BY LAWS REVISORY: (Ad Hoc Review of Bylaws & Operations) Darrell Coyell, Jim Brain-No items

CREDENTIALS: Del & Clara Walker-No items.

CUSTODIAN: 2nd Vice President: Jennifer Haley- No items.

DIRECTORY: Janel Lacey- No items.

EDUCATION: Open

ENDOWMENT FUND: Vicki Johnson- No items.

FIELD TRIPS: Doug True- No items.

HISTORIAN: Please note: The historian files which were in the care of our previous historian have been moved to a safe and dry building by Bill Harvey and Gordon Haley, until arrangements can be made to transport them to Ronna Watkins who has stepped up to receive them. Items listed on 27 typed pages: two 4-drawer file cabinets, one 2-drawer file cabinet, (3) 18-gallon plastic-lidded bins. Items include:

*Minutes of Annual Conventions and Mid-year meetings. *Correspondence through the years of Officers and Committee chairpersons. *Mineralogist Magazines. *NFMS Manuals. *NFMS Directories. *NFMS Binders: (Past Presidents, Scholarship Awards, NFMS at AFMS. *Conventions, Bulletin Editors Hall of Fame Books I & II, NFMS Show history). *VHS Video: (Conversion to DVD prohibited by copyright law). *Monthly Historian Articles for NFMS Newsletter *NFMS Binders: (Past Presidents, Scholarship Awards, NFMS at AFMS)

JUNIORS: Jenifer Fitch- No items.

NEWSLETTER: Editor: Jessica Himple-No items.

NOMINATING: Jennifer Haley- No items.

NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT: Walter Butler- 1 Kingsley North, Cab King cabbing Machine with 6 wheels 8 inch wheels, 1 Ameritool Inc, Flat Lap cabbing machine with 8 inch wheels, 1 Hi-Tech Diamond, Flat Lap cabbing machine with 8 inch wheels, 1 Poly Arbor, Lapidary Buffer Polisher Grinder Arbor (needs repair), style 2 counter top ice makers

PAST PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL: Larry Hulstrom-SUPPLIES COMMITTEE inventory until new chairman found: 1 extra Large Gray Tub containing the following: T-Shirts: Small: 5 Light Blue, 6 Orange, 3 Yellow, 8 Red, 6 Beige, 7 White. Medium: 2 Orange, 3 Red, 3 Beige, 2 White. Caps: 1 Green, 20 Black. NFMS Show Pins. -1 four-drawer File Cabinet. (Past Presidents' case and items within, Cabochons of the Northwest case)

PUBLIC LAND ADVISORY: Susie Koppert- No items.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Open

RESOLUTIONS: Audrey Vogelpohl- No items.

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR: Laurie Ellis-No items.

RULES AND AWARDS COMMITTEE: RULES AND AWARDS CHAIR: JUDGING DIRECTOR:

Joshua Hulstrom- metal box (NFMS Eligibility files) with histories and forms about judging; 1-box of ribbons to be awarded for judging; 1-box of supplies-pencils, clip boards, erasers, scissors, stapler, etc.; 1 box of plaques to be awarded, 1 box of exhibitor record cards for competitors, judging worksheets, and competitive entry records for 2016, 2019, and 2022; 1-large society plaque; 1-small society plaque; 11 NFMS award plaques and 2 AFMS plaques

SAFETY: Open

SCHOLARSHIP: Mary Lou Northrup- No items

SHOW CHAIRPERSON 2024: Mike Filarski- No items.

SHOW COORDINATION: Faith Farley- No items.

SLIDE & VIDEO LIBRARIAN: Open- Ronna Watkins has the 1 Epson Perfection V600 Scanner. See NFMS website and directory for inventory of Slides, VHS, DVD's, Power Point.

WAYS & MEANS: Open

STAMPS: Ed Anderson and Aaron Currier-

SUPPLIES: Open:

WEBMASTER: Brad Larson- No items.

WEBSITE CONTEST: Open

NFMS PAST PRESIDENTS CASE

The items listed below are placed in SHOW CASES each year at the NFMS ANNUAL SHOW and CONVENTION

SHOW DATE NAME ITEM DISCRIPTION

2 Sep 1961 Darrell Irwin Black/White Mineral Specimen
 6 Sep 1964 Dorothy Lee Wood Cast, OR (polished on both ends) 5 Sep 1965 Dr. George Williams Agate Nodule, Southern Brazil
 6 Sep 1970 Emil Rosenau Redwood, Yellow Cat Region, UT
 2 Sep 1973 Glenn Lee Petrified Fern Tempksya, Greenhorn, OR
 10 Aug 1974 A. J. "Joe" Bybee Smoky Quartz, 30.5 cts. Tri-foil cut
 19 Aug 1977 Don Kendall 2 Limb Casts
 21 Aug 1981 Ray Moon Faceted Y.A.G.
 21 Aug 1982 Lyle Vogelpohl Bruneau Jasper (oval cab)
 5 Aug 1983 Ben Kolski Tempksya Cab, Great Falls Area, MT
 8 Aug 1986 R. Ed Romack Faceted Stone, Rose Quartz
 7 Aug 1987 Carroll Dillon Idaho Cut Laser Ruby
 9 Sep 1988 Dee Holland Spencer Opal Triplet
 9 Jun 1989 Dr. Robert Carlson Quartz Stone (faceted)
 22 Jun 1990 Jon Eckerly Plume Agate, Angelwing, Graveyard Point
 26 Jul 1991 Harland Lindner Petrified Wood, Saddle Mountain, WA
 31 Jul 1992 Jon Spunaugle Opal & Turquoise Channel Pendant
 23 Jul 1993 Lauren Williams Montana Moss Agate
 3 Jun 1994 Darrell Dalton Obsidian Bow Tie w/Mexican opal (faceted)
 12 Jul 1996 Dick Glismann Lace Cut Laser Ruby 46cts
 23 Jun 2000 Rocky McCall Intarsia Jewelry
 30 Aug 2001 Doug True Amethyst Crystal (large), Riverhead County, MT
 1 Aug 2003 Russell "Russ" Snook Belt Buckle & Bola-Snake River Dendritic Agate
 23 July 2004 Chris Blickfeldt Silver Metal Pendant w/Wine colored Faceted Stone
 3 Aug 2007 Chuck Sonner Turquoise Silver Ring
 20 June 2008 Patty Amos ½ Thunderegg
 31 July 2009 Paul Heesacker Camp 5, Oregon Shaped Cab
 18 Sept 2010 Evelyn Cataldo Clay Canyon Variscite
 30 July 2011 Fritz Mack Red & Grey Rhyolite (polished on one side)
 18 May 2012 Judi Allison Green Bed Geodes (2 pieces)
 9 Aug 2013 Kathy Moedl McDevitt Creek Petrified wood (polished one side)
 15 Aug 2014 Don Innes Wire Wrapped Pendant (milky white druzy quartz)

