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NFMS CFMS & EFMLS Annual Shows Shut Down Amid Covid-19 Outbreak

Rockhounds Brook Cancellations and Closures

As the USNS Comfort leaves New York Harbor to return to its home port in Virginia with no plans to redeploy elsewhere, signaling the end of the military's response to the pandemic, rockhounds across the nation await the opening of public lands. Many of the US Northwest States have now had over forty days of mandated stay at home orders due to the Coronavirus. The NFMS, CFMS, and EFMLS of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, annual conventions were cancelled and in the NFMS alone, twenty-two societies have had to cancel shows. Closing shows after all the work has been done is especially hard on club members and has had devastating economic effects for the rock and gem dealers.

Rockhounds are well aware there comes a point in time when it is real hard to stay cooped-up in the house, they do it every winter. This year has been a very long stretch.

Ron Buck



USNS Comfort leaves New York.



Ken Zahn

From the PRESIDENT's Desk... Rockin' the Stay at Home Order

WOW !! So much for attending a lineup of great Spring 2020 shows here in the Great Northwest !!

I find it's of no longer of any value to emote over having to essentially hibernate because of the latest of the series of Corona-type virus outbreaks that have become pandemics in recent decades; the economic damage to the USA and many other parts of the globe has been done, but most of us in the NFMS areas have not gotten the COVID-19 crud as yet, 'though most of us are in that most-vulnerable age group — you know, the 20 - 30-year-olds (just kidding). Our most sincere prayers go out to anyone who has been infected — especially those in assisted-living or nursing-home complexes and their loved ones who cannot even visit. Such a tragedy.

Supermarket shopping for essentials at 6-8AM on specific days reserved for seniors has worked well, except for some rationing and not finding a number of our normal items and brands. Washing hands X-numbers of times a day has revealed many "age spots," wrinkles, and suspicious blemishes that I never realized I had; plus, I've almost used up my last bar of "Irish Spring" soap from the batch purchased back in the 1970's. Oh well.

Finding ways to assist others hasn't been too hard, as there is so much demand for simply showing acts of love or caring toward our communities' most in-need groups. As a quilter and Instructor who has sewn most of her adult life, my wife Carol, for example, joined with others among the sewing buffs in Bozeman to make hundreds of fabric face masks for the local hospital staff, friends who can't find even the basic masks to buy, and workers in the "essential" trades who hear about them and ask. She sews, I deliver.

Many who have been furloughed here have still gone rockhounding, 'though, if we can find a snow-free spot on a clear day. With 2 others — each in their own vehicle — we have recently "caravanned" to dig (> 6 feet apart) for facetable garnet, picture rhyolite, fluorescent ruby corundum, and blue moonstone. It's important to keep healthy by getting that sunshine-natural Vitamin D, you know.

I would hope that many clubs might be able to salvage their "Spring/Summer show season" by rescheduling for a weekend in Fall and praying for at least a "better-than-break-even" gate and willing dealers. That would be awesome, given where we were in March and April. Please have your NFMS Director keep us informed by email so that we can help advertise re-scheduled shows via our website and Newsletter. Similarly, your NFMS Executive Board is looking into holding at least a bare-bones annual business meeting in October to conduct the minimum-required Federation election of Officers, etc. Keep tuned for details.

My hopes for your success and reconciliation (with the virus' inconveniences), and my prayers for health go out to you all.

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For matters related to this newsletter (i.e. content, advertising, etc.) contact the Editor. For matters related to this newsletter distribution (new members, address changes, etc.) contact the Circulation Chair.

SHOW COORDINATION. Your Federation provides a free service for NFMS members by listing your show in this Newsletter, on the NFMS website, two magazines ("Rocks and Minerals" and "Rock and Gem") and the on-line calendar from "Lapidary Journal". Please provide the date and time for the show, the club name and show title (if applicable), the location of the show, admission price, and most important a contact person with address, e-mail address and/or phone (e-mail is preferred). Please send your show information four to six months in advance to the Show Coordination Chairperson. If you see an error once your show is listed, or if your show is not listed, contact the Newsletter Editor.

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1. Membership Dues (new & renewal) and supplies
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Beth Heesacker

From the 1st VICE PRESIDENT's Desk...

A Season of Hope

What an interesting world we live in now. What an interesting time. It is so quiet.

When we must go shopping, the streets have less traffic. The stores are less crowded, most of the people are wearing masks and latex gloves and are social distancing. If you cannot figure out how long 6 feet is, the big circles with "wait here" on the floor of the store help out. People pass each other weaving back and forth to maintain distance. I wonder how many people I passed that I know but could not recognize due to the masks?

Each one of us has had to find a way to cope. I spend some of my time taking a look at different places in the world using my computer since I have a son and his family who live in Italy. There are live webcams in so many places round the world: beaches, famous landmarks, volcanoes, and most interesting, the many plazas and squares in cities and towns around the world.

They are all so very empty. Maybe a couple of people walking or running in order to get some exercise. There seems to be one thing in common in most of them: one or more police cars. Every once in a while a policeman or policewoman will exit their vehicle and go check on a person or small group, which quickly breaks up with each person going their own way.

My son, who is a body builder, is using some steel bars and car batteries as weights to work out at home. My hubby, a very social person, has his morning chat with our neighbor while standing across the street.

Easter/Passover was especially hard but we "attended" services by watching on tv and sent Easter/Passover messages to our kids and friends via email. Easter/Passover contains a message of hope. The Spring flowering of daffodils and tulips contains a message of hope. The increase in sunshine, and the days getting longer, contain a message of hope. The flattening of many of the coronavirus curves give us hope. This is a season of hope.

Hang on to hope. Stay connected to those you love. Pray for the world, especially for those who have lost loved ones and those currently suffering with this virus. Take care of yourself. Stay safe and healthy. We are all in this together and together we will make it through.



Larry Hulstrom

From the 2nd VICE PRESIDENT's Desk...

Cheer for Strange Times

As I think about what to write I am reminded of a line from a Moody Blues tune that goes "We are living in strange times." Never before, and hopefully never again, have we seen something like what we are living through right now. I hope everyone is staying well at home and staying in touch with loved ones, friends, and fellow club members that might welcome a phone call, text, or video chat. We will all come out of this as a stronger but changed society, and hopefully a kinder and better world.

On a more cheerful note, now's a great time to work on those projects that you never seemed to have had time to work on. Plan to show them off at your club's show later this year or next year. I look forward to seeing many of you in the near future. The weather is also warming up in our area giving me opportunities for working in the yard and getting my garden ready for planting. Get out and enjoy the sunshine and fresh air whenever possible!

From the TREASURER's Ledger...

