A couple of months ago our President, Kathy Moedl made the statement “get involved”. This is the foundation of our NFMS. Each of us has a talent we should put to work or we tend to lose it or it fades. Don’t wait to be asked to give your best, step forward and volunteer. Step forward and get on a committee so as to further your education and to help yourself and your club. I have made many new friends and learned many new things since joining the NFMS. Now is the time to start this year with a new interest in the NFMS.

I expect many changes in our nation and the world during the next few years and we need to prepare. Keep your local clubs up to date with what is going on in our hobby and the things that affect our hobby. We have exchanged our newsletter for several years with other clubs as far away as Australia. I wonder sometimes how the clubs share this newsletter with their members.

As NFMS members we all get the NFMS newsletter. We are the only one of the Federations that gives each member a newsletter. We can connect with all other members with this Link. The Membership Directory lists all the Officers, members, clubs and where they meet. The Ye Old Timers Mineral Club also has a Directory of people across the states who will be glad help you in finding places to find rock in their areas. I feel this is worth repeating. I just left Kennewick, Washington after having a great Mid-year meeting. Much was accomplished and it was well attended.

Like most of you, I am very busy. I work at our local community college in the graphics department as a designer, also as an instructor in ceramics and lapidary. Combine that with time for family and home repairs and my weeks are full. It has been hard to even find time for things I love to do such as lapidary.

The other night during my advanced lapidary class I was talking with one of my students about the beauty of moss agate. I started looking through my slabs and came across a slice of a Lucky Strike thunder egg that I had dug and cut a few years ago. The matrix was the typical greenish brown color, but the agate was a little hard to see because it was a very rough cut from an old blade. Even though I had worked 10 hours that day, I decided I needed to uncover the beauty in this particular piece. After a half hour of cutting, grinding and going to the 80 grit sand paper, I sat there spellbound. Sitting in my hands was this abstract group of wavy “mossy” fingers that ranged in color from a deep purple to a lighter turquoise encased in a clear agate. As I looked longer, I could look past the multi-layers of moss, into this little microcosm of color and form that was changing as I moved the stone.

To me, this endless depth and color is better than a painting or a photo. This is nature at its finest, showing us a one of a kind piece of artwork. So, I was reminded all over again why I love this hobby and why I will always love it.
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HOW MUCH NFMS HISTORY CAN YOU GIVE ME?
By Shirley Leeson
NFMS Historian

We are losing members who have created history and members who have seen history happen. Here’s a for instance – how many of you were around for the Spokane NFMS/AFMS show in 1983, hosted by the Spokane Rock Rollers? It was an event at the fairgrounds with shuttle buses between the host hotel and the fairgrounds. There were many notable people there, from all phases of the rockhound world. Do you remember the Mineral Charts which were introduced at that show? Do you have a copy of that mineral chart?

Were you there in Ogden, Utah for the 1977 NFMS/AFMS convention and show where the Golden Spike Gem and Mineral hosted this huge event? The Japanese Appreciation Society brought a whole collection of “chrysanthemum stones” something never seen outside Japan.

And do you remember 1989, “Days of Gems and Roses”? Hosted by the Oregon Agate and Mineral Society in Portland, Oregon for the NFMS/AFMS events. The Portland Rose Festival Parade was included if you were lucky enough to secure tickets. But two little ducks stole the show outside the window of the delegate’s meeting with their antics.

The Owyhee Hotel, hosted the banquet at the 1995 NFMS/AFMS show and convention in Boise, Idaho. A highlight of the show was a room devoted to fluorescent mineral displays, stunning.

What tales do you have about these combined shows? How many of our regional convention/shows have you personally attended? I’d like to hear your thoughts. beauholland@centurytel.net give me a shout.

What Projects are Now Planned or Underway in Your Forest!!
By Dr. Kenneth Zahn
Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club

Ever wonder how to find out what projects are being planned for your favorite National Forest, what types of environmental reviews are being planned for them and what is the status of each proposal's planning process? There is a simple way to check on these points within each National Forest, as each Forest publishes a project planning summary called the SOPA (Status of Proposed Actions) each quarter. The SOPA is published online, but you can also request a paper copy in many cases by calling the National Forest Supervisor's office.