10 Aug 2015 Warren Rood Mexican Lace agate (wire wrapped)

29 Jul 2016 Hidemi Kira Carey Ranch Plume Agate, CA

18 Oct 2019 Ronna Watkins Biggs Jasper

11 Spt 2021 Beth Heesacker Chabazite

August 2023 Ken Zahn Graphic Granite Cabochon

CABOCHONS FROM THE NFMS 50th ANNIVERSITY CASE Detailed list with items. **MATERIAL NAME**

2-Petrified Wood, 8-Jasper, 2-obsidian, 2-agate Elvin Irwin

Rim Jasper Gary & Linda

Bruneau Jasper Robert Stobaugh 2- Jasper, 2agate, 1 wood Keene Clay

2- Jasper Russell Snook

Jade Oro Stewart

2-Petrified Wood, Thunderegg Bill Hall

5- Petrified Wood (Saddle Mnt) Melvin Hill, Jim Cotant, Harland Linder Montana Agate Ed & June

Sept Biggs Canyon Jasper Hellen Collins

Owyhee Picture Jasper Dorothy Lee

1-Petrified Wood, 1-agate Bob Bever

Tempskya (petrified fern) Ben Koloski

Report submitted, Jennifer Haley 2025 NFMS 2nd VP, Custodian

EVERETT ROCK & GEM CLUB

71st Annual

GEM, JEWELRY & MINERAL SHOW

SATURDAY & SUNDAY • MAY 2 & 3, 2026

SAT & SUN 10-5

Evergreen State Fairgrounds ♦ Weikel Event Center

USE EAST ENTRANCE & WATCH FOR SIGNS

18359 Cascade View Drive

Monroe, Washington 98272

CRYSTALS & GEODES

DISPLAYS & EXHIBITS

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

KIDS' ACTIVITIES

DEMONSTRATIONS

JEWELRY MAKING

FOSSILS

SILENT AUCTION

CLUB SALES TABLE

EDUCATIONAL INFO

HOURLY DOOR PRIZES

GEM & JEWELRY DEALERS

FREE ADMISSION

Free Parking ♦ Disabled Access ♦ Snack Bar ♦ ATM



everettrockclub.com



WAMS Olympia Presents 2026 Rock Rendezvous

July 24-26 Fri. – Sat. 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Sun. 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Where: Tenino City Park
309 Park Avenue East, Tenino, WA 98589

FREE ADMISSION

20+ Rock and Mineral
Vendors, Artisan
Jewelry, Lapidary
Demonstrations, Raffle



Join us for fun and
excitement discovering
the marvel of rocks and
minerals

Website: wamsolympia.com

Email: wamsolympia@gmail.com

ADDENDUM II

1	NFMS Annual Budget (Proposed) Jan 1, 2027 to Dec 31, 2027	
2		
3	REVENUE	
4	Dues - Adults	\$ 21,900.00
5	Dues - Juniors	\$ 1,000.00
6	Supplies (Sales of Misc items)	\$ 300.00
7	Directory Sales	\$ 40.00
8	Newsletter Advertising	\$ 100.00
9	Website Advertising	
10	Interest Income- Checking Accounts	\$ 5.00
11	Interest Income - Savings Account	\$ 5.00
12	Interest Income - Memorial Trust Fund	\$ 16.00
13	Proceeds from the Endowment Fund	\$ 11,192.42
14	Endowment Funded Projects- (projects to be decided)	
15	Camp Hancock - NW Rockhound Retreat September	\$ 28,710.00
16	Includes Rock Sales and Auction	\$ 2,000.00
17	NFMS Annual Show (includes Silent Auction)	\$ 5,000.00
18	Miscellaneous	
19		
20	Oral Auction Sales (scheduling invitaton TBA)	\$ 2,000.00
21	Dues overpayment	\$ 75.00
22	Stamp Sales Proceeds- Towards Juniors Fund	\$ 350.00
23	Total Revenue	\$ 72,693.42
26	EXPENSES	
27	Administrative Expenses	
28	AFMS Dues (combined Adult and Junior)	\$ 5,443.00
29	Administrative Expenses (Listed below)	
30	Income Tax Preparation and Financial Statement	\$ 200.00
31	Treasurer's Fidelity and Forgery Bond	\$ 560.00
32	NFMS Liability and Insurance Policies	\$ 1,650.00
33	Washington State Annual Corporate Filing Fee	\$ 20.00
34	NFMS Mid-Year Meeting (no location scheduled)	\$ 800.00
35	NFMS Meeting Rooms Annual Convention	\$ 800.00
36	NFMS Membership Directory	\$ 275.00
37	NFMS Newsletter	
38	Parliamentarian - Annual Meeting	\$ 75.00
39	Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 9,823.00
40		
41	Officer Travel Expenses	
42	2027 Mid-Year Meeting	\$ 1,750.00
43	2027 NFMS Annual Meeting	\$ 4,000.00
44	2027 AFMS/SFMS Convention-NFMS President, 1st VP & Awards Travel	\$ 9,000.00
45	Total Officer Travel	\$ 14,750.00

