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Time to “Head ‘Em Up And Move ‘Em Out” To Kennewick!!



The NFMS ANNUAL SHOW and MEETING May 18-20, 2012 Kennewick, Washington

2012 NFMS Show is Almost Here!!!

**2012 NFMS
Gem & Mineral Show
And Convention**



**“Rock’n The Country”
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May 18, 19 & 20
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Have you turned in your advance registration for the 2012 NFMS Show in Kennewick yet? The Show is coming up fast, May 18 – 20. We have lined up a lot of interesting things to see and do at the Show. As shown on the Event Schedule in this newsletter (see pages 4-5) we have 13 different guest speakers scheduled to provide some exciting presentations over the course of the show.

We have a tour of the historic B Reactor at the Hanford Site, a visit to the Coyote Canyon Mammoth dig site near Kennewick, and a two-day petrified wood seminar following the show.

While some of these events required advance registration there will still be lots of things to see and do. Even if you haven't gotten your registration sent in, come to the Show, pick up a 3-day pass (only \$12.00), and stick around and enjoy the Tri-Cities area.

Besides the Show, there are numerous golf courses, wineries, and other local attractions in the area.

I hope to see you at the Show.

Larry Hulstrom
2012 NFMS Show Co-chairman
President, Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club



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SAVE STAMPS PROGRAM. NFMS members are encouraged to use and save commemorative stamps. The money generated from the sale of these used (cancelled) stamps is then donated to Cancer Research. The collected stamps can be sent to the Stamps Chairman, brought to the NFMS Annual Show or given to your Federation Director in your club.

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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

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1. Donations to AFMS Scholarship Fund
2. Memorial contributions to AFMS Scholarship

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Ads for the Northwest Newsletter are \$1.50 per square inch.

Example: 3" x 4" ad = 12 inches

12 inches x \$1.50 = \$18 per issue of the Newsletter

For an additional 50% of the cost of the Newsletter ad, you can have the same ad placed on the NFMS website for the same length of time. The Newsletter ad must be purchased to receive this additional advertisement.

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

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<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newslet2.htm>
and click on the month you want to see.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



Judi Allison President

Are you ready for "Rock'N the Country"? The NFMS Show and Convention in Tri-Cities, Washington is just around the corner. The show committee has prepared an amazing venue for all to enjoy. We do need to ask for a bit of help, though. As with all shows, a good share of the proceeds comes from the auctions. There will be both a silent auction and a voice auction at the show. Quality material is needed to help bring in the best money we can for the federation. In another section of this issue, you will find a more detailed request from our show chairmen, Larry Hulstrom and Evelyn Cataldo. Please help make the auctions successful by bringing some special goodies.

My year is gradually winding down. I feel there are many more things I probably should have done, but I thank all for giving me the privilege of serving as your President. Although my official duties don't end until September 1, at the Banquet, I will be turning the gavel over to our upcoming president, Kathy Moedl. I am confident she is going to make an excellent president.

The nominating committee would also like to announce the entire slate of officers being presented for acceptance at the annual meeting. Joan Day-Secretary, Lyle Vogelpohl-Treasurer, Kathy Moedl-President, Don Innes-1st Vice President, Warren Rood-2nd Vice President. Warren is the "new man on the block", so I asked him to tell us a bit about himself. I am sure you will agree from his write up that he will be a worthy candidate as have been his predecessors. [See his bio on page 6.]

Remember that anyone can go to the Banquet at the Show. You just need to get your reservation in so that the count can be turned into the caterer. If you haven't already, get those forms in. All members are also welcome to attend the annual meeting. So, we'll be seeing you in Kennewick!



Kathy Moedl 1st Vice President

Last March 2011 Albert and Rita Chretien left their home in British Columbia, Canada heading for Las Vegas. Armed with maps, GPS and a sense of adventure they took seldom used roads....and got stuck. After 2 days Albert left their van and went to find help. Seven weeks later Rita was found with the couple's van in Northern Nevada. She had survived on candy, trail mix and water. Albert has not yet been found.

I keep thinking about Albert and Rita. I don't know their particular situation and reasoning but it also makes me think about our fellow rockhounds. How often have we as rockhounds traveled 'where no person in their right mind would go'? How often have we gotten into a situation and then enjoyed the telling of it with laughter? Have we given any thought to "what if"? It could even be something as simple as a dead battery or 2 flat tires. Had it not been for rationing that bag of trail mix Rita would have certainly perished.