Quarterly SOPAs are also prepared by each specific Grassland, Scenic Area, Recreation Area, and Tall Grass Prairie. The simplest way to directly access your area Forest's SOPA for on-line review (or printing) is to type the name of your Forest and the word SOPA into your internet browser, for example: "Gallatin National Forest SOPA". When the list of recent quarterly SOPAs appears, just click open the one you want to read. (P.S.: You can also review the details of many of the individual projects that are planned or already underway by clicking on the Forest's "Home Page" prompt after reading the SOPA, and once at the Home Page, click open the "Land and Resources Management" prompt and then the "Projects" prompt.)

But back to the SOPA: Each proposed project's planning summary shows what type environmental impact review (NEPA) document is to be used (CE for Categorical Exclusion, EA for Environmental Assessment, or EIS for Environmental Impact Statement), the key planning process action dates, the expected date of the final decision, the portion of the Forest at issue, and the name and telephone number of the Project Contact person to reach for more information.

Understanding the nuances of the processes required for the different types of environmental review (by CE, EA, or EIS) is a story for another article, but you can at least start with the SOPA to understand what's planned and each planning process' current status.

Should you wish to dig into the USFS's NEPA procedures, you might start by accessing and bookmarking a USDA-sponsored page that lists many of the key NEPA-related Federal Acts and agency regulations/policies/procedures by typing the following website address into your internet browser: http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nepa/
‘What’s Wrong With This Picture?’
By Chuck Sonner, Safety Chair

Years back, this was one of my training mottos. We tried to teach the ability to analyze the environment you walked into to find out what could possibly be a danger to you or others.

Sometimes I don’t take my own advice. On a family trip from Western Washington to Southern California, we followed the coast through Northern California. Avenue of the Giants was our first stop. My wife Tanya took lots of pictures. The pictures were developed before we arrived at my dad’s house in Sun City. My dad was looking at the pictures when he looked at me and said ‘WHAT WERE YOU THINKING’. He showed me a picture of my son and I standing on the side of a large redwood holding on to vines. He explained to me that the vines we were holding were poison ivy. Luck was with us. We did not come down with poison ivy.

Years later, my son was leaving work and saw a small snake scooting across the parking lot. He has always been fascinated by snakes and proceeded to capture it. He stopped by our house to show his latest acquisition. After my son described how the snake moved, ‘sidewinder’ came to mind. We figured the snake came off a crate from Texas. My wife checked the web for information on the type and found out it was one of the most dangerous in that state. Local animal control asked us to destroy the snake, which we did. They also informed us that the snake was a juvenile. Juveniles would strike over and over again making them even more dangerous than adults.

We need to review our collecting sites. What will happen if you grab that root or vine? What will you find when you flip over that rock? Ask yourself, “is there anything wrong with this picture?”

Editor’s Note – The picture of Chuck is one I took of him at the Mid-Year Meeting. Note the neck brace on our Safety Chairman. He had not used proper safety equipment while re-roofing and fell off. Please also note that the title of his article (which came with the article) fits well with the picture.

The information covered both state regulations and IRS regulations. The regulations in the State of Washington have changed over the last five years. Most of the bylaws for Washington State NMFS clubs could be out of date.

I wanted to write an article to inform member clubs what was learned. With the volume and complexity of the material made this impossible. What I can do is give you a few referral sites. The Secretary of State web site is www.sos.wa.gov/charities. Add /training to see if there is a symposium in your area. Check Washington State’s RCW 24.03. The last thing I can add is if you call the state to get answers to specific questions, have them send you a response in writing. This was mentioned several times during the symposium. The state auditors can not dispute the letter of the letter (law).

CHARITIES & NONPROFIT EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
By Chuck Sonner

This was the title of an event put on by Secretary of State for the State of Washington. This symposium took place on Monday following the mid-year meeting in Longview, Washington.

Five members from SWMS attended this symposium. We were five among 100. The agenda covered Governance, Board Duties, Bylaws, D & O Insurance, Liabilities and Indemnification, WA State tax requirements & WA State Registration & Renewal requirements.

MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 27
Rockhounds of the Year
By Viola Jones

Clackamette Mineral & Gem of Oregon City, Oregon is pleased to select Jim Heiman as our Rockhound of the Year. Jim has been a club member for 17 years and has contributed untold hours of his time and energy to make the club a success. He led the club in obtaining its 501-c-3 rating during his two year presidency. He is a voice of reason and detail, guiding the club through efforts to obtain that rating. Though he does so much he shy’s away from taking credit or recognition for his efforts.