46		
47	Officer Administrative Expenses	
48	President	\$ 50.00
49	President's Contingency Fund	\$ 150.00
50	1st Vice President	\$ 25.00
51	2nd Vice President	\$ 25.00
52	Executive Secretary	\$ 500.00
53	Treasurer	\$ 350.00
54	Total Officer Administrative Expenses	\$ 1,100.00
60	Directory	\$ 300.00
61	Education	\$ 250.00
62	Endowment Fund	\$ 200.00
63	Historian	\$ 100.00
64	Juniors	\$ 2,500.00
65	Long Range Planning	\$ 25.00
66	Newsletter Editor	\$ 50.00
67	Nominating	\$ 50.00
68	Northwest Rockhound Retreat - Camp Hancock	\$ 28,710.00
69	Operations Review	\$ 50.00
70	Public Lands Advisory	\$ 100.00
71	Past President's Council	\$ 25.00
72	Public Relations	\$ 75.00
73	Resolutions	\$ 25.00
74	Rules & Awards (supplies and travel)	\$ 500.00
75	Safety	\$ 25.00
76	Scholarship	\$ 50.00
77	Show Coordinator	\$ 25.00
78	Slide and Video Library	\$ 300.00
79	Stamps Committee Expenses	\$ 100.00
80	Supplies	\$ 100.00
81	Ways and Means	\$ 50.00
82	Website	\$ 300.00
83	Total Standing Committee Expenses	\$ 34,260.00
94		

85	Equipment and Software Expenses	
86	Software Programs (Zoom subscription)	\$ 150.00
87	Equipment and Software Expenses	\$ 300.00
88	Total Equipment and Software Expenses	\$ 450.00
89		
90	Special Committee Expenses	
91	Inter-Regional Field Trip	\$ 1,000.00
92	Total Special Committee Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
93		
94	Miscellaneous Supplies (example: tee shirts, mugs)	\$ 1,700.00
95	Silent Auction Expense	
96	Refund Dues Overpayment	\$ 75.00
97		
98		
99	Total Miscellaneous Expenses	
100		
101	Total Expenses	\$ 61,383.00
102		
103	Discretionary Revenue after Expenses	\$ 11,310.42
104		

ADDENDUM III INCOME AND EXPENSES

2026 Income and Expenses (September 1, 2025-March 11, 2026)

Income:	Dues (as of March 11th)	\$21,636.50
	Proceeds from NFMS Show, Walla Walla	\$4916
	Interest Income Juniors savings	\$.31
(	Reserve in Bank (March 11, 2026)	\$33018.71
	TOTALS	\$59571.52

Expenses:

AFMS Dues	\$5280.00
R&R Sports Trophies (Badges, Hammer)	\$44.50
Philadelphia Insurance (property./casualty)	\$763.00
IRS ((Inst/fees 2018 tax-in dispute)	\$4035.98 (Not Cashed)
Philadelphia Ins (Liability)	\$243.00
Jennifer Fitch (Reimburse-Juniors)	\$29.72
Rocky Five (Trophy Name Plates)	\$22.25
Corporate Filing fee	\$20
Camera, Tripod, Mic, Speaker for Zoom	\$759
Custom Ink (T shirt order-150)	\$1642
Diamond Dan Publications (Juniors)	\$50
Portland Regional (Meeting Room-Fall)	\$801.86
All In one (Tax Prep)	\$150.00
Marcus Whitman (Override Costs)	\$1000.00
Hellgate Mineral (Meeting oom Rent)	\$1500.00
Hellgate Mineral (Prepay 40 Banquet tkts)	\$1400.00
Total:	\$17,741.31

Additional Expenses anticipated through 2026 not yet incurred:

Directory:	\$450
Insurances:	\$1625
Tax Preparation	\$200
Officer Travel:	\$10,800
Parliamentarian:	\$75
Administrative Expenses:	\$1000
Standing Committees:	\$4665
Special Committees:	\$1000
Total	\$21,115

Grand Total: Expenses **\$38856.31**

Balance **\$20715.21**

Separate Jr Savings: \$ 6254.79

Junior CD \$20,000 (Matures July 2026)

ADDENDUM VI

NFMS ENDOMWNT FUND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING 3/20/2026

This is a special report for the annual meeting describing the NFMS Endowment Fund financial status. It covers the first 2 months of the organization's business year but gives a pretty good picture of our situation.

It is an understatement to say we have been on a roller coaster ride so far this year. As of February 28, 2026, we happen to be on a market upswing and currently have assets on deposit with Charles Schwab Investment totaling \$340,764.77 which reflects a gain of \$17,874.47 or 5.54% so far this business year. The monthly swings have not shown many signs of leveling off. We will have to wait and see what the rest of the year looks like.

Our funds are split between the Operating Account (\$22,944.38) and the Managed Investment Account (\$317,820.39). The Operating Account balance has had a gain of \$500.38 thanks to a significant donations and the little interest the account gained over the past e months. The Managed Investment Account had a gain of \$17,374.09 from stock dividends and interest receipts plus value appreciation over the same period.

What is on the horizon:

During the current business year I have recommended spending the authorized annual spending limit, which is \$11,250, for this business year from our Operating Account. Even though market volatility will continue and the effects of recent events around the world make predicting the future difficult, we have funds available and our investment account balance is over \$300,000.

I will continue to monitor our account balances and recommend spending adjustments if needed to keep our investment account balance above the \$300,000 level.

In the mean time, I encourage member societies and individuals to consider making donations to your NFMS Endowment fund. Every little dollar helps us keep up with the effects of inflation, etc.

One final thing that I would like to clarify. The monies in the Endowment Fund are independent of monies resulting from member dues collected annually. The fund balance is totally a result of voluntary contributions and the dollars generated from the interest, dividends, and stock value appreciation received from the invested assets.