I know all seasoned rockhounds never leave home without being prepared, but it does help to give it some deeper thought to our preparedness. Are you traveling alone? Are you with a group? Do You know where you are headed? Do others know where you are headed? Do you have enough food to last more than an afternoon picnic?

As this rockhound season starts ramping up and we are all anxious to get out there on the roads not well traveled and still muddy please BE CAREFUL OUT THERE FOLKS!



2012 Tri Federation Trip POSTPONED until June 2013

By Doug True

Most of us find that from time to time everything doesn't always go as planned and also hard to believe that there are other things in our lives besides rock collecting.

June has turned out to be one of those months. We have been trying to sell a home in California for better than four years now, we now have it leased with the option to purchase in the middle of June, papers to be signed, storage sheds to be emptied. Plus we have a grandson that will graduate in June also. The collecting area that I have picked for this fieldtrip is remote and I have found that I don't have the complete picture of the areas for collecting, another recon trip is needed and maps are needed to make sure this trip is successful and safe for everyone involved.

This may seem like too much information, but maybe know I won't get 200 emails as to why the Federation Trip has been put off until June 2013. Thanks for your understanding. Please also note that my new email address is dtruefossils12@yahoo.com.

NW ROCKHOUND RETREAT

COST FOR "RETREAT" REGISTRATION

Northwest Rockhound Retreat

The time has come to prepare for the big fall event. This means getting registered for the Retreat on Labor Day week. We will again be at the OMSI camp at Hancock Field Station about halfway between Antelope and Fossil, Oregon. This is a weeklong event of learning and sharing. Following is information about the event and a registration form. If you have any questions please feel free to call me or E Mail.

Remember this is a first come first served affair and the first 50 that register gets in. If more than fifty register, I will put you on a waiting list and each year due to health and or Economic conditions, some must withdraw and then we start down the waiting list to fill their opening. Those that are left on the waiting list will get their money refunded and will also get an early notification for the following year.

Here is the opportunity to hone your skills to an even higher level and maybe even learn some new ones. Come and join us for a great week.

We are all back at work and putting the pieces in place to make our Retreat at "Hancock Field Station" West of Fossil, Oregon, become a bigger and better annual event. The timing is the same as last year, starting on Monday September 3, 2012, and ending on Sunday September 9, 2012. The cost to the attendee will be \$270.00 for room and board, \$45.00 for workshop fee and if you desire a guided one day trip to the Fossil Beds, it will cost you \$35.00. If you take the full package, that will be \$350.00 for a one week vacation. What a deal. You should not miss this. **If you must have an Electric RV hookup** (no water or sewer), **there will be a \$15.00 charge for the week. Provide your own cord.**

The Agenda outline looks like this:

Monday, Arrive after 3PM and get settled in your temporary home, then join a Spaghetti Feed at 6:30PM.

Tuesday, All day in the Workshop of your choice and an evening program.

Wednesday, Trip to Fossil Beds or Workshop activities with an evening Swap Session, no selling.

Thursday, Workshop activities all day with an evening program session.

Friday, Workshop activities all day with an evening program session.

Saturday, Workshops all day with an evening session of feedback from you as to what you want next year. A "Show and Tell" session from the Workshops and concluded with an oral auction of donated items.

Sunday morning, Have breakfast, clean your cabins and give fond farewells till next year.

Workshops available - based upon signup:

- Lapidary
- Basic Faceting – (Maximum of Six)
- Silversmithing - (Maximum of Eight)
- Basic Intarsia – (Minimum of Four)
- Basic Wirewrapping
- Beading
- Casting - (Maximum of Six)
- Doublets & Triplets

If you need additional info, please call Lamar Tilgner at 503-666-2905 or Email at ltilgner1@frontier.com

Registration - Cost includes Breakfast and Evening Dinner with a Sack Lunch, sleeping quarters in an A frame cabin, (Bring your own bedding and pillow) (Mattress provided), or Dry Camping for an RV. No hookups available. **If electric hookups are needed, they will cost \$15.00 for the week.** Tenting is the same price as RV or A frame.

6 Day Total = \$270.00 +\$15.00 for RV Electric plus Workshop fee of \$45.00 Meals furnished.

If you can't stay the full time we can break it down by the day. This would mean \$55.00 per day, plus the Workshop Fee to take advantage of this great program.

Trip to Fossil Bed and Museum – Trip will be in Vans.

Cost will be \$35.00 per person. We need at least 10 to make this trip a go. You will get a tour of the Fossil Beds, see the country and visit the new museum.

Workshop Cost: \$45.00 for Workshop (One fee covers all) – Choose Primary and Secondary.