NFMS 2020 Directory Up-date

In normal times, the 2020 NFMS Directory would have been available at the Annual Meeting in Ogden, which had to be canceled due to the corona virus.

We also have the problem that many of our clubs have had to cancel all of their club meetings and activities. This has had the result of several clubs not being able to complete sending their membership lists and dues payments to the NFMS Treasurer (who forwards the lists to the NFMS Directory Chair).

We will prepare and publish the 2020 NFMS Directory when we receive the requested information from those clubs. The Directories will be mailed to all clubs when available.

Lyle Vogelpohl

A Note from the Editor's Press...

As the coronavirus has kept children home from school and has stopped our Junior rock club programs from meeting, we are all working to help in this unprecedented time of isolation, and Darryl Powell is no exception. NFMS Societies have been sent emails with attachments from Diamond Dan Publications. If your club did not receive these gifts through email and would like them, please send a request to NFMSronna@gmail.com and I will send them to you. Darryl Powell's email is as follows:

Greetings Mini Miner Friends,

First, I pray this email finds you healthy and strong. Second, while we are all stuck inside for an unknown length of time, Diamond Dan Publications wants to give a little something to help the kids who are stuck at home. This is, also, intended to build some good will for our mineral clubs and societies. [Attached here are two mineral-related activities: Mineral Bingo and Mineral "Go Fish" Game] Diamond Dan Publications gives you permission to email these resources to all the children (and adults) on your mineral club/society mailing list. Email them to your relatives and friends. Email them to neighbors. Email them to your teachers. Email them anyone you can or wish. This is a gift. We just want to add a little something to help us all through the corona virus experience. May you all stay well and strong. Best wishes to all. Sincerely, Darryl Powell aka Diamond Dan

Ronna Watkins; An Editor Pro Tem



**Judi
Allison**

From the SECRETARY'S Tablet...

2020 NFMS Business Rundown

Hi Folks. I trust you are all staying socially distanced and staying healthy so we can continue with all the fruits of our hobby when things work their way "back to normal". Hopefully everyone has had some facet of the hobby at hand to keep occupied as we wait out the mandatory distancing.

I really miss seeing all you, but am happy that we are keeping safe. As I was beginning to prepare the agenda for the meeting, I started to receive reports from a few of the committees. I will try to give you a bit of a rundown of such.

Of great importance at this time is the need for Committee members for the Competitive Exhibits. Each member serves three years, starting as a Registrar, moving to Judging Director, and finishing as Rules and Awards Chairperson. It is a learning process that can be fulfilling at the same time. Volunteering for this committee is a good deal, as there are some committees that seem to have folks dedicated for life. This one only takes three years, but it is also much of the justification for having our great Awards Banquet. So, please let someone know that you would be happy to help out with the Competitive Display Committee.

Laurie Ellis reminds us that each club has the opportunity to nominate a Rockhound of the Year. Simply make a submission to nfmsroy(at)gmail.com and the person will receive a certificate and a write-up in both the NFMS and AFMS Newsletters. It is a great way to honor those hardworking people who are tirelessly working behind the scenes.

NFMS Directories are going to have to be mailed this year. Our Directory Chairperson, Carol Willy wants to thank our clubs for reading and following the directions for submitting information. If you are not following the directions given by the Treasurer when he sends the requests for the annual dues and membership, please double check and try to do so. There really is a purpose behind the process which it so much easier for our Directory volunteer to do her job.

Our new Safety Officer, Kathy McLean wrote an apologetic report outlining why she has not been able to get things done yet. It appears she has had some health issues which required a period of time to heal. She did pass along this story, though:

I did manage to get well enough to attend the club's Christmas Party in December. The gentleman sitting next to me had his wrist and arm in a brace and his arm in a sling. He explained that he'd lifted one too many rocks last spring and he'd injured his arm, etc. It had required surgery to heal and it had taken him almost nine months to heal to that point and he still could do very little with his rock hobby. Take note that it doesn't take much when our bodies get to the stressed limits and the consequences were major for him. Don't forget to get adequate rest and hydration, use proper lifting methods, don't try to lift large weights by yourself, and remember that it usually takes more time to recover from using our muscles as we get older.

In this time of flu, colds, viruses, and bacterial infections use common sense and be respectful of others, including most especially, washing hands, covering any coughs and sneezes, don't touch your face and if you are sick, stay home and don't take any more risk of getting sicker or spreading your germs. I help a lady in a group home and so I try to be even more aware of what's going on. It's been a long winter for both of us while I got a handle on my health issues. So my friends, be careful out there. We all want to continue to explore the earth and its beauty.

(As you can see, this was written before our mandates, but it appears to be quite timely. As Kathy says, "Be careful out there.")

I received information from others, also, but some of it relates to finances, so it doesn't get published. I do know that the Endowment Fund Committee also needs some members. Our Financial Advisor, Jim Brain, is just that – a Financial Advisor. The committee is made up of him, a Chairperson, a Secretary, (both vacant) and the Federation Treasurer, so if you are interested in money (who isn't?) service on that committee might be an opportunity for you.

Our Historian, Linda Barlow submitted a nice report that I am passing on to our Newsletter Editor, pro tem, Ronna Watkins to include in its entirety. (Notice Ronna's title is Pro Tem. That means the Newsletter position is vacant. If you enjoy editing, there's a job for you. In the meantime; many thanks to Ronna for stepping up to fill in for this very important position.)

As I complete this short version of an annual report, I simply want to give a big THANK YOU to all of the Committee Volunteers. A hobby organization such as ours does not exist without volunteers, and we have many who give of themselves without a second thought. I believe they, the same as I, get as much from the experience as they give. We all do it because we enjoy it. So, Yes, THANKS AGAIN!!!

Historian Annual Report 2020

Linda Barlow; Historian Chair

As Historian, you have charged me with responsibility of the NFMS Historical files for the year 2020. This is my report to our NFMS Secretary for inclusion at our Annual Meeting.

I have coordinated with the NFMS Newsletter Editor incorporating copies of the newsletter into our Historical Files

I have not had any additional information of historical nature to maintain and preserve this year.

Due to my sickness during the 2019 Annual Meeting, I did not attend and was not able to personally obtain any memorabilia (show pins, case favors, banquet favors, show programs, bulleting editor breakfast programs, etc., and other activities with photographs) or information from the 2019 annual show. I am requesting from anyone who attended, to pass this information on to me for our NFMS Historical Files.

I have maintained the NFMS Agendas and minutes from the NFMS secretary. If there are any minutes from the Endowment Fund meetings, Junior Achievement contest results, or special committee reports by other members, please forward these to me for the Historical Files. I do have updated NFMS

Directories, By-Laws, and Operation Procedures.