Jim Brain

Endowment Fund Financial Advisor

NFMS Annual Awards Summary for 2026

We wish to thank all entries, both competitive and non-competitive at the annual show in Missoula, MT and to thank all of the members of the Hellgate Mineral Society for putting on a fantastic show. The following is a summary of the competitive cases and awards presented on March 21, 2026.

Joshua Hulstrom, NFMS Rules and Awards Chair

Larry Hulstrom, NFMS Exhibits Registrar

Exhibitor Society	Group Case Description	Class	Score	Award
JUNIOR				
Hudson Brown Hellgate Mineral Society	Junior My Fossil collection	EGC-4 Fossils	98	T-28 Jr Trophy , blue ribbon
Evelyn Carroll Hellgate Mineral Society	Junior My Mineral Gem Art	EGC-2 Lapidary	86	blue ribbon
Micky Carroll Hellgate Mineral Society	Junior My fossil collection	EGC-4 Fossil	81	blue ribbon
NOVICE				
Genevieve Fix Hellgate Mineral Society	Novice Agate nodules from Challis ID area	EGC-1 Minerals	97	blue ribbon
Gabriel Murphy Hellgate Mineral Society	Novice (Jr) Rainbow obsidian	EGC-5 Other	95	blue ribbon
Alex Murphy Hellgate Mineral Society	Novice (Jr) Marine Fossils	EGC-4 Fossils	93	blue ribbon
Joshua Stiff Hellgate Mineral Society	Novice Treasures in the Rough (Rough rock from Challis ID volcanics area)	EGC-1 Minerals	95	blue ribbon

ADVANCED

Darrell K Coyle Advanced C-2 Nodules and/or Geodes 95 blue ribbon
Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Agates from various locations

Darrell K Coyle Advanced G-2 Polished Flats or Contoured Specimens 93 blue ribbon
Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Blue Forest Petrified Wood

SOCIETY

Hellgate Mineral Society Society EGC-5 Other 97 **T-28 trophy**, blue ribbon
Hellgate Mineral Society Farley rock collection

NFMS Supplemental and Memorial Trophies

John T. Hedin Memorial Trophy – Best Petrified Wood Exhibit
Darrell Coyle, Bitterroot Gem & Mineral

Isabelle Mattison Memorial Trophy – Best Junior Exhibit
Gabriel Murphy, Hellgate Mineral Society

Rodney Smith Memorial Trophy – All Northwest Material
Joshua Stiff, Hellgate Mineral Society

Junior Sweepstakes trophy
Camellia Jaimes, Chugach, AK Gem & Mineral Society

Adult Sweepstakes trophy
Paul Senn, Butte Gem & Mineral

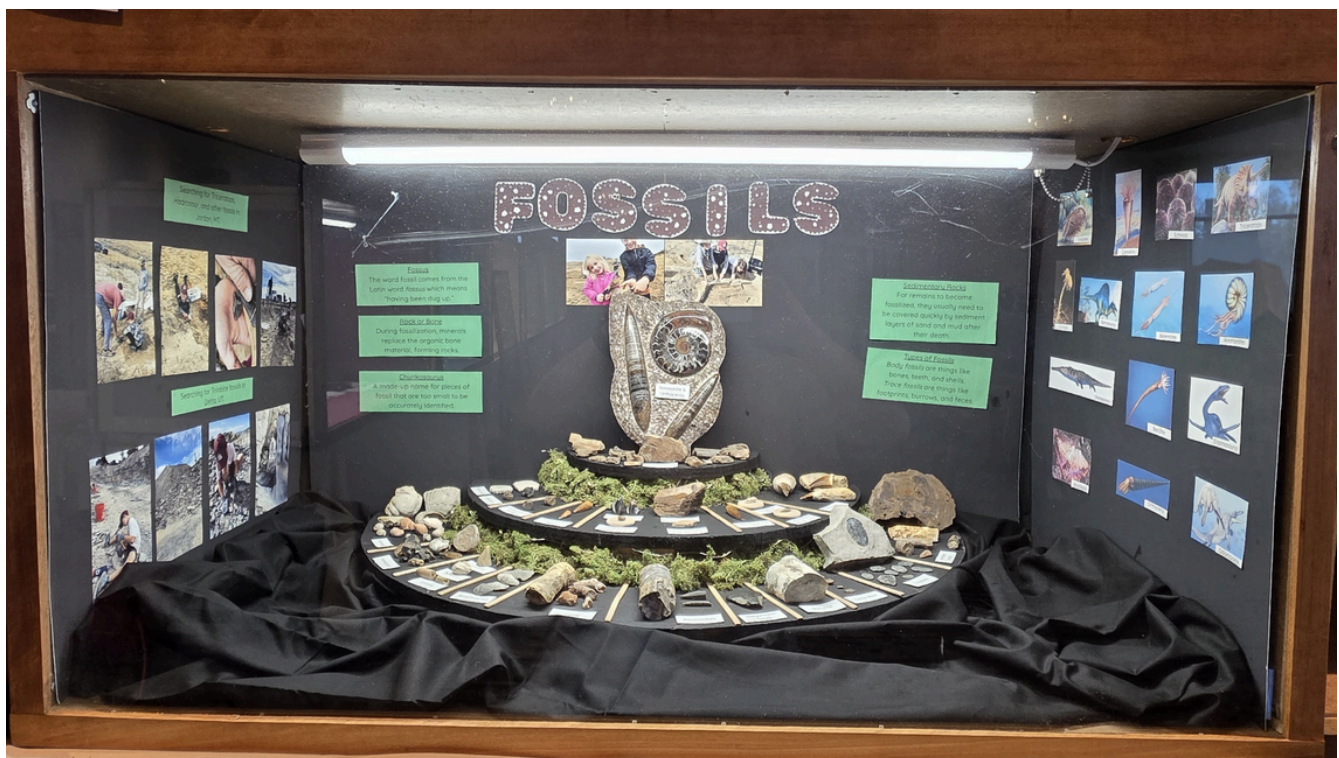
Large Society Travelling Award
Hellgate Mineral Society

Many thanks to the judges that helped evaluate these cases, including Evan Day, Darrell Coyle, and Ronna Watkins.