Lapidary - Provide your own rough or purchase ours at nominal fee from instructors.

Faceting - Provide your own rough or purchase ours. Bring your own machine if you want.

Silversmithing - Fee per project to instructor. Provide your own stones if you want. All Participants must provide eye wear for safety purposes.

Wirewrapping – Bring your own wire or buy from instructor. Provide your own stones or purchase from instructor. If you have your own tools, please bring them. We will have some available.

Intarsia – Per Project cost provides full kit with materials from instructor.

Beading – Components and kits can be purchased from instructor.

Casting – Covering multiple casting methods and building wax models. All Participants must provide eye wear for safety purposes.

Doublets & Triplets – How to cap and or back, plume, moss and opals or anything else. Purchase supplies from Instructor or bring your own.

When moving to a new Workshop, Confirm with incoming Instructor for available space.

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

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

LAPIDARY WORKSHOP

(Plan to bring your own **good quality** slabs, or purchase from instructors) We will be teaching beginning cabochon making and also advanced cab making to those qualified cabbers who wish to learn how to make free-form cabs or just learn to be a better cabochon cutter. We can help you if you plan on participating in competition.

We have multiple workstations utilizing both diamond and carborundum, High Speed Sanders, 18" slab saws, small trim saws, a large flat polisher, and leather with Optical Cerium Oxide polishers. Instructors are Master Cutters.

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SILVERSMITHING WORKSHOP

A Maximum of 8 students: Each Student must bring Safety Glasses (Required), and Opti-Visor if needed for close work. All tools and supplies are provided by the Instructor; and a minimal fee will be charged for each project. They will charge you for all Silver and stones that you take from the Instructor's supply. The tools are for your use based on the per project fee. This is a basic class with a lot more information available for those that learn fast.

FACETING WORKSHOP

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

WIREWRAPPING WORKSHOP

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

BEADING WORKSHOP

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

INTARSIA WORKSHOP

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

CASTING

A maximum of 6 students: Student must bring their own Safety Glasses (Required), Opti-Visor if needed for close work, and bring their own silver for casting. For Silver type and amount contact the Instructor. There will be a minimal material charge for each project based upon materials used.

You will learn to carve wax to create models. Learn about investments and how to use them. Learn Vacuum, Steam and Centrifugal Casting. Learn multiple casting techniques using a variety of methods and materials.

All of this will take most of the week, so expect to spend most of your time in this shop.

Instructor: Chris Blickfeldt grumpies@q.com 208-345-8774

DOUBLETS & TRIPLETS

In this class you will learn the art of capping an opal with optical quartz to create a fine gem stone. This will also give you the ability to use quartz caps for other stones and also how to back a stone with colored material to give a stunning background and better show a plume or moss agate. Instructor will be charging for Quartz caps and for cost of Glue or you can purchase kits for a complete project.

**BIG
ROCK SALE
MAY 5-13, 2012
9 AM TO 5 PM
40 YEAR COLLECTION FROM 16
STATES
AGATE, JASPER, JADE,
PETRIFIED WOOD, MINERALS
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PRICED HIGHER
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TREE BASES
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An Update on the Aspirin for Heart Attacks Article

By Beth Heesacker



Rose Alene McArthur sent me an email pointing me to additional information on the internet at Snopes (a website that checks the facts behind website information). According to Snopes the fast dissolving crystal aspirin is not appropriate for heart attacks. The normal 325 mg type is the one to use and chew it before swallowing (even though the taste is horribl.

The full article is at:

<http://www.snopes.com/medical/drugs/aspirin.asp>

NW ROCKHOUND RETREAT

2012 REGISTRATION NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT September 3rd thru 9th, 2012

Sponsored by
The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies
(One Registrant per form, Please.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Are you a member of a related Club? _____ Name of Club: _____

Your E-Mail address: _____

Registration Fee: \$270.00 Fossil Beds Trip: \$35.00 Work Shop Fee: \$45.00
RV Electric Hookup: \$15.00 for the week *(Place fee on 1st choice)*
Note: *These costs must be paid at registration;* Daily Rate: \$55.00

Material costs will be paid to Workshop Instructor.

Do you need a cabin? _____ Do you need an RV Parking Place? _____
If you are in a cabin, is there another registrant you want in the same cabin? Please identify them.