Due to my non-attendance at the 2019 annual show, I did not do a case for the Show. There was not a case from our history as Lyle Vogelpohl was unable to display his items from previous shows (Historian does not have any memorabilia from previous shows d/t non-transference when Historian position acquired.

There were no items loaned to reputable museum within NFMS boundaries or for display at AGMS Show.

The Museum list was updated in 2019.

I have written articles for the NFMS Newsletter for 2020 with one printing: "We Are Making Progress" reprints this February 1987 article about NFMS PLAC. The article also highlighted my involvement as Federation Director for Idaho Gem Club in Boise, Idaho, as Recreational Rockhound Representative in The Idaho Recreational Council for public land access to maintain state coordination with state clubs/societies, NFMS, ALAA, BLM, Forest Service, and the US and Idaho legislature. Our Website reprints our newsletter with this article.

My Budget was submitted to the NFMS 1st VP.

I am maintaining this position so there is no deliverance of materials to a successor.



HISTORIAN HIDDENITES

Linda Barlow

OFFICIAL STATE STONES, 1973-1978 -WASHINGTON

Washington state stone is Petrified Wood which can be found in every county. The best and most concentrated areas are in Saddle Mountains, Vantage, and Rattlesnake Hills. Maps and information are available at Silver Dollar Café in



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“Connection with Knowledge”

the Mazee area near Beverly, Washington. Also is the Fowler’s Rock Shop, East Wenatchee (remember this article is from 1973-1978!)

Petrified Wood comes in opalized, agatized, and silicified. There is a limit on collecting (25# plus 1 chunk) on BLM with private owners having their own rules!

In 1967, someone came up with idea for Official Gem Stone. The bill entered the legislature and went to committee dying there. In 1970, another bill made the legislature committee rounds being tabled.

In November 1970, Washington State Mineral Council was formed to keep “in touch with the legislative items that can help or hinder the hobby of rockhounding and through good public relations, solve problems, thus creating a better image of the hobbyist in his desire for materials, and to give information to our clubs.” Its first project was the “State Gem”. They developed a check sheet for all club representatives who were to present to their clubs for an opinion with choices of petrified wood, basalt, or agate. “Petrified Wood” won without specifying any of the over 200 kinds already identified which were “on display at the Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park at Vantage, Washington.”

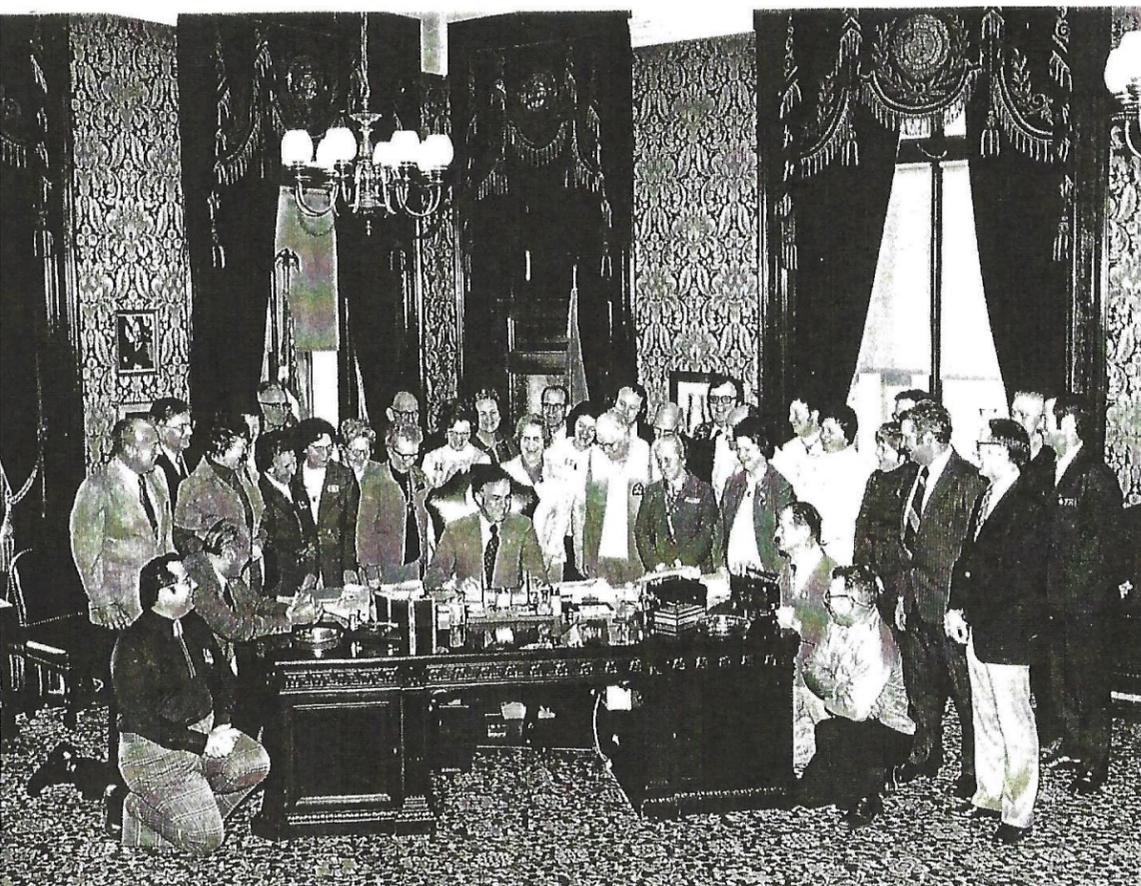
In January 1974, House of Representatives entered the bill 1440. Still in committee in April when legislature was called back for mini-session. Altenia M. Ferguson from Olympia Washington, member of the Washington Agate Mineral Society, agreed to be the Council’s liaison and was the correspondent for this article’s information. She spearheaded setting up a display in the Rotunda in behalf of our “State Gem Bill”. April 15, 1974, the Council presented the Governor with beautiful desk piece of “exquisite petrified log with slanted top polished till it shone like the sun.” Then he visited the exhibit moving it from a hidden spot to the brightly lighted balcony at the door of the House of Representatives. They were visited by senators, representatives, and visitors. They were there for 10 days of the mini-session. “One of the most enthusiastic groups was a tour from Germany, nearly 100 of them. Very few spoke any English, but each got some of our petrified samples, and when they had looked and chatted awhile, they lined up on the marble stairs and gave the most beautiful concert one could possibly imagine. Those beautiful voices sang a cappella in a building where the Acoustics are reported to be among the most perfect in the world.”

