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## Don Innes First Vice-President

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.



## Warren Rood 2nd Vice President

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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July issue deadline: June 15

Note that ALL new Annual Meeting information must be in this issue.

There will not be an issue in August!

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### 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](mailto: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/>



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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**



**‘What’s Wrong With This Picture?’  
By Chuck Sonner,  
Safety Chair**

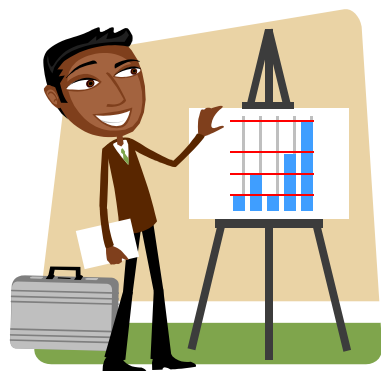
Years back, this was one of my training mottos. We tried to teach the ability to analyze the environment you walked into to find out what could possibly be a danger to you or others.

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 out 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. ☺



**CHARITIES &  
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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.

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](http://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).

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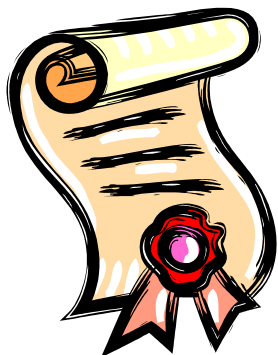
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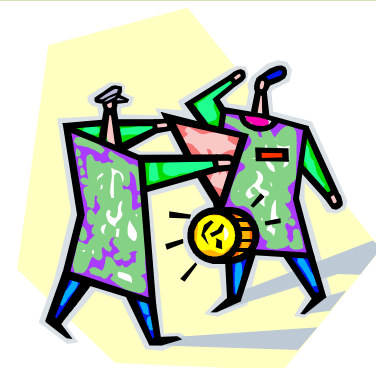
By Viola Jones



**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 40 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!

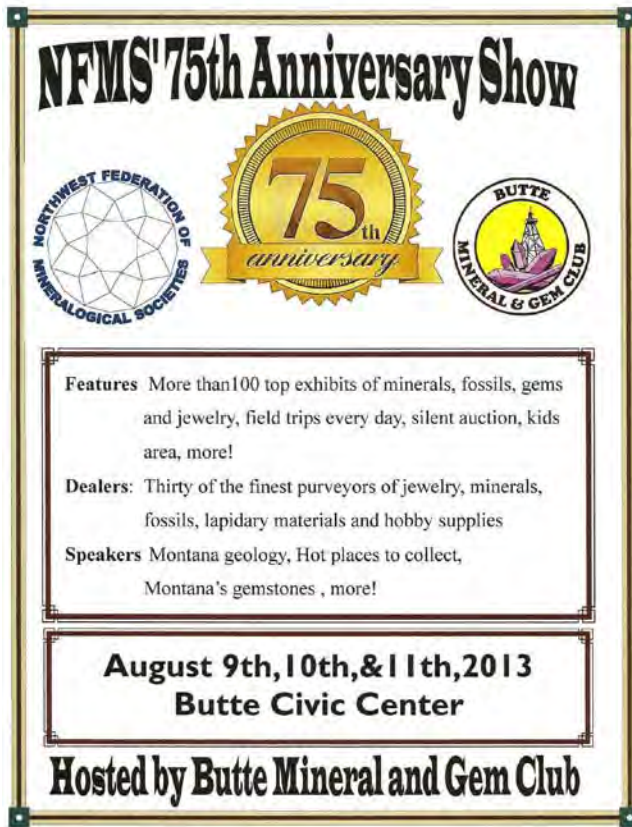
We plan on dropping by and trying our luck again on the way back from the Annual NFMS Meeting in Butte and will be back there in September on a geology trip with some other friends. Maybe the catfish will be more in a biting mood then.

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 Kenniwick.



## NFMS ANNUAL MEETING IN BUTTE, MONTANA AUGUST 9-11, 2013



## 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/>

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 loong 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

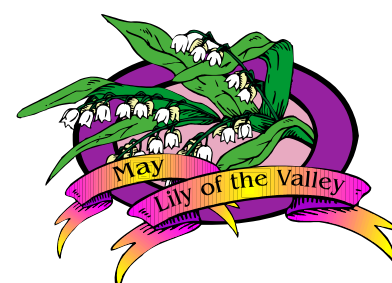
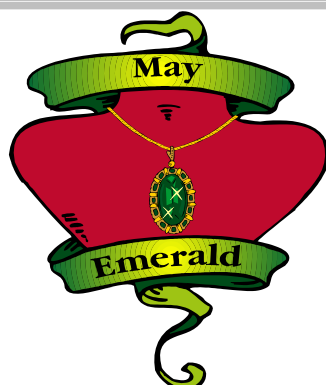
We are asking member clubs to bring ½ **bucket of clean identified material** to the show.