Instructions: On the right, check which activities you wish to Participate. Place the amount on the line to the right. Total the right hand column and send a check with this form to: Lamar Tilgner 200 S.E. Olvera Ave. Gresham, OR 97080 503-666-2905 lstilgner1@frontier.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registration Fee:	\$270.00
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Fossil Beds Trip:	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lapidary Shop:	_____
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Beading:	_____

NOTE: Make check payable to Lamar Tilgner

Only pay Workshop fee once - Show Workshops you plan to work in and number preference.
Remember, there are 28 hours of Workshop time, so you can register for multiples and divide your time

TOTAL _____

* It has been requested that if you take Faceting that you allot full time to that effort.

NOTE: *If you have any special dietary needs, please note them on entry form so we can get them to the cook.*



NFMS SHOW AND MEETING



Material Needed for the NFMS Rock Auctions

WE NEED MATERIAL FOR
BOTH THE SILENT AUCTION
& THE VOICE AUCTION

The show committee will supply some of the material for the events. What we would like is for Federation members attending the show to please bring a bucket or two of rock. If you have rock that you cannot donate, we will have long term auctions each day. These auctions will work on a 60/40 basis – 40% to the NFMS. The Mt. Hood club has graciously agreed to coordinate and run the silent auction tables.

The voice auction will be held on Sunday at 2:00 pm outside Building 4. Traditionally, the voice auction has been buckets of good material or large single pieces....items that you would not see on a silent auction table. Once again, if you cannot donate the material, we can do a 60/40 split.

Remember, all the proceeds from both the silent auction and the voice auction will go to the NFMS. Thank you for your support.



TO ALL EDITORS: By Peggy Blickfeldt Bulletin Aids Chair

The editors' breakfast this year is Saturday morning. I don't have a time or place yet but hopefully the information will be on the website. You can contact

me later and I might have that information. Also you can contact Judi Allison as she is the one setting it up. Hope to see you all there to see our wonderful editors receive their awards. We had more entries this year and hope to have even more next year.

Important Reminder By Chris Blickfeldt AFMS Endowment Chairman

This year there are two drawings. The regular one they have every year and the other is a drawing that has four machines from Hi Tech: they are

1. Cab King-6V3 \$1,500.00
2. Slant Cabber Machine \$600.00
3. All you need machine \$490.00
4. 6" Trim saw \$440.00

If you want to put a ticket in the drawing for a machine, the ticket must have the number of the machine you want on the back of it and your name. That's four drawings for machines. These tickets will not be in the regular drawing for the other fabulous prizes that they have every year. Tickets are \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. This money is for a good cause and it helps keep our hobby alive.



AFMS SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES ANNOUNCED

Dee Holland, President
AFMS Scholarship Foundation

It's my pleasure to introduce you to the AFMS Scholarship Honorees for 2012. You will know many of these names. This year, except for one regional federation, all the Honorees are rockhounds and known throughout the U.S. for their activities within the rockhound community.

California: Jim Brace-Thompson

Known for his successful Junior Program via the AFMS. And Immediate Past President of CFMS

Eastern: Carolyn and Steve Weinberger

Known for their work both at the EFMLS and AFMS. Steve is a Past President of EFMLS, and AFMS. Carolyn has been editor of EFMLS and AFMS for centuries.... And are also involved in the famous Wildacres.

Midwest: Judith and John Washburn

Known for the work in the Midwest and John's work as All American Chair. Both are Past Presidents of MWF.

Northwest: Jon Spunaugle

Known for his work for the NFMS and the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. John is a Past President of NFMS, AFMS Scholarship and ALAA.

Rocky Mountain: Dr. James Kirkland

Dr. Kirkland is with the Utah Geological Survey, Salt Lake City, UT

South Central: Paul and Margaret Good

Paul and Margaret have been the duo SCFMS Editor/Assistant Editor, since their move to Texas many years ago. They put educational exhibits in schools and libraries throughout the state.

As soon as the honorees select their schools and students we will bring this information to you. Remember: Each Honoree will choose a school and two graduate students in Earth Science, Geo-Science, or Geology, and each student will receive \$4000 for the coming 2012 Fall Semester.

ALAA Presentation at the NFMS Show By Shirley Leeson ALAA Vice President

Tom Crimmons will speak at the ALAA meeting, just before the NFMS Director's meeting Friday, May 18th at 2pm. Come early to the Director's meeting and hear a knowledgeable retired Forest Service Employee explain NEPA.....

TOPIC: *Maintaining Public Access - Tips and Techniques, Understanding the Rules, Building Positive Relationships and Making Effective Comment.*

Presentation will include a brief overview of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Tips on ways to work with land managers, and effectively comment on plans and proposals.