On January 13th, 1975, Altena returned with the display case for the regular legislative session. A Senate bill was introduced on the 20th of January. January 29th was the hearing and rockhounds flooded the room. Five speakers were allotted by the Chairman of the Hearing Committee. When the first speaker “had no more than started when the Chairman said, “Is anyone here to speak against this Bill?” The silence was beautiful. The gavel banged and the order “Do pass” was given. It was then sent to Rules Committee to be prepared for the Senate floor.” Within minutes the House entered a companion Bill and 21 sponsors signed it.

The display was on the official capital tour. “Most of our questions were about the Ginkgo wood although for our display we had not singled out any specific kind. About 20 million years ago, central Washington was a level, humid region with moisture-laden winds sweeping inland and rich forests thrived. During the Miocene Age, great floods of molten basaltic lava welled up through the earth’s crust, possibly over a period of 10 to 15 million years, eventually engulfing an area of 200,000 square miles, with a thickness of 10,000 feet, creating one of the greatest lava fields of the world, the Columbian Plateau. Then the uplift of the Cascade Mountains and erosion by rivers and floods from melting glaciers cut through the lava flows, exposing the logs as we see them today.’

“The Ginkgo State Forest was created in 1943 to protect the many varieties of petrified wood (over 200 are identified). This forest was first found in 1927 and is located between Ellenburg and Vantage and is one of the most unusual fossil localities in the world, no designated a Registered Natural Landmark by the United States Department of Interior. This specific area is restricted. No one may take any material from there. However, outside the boundaries there are areas where collecting is allowed. “

The Senate Bill #2163 was passed Feb. 10, 1975 with 48 yes, 1 absent. The House of Representatives followed with 89 yeas, 8 nays. On March 5, 1975, with multiple rockhounds in the Great Office of the Governor, Governor Evans signed it.



“The signing of the State Gem Bill was quite impressive. The teamwork of the many clubs and individuals all over the state, the enthusiasm of the Sponsors, the fine display of petrified wood, all contributed to the passage of the Bill naming our state gemstone.”

FROM THE DIGGERS, GOLD HILL DIGGERS ROCK CLUB. POTLATCH, IDAHO, page 127-132

The “Great Gathering” to watch Governor Evan sign Bill 2163, making Petrified Wood the Official Washington State Stone, March, 5, 1975.
Photo: Courtesy of Altenia M. Ferguson of Olympia, Washington.

Northwest Rockhound Retreat 2020

Walt Butler; NWRR Chair

We are still planning to have the Rockhound Retreat at Camp Hancock on September 7th thru 13th, 2020. We hope the Stay at Home Order will be lifted and group meetings of under 100 people will be allowed again. Over twenty Campers have signed up to participate in this year's camp so far. Please complete the registrations I have emailed to you or copy the application in this newsletter and send it with your payment to me.

Editor's note: <http://northwestfederation.org/documents/NorthwestNewsletter/NW0420.pdf> for additional information.

Reminisce With Me

By Bert Kae-Je'

It's nearly a decade now that
I've gone to that *special place*
Each year I've saved the week
So I could keep learning and
Interacting with Instructors and Friends.

Year after year, always a friendly group,
Excited about creating and making,
Something better or something new.
The week passes quickly and then,
Maybe next year we'll meet again.

Nearly a decade of years now that
We've gathered experiences at that *special place*,
Where Instructors graciously give and
Friends patiently teach each other when
One can't get it and needs extra support.

Nearly a decade of years now,
Filled with all those incredible events.
Remember the year of the Flu, ---*Barf*,
Recall passing of the torch, LeMar to Walt – *Grief & Need*

Remember the years of nearby fires, ---*Smoke*,
Always, we had to park the *right way and*
Up on the hill that year, I ran into a tree,
Bailing wire and we fastened the bumper, no longer free.

Remember the year the Canadian Sisters fell off the bench,
Remember the year that someone broke their shoulder,
Another had atrial fibrillation and was hospitalized,
Remember the year Lamar was laid up and couldn't come?
Remember Pat, our special Doublet Instructor who passed on?
Recollect that Chris called Lyle "an old Coot" and got away with it?

*NOTE: Bert Kae-Je' is member of the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club and a retiring Clinical Psychologist, Pastoral Counselor and an Art Therapist. She doesn't claim to be a poet.... just one who likes to share with other rock hounds.

I remember the year Audrey welcomed me with biscuits?
Remember the year Bill, a newbie, nearly ground the cabochon away?
Remember the year a friend made her first faceted stone?
Remember the year an engineer made a fork handle of intarsia?
Remember the year Lyle introduced us to New Shell Rock Saw Oil?
Remember all the years we swapped stones ---and stuff.

Cherish the nights of blue velvet skies & roommate stories?
Remember the precarious pit by Bore Nest Cabin?
The stinky latrine, frog and spiders in the shower,
Remember the slippery hill-side in back of the library,
Remember getting in the food line with a *line buddy*?

Remember it was a week we met new friends & staff,
Who touted owls and snakes and helped us through,
Recall the peace of being without TV and Fake News,
Together, a time for fun, learning, meditation, and sleep.

Lord willing and the creek don't rise,
I still have to learn to make a gemstone cross without breaking it.
I want to learn to facet a cabochon, and make an intarsia ring.
And mend tiny chains of gold and silver.

So, I'll travel those mountains and see old farms,
With so many miles of twists and turns.
Lord Willing and the Creek Don't Rise.
Without a doubt, I'll go again, how about you?

Nearly a decade at that *Special Place*,
Thank you God, friends, Instructors and Staff
Such great memories year after year **at that Special Place**
Hancock Station, I will see you again, I hope.
Thanks be to God! Thank you all!

WRAPPING A SHARK'S TOOTH OR WRAPPING THE TRIANGLE

Our technique for making a wire wrapped pendant is described here. The way we modify the technique is that instead of wrapping spiral coils of wire from bottom to top of the shark's tooth or other triangular shape, you would wrap the spiral coils ½ way up the triangular shape and then wrap the wire around behind the triangular shape horizontally to the ½ way point on the opposite side of the triangle.

In the picture, you can view how you would begin with the spiral at the bottom (Point 1) and continue wrapping the wire to the ½ way point (Point 2). From Point 2 to Point 3 in the figure, the wire is essentially horizontal, behind the tooth. At Point 3 you change the direction of the wrap to securely hold the top of the shark's tooth and wrap up toward the center of the top of the tooth (Point 4). From Point 4 to Point 5, the wire is wrapped diagonally, behind the shark's tooth. The wrap is completed by wrapping the wire from Point 5 to Point 6. At Point 6 the wire is bent horizontally and wrapped around the middle wire of the spiral, running up the center of the back of the tooth. After this wrap is completed, the excess wire is cut and the cut end is squeezed flat. At this point you would have about 1-1/2" of wire remaining from the central wire in the spiral. This wire is first bent 90 degrees, then a loop is made at the bend and finally the loop is wrapped closed.