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](mailto:packrats2@q.com)  
or 360 892-3716





**NFMS ANNUAL MEETING IN BUTTE, MONTANA AUGUST 9-11, 2013 (cont.)**

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:**

**SCHOLARSHIP**

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

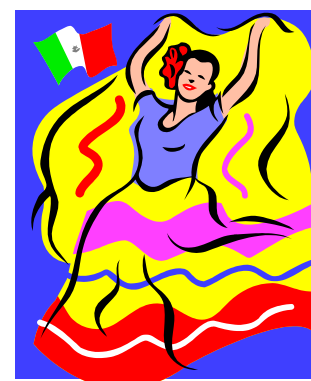
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**NFMS ANNUAL MEETING IN BUTTE, MONTANA AUGUST 9-11, 2013 (cont.)**

**Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies**



75<sup>th</sup> Annual NFMS Show & Convention  
 “NFMS’ 75<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013)**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Federation Affiliations \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Circle all that apply:**  
 NFMS Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Director/Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Dir/Delegate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Committee Chair - position \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
 Demonstrator \_\_\_\_\_ Comp. Exhibitor. \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Comp. Exhibitor. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

SHOW ADMISSION	DAILY RATE	DAYS	3 DAY PASS	TOTAL COST
Adult	\$5.00	_____	\$12.00	\$ _____
Senior (60+)	\$4.00	_____	\$10.00	\$ _____
Student (10-17)	\$3.00	_____	\$7.00	\$ _____
Exhibitor.& spouse or Demonstrator	Free	_____	Free	Free

**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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Editors Breakfast 8:30 am Order from menu

**Make Checks payable to: Butte Mineral and Gem Club**

Mail to: 2013 NFMS Show Total \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pete Knudsen, Special exhibits  
 1301 West Gold Street  
 Butte, MT 59701

You will receive a confirmation of your application by mail or E-mail. If there are any questions please email or call Pete Knudsen (406) 496-4395 [PKnudsen@mtech.edu](mailto:PKnudsen@mtech.edu) or Joe Slouber, (406)494-3034

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**NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT APPLICATION –deadline is July 1, 2013)**

(One application per exhibit please)\_

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 included 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

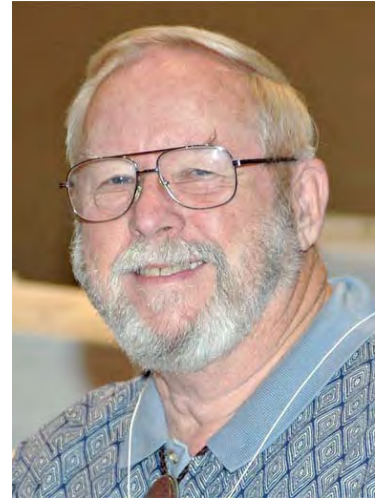
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## AFMS NEWS

## 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](http://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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