NFMS SHOW AND MEETING



2012 NFMS Show Events Schedule

Friday May 18, 2012

10am – 5pm Show

<u>Events</u>		
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Registration for Annual Meeting (Bldg #3)	
4:00 – 6:00 pm	NFMS Annual Meeting (Bldg #3)	
4:00 – 7:00 pm	Fluorescent Mineral Society Meeting (Bldg #4)	



Speakers

Building #3

- 11:00 – 12:00 Dick Pugh: (Meteorites)
 12:30 – 1:30 Paul Bybee: (Dinosaurs)
 2:00 – 3:30 Tom Crimmins (ALAA): Maintaining Public Access - Tips and Techniques
 Understanding the Rules, Building Positive Relationships, and Making Effective Comments

Building #4

- 11:00 – 12:00 Steve Reidel: The Geologic Evolution of the Columbia River System
 1:00 – 2:00 Greg Tolbert: American Rockhounding Law: The Law of Rock, Mineral, Gemstone, & Fossil Collecting in the United States

Saturday May 19, 2012

10am – 5pm Show

<u>Events</u>		
8:00 – 12:00	NFMS Editors Breakfast & Workshop (Bldg #4)	
7:30 – 1:00	B Reactor Tour #1 (from Richland)	
10:30 – 4:00	B Reactor Tour #2 (from Richland)	
11:00 – 12:00	NFMS Endowment Fund Meeting (Bldg #4)	
2:00 – 4:00	Field Trip to Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site (from Fairgrounds)	
6:00 – 7:00	Social Hour at Country Gentleman	
7:00 – 9:30	NFMS Banquet/Awards at Country Gentleman	

Speakers

Building #3

- 11:00 – 12:00 Dick Pugh: (Meteorites)
 12:30 – 1:30 Garrett Romaine: Mining the Internet
 2:00 – 3:00 Bob Jackson: *A Tale of Two Quartz Mines: Spruce Ridge, WA and Anahi, Bolivia*
 3:30 – 4:30 Paul Bybee: (Dinosaurs)

Building #4

- 12:30 – 1:30 Cindy House: Coyote Canyon Mammoth
 2:00 – 3:00 Bill Shipp: Discovery of Judith Triceratops Skull
 3:30 – 4:30 Bruce Bjornstad: Exploring the Ice Age Floods

Sunday May 20, 2012

10am – 4pm Show

<u>Events</u>		
7:30 – 10:00	Tailgating by Building #1	
12:00 – 1:00	NFMS Officers/Chairmen/Judges/Past Presidents Lunch (Bldg #4)	
2:00 –	NFMS Live Auction (outside if weather permits, near Bldg #4)	

Speakers

Building #3

- 11:00 – 12:00 Dick Pugh: (Meteorites)
 12:30 – 1:30 Jack Powell: Petrified Wood in the Columbia Basin
 2:00 – 3:00 Max Hatfield: Maintaining Your Rock Saw

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Building #4

10:00 – 11:00 Open

2:00 – 3:00 Audrey Vogelpohl: What is the Junior Program All About?

Monday – Tuesday May 21 – 22, 2012

Petrified Wood Identification Seminar
Walt Wright (in Building #4)
Advance Registration Required

(Wednesday May 23 – Geology/field trip for seminar attendees to Clyde Friends & Yakima Canyon)



NFMS Officer Nominations

The nominating committee would like to announce the slate of officers being presented for acceptance at the annual meeting.

Joan Day-Secretary,
Lyle Vogelpohl-Treasurer,
Kathy Moedl-President,
Don Innes-1st Vice President,
Warren Rood-2nd Vice President

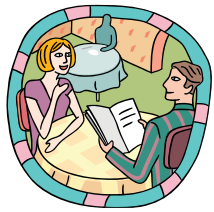
Biography for Warren Rood

Warren Rood is an artist, graphic designer and art director who is hooked on rocks. Warren has a 4-year degree in commercial art and has been in the design business his whole life. Currently, he works part time at Walla Walla Community College as a designer. He also

teaches a jewelry and two lapidary classes at the college. He has his own design business at home.

Warren has been married to his lovely wife, Debbie for 31 years. She is a counselor, so he has an automatic discount on his counseling visits. He has three boys that are taller than he is. The oldest is getting married this year, the middle is figuring out life and the youngest is a high school junior and discouraged when he gets a B in Chemistry. They have lived in a 100-year-old historic house in downtown Walla Walla for the past 20 years.