Fossil Club of Lee County, April 2010



Learn something new with friendly
Instructors to guide you at the NWRR.

Competitive Exhibits

Lauren Williams; Rules and Awards Chair

The following is in response to an email that I received concerning Judging.

The Judging Seminar in Ogden was set up to get NFMS people interested in Judging enough to volunteer to join the NFMS Competitive Exhibits Committee. One of the excuses I have kept hearing over the years for not competing is, "Oh, I could never have a case good enough for competition". Over the years that I have attended shows around the county. I have seen many excellent cases that were on display that would have had no problem scoring 90% or above if they had filled out the one-page entry form to enter competition. Every time a person makes a decision about what to put into a display case, if they would have read the *AFMS Rule Book* about how to arrange what they put into their case, they could have gotten a score for entering competition. The *AFMS Rule Book* is over 100 pages, but that includes all of the divisions of our hobby and each division for the individual is only one to three pages. Competition is only the Individual against the *Rule Book*. There is NO one person competing against another person. While more than one person can get the same score, there is only one Trophy per division.

So, what can be done? The way I see it is that each regional federation will have to make a concerted effort to contact each Club in their Federation and empathize that competition is a LEARNING process. IF they fix what the judges say, they can get a higher score the next time that they enter competition. As the old adage goes - if you keep doing the same thing over and over, you will keep getting the same result over and over again. I think that each Federation should show up at the Judges meeting in Knoxville with a way to get this solved.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Find the "AFMS Rules Book" here: http://www.amfed.org/rules/AFMS_Rules_2018.pdf



To All Federations & Your Societies Shirley Leeson; American Lands Access Association President

We, at ALAA, want to extend our sincere concern for all of you all over these United States. It's been troubling times for all of us. This global corona virus pandemic is affecting all of our families, our businesses, our communities, even our way of life. We urge you all to take precautions for your safety and health and that of your families. We are strong, we are Americans and we have been through trying times in the past. Nothing will keep us down. Let's all hope and pray that this curse will come to an end soon and we can get back to what recreational rockhounds do best...collect rocks. So, Rock On!

Shirley Leeson, the Officers and Directors of American Lands Access Association

"Guide to Public Lands" Provided by the University of Dayton - School of Law
<https://onlinelaw.udayton.edu/resources/public-land-use/> or via amlands.org/9112/index.html

2020

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NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT

September 7th thru 13th, 2020

Sponsored by

The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies

(One Registrant per form, Only.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

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

Your E-Mail address: _____

Registration Fee: \$325.00 Elect for RV \$15.00 Fossil Beds Trip: \$35.00 Work Shop: \$50.00

Note: These costs must be paid at registration; Material costs will be paid to Workshop Instructor.

Do you need a cabin? _____ Do you need an RV Parking Place? _____ Does your RV need Electric? _____

If you are in a cabin, is there one or more registrant(s) you want in the same cabin? Please identify them. _____

Instructions: On the right, number which activities you wish to participate in. Registration Fee: \$325.00

Place the amount on the line to the right

right. Total the right hand column and send a check with this form to: Walter Butler

8821 SW Equestrian PL.

Crooked River Ranch, OR 97760

503-702-5743

walterbutler@comcast.net

NOTE: Make check payable to Walter Butler.

Only pay Workshop fee once - Show Workshops you plan to work in and number preference.

Remember, there are 28 hours of Workshop time, _____ Intro to Displaying (Night

Class) _____ you can register for multiples and divide your time

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

NOTE: Do you have Emergency Medical Training? _____



AFMS Judges Training Seminar The NFMS needs you!

Please join us in Tennessee for this great seminar!

**WHEN: 9 am - 5 pm, Tuesday, October 15th & Wednesday, October 16
Friday, October 18th - Judging Practice**

WHERE: Knoxville, Tennessee in conjunction with the AFMS Annual Show

For more information and to sign-up inquire to: Margaret Kolaszyk, Registrar, markolaczyk (at) gmail.com

If you are interested in learning more about Competitive Displaying and would like to attend this seminar, let us know: Please contact Ken Zahn, Lauren Williams, Darrell Coyle, or Ronna Watkins for more information. (Find contact info on page 2).

2020 Multi-Federation Field Trip in Wyoming

Doug True; AFMS Inter-Regional Field Trip Chair

The field trip scheduled at Blue Forest is still on, as is the Rocky Mountain Federation Show in Wyoming at the time of printing.

Blue Forest for petrified wood, dig fish fossils (fee dig), and we're working on several other trips in the area, June 12-15, all in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Federation Show and Convention being held in Big Piney-Marbleton, Wyoming.

Blue Forest is a well known collecting location in South-Western Wyoming with a large area in which to collect petrified wood. Some great material is found here every year. We will plan to dry camp in the collecting area and indulge in a potluck one evening. Camping is also, at the BLM camp ground Slate Creek on the Green River. One day we will meet in Kemmerer for the fossil dig. So, make it a vacation and visit Wyoming.

A few notes of interest: • the elevation in this area is between 6-7,000 feet • the nights can get cold and the wind can BLOOOOW. • One of the best ways to find the petrified wood in this area is by probing with a steel rod. If you do not have one, you have time to make one now. This process will save you a lot of digging.

For information about this trip, contact Doug True at [dtruefossils12 \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:dtruefossils12@yahoo.com). For show and other trip information contact Jim Gray. [jimgray \(at\) wyoming.com](mailto:jimgray@wyoming.com). We are looking forward to this great show.

Editor's Note: June 19-21—BIG PINEY, WYOMING: Annual show; Sublette County Rock Hounds; Sublette County Fairgrounds, 10937 Hwy 189, Event Center; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; Adults \$2, free admission for children; Show also serves as the annual convention of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the annual Wyoming State Mineral and Gem Society show, with dealers selling rough, slabs, supplies, fossils, beads, jewelry; as well as fluorescent mineral display, demonstrations, exhibits, field trips, and activities for children.

Ready to Rock, Rockhounds!

Jennifer Haley; AFMS Historian

Woo-hoo! Did anyone else see it? I was sitting on the couch half watching the Oscars on TV, and more interested in my bowl of pistachio ice cream, when a clever Facebook commercial came on the screen catching my attention. The theme of their ad was called, "Ready to Rock." The creative commercial showcased twelve popular groups who have the word, rock, in their description and who use Facebook. It was a high energy advertisement using one second video clips for each group. Examples of the variety of group users were, Moab Rock Climbers, Table Rock Lake, Rock Buggies-Off Roding and Experimental Rocketry to name a few.