Via Bolder Buster 4/2013

## TIDBITS FROM OTHER NEWSLETTERS

### 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.

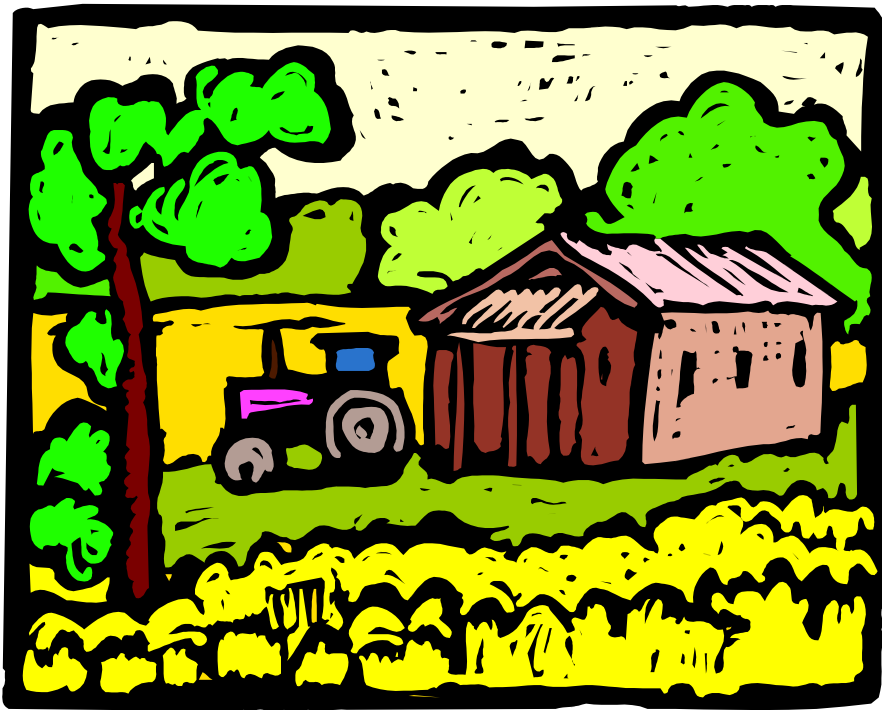
Who first comes to this world below  
With drear November's fog and snow,  
Should prize the topaz's amber hue,  
Emblem of friends and lovers true.

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 Aqua-marine 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.



Via Rock Licker 4/2013



### 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

Via Hidden Treasures 4/2013

### 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

<b>May 11-12</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds 901 North Black Bozeman MT 59715	Dan Carter or Jerry Hancock 406 599 6063 Box 11001 Bozeman MT 59719
<b>May 18-19</b> Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Hatrockhound Gem & Mineral Club	Hermiston Community Center 415 South Highway 395 Hermiston OR	Mike Filarski <a href="mailto:stonemorlin1@netscape.net">stonemorlin1@netscape.net</a> 541 922 5091 cell 541 571 2593
<b>May 18-19</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society	First Interstate Center, Ravalli County Fairgrounds, 100 Old Corvallis Road, Hamilton MT	Mike McConnell <a href="mailto:micker1949@yahoo.com">micker1949@yahoo.com</a> 406 777 0536
<b>May 31, June 1-2</b> Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club	Swiss Park 9205 198 <sup>th</sup> Avenue East Bonney Lake WA	Nancy LeMay 253 987 6751 PVGMC PO Box 134 Puyallup WA 98371 <a href="mailto:info@puyallupgemclub.org">info@puyallupgemclub.org</a>
<b>June 1-2</b> Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4	North Idaho Mineral Club	Kootenai County Fairgrounds, 4056 North Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID	Bev Bockman <a href="mailto:bockbb@aol.com">bockbb@aol.com</a> 208 773 5384
<b>June 1-2</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Everett Rock & Gem Club	Everett Community College, Student Fitness Center, 2206 Tower Street, Everett WA	Fritz Mack POB 1615 Everett WA 98206 425 232 0809
<b>June 15-16</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4:30	Oregon Coast Agate Club	Yaquina View Elementary School, 351 SE Harney St, Newport, OR	Ed Anderson 541 447 7826 PO Box 293 Newport, OR 97365
<b>July 19-21</b> Fri 10 - 5, Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary Society	Reedsport Comm. Ctr. 451 Winchester Avenue Reedsport OR	Bill or Virginia Hendrickson 541 271 6816, 69833 Stage Road North Bend OR 97459
<b>July 27-28</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Northwest Montana Rock Chucks	Flathead County Frgrnds. 265 North Meridian Kalispell MT	Milah Gano or Joe Berg 406 844 3560 PO Box 433 Lakeside MT 59922, <a href="mailto:mallards_g@hotmail.com">mallards_g@hotmail.com</a>
<b>July 27-28</b> Sat 9-6, Sun 9-5	Washington Agate and Mineral Society	Parkside Elementary School 301 Central Avenue East Tenino WA 98589	Daniel De Boer PO Box 2553 Olympia WA 98507 <a href="mailto:keylock1@live.com">keylock1@live.com</a>
<b>August 2-4</b> Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Far West Lapidary and Gem Society	North Bend Community Center, 2222 Broadway North Bend OR	Don Innes 541 396 5722 <a href="mailto:doninnes.innes20@gmail.com">doninnes.innes20@gmail.com</a>
<b>August 9-11</b> Fri 9-5, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Butte Mineral and Gem Club <b>NFMS' 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show</b>	Butte Civic Center 1340 Harrison Avenue Butte MT	Pete Knudesen 406 723 8524 1301 West Gold Street Butte MT 59701
<b>August 9-11</b> Fri 10-9, Sat 10-9 Sun 10-6	Port Townsend Rock Club	Jefferson Co. Frgrnds 4907 Landers St., Port Townsend WA 98368	Dave Eddie 360 379 5633 PO Box 237 Port Hadlock WA 98339
<b>August 10-11</b> Sat 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Clubhouse 8802 196 <sup>th</sup> St. SW Edmonds WA 98026	Lauryn MacGregor <a href="mailto:little-toad@att.net">little-toad@att.net</a> PO Box 5657 Lynnwood WA 98046
<b>September 7-8</b> Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Frear St, Roseburg OR 97471	Janet Stringfellow 541 643 4037 <a href="mailto:soldbyjanets@yahoo.com">soldbyjanets@yahoo.com</a>
<b>September 14-15</b> Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5	Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society	Walla Walla Co. Frgrnds, Com. Center, 9 <sup>th</sup> Street & Orchard, Walla Walla WA	Jack L Edwards 509 520 1182 <a href="mailto:jcedwards1475@yahoo.com">jcedwards1475@yahoo.com</a>
<b>September 21-22</b> Sat 9-6 Sun-10-5	Hellgate Mineral Society	Hilton Garden Inn, 3720 North Reserve Street, Missoula MT 59806	Bob Riggs 14 Holiday Lane Missoula, MT 59801, 406 543 3667
<b>September 28-29</b> Sat 10-5, Sun 10 - 4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Billings Hotel and Convention Center 1223 Mullowney Lane Billings MT	Doug True 406 670 0506 <a href="mailto:dtruefossils12@yahoo.com">dtruefossils12@yahoo.com</a>
<b>October 5-6</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4:30	Springfield Thunderegg Club	Guy Lee Elementary School, 755 Harlow Road, Springfield OR	Jim Nelson 541 687 8100 <a href="mailto:tworockyj@aol.com">tworockyj@aol.com</a> Patrica Engleman <a href="mailto:thunderegg.rockclub@gmail.com">thunderegg.rockclub@gmail.com</a>