Jim’s specialty is making spheres, which he largely gives away. He demonstrates his sphere making abilities at our annual shows and is a willing teacher. He has lead field trips and has a keen eye for finding beautiful material in the Hampton Butte area.

Submitted by;
Sean Hietpas
Federation Director

Mount Hood Rock Club, of Gresham, Oregon chooses Troy and Lenora Smith as their 2013 Rockhounds of the Year. The Smiths joined the club in 1993. Both are dedicated Rock Hounds with Troy being a real Petrified Wood Man. While Lenora can move a lot of dirt she also does Wire Wrapping and Beading. Both are Representatives to the Oregon Council of Rockhounds and both are involved in the Great Portland Regional Show which our club is a part of. They volunteer their time and efforts whenever there is a need. Troy has been Treasurer of our club for a number of years and Lenora is a Past President and is always involved in decisions anytime the club has a need.

Here is a couple that any club would be proud to have as members and for all this we nominate them as Rockhounds of the year for 2013.

Submitted by
Dan Espeland

From the Editor’s Rockpile
By Beth Heesacker

We are back from our extended trip to Kennewick for the Mid-Year Meeting and to the Snake River for catfishing. The meeting was great as usual. Our club, Clackamette Gem and Mineral, had 8 people attending the meeting. The show was as good as ever and the tailgating session on Sunday had lots of wonderful bargains and we sold quite a bit of stuff too.

Now on to the catfishing. We traveled on down I-84, with our friends Del and Clara Walker, to Huntington and over to the Snake River. The only catfish I caught was one tossed into my net by a passing boater and Paul landed one that our friend hooked. Our friends caught 11 while we were there and we really did not catch any. We figured that the guy who fished in that spot two weeks before and caught 4 had fished out the hole. The dam was also playing around with the water level and maybe the catfish were spooked by that.

We did have a good time with good friends and they had a catfish fry to which we were invited. Clara serves up a wonderful catfish dinner!

We plan on dropping by and trying our luck again on the way back from the Annual NFMS Meeting in Butte and will be back there in September on a geology trip with some other friends. Maybe the catfish will be more in a biting mood then.

By the way, from a rockhound standpoint, I could have filled a few buckets with good tumbling material if I had not had to keep my eye on the tip of my fishing pole.

The pictures to the right are from the Midyear Meeting in Kennewick.
THINK BUTTE!
(OR – WHAT TO DO ON YOUR SUMMER VACATION)
By JOE SLOUBER
BUTTE MINERAL & GEM CLUB PRESIDENT & NFMS EXHIBITS REGISTRAR

There are so many things to do in and around Butte that you may want to stay an extra day or two. Things to do in Butte – (just a partial list):

- The World Museum of Mining - built on the actual site of the orphan girl mine. You’ll be able to tour the mine headframe and ore loading house and go inside the engine room and see the hoist engine and some interesting mining related displays.
- Walk through Hell Roaring Gulch at the museum – a mining ghost town with a saloon, a drug store, a mining office, a grocery store and lots of other buildings that you can peek in the windows to see the treasures inside.
- You can also sign up for an underground mining tour (you’ll need to make reservations).

Montana Tech Mineral Museum – they have a world class collection of minerals (including a killer display of Butte minerals), among other things to see.

Headframe Spirits - a local distillery with different brands of liquors, made right there. They have a tasting room where you can try out some of their prize winning potables, (named after some of Butte’s mines.) Either straight or mixed. If you like the taste, they’ll sell you a bottle or two. My favorite is Orphan Girl Cream Bourbon.

The tasting room has the actual bar from the famous Rocky Mountain Café in Meaderville.

Take a look at this web site for an outsiders’ view of Butte - [http://digitalnomad.nationalgeographic.com/2013/01/25/covellite/](http://digitalnomad.nationalgeographic.com/2013/01/25/covellite/)

There are lots of other things to do and see in Butte:
- antique stores, art galleries, rock shops where you can buy Butte mineral specimens, places to go for lunch (Joe’s pasty shop – try out the famous Butte pasty) and dinner.
- If you want something to do on the looong Sunday afternoon waiting for the show to close, you can go to the old mining town of Philipsburg where everything’s open on Sunday.
- The town has been painted and fixed up so it’s an enjoyable place to visit.
- You can try panning for sapphires at the Sapphire Gallery, go to the Sweet Shop for all kinds of candy, handmade fudge (lots of different kinds), look for antiques at ‘Stuff N Such’ and visit all the galleries, and gift and shops. Doe Drug Store is a great place for lunch.