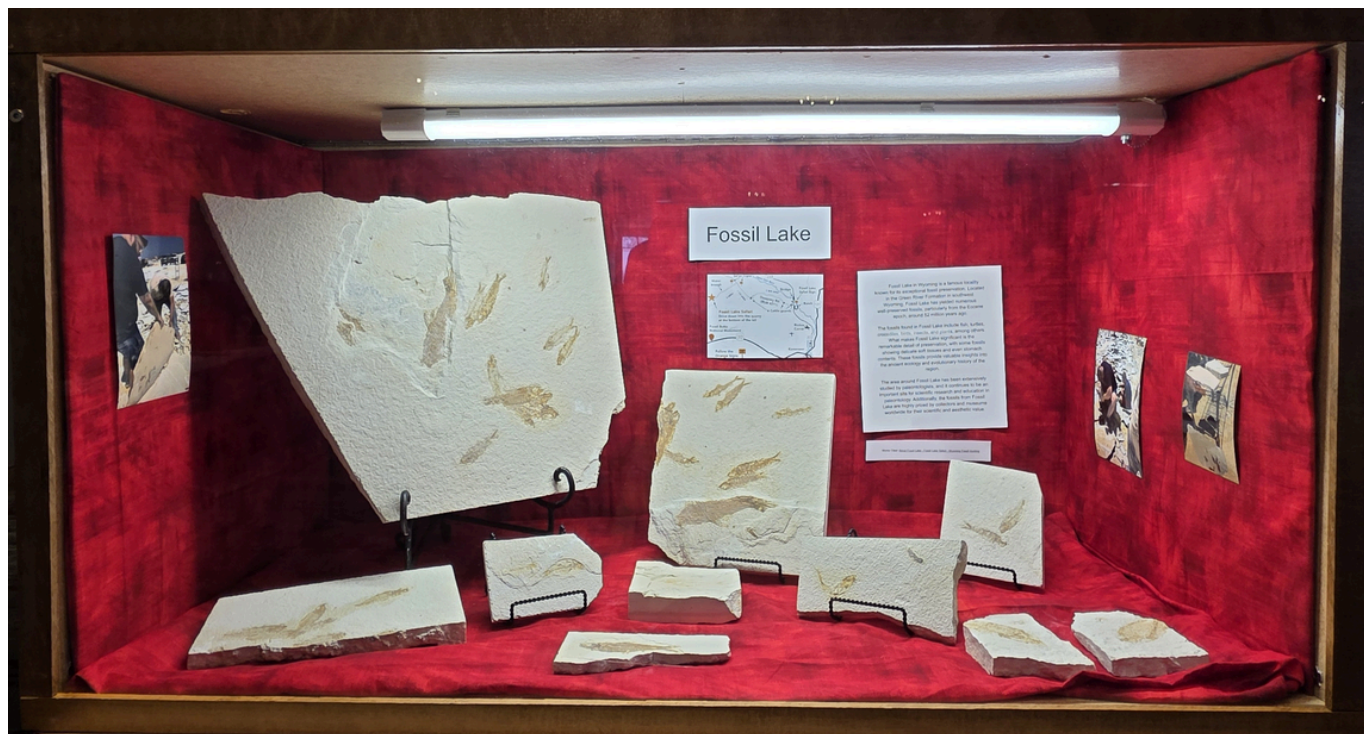
Note: The T-28 Educational II trophy is given for exhibits from AFMS Uniform Rules Classes EGC-1 through EGC-5.