Warren took a lapidary class in college and made a nice opal heart that he gave to his girlfriend. He hasn't seen either since. About nine years ago he took his boys to a gem and mineral show. They wanted to join the club and go on field trips and find crystals. So, that is what they did. After about five years, rocks lost their interest for the boys and Warren was hooked. He now has a basement full of rocks, a grinder and a 24-inch saw. He was the president of the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society for three years, the field trip leader and the program chair for six years. He is working on his fifth year as the Gem and Mineral Show chairman. He loves his local club and enjoys the many rock friendships. He is looking forward to extending his rock friendship family by joining the leadership of the NFMS.



NFMS Meeting Food Events Update

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!

Our caterer has agreed to extend the date for us to give them the final count on the number of meals we need for the Saturday night banquet, the Editors' Breakfast and the Past Presidents & Committee Chairs Lunch. We need your reservations **no later than May 10th**. **Do it today!**

Annual Awards Banquet –

Saturday, May 19th –

Social Hour (Cash Bar) 6-7 pm, Banquet 7-9:30 pm - **\$20.00 per person**

Choose one of the following entrees:

Stuffed Chicken Breast London Broil Vegetarian

Editors' Breakfast

Saturday, May 19th – 8:00-10:00 am - **\$10.50 per person**

Past Presidents, Officers/Committee Chairmen, Judges & Clerks Lunch

Sunday, May 20th – Noon-1:00 pm - **\$12.00 per person**

Name _____
Address _____
Phone No. _____

Please mail your reservations and remittance to:

Patricia Richardson
2917 W. 19th Ave. #46
Kennewick, WA 99337

For those already registered please contact Pat Richardson at (509) 582-9703 to indicate your selection.

NFMS NEWS



From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

The NFMS Show and meetings are almost upon us. I may live a whole state away but I can feel the excitement building all the way over here. My hubby and I have attended the Lakeside show for many years in the one building and now they are expanding to 4 buildings! The curiosity is almost overwhelming.

The meetings are always informative and entertaining. The lineup of speakers is outstanding. Field trips, oh, my!! Can anyone ask for anything more?? Yes, don't forget the dealers, the silent and the live auctions. And the early Sunday morning tailgating!

The excitement is almost overwhelming. Please check the articles and schedule of events in this issue. Get your registration in (found on the NFMS website) and join us for a marvelous weekend.

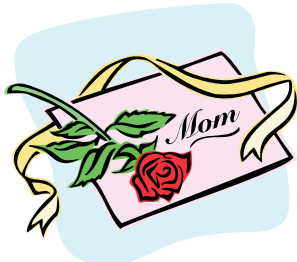


A CLIQUE?

(This bit of information was taken from the March issue of the EFMLS News. It was written by their Federation's President, R. J. Harris. I felt it might be worth sharing, as we all need to be reminded that people develop impressions by the way we present ourselves. Judi Allison)

... Clique is a noun defined as a small, exclusive group. When you are on the outside looking in, it is easy to see why it looks that way. Most of us have trouble getting folks to come forward to truly help. So the same old diehards, who get the job done, keep things working, happy if we can add another solid contributor to the list. I was surprised when I heard the same thing mentioned by two convention attendees this past summer. To them it looked like a small clique that ran both the AFMS and EFMLS. . .

To me the lesson is two-fold. One: we as leaders have to be aware that sometimes people are not instant joiners and we have to go out of our way to make them feel welcome. Our biggest complaint is lack of help. We need to make them feel at home so they want to become contributors. Two: the folks who believe that this organization is run by a clique need to take a longer look at the years of enthusiasm and hard work the folks who are involved have given. It is amazing! Not unlike the leaders in your home clubs. I have made a personal commitment to myself to make sure to mingle with new members at every local club meeting. I will be a better rockhound as a result. Hope you do the same.



AFMS Future Rockhounds Badge Manual Update

By Jim Brace-Thompson
AFMS Juniors Program Chair

The AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Manual is now fully updated, and a new manual was posted last month to the "Kids Corner" section of the AFMS website (at http://www.amfed.org/fra/fra_badge.htm). I've expanded the program to include five new badges for kids to earn and to offer a greater variety of activities for local youth leaders. Additional activities were added to some of the existing badges, other activities were updated, all recommended website addresses were checked and, where necessary, replaced, additional info was added to tables, etc.

I ask that you please help me spread the word throughout your regional Federation. As a start, can the attached announcement please be included in your Federation newsletter? Also, I'm happy to send small posters and flyers about the program to display at your regional Federation Show if you just let me know who to send them to. In these and other ways, I'd value whatever help you may be able to offer in spreading the word to help encourage more youth involvement in our fine hobby.

Many thanks!