Don’t forget that the Butte show is also the 75th anniversary of the NFMS.
And don’t forget to send me your competitive exhibit entry forms.

See you in Butte!

WANTED

The NFMS will be hosting both the silent and voice auction at the annual show in Butte, MT. We are asking member clubs to bring ½ bucket of clean identified material to the show. This material could be from your area. Longview WA will be bringing coprolite from Salmon Creek. This material is common to them but prized outside their area. If you would like to bring more, we will not turn it down. Something special will be put into the voice auction.

We also need volunteers to run the silent auction.

Dick Parks will be chairing the auctions. He can be contacted at packrats2@q.com or 360 892-3716
The following proposal will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in Butte. Please discuss this with your club and have your Delegate and Director prepared to vote on it. Thank you.

MOVED BY LAKESIDE GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.

PROPOSAL for Operation Procedures to amend duties of the Scholarship Committee.

OP Committee - 1 All Standing Committees:

Subject: Duties of Standing Committee Chairmen:

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship shall:

* Accept and acknowledge donations and maintain records of all contributions to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation made by Societies or individuals of the NFMS. These contributions, with any change in percentage standing, are to be forwarded promptly to the NFMS Treasurer.
* Publicize the work of the Foundation through the Northwest Newsletter and at the Annual Meeting.
* Report annually to the AFMS Audit Committee all donations received and forwarded. (Amended 7/19/2002)

Due to Scholarship funds no longer being handled in the above manner, the current procedure to be rescinded in its entirety, and replaced as follows:

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Scholarship shall:

* Accept and acknowledge donations made by societies or individuals. If made as In Memoriam, notify the next of kin as listed with the donation.
* Forward donations to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Treasurer with copies to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation President.
* Maintain records of all donations received.
* Publicize the work of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation through articles in the NFMS Newsletter and at NFMS meetings.
* Checks are to be made out to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation

Submitted by Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.               Date: 3/6/13

President                                         Secretary
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Federation Director                             [Signature]
Larry Holstrom
Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies

75th Annual NFMS Show & Convention
“NFMS’ 75th Anniversary Show” Gem and Mineral Show
Hosted by Butte Mineral and Gem Club
Butte Civic Center, 1340 Harrison Avenue, Butte, Montana

ADVANCE REGISTRATION (Deadline July 1st, 2013)

Please use one form for each person. Forms may be duplicated. Payment may be combined.

Name:______________________________________________________________________________________
Spouse:______________________________________________________(free entry to exhibitor & spouse)
Address:____________________________________________________________________________________
Street     City   State  Zip
Email:______________________________________
Member of:_________________________________________________________________________________
Club or Society     City/State
Brief description of exhibit (for program)__________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________
Your Case Dimensions:   Width___________ Height___________ Depth__________
Do you need a borrowed case?   YES____   NO____     Borrowed cases are approximately 4’x2’x2’ and do not have risers or liners.

 Liability: It is mutually agreed that the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Butte Mineral & Gem Club shall not be liable to any Exhibitor, in whole or in part. This includes the property of the Exhibitor, or injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submitting this signed application for entry constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

Signature of Exhibitor_________________________________________________________________________________

DEADLINE DATE: JULY 1, 2013
Send your application to:
Pete Knudsen, Special exhibits         1301 West Gold Street
Butte, MT  59701
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Address:____________________________________________________________________________________
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Member of:_________________________________________________________________________________
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Brief description of exhibit (for program)__________________________________________________________
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Note: All food events (below) require advance reservations:
The breakfasts and luncheons will be held at the Butte Plaza Inn, the conference hotel.
The banquet on Saturday and the annual meeting Friday will be held at the Mining City Science Center. Reservations for the banquet are required. It would be helpful if you would please CIRCLE other events you will be attending.

Friday, August 9th, 2013.
Judges & Clerks Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Order from Menu
NFMS Annual Meeting 6:00 p.m. No cost

Saturday, August 10th, 2013
Past President, Officers, Committee Chair luncheon 12:00 p.m. Order from Menu
Social Hour 6:00 p.m. No host
Awards Banquet 7:00 p.m. $28.75   $___________

Sunday, August 11th, 2013
Editors Breakfast 8:30 am Order from menu

Make Checks payable to: Butte Mineral and Gem Club  Total _________________
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The Way I See It
By Don Monroe, AFMS President

The “Deal” a true story

About 20 years ago, give or take a few, I received a telephone call from Ed Elam who is remembered by many of you as a master of the art of channel or as called by some, channel inlay. Ed noted that we had lost two of our old-time instructors and that he wanted to insure that the future of channel was preserved and the art form would continue to be taught.