I just about fell off the couch when I saw one of the twelve groups printed in big letters was, ROCKHOUNDS, with a photo of the famous selenite cave in Naica, Chihuahua, Mexico with people exploring the cave.

I had to look up the cost for these ads because not only was the commercial shown during the Oscars, it was shown during the Super Bowl this year, and the word ROCKHOUNDS was featured in both. The cost of a commercial during the 2020 Super Bowl was 5.6 million for 30 seconds. The cost of an ad during the 2020 Oscars was from 2.6 million and higher for 30 seconds. The part of the Facebook commercial recognizing ROCKHOUNDS was a full 60 seconds! Do the math folks, we were just gifted with some amazing free advertising. How many people watched the Oscars this year? 23.6 million. How many people watched the Super Bowl this year? 101 million.

In case you missed seeing the commercial, you can watch it in full at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0uYOOTz6kk>

ROCKHOUNDS, is mentioned at approximately 40 seconds into the ad. The message in big letters at the end of the commercial is, "Whatever you rock, there's a Facebook Group for you." I am still on cloud nine this happened for Recreational Rockhounding and that Facebook thought enough to include us in their advertising.

I hope societies mention this fun news at your next general meeting and include the information in your bulletins to inspire members. At a time when we sometimes worry about changing times and its impact on our recreational activity, this experience of receiving free national advertising is truly amazing and something to celebrate. Anytime your society editor would like to include an AFMS Historian article in your bulletin, I am more than happy to forward you a digital copy to use. Ready to Rock, Rockhounds, that's us!



Update: Government Activities

Bob Pattie; WSMS

One item of interest is called "Draft PEIS for Fuels Reduction and Rangeland Restoration in the Great Basin".

The BLM has prepared a draft programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) for Fuels Reduction and Rangeland Restoration in the Great Basin. The public comment period will be open until June 2, 2020. You may visit the project website (<https://go.usa.gov/xdfgV>) for information on how to attend the public meetings and submit comments. This PEIS is only for fuels reduction and the other will be studied separately.

The Project Area covers approximately 223 million acres, including portions of California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. Restoration projects would be implemented on portions of the 38.5-million-acre analysis area of sagebrush communities managed by the BLM within the Project Area boundary. The BLM considered four alternatives in detail and an additional three alternatives that were not analyzed in detail because they did not adequately respond to the purpose and need for the PEIS. This Draft PEIS complements the Department of the Interior's proposed Categorical Exclusion for the removal of encroaching Pinyon-Juniper trees as it addresses additional restoration activities.

This web page has a lot of information about the PEIS, you can find most of it under the document section listed on the left side of the page. This draft has three volumes; the first is for the Executive Summary, Chapters 1 through 5 (171 pages), second volume is Appendix A, Maps (34 pages), and the third volume is Appendices B through N (165 pages).

I have done a very brief review of this document and I believe that it is beneficial for our desert areas in these states. Basically, it opens the area adjacent to some of our roads (road 1,3,5 rated) in these areas on BLM lands. Washington does not have much BLM land but most of central Washington is included is the overall study area. The intent is slow down forest fires and allow some safety area for firefighter to fight the fires. The maps show roads that are affected (no new roads will be built) by state. Also, some of the other information about recreation, wildlife, birds, and plants are include on the maps and in the other appendices. This has a lot of reading, but you can pick the areas that you find interesting and scan the remaining.

I think anyone that collects rocks in Eastern Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, and parts of California and Utah should be aware of this effort.

IN MEMORIAM

James William (Bill) Chamberlain passed away on April 1, 2020, at the age of, 100 years.

For at least 60 years my father was a member of Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society and as a youngster in the beginning years of his membership I attended many club meetings and outings with the club. It certainly created many memories for me as well as for other siblings and my father. At one time he was President of the club when they met in the old Utah Power and Light Building East of Washington Blvd on 26th street.

One of my favorite memories was the time my Dad and I with a group from the club traveled to Beaver, Utah to mine "Plume Agate". With my father's expertise using dynamite. I would hold the drill bit, twisting it as men took different turns striking the bit with sledge hammers to drill a hole to place the dynamite in. My Dad would handle the fuse/primer and dynamite, place it the drilled hole, light it and join the rest of us in a safe place waiting for the blast. Then we would return to pick up the fruits of our labor. Pardon the pun but, "It was a blast and fun".

Thanks, Bob Chamberlain

Our thoughts and cares go out to the Chamberlain Family. Condolences may be shared at lindquistmortuary.com

Silver Bullet Long Range Planning

Successful organizations always plan for the future.

If your society is like many others, it's difficult to think creatively and plan for the future at Board meetings and General Membership meetings – there just isn't enough time! One solution is to establish a Long Range Planning Committee which takes very little effort but can yield impressive results. One society conducts their Long Range Planning meetings once each quarter. Although chaired by a single society member and attended by several regulars, all members are invited to attend and participate. Here is just one success story that resulted from such a meeting:

This society has an Education Program which provides outreach opportunities for teaching elementary school children, The Scouts, etc. about many aspects of geology and earth sciences. Until recently, members of the society had to load the containers of rocks/minerals/fossils/etc. into their own vehicles, drive to the schools, unload the containers, provide the instruction, re-load the containers into their vehicles, then unload them at their home.

The Long Range Planning committee researched the cost of purchasing a new 5' X 8' enclosed trailer including the cost of insurance. With some fundraisers, donations and

THE JEMEZ

Past the Tent Rocks' ash and pumice
Up Peralta's gentle course
With thoughts of Jemez campfires
Or Cochiti on horse

From Colle to La Jara
I trek the rugged hills
In search of Fire Opal
Hidden in tuffaceous sills.

How can I show my pleasure
At the sight of sparkling blue
Which glints back from the geode
To serve as my first clue.

Oh, to see the subtle color
In siliceous milky gel
Triggers scenes of Coober Pedy
Or of Spencer – who can tell?

Scrambling back to cold, clear water
I am taken by the spell
Of this silent, empty wildness;
Of great beauty worn so well.

In an hour, back in traffic
As I plan for work and home
The pines of Jemez whisper
To return and search – alone.

By Ken Zahn

two grant requests, the society now owns a fully self-contained "Education Trailer" complete with loading ramp and storage areas which is towed to-and-from each school. What a difference it has made!

If your society doesn't already have a Long Range Planning committee, now may be the perfect time to add this silver bullet to your society's arsenal!