Darrell Coyle - John T. Hedin Trophy



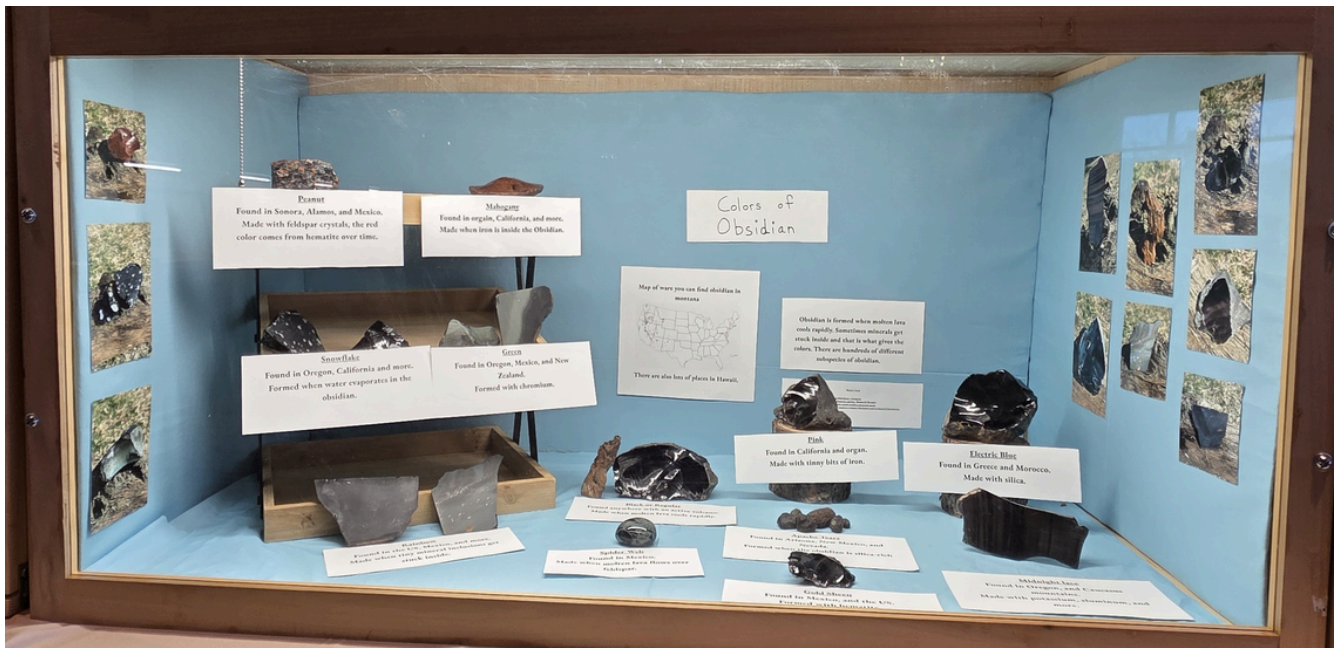
Hudson Brown - T-28 Jr. Trophy



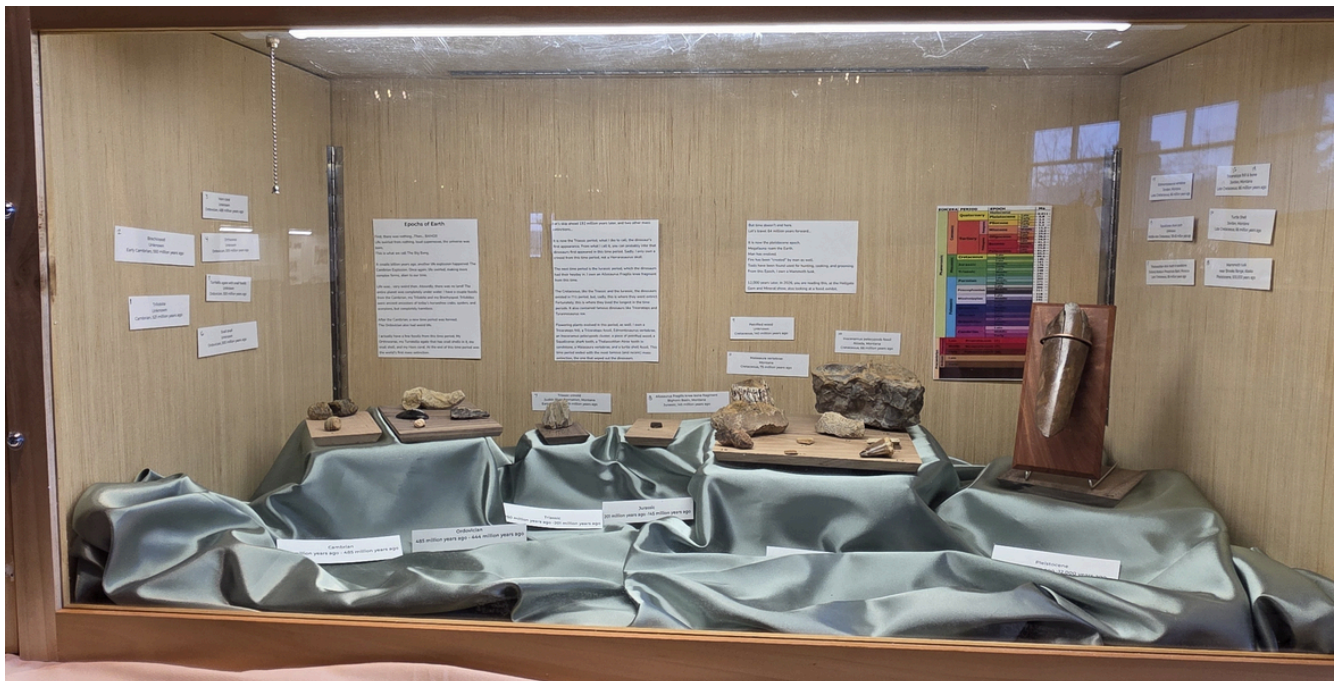
Alex Murphy - EGC - 4 Fossils



Darrell Coyle - C2 Nodules and/or Geodes



Gabriel Murphy - EGC - 5 Other



Micky Carroll - EGC - 4 Fossil



Evelyn Carroll - EGC - 2 Lapidary



Genevieve Fix - EGC - 1 Minerals



Hellgate Mineral Society - EGC - 5 Other (T-28 Trophy)



Joshua Stiff - EGC - 1 Minerals

NFMS CLUB SHOWS 2026

Date / Hours	Club / Show	Venue / Address	Contact / Website
April 10th - 12th Fri 9 - 6 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society	Golden Spike Event Center Weber County Fairground 1000 N. 1200 W. Ogden, UT 84401	Margie Miller (385) 205-9187 goldenspikegem.org
April 10th - 12th Fri 10 - 5 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 3	Mt. Hood Rock Club and Gem Show	Jackson Armory 6255 NE Cornfoot Rd. Portland, OR 97218	Roberta Hanson (503) 449-3543 Shane Gerrard (971) 322-6263 / mthoodrockclub.com
April 17th - 19th Fri 9 - 5 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S. Pacific Hwy West Rickreall, OR 97371	David Smith rockclubnewsletter(at)gmail .com
April 18th & 19th Sat 9 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 S. Oak Street Kennewick, WA 99336	Larry Hulstrom rockhound132(at)charter.ne t lakesidegemandmineralclub .com