Jim Brace-Thompson
AFMS Juniors Program Chair
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Ventura, CA 93003
(805) 659-3577
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Mark Your Calendars:

2013 NFMS Annual Meeting

August 16-18

**Hosted by Butte Mineral and Gem Club
Butte Civic Center, 1340 Harrison Ave.
Butte, Montana**

2014 NFMS Annual Meeting

**Hosted by Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society
in Hermiston, OR**

NFMS NEWS



A Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you because I was contacted yesterday by an Oregon resident who read in the March 2012 issue of the Northwest

Federation of Mineralogical Societies newsletter that incorrectly states the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is planning on closing public beaches to agate hunting ["Beach Agate Alert!" Shirley Leeson, Page 6].

Please allow me to set the record straight and reassure you that our agency has no such plan. Oregon law has always allowed visitors to collect natural products from the ocean shore for personal use and will continue to do so. In fact, the proposed rules establish very generous limits for collecting agates - one gallon per person per day, up to three gallons per year - to ensure millions of people continue to enjoy their Oregon ocean shore experience. There have always been limits on how much people can take to encourage people to share beach resources and to prevent large-scale commercialization.

The proposed rules can be found at

http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/documents/736.021_Draft_2012.1.pdf or they can be accessed through

<http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/RULES/notices.shtml> Simply look for General Ocean Shore State Recreation Area Rules OAR 736-021. The pages relevant to beach combing are 13 and 14.

During the public comment period, we communicated directly with several local and out-of-state rock collectors and groups, including Shirley. Perhaps the article about Oregon's beaches was written before Shirley and I talked and couldn't be pulled before publication, but we need your help now to send out correct information. Oregon's beaches are open to people hunting for agates, rocks, shells and other souvenirs, and what few rules we do have exist to encourage sharing and prevent commercialization.

I, along with my colleagues listed below, would be happy to answer any questions you may have on the proposed rules:

Chris Havel, Assistant Director for Communications, 503-931-2590
Calum Stevenson, Ocean Shore Natural Resources Specialist, 541-888-9324

Enjoy your next trip to Oregon's tremendous public ocean shore!



Follow up on Beach Agate Collecting

By Shirley Leeson
ALAA Vice President

Claudia is referring to page 13 and 14 regarding rockhounding - collecting beach agates....

736-021-0090

Removal for Personal Use:

(4) A person may remove small quantities of natural products from the ocean shore for personal use without a permit as follows:

a. Souvenirs that may serve as a reminder of an individual's ocean shore visit and may include a small quantity of agates, driftwood, and similar non-living items collected for non-commercial, personal use in accordance with ORS 390.705 and 390-725. Removal of natural products may be restricted to individual beach areas, quantities of

material and time of year. For items such as agates, sand and cobble, each collector must use individual containers. Multiple limits may not be combined in the same container. More specifically, the following quantities may be removed:

A. Agates and other non-living items such as shells, stones and fossils laying loose on the ground may be collected in small quantities defined as no more than a 1-gallon container per person, up to 1 gallons per person per year.

For those of you who collect drift wood, there is a separate section....

C. Small quantities of driftwood for non-commercial purposes may be removed as follows:

no more than 1 cubic yard 3ft x 3ft x3st per person per day, up to 3 cords per person per year.

This is their first barrage. They have already changed some of the original law, that's what this is about.

Shirley,
intrepid rockhound, who may or may not collect on the sandy beaches of Oregon....

[And so the discussion goes on. Be aware and take care. Editor]



A Request from a Frustrated Rockhound

By Beth Heesacker

I received a phone call from a very frustrated rockhound. His request was that clubs please update your club websites. There are so many erroneous links that it is difficult to get to your sites, or from your sites, and find current information. This also goes for the NFMS website.

Webmasters, the internet is a wonderful place to get information but if the information is not kept current then it is next to worthless. Please periodically check out your links to other sites and fix them. If you have any changes such as the server you use for your website or the name of your website please send an update to the NFMS webmaster so we can be sure to remain current.

Many thanks from all of us who rely so heavily on computers to find our way to your meetings, shows, etc. Thank you!!