Field Trips

Field trips are one of the more popular functions of many Rock and Gem Societies and having an active field trip program goes a long way to attracting (and retaining) members. All too often, a Society's Field Trip Chairperson assumes the sole responsibility for developing and scheduling field trips without capitalizing on a very effective tool that can easily be incorporated into your society. Consider scheduling a Field Trip Planning Meeting during January of each year and inviting everyone in your society to attend, particularly those who have led field trips in the past. By doing this in January, those rockhounds who need to schedule their annual vacations with their employers will have a 'heads-up' regarding their society's field trip schedule for that year.

Beth Myers, Past CFMS Chair via CFMS Newsletter, April May 2010

Winter – A Very Good Time To Collect Minerals!

By Beth Heesacker Now some of you might disagree with me. Snow and ice, wind and rain are what are usually thought of during the winter. They are not favorable to collecting minerals. And, I agree.

As my hubby and I get older, we also do not climb well and our RV is not able to travel the backroads and still survive. And yet, I believe winter is a very good time to collect minerals. As long as you go to the right places. The right places for us are Southern California and Arizona.

Paul and I left our home in Oregon with sleet falling, but with hope for our travel south. We had checked the weather through the Siskiyou Mountains and Mt. Shasta area. It did not look good, but we had to try. We gassed up the RV just before entering the Siskiyou passes and heard confirmation of a heavy snowstorm coming in that next day, so we decided to push and get through that evening. We made it and faced the Mt. Shasta area the next day. Again, we were successful in beating the snow, but for the next few days we faced torrential rain all the way to Bakersfield. What unusual weather!

When we passed the sign along I-5 that said, “Pray for Rain”, we figured that they had their prayer answered; big-time. It was sunny or just lightly cloudy for most of the rest of the trip to Arizona.

Our first stop was Quartzsite. It is not the best place to acquire micro-minerals but occasionally I find something of interest. We did find a few nice pieces and had a good rest. Besides rocks and minerals, Quartzsite offers a chance to go junk shopping. I was able to get quite a few pieces of costume jewelry, metal chains, etc. that I can use in my artwork.



A Quartzsite sunset

**The Mineral
Museum at Fallbrook**



Pacific Micro Mineral Conference



**Attendees with
minerals named after them**

Soon, it was time to head over to Fallbrook, CA for the Pacific Micro Mineral Conference. It had been three years since I was last able to attend this meeting. It is known for its free tables and for its \$1 tables. Attendees did not disappoint. Many flats and egg cartons of rough material were available, and the club had received a donation of a wonderful collection of mounted specimens for the \$1 table. I ended up with quite a few flats to bring home and was also please by the numerous Power-Point presentations.

After the conference, we headed back to Quartzsite for a day or two of rest and some more shopping. Then, we headed toward the Tucson show. I wanted to hit the Miners' Co-Op show just north of Tucson, because it is quite a mix of dealers selling what they have mined themselves. I did find a few specimens of interest. The best was a new find of amethyst with inclusions from the State of Washington. Here we experienced a night of 20-degree weather. Most nights were cold, but this one kept the furnace in the RV running most of the night.

After shopping at the Miners' Co-Op, we headed into Tucson. I had only two main destinations in mind. One was to pick up some Las Choyas Geodes that contain a variety of minerals inside. Very beautiful, interesting, and fun to crack. The other stop was Shannon Minerals.

Shannon Minerals always has clearance flats. He has them marked down and then discounts by an additional 10% each day he has his show open. Three years ago, I got there on the last day and they were discounted 90%. This year we arrived on the second day, so the discounts were not very deep, but I picked up over 50 interesting flats. I go through them after I get them home and then bring the leftovers to a couple of micro mineral meetings, including the Micro Mineral Study Group for their free tables.

As I was looking through the clearance flats, Paul called my attention to a large group of flats on the next table: The Allen and Barbara Lundgren Collection. There were more than 250 flats and they were all mounted micros. They were catalogued on paper. They were from all over the world. They were from most places in the world: various countries in Europe, Asia, North America, South America, Australia, etc. My jaw dropped. They were priced very reasonably, \$1 each, BUT I wanted it all! I talked to Mike Shannon and he said that he would need to count them and would not get to it until the next day, but we had planned to head back home in the morning. After a little negotiating, he agreed to let us count them. There were over 7,000 mounted perky boxes. My jaw dropped again when he told me what he would sell me the lot for less than the cost of the perky boxes they were mounted in!

Mike had picked out some for his personal collection and the collection had been to about five other shows and so not all of them in the catalogue were still there (maybe 10% gone), but it was still an intriguing collection. He emailed me later that he was glad that I had gotten the collection. He knows that I gather “orphan” collections and share with others.

After paying for them, the problem became how to load them into our little Class B motorhome. I climbed into the RV, Paul was at the door, and Mike's workers carried them out to stack them up at Paul's feet. Paul handed them to me, and I started piling them carefully inside. The pile got higher and higher and higher, but in order to not have them shift too much I could not pile too high. On the beds, on the floor, from the back almost to the passenger seats and waist high. We stabilized them with bungy cords, already talking about what we were going to do to get them home. Motel it home or rent a trailer. Figuring the costs, we decided to rent a trailer. Using our GPS we found a U-Haul trailer store and chose a 4x8, half high enclosed trailer. The “trunk” we usually have attached behind our RV went inside the trailer and we drove off to our boondocking (free) camping site.

Out came all the flats and they were carefully stored in the trailer so that they would not shift. And we carefully worked our way home over the next few days. The major discussion on the way home was with the occasionally rough roads, would we just have crumbs when we arrived.

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Treasure Tips From Terry's Rock Shop

By Terry Hicks Rock Hunting and the Lapidary Arts, is a fun, rewarding, and satisfying hobby. It can be a healthy pastime and has been practiced from the very earliest time of humans.

But, it also can be dangerous, and VERY harmful to your health. The dangers that come to mind first are with machinery in your rock shop, and that is certainly a good place to use all the safety tips available....NEVER cut or grind rocks without water or oil. The danger here is silicosis, or rock dust ending up in your lungs---and it never comes out. This was a common illness for coal miners and railroad men years ago. Truly its results are not a pleasant disease, and all it takes to avoid it is NEVER cut or grind ANYTHING DRY.

Another safety tip for your shop is to wear safety glasses at all times when cutting or grinding, tiny rock chips become airborne and they certainly could blind you. Also remember the danger of breathing in coolant when you open your saw, wait a couple of minutes and always wear a protective mask.