Ed offered me a deal that involved coming to his home in Brent, Alabama. He promised that if I would spend time working with him that he would teach me all that I needed to know about doing channel. He further stated that he would help me assemble the tools needed to do channel work and furnish me with some of his slabbed material to get started.

Well, I took him up on his offer and this was followed with the opportunity to teach with Ed at John C. Campbell. We did this together for several years. During this period I also taught channel at William Holland and recruited my wife Ann who had developed a significant ability to do channel work. I continued to teach with Ed until his wife’s physical condition forced him to give it up. After Ed retired from teaching I continue to this date at William Holland and we teach a few private students.

There is a message in this story which is that all of us that teach need to sponsor someone to take up our job when we must give it up. Ann and I have concentrated on a few dedicated students and hopefully we will have them to take up the challenge when we are no longer able to teach.

The Eastern Federation has a competition program entitled “Each One Teach One” which recognizes Eastern club members who teach others. Clubs and individuals submit information about their members who teach skills to others as Ed did to me with no monetary remuneration for their time or effort. A committee reads all the nominations and makes a determination as to the winner. It’s a great way to ensure that the skills we’ve all learned continue for the next generation and to recognize those who see that it happens.

Our own AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year program can be used as a way of saying “thank you” to the members who teach others. Each club may submit the name and information about one member (or husband and wife team) each calendar year. I’d like to see more clubs brag about these important members each month. Just send your submission to your regional federation "ACROY" chair and you’ll see them honored in the pages of the AFMS Newsletter.

Endowment Fund Drawing Update
By R. J. Harris

The following raffle items have been added:

Prize #9: Framed Fossil Fish from Rocky Mountain Federation Chair, Richard Jaeger.

Prize #10: A rare find of stacked “Jerry Quartz” crystals from Arkansas. Donated by Danny Griffin, SFMS President. (SFMS).

Prize #11: A channel inlay piece in the style of Scottish Victorian jewelry of the 1800’s. It features a sterling set with agate and jasper. The piece is being made now and will be gorgeous. Crafted and donated by AFMS President Don Monroe, the piece has an estimated value of $350. (AFMS)

Prize #12: Acanthite from the Imiter Mine nr. Tinerhir, Ourzazate Province, Morocco. Donated by Steve and Carolyn Weinberger, the specimen has an estimated value of $100. (EFMLS).

Prize #13: Calcite from Charcas, San Luis Potosi, Mexico. Donated by Steve and Carolyn Weinberger, the specimen has an estimated value of $100. (EFMLS)

We welcome your donations. To donate, contact me at: roqfreq@rjharris.com.

You can see color photographs of most of the prizes to date on the AFMS web site (www.amfed.org). You can also find the contact information for your federation ticket seller in the same place.

Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $25. Please buy many and buy often!

Wise Words---

When a woman says, “What”, it’s not because she didn’t hear you. It’s because she’s giving you a chance to change what you said.

Shot my first turkey yesterday. Scared the hell outta everyone in the frozen food section. It was awesome! Getting old is so much fun.

With my ailing memory, I’m thinking of changing my password to “incorrect”. That way, when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me….”your password is incorrect”.

Modern Technology

I was visiting my son and daughter-in-law last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper. “This is the 21st century, old man,” he said. “We don’t waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my iPad”. I can tell you, that stinking fly never knew what hit it…..

Starting tomorrow—Whatever life throws at me I’m gonna duck — so it hits someone else

Today’s housekeeping tip: Always keep several Get Well cards on the mantelpiece. That way, if unexpected guests arrive, they’ll think you’ve been sick and unable to clean.

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Birthstones

The Gregorian calendar has poems matching each month with its birthstone. These are traditional stones of English-speaking societies. Tiffany & Co. published these short poems "of un-known author" for the first time in a pamphlet in 1870.

By her who in this month (January) is born
No gem save garnets should be worn;
They will ensure her constancy,
True friendship, and fidelity.

The February-born shall find
Sincerity and peace of mind,
Freedom from passion and from care,
If they an amethyst will wear.

Who in this world of ours their eyes
In March first open shall be wise,
In days of peril firm and brave,
And wear a bloodstone to their grave.