NFMS MEMBER CLUBS' SHOW SCHEDULE

May 4 - 6 Fri 10 - 6, Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Spokane Rock Rollers Club	Spokane County Fair & Expo Center North 604 Havana (at Broadway) Spokane WA	Mike Shaw 509 244 8542 mikeshawmoose@yahoo.com www.rockrollers.org
May 12 - 13 Sat - 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds 901 North Black, Bozeman MT	Sally Griffin 406 451 4362 griffin830@yahoo.com or Dan Carter 406 586 4552
May 18 - 20, 2012 Fri 10 - 5, Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	2012 NFMS Annual Gem Show, Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak, Kennewick WA	Dom Cataldo dac@bioguardtech.com PO Box 6652, Kennewick, WA 99336 www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com
May 19 - 20 Sat 8 - 5, Sun 8 - 4	Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society	Ravalli County Fairgrounds First Interstate Center, 100 Old Corvallis Road, Hamilton MT	Mike McConnell 406 777 0536 micker1949@yahoo.com
June 1 - 3 Fri 12 - 5, Sat 10 - 5 Sun 11 - 4	Puyallup Valley Club	Swiss Park, 9205 198 th Avenue East Bonney Lake, WA 98391	Contact - Inga Holmquist 253 312 5314 PO Box 134 Puyallup WA 98371
June 2 - 3 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Everett Rock & Gem Club	Everett Soccer Arena, 2201 California St. Everett, WA (new location)	Fritz Mack 425 232 0809 PO Box 1615 Everett WA 98206
June 2 - 3 Sat 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 4	North Idaho Mineral Club	Kootenai County Fairgrounds and Event Center, Coeur d'Alene ID (2 blocks East of Hwy 95)	Bill Johnson 205 765 2900 info-bockbb@aol.com
June 9 - 10 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Butte Mineral & Gem Club	Butte Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Avenue (exit 127 North), Butte, MT	Peter Knudsen PO Box 4492 Butte MT 59702 406 496 4395
June 16 - 17 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4:30	Oregon Coast Agate Club	Yaquina View Elementary School Multipurpose Room, 351 SE Harney Street (just off Hwy 20, turn south at the light), Newport OR	K. Myers 541 265 2514 PO Box 293 Newport OR 97365
July 20 - 22, 2012 Fri 10 - 5, Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary Society	Reedsport Community Center, 451 Winchester Avenue, Reedsport OR	Bill or Virginia Hendrickson 541 271 6816 100 River Bend road #17 Reedsport OR 97467
July 21 - 22 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Northwest Montana Rock Chucks	Northwest Montana Fairgrounds, 265 North Meridian Road, Kalispell MT	Milah Gano 406 844 3560 mallards_g@hotmail.com
September 8 - 9 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Umpqua Gem Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Frear Street, Roseburg OR 97470 (Directly off I-5 Exit 123)	Eileen Paul 541 672 5229 beadpatch@cmspan.net
September 8 - 9 Sat 9 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Clallam County Gem & Mineral Association	Vern Burton Community Center, 308 East 8 th Street, Port Angeles WA 98362	Jen Bourassa jednennie@msn.com PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382 SequimRocks.com
September 8 - 9 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society	Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, Community Center, 9 th Street and Orchard, Walla Walla WA	Warren Rood 509 522 2330 warrenrood@yahoo.com
September 15- 16 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fairgrounds, A Street & Cowlitz River, Castle Rock WA	Jackie Furuli 360 431 0059 PO Box 704 Longview WA 98632
September 22 - 23 Sat 9 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Hellgate Mineral Society	Ruby's Reserve Street Inn, 4825 North Reserve Street, Missoula MT	Bob Riggs 14 Holiday Lane Missoula MT 59801 406 543 3667
October 12 - 14 Fri 10 - 6, Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show	Washington Co. Fairplex, 873 NE 34 th Avenue, Hillsboro OR 97124	Josh Heater 971 570 5456 j.frankray@hotmail.com Rose Jackson ljeweledrose@gmail.com
October 13 - 14 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Marysville Rock & Gem Club	Totem Middle School Cafeteria 7 th Street and State Avenue, Marysville WA	Bill Moser 425 238 8222 bill-jj@comcast.net George Haage 425 339 2272 Haag@GTE.net
October 20 - 21 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fairgrounds, 1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston ID 83501	Steve Rand 208 791 2325 PO BOX 365 Lewiston ID 83501
October 27 - 28 Sat 9 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4 th Avenue, Canby OR	Rick Mauer 503 691 6395 tallerricardo@juno.com
November 9 - 11 Fri 10 - 5, Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Cascade Mineralogical Society and Northwest Opal Association	Puyallup Fairgrounds Expo Hall Meridian St. S & 9 th Avenue SW Puyallup WA	Lyle Jorgensen 425 483 0557 mechanix@comcast.net
November 17 - 18 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society	Kitsap County Fairgrounds, 1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd, Bremerton, WA	Dave Reimers 360 731 4198 PO Box 3342 Silverdale WA 98383