NFMS CLUB SHOWS 2026

Date / Hours	Club / Show	Venue / Address	Contact / Website
April 18th & 19th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 6	Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Show	Bonneville County Fairgrounds 1542 E. 73rd South Idaho Falls, ID 83404	Nicole Strong wildandlapidary(at)gmail.com www.ifrockhounds.com
April 24th - 26th Fri 10 - 4 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Yakima Rock and Mineral Club	Modern Living Bldg. Central Washington State Fairgrounds and Event Center 1301 South Fair Ave. Yakima, WA 98901	Marti Sondgeroth marthams(at)myct1.net (509) 910-3484
April 25th & 26th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40th Ave SW West Seattle, WA	Annette Nelson show@westseattlerockclub.org westseattlerockclub.org
April 25th & 26th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Gray's Harbor Rock and Gem Club	Gray's Harbor County Fairgrounds 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma, WA 98541	Gary Emberley (360) 533-6196 Melissa624(at)hotmail.com
May 2nd & 3rd Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Everett Rock and Gem Club	Evergreen State Fairgrounds – Weikel Event Center 18359 Cascade View Drive Monroe, WA 98292	everettrockclub(at)hotmail.com

NFMS CLUB SHOWS 2026

Date / Hours	Club / Show	Venue / Address	Contact / Website
May 9th and 10th Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds 901 North Black Bldg. 1 & 2 Bozeman, MT 59715	Linda Johnson bgmcmnt(at)gmail.com bozemandgemandmineralclub.com
May 9th & 10th Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Show	Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center 1705 East Airport Rd. Hermiston, OR 97838	Mike Filarski stonemorlin1(at)netscape.net (541) 571-2593
May 16th & 17th Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Butte Mineral and Gem Club	Butte Civic Center Main Arena 1340 Harrison Ave. Butte, MT 59701	Jerry D'Arcy jkdudding(at)gmail.com (406) 491-2054
May 23rd & 24th Sat 9 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Corp.	Clackamas County Fairgrounds and Events Center 694 NE 4th Ave. Canby, OR 97013	Juanita Whitaker cmgcsowchair2026(at)gmail.com clackamettegem.org
June 17th - 21st Thurs 9 - 5 Fri 9 - 5 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 9 - 3	Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow	Crook County Fairgrounds 120 S. Main Street Prineville, OR	Jim McCoy 530-999-8045 www.prineville.rocks

NFMS CLUB SHOWS 2026

Date / Hours	Club / Show	Venue / Address	Contact / Website
June 19th - 21st Fri 10 - 5 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary Society	Reedsport Community Center 451 Winchester Avenue Reedsport, OR 97467	Bambi Darling (541) 420-8014 reedsportrockshow@gmail.com
July 24th - 26th Fri 9 - 6 Sat 9 - 6 Sun 9 - 5	Washington Agate and Mineral Society	Tenino City Park 300 Park Ave. W. Tenino, WA 98589	Doug Shank wamsolympia(at)gmail.com
Sept 19th & 20th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Longview Fairgrounds Cowlitz County Event Center 1900 3rd Ave. Longview, WA 98632	Greg Larson swimineralogicalsociety1@gmail.com Chet Chafton 360-600-9830

NFMS CLUB SHOWS 2026



Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) Show

April 17th -18th , 2027

Kennewick, Washington

Contact Person: Larry Hulstrom

rockhound132@charter.net

**NFMS EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS
2025-2026**

PRESIDENT: Michael Rhodes, Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society, 317 E 200 S, Brigham City, UT, 84302-2621, (435) 230 0403 [mrnbrhodes0\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:mrnbrhodes0(at)gmail.com)

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Jennifer Haley 2490 Spring Mountain Rd. St. Helena, CA 94574 541-660-1832
[ladybuglane\(at\)napablogger.com](mailto:ladybuglane(at)napablogger.com)

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: June Dorning
Yakima Rock and Mineral Club, 590 CulDorn Drive, Yakima, WA 98903(509) 930-1323, [dorningjune\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:dorningjune(at)gmail.com)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Judi Allison, Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society, 1701 NW 11th. St., Hermiston, OR, 97882, (541) 720-4950, [nfmssec\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:nfmssec(at)gmail.com)

TREASURER: Adam Pettitt, Willamette Agate and Mineral Society, 2035 Center St. SE, Albany. OR 97322, 971-226-6193, [nfmstreasurer\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:nfmstreasurer(at)gmail.com)

Judi Allison (pro tem), Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society, 1701 NW 11th. St., Hermiston, OR, 97882, (541) 720-4950, [nfmssec\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:nfmssec(at)gmail.com)

NFMS STANDING COMMITTEES

BUDGET: 1st Vice President (see above)

BULLETIN AIDS: Priscilla Hall-Ford Oregon Agate & Mineral Society, P.O.Box 818, La Center, WA 98629 , (360) 518-7829.
[Rockhounder2019\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:Rockhounder2019(at)comcast.net)

CREDENTIALS: Del & Clara Walker, Tualatin Valley Gem Club, 12377 SE Davis Loop, Prineville, OR, 97754, (503) 812-6540, [cwalk12377\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:cwalk12377(at)gmail.com)

CUSTODIAN: 2ND Vice President: (see above)

DIRECTORY: Janel Lacey, Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society, 43618 SW McKay Dr, Pendleton, OR, 97801, (541) 215-2839, [jclaw16461\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:jclaw16461(at)gmail.com)

*** Clubs need only to send contact info for their board members. Contact clubs directly to reach out to specific members.**

Education/All American Club Award :
Lora Hall Hellgate Mineral Society, PO Box2095, Frenchtown, MT 59834,
[Silvertipminis \(at\) msn.com](mailto:Silvertipminis (at) msn.com)

ENDOWMENT FUND:

CHAIRMAN: Vicki Johnson, Southern Washington Mineralogical Society, 1574 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Kelso, WA 98626 (360) 751-8031, [vickijrocks\(at\)msn.com](mailto:vickijrocks(at)msn.com)

Secretary/Treasurer:

Mikki Richard, Marysville Rock and Gem Club, Inc., 7608 85th Place NE, Marysville, WA 98270 425-387-4591,
[mikki.richard\(at\)adp.com](mailto:mikki.richard(at)adp.com)