**NFMS MEMBER CLUBS' SHOW SCHEDULE (cont.)**

<b>October 11-13</b> Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Clubs	Washington County Fair Complex 873 NE 34 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Hillsboro OR 97124	L. Smith <a href="mailto:Portland.regionalDealerChair@gmail.com">Portland.regionalDealerChair@gmail.com</a> PO Box 5401 Portland OR 97228
<b>October 12-13</b> Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Totem Middle School Cafeteria, 7 <sup>th</sup> Street and State Avenue Marysville WA	Brian Murril 425 346 9313 <a href="mailto:bmurril@aol.com">bmurril@aol.com</a>
<b>October 19-20</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fair, 1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston ID	Linn Enger 208 746 4957 <a href="mailto:engerocks@yahoo.com">engerocks@yahoo.com</a>
<b>October 26-27</b> Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5	Clackamette Mineral & Gem Golden Jubilee	Clackamas County Frgrnds, 694 NE 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Canby OR 97013	Rick Mauer 503 691 6395 <a href="mailto:tallerricardo@juno.com">tallerricardo@juno.com</a>
<b>November 9-10</b>	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Clubhouse 8802 196 <sup>th</sup> St. SW Edmonds WA 98026	Lauryn MacGregor <a href="mailto:littletoad@att.net">littletoad@att.net</a> PO Box 5657 Lynnwood WA 98046
<b>November 23-24</b> Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5	Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society	Kitsap County Fairgrounds, 1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd., Bremerton WA	Gordon Eslava 360-621-2233, <a href="http://www.kmgs.org">www.kmgs.org</a>

**You Might Be a Rockhound If . . . . .**

- You purchase things like drywall compound just to have another nice bucket to carry rocks in.
- The **dub** 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 atthe 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 untilthey 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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**Clubs, please note that any SHOW INFORMATION should go to Pat Lambert, Show Coordinator. She will then send the information out to the rock magazines, websites and to this newsletter.**

**All MEMBERSHIP UPDATES, including new members so they can receive this newsletter as soon as possible, should go to Tom Burchard, Circulation Chair and to Carol Willey, Directory Chair.**

**See the second page of this newsletter for address information for these Chairmen and Chairwomen.**

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