She who from April dates her years,
Diamonds shall wear, lest bitter tears
For vain repentance flow; this stone,
Emblem of innocence, is known.

Who first beholds the light of day
In spring's sweet flowery month of May
And wears an emerald all her life
Shall be a loved and happy wife.

Who comes with summer to this earth,
And owes to June her hour of birth,
With ring of agate on her hand
Can health, wealth, and long life command.

The glowing ruby shall adorn,
Those who in July are born;
Then they'll be exempt and free
From love's doubts and anxiety.

Wear a sardonyx or for thee,
No conjugal felicity;
The August-born without this stone,
'Tis said, must live unloved and lone.

A maiden born when September leaves
Are rustling in September's breeze,
A sapphire on her brow should bind
'Twill cure diseases of the mind.

October's child is born for woe,
And life's vicissitudes must know,
But lay an opal on her breast,
And hope will lull those woes to rest.

Who first comes to this world below
With drear November's fog and snow,
Should prize the topaz's amber hue,
Emblem of friends and lovers true.

If cold December gave you birth,
The month of snow and ice and mirth,
Place on your hand a turquoise blue;
Success will bless whatever you do.

If your information regarding birthstones shows a different listing it is because the listing has been tweaked several times over the years by different countries and organizations. For example Aquamarine was inserted for March and pearl for agate for June in 1912. Alexandrite was added for June in 1952. Peridot replaced sardonyx in the early 1900’s in the US only. The most recent change was the addition of Tanzanite to the list of December birthstones.

Yesteryear

A soft breeze from the pasture brought the smell of new mown hay. The sunshine urged the crops to grow and chased the clouds away. A shady spot beneath the trees, a cool drink thirsty quench.

A ten year old wanting to help my grandpa twist the wrench. Chickens clucked and pecked the ground an old dog softly snores. Dreaming of his puppy years and all his hunting scores.

Grandma pinned the laundry out, clean clothes hung up to dry. As she worked she sang a song of sweet home in the sky. Summer barely just begun with months yet out of school. Sweet memories of yesteryear shine for me like a jewel.

1/4/13
Vern Ricker

Top Ten Time-Tested Procedures in the Lapidary Shop

By Wayne Moorhead, April 1, 2007

1. Large rocks can be easily and quickly cut on the trim saw. If the blade binds and smokes, just turn on a fan.
2. Saw oil should be a rich brownish-black color, and contain plenty of thick grime to help the blade cut properly.
3. Leaving equipment ON after you’re finished will reduce wear and tear on the switch, and save the next person some time.
4. Seldom, if ever, is clean-up really necessary, because Pixies will come in the night and clean everything while we sleep.
5. Apply maximum pressure to the sanding and buffing wheels to break them in good and quick-like.
6. Any strange noises emanating from a piece of equipment can be ignored. Continue using it like you normally would.
7. Water is optional for just about every aspect of grinding and sanding. Humid air will do fine.
8. Cleaning the floor would remove the wonderful patina that years of neglect have created, so don’t touch that mop.
9. Those splatter patterns on the walls and cabinets are someone’s artistic creation. Don’t you dare wipe them off.
10. In case you haven’t noticed the date at the top of this column, please take that into account regarding these procedures.

I hope you all found that humorous, or maybe you cringed at some partial truths here, regarding our shop and how things are treated.

Via CMS Tumbler, 4/2013; The Pegmatite, 4/07
**NFMS MEMBER CLUBS’ SHOW SCHEDULE**

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<td>Jim Nelson 541 687 8100 <a href="mailto:tworockvj@aol.com">tworockvj@aol.com</a> Patricia Engleman <a href="mailto:thunderegg.rockclub@gmail.com">thunderegg.rockclub@gmail.com</a></td>
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You Might Be a Rockhound If . . . . .

- You purchase things like drywall compound just to have another nice bucket to carry rocks in.
- The club you belong to uses rocks for center-pieces for the annual Christmas dinner.
- The first thing you pack for your vacation is a chisel and a hammer.
- You spend hours and hours in the ugliest room in your house.
- You give directions like, "turn right at the green farmhouse...
- You bought the ugliest boots available cause they were water proof.
- You know what findings are for.
- You watch the scenery in movies instead of the actors.
- Your company asks you not to bring any more rocks to the office until they have time to reinforce the floor.
- The local jewelry stores & libraries give out your name for information on rock clubs.
- You examine individual rocks in driveway gravel.

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