FINANCIAL ADVISOR: Jim Brain, NFMS Club-At-Large, 6410 W Sundance Dr., Spokane, WA 99208,
(509) 863-9883,
[jrbrain233\(at\)outlook.com](mailto:jrbrain233(at)outlook.com)

HISTORIAN: OPEN

JUNIORS CHAIR: Jennifer Fitch, Hellgate Mineral Society, 21148 Old US Hwy 93, Florence, MT, 59833 (517) 281-7461,
[Fitchs4god\(at\)aol.com](mailto:Fitchs4god(at)aol.com)

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Jessica Himple, Everett Rock and Gem Club (425) 622-3504,
[nfmseditor\(at\)outlook.com](mailto:nfmseditor(at)outlook.com)

NFMS CLUB-AT-LARGE: 1ST Vice President (see above)

NOMINATING CHAIRMAN:

Lora Hall Hellgate Mineral Society, PO Box 2095, Frenchtown, MT 59834,
[Silvertipminis \(at\) msn.com](mailto:Silvertipminis (at) msn.com)
NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT (Hancock): Walter Butler, 8821 SW

Equestrian Place, Crooked River Ranch, OR 97760, (503) 702-5743,
[waltercbutler\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:waltercbutler(at)comcast.net)

PAST PRESIDENTS COUNCIL: Larry Hulstrom, Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, 5409 W 26th Ave. Kennewick, WA 99338, (509) 308-8312,

[rockhound132\(at\)charter.net](mailto:rockhound132(at)charter.net)

PUBLIC LANDS ADVISORY: Susie Koppert, Mt. Hood Rock Club, 135 SE Marsh Rd., Sandy, OR 97055
[susiekopper\(at\)mail.com](mailto:susiekopper(at)mail.com)

RESOLUTIONS: Audrey Vogelpohl, West Seattle Rock Club, 8810 37th Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98126-3617,

206) 932-3292,
[avogelpohl\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:avogelpohl(at)comcast.net)

RULES AND AWARDS COMMITTEE:

RULES AND AWARDS CHAIR: Joshua Hulstrom, Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, 5409 W 26th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99338, (509) 306-0385,
[josh_hulstrom\(at\)hotmail.com](mailto:josh_hulstrom(at)hotmail.com)

JUDGING DIRECTOR : Charise Ash, Mount Hood Rock Club, 2331 N Mist Dr, Vernonia, OR 97064,
[charisemarie\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:charisemarie(at)gmail.com)

EXHIBITS REGISTRAR: Larry Hulstrom, Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, 5409 W 26th Ave. Kennewick, WA 99338, (509) 308-8312, [rockhound132\(at\)charter.net](mailto:rockhound132(at)charter.net)

SAFETY: Kathryn Larson, Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, 4102 S Auburn St, Kennewick, WA 99337
[misaique \(at\) hotmail.com](mailto:misaique (at) hotmail.com)

SCHOLARSHIP: Mary Lou Northrup, 1623 Powers Ave, Lewiston, ID 83501, (208) 743-6944, [mlandjl\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:mlandjl(at)yahoo.com)

SHOW COORDINATOR: Faith Farley, Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society, 392 Market St S, Corvallis, MT 59828, (406) 961-3347
[earthmother169\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:earthmother169(at)gmail.com)

SLIDE/ VIDEO LIBRARIAN: Ronna Watkins, Yakima Rock and Mineral Club, PO Box 635, Tieton WA 98947, (509) 673-0085
[nfmsronna\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:nfmsronna(at)gmail.com)

STAMPS: Aaron Currier, Willamette Agate & Mineral Society, 2182 Broadway Ct, Salem, OR, 97304 , (503) 385-5649,
[fossils\(at\)curriergraphics.com](mailto:fossils(at)curriergraphics.com)

Ed Anderson, Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society, 40182 Hilltop Dr, Lebanon, OR, 97355 , (541) 451-1577,
[ela4rocks\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:ela4rocks(at)gmail.com)

SUPPLIES: OPEN
WAYS & MEANS: OPEN

WEBMASTER: Brad Larson, Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society, 6010 W. Cruzen St., Boise, ID 83704 (208) 465-1920,
[nfms.webmaster\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:nfms.webmaster(at)gmail.com)

NFMS SPECIAL COMMITTEES

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN: Doug True, Billings Gem & Mineral Club, 2622 Broadwater, Billings, MT 59102, (406) 670-0506, dtruefossils12@yahoo.com

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR: Laurie Ellis, Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society, 57462 Clarks Canyon Rd, Heppener, OR 97836, (541) 626-3131, [nfmsroy\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:nfmsroy(at)gmail.com)

SHOW CHAIRMAN 2026:

Steven Stiff, 4013 Thomas Place, Missoula, MT 59803, [steven.stiff\(at\)bresnan.net](mailto:steven.stiff(at)bresnan.net), 406-529-2671
Janel Lacey, Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society, 43618 SW McKay Dr, Pendleton, OR, 97801, (541) 215-2839, [jclaw16461\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:jclaw16461(at)gmail.com)

WEBSITE CONTEST: OPEN

AFMS COMMITTEES (NFMS Representatives)

AFMS 1st VP - Ronna Watkins

AFMS Junior Program Chair - Lora Hall

ENDOWMENT FUND - Judi Allison

PROGRAM COMPETITION - DeLane Cox

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, [Rockyfv\(at\)aol.com](mailto:Rockyfv(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: Linda Jaeger, 3515 E 88th St, Tulsa, OK 74137, [AFMSeditor\(at\)AMFED.org](mailto:AFMSeditor(at)AMFED.org) (918) 630-6498 or (918) 481-0249. Make checks payable to "AFMS".

The **NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER** is the official publication of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) and is sent to each club electronically in PDF form between six to ten times per year. It is the responsibility of each club to forward the newsletter to the membership. The newsletters are also posted to the Federation website electronically and archived there for members to review or download.

For matters related to this newsletter (i.e. content, advertising, etc.) contact the editor.

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 Junior Fund.

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 on above 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 on above 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/>