The second thought about danger in Rock Hunting is the hunting itself. The very best thing to do to avoid these dangers is BE PREPARED. Make yourself a rock hunting check list. Water, lots of it. Digging Tools, not just for getting the rocks but to get yourself out of a jam on those bad back roads. Sturdy boots, they protect your feet from thorns, insect bites and possibly snake bite. They, also, can prevent sprained ankles and feet. First Aid Kit, and include medicine you might need. Include some canned food, and a blanket. If you are stranded it could save you. You need maps of the area you are in, and don't forget your Rock Bag. Last but not least, ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE WHERE YOU ARE GOING AND WHEN YOU WILL RETURN.

But, I must warn you about one more hazard, there are rocks that can be dangerous to you if they are handled, cut and polished, or licked (include a squirt bottle on your check list). If you are unfamiliar with the rocks I mention here, look them up and take great care when handling, or working with them. Even on the internet I was unable to find any articles about dangerous rocks, so I will tell you all the ones I know. MALACHITE, from Africa is a rock that must be handled carefully. Not only is the dust dangerous, it contains a poison that can penetrate your skin, and it is an accumulative poison. Be sure you work with gloves, a mask, and don't make it your life's work. BE CAREFUL PLEASE. The second stone to beware of is Cinnabar, which is mercury ore. Leave it alone, and the same advice goes for Asbestos. Arsenic is a mineral and it is out there to be found. If you find any of these, be sure and wash your hands and do not breath the dust. Mica and selenite dust is also a hazard to your lungs. Beryllium, the white parts of Tiffany Stone, is a known cancer causing agent.

So in conclusion, Be Careful in your shop, avoid rock dust and always stay out of the mist of saws. Be Prepared on your rock hunts, and Be Familiar with rocks that should be avoided. So now that I have scared you all to death GET OUT THERE AND HAVE SOME FUN!!!!!!
Via Magic Valley Gem News — May, 2010

SHOW CANCELATIONS

Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club It is with regret that the UGMC board of directors voted last night to cancel the 2020 Annual Show. This wasn't a decision that was made lightly, but made in the best interest of our members, dealers, demonstrators and Roseburg community. We look forward to planning for next year and making the 2021 show a fantastic success.

Mt. Hood Rock Club & Lapidary Shop COVID-19 has officially rained on our parade! Our May show is currently POSTPONED to Aug 14, 15 & 16. Please watch for updates. Join us for our annual show August 14, 15 & 16, 2020. Admission and parking are free and we'll have many rock + gem vendors, demonstrations, exhibits, raffle, kids' activities, and ongoing silent auctions. Great for families and rock enthusiasts of all ages!

North Idaho Mineral Club We are sad to announce our May 31st, 2020 Show must be cancelled. We do not know if we will be able to reschedule this year. If we can, we will post it out here. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy.

Mount Baker Rock and Gem Club Hello all, as the spring has advanced, the Covid-19 situation hasn't slacked, and venues are not available through August. Therefore, the 2020 show is cancelled. We will continue to plan for the future and will schedule the 2021 show for next March. Our current plan is that the show will take place in Ferndale at the Pavilion in the last week of March 2021.

Oregon Coast Agate Club It is with great sadness that we announce the cancellation of our 2020 Rock & Gem Show. See you next year!

Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society Show, originally scheduled for April 18-19, 2020 has been cancelled.

Winter – A Very Good Time To Collect Minerals!

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Paul had done a good job on the packing and everything looked great when we pulled up to the house. For the third time all the flats were unloaded and now carried into the house. Over the next couple of weeks, I went through all the flats using the catalogue and checked off what was still there. I, also, consolidated some flats so it would take less space to store them. Some labels were popping off, but there are three labels on each one, so I was able to match them up and place the loose labels inside the perky boxes. Currently I am reattaching the labels and taking some time actually looking at the specimens. I am amazed at the very high quality that I have seen. As time goes by, I hope to take some pics and share them with you.

After working on this collection for a while now, I can report that it includes all but six US states, Canada, Australia, ten European countries, seven Middle and South American countries, eight African and related countries, seven Asian countries, Russia, Greenland, and various other mixed countries. The most represented US state is Arizona with 20 flats from 98 mines. There are eight flats from Minnesota where the Lundgrens lived. According to the catalogue, the minerals were collected starting in the 1980's and many were personally collected by the Lundgrens. Others were given to them and all this information is in the catalogue. Such a great history of a great collection. I am very pleased to obtain this collection and hope to keep most of it intact. As I go through it, I may find some duplicates I can part with. Only time will tell.

Yes, winter can be a very good time to collect minerals if you know where to look. My "silver pick" did a great job this winter.



Arriving home with our precious cargo.

Via Pacific North West Friends of Mineralogy, March 2020

NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule 2020

June 18 – 21 Thurs - Sun 9 - 5	75th Annual Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show	Crook County Fairgrounds 1280 Main St. Prineville OR	Janice Van Cura janicevc (at) peak.org 3448 NW Covey Run Road Corvallis OR 97330
July 11 & 12 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	Gem and Fossil Show Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium 1125 Broadwater Avenue Billings MT	Doug True 406.670.0506 dtruefossils12(at)yahoo.com BillingsGemClub.com Facebook.com/BillingsRockClub
July 18 & 19 Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-5	Rock and Gem Show and Sale Darrington Rock and Gem Club	Mansford Grange 1265 Railroad Avenue (behind IGA) Darrington WA	Troy Lehman 360 391 1153 littleexplorers(at)juno.com or Ed Lehman 425 334 6282 wsnced(at)hotmail.com
August 8 & 9 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-5	14th Annual August Rock and Mineral Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196th ST SW Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collma1(at) comcast.net
August 14, 15 & 16 Fri. 10 – 5 Sat. 10 – 5 Sun. 10 – 3	Mt Hood Rock Club's Rock and Gem Show Mt Hood Rock Club	Jackson Armory 6255 NE Cornfoot Road (Take NE Alderwood Rd from NE Columbia Blvd – just south of PDX) Portland OR	Wayne King 503-284-7195 mhrcdc (at) gmail.com www.mthoodrockclub.com
September 12 & 13 Sat. 10 – 5 Sun. 10 – 5	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Club.	Vern Burton Center, 308 East 4th Street Port Angeles WA	Nancy Carey 325 E Washington ST #18, Sequim WA 98382 Ncarey333 (at) gmail.com
September 12 & 13 Sat. 10 – 5 Sun. 10 – 5	51st Annual Gem & Mineral Show Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society	Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Community Center Building 831 Orchard St. Walla Walla WA	Jack L Edwards, cell 509-520-1182, jced- wards.2019 (at) gmail.com
September 19 & 20 Sat. 10 – 5 Sun. 10 – 4	55th Annual Show Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fairgrounds 120 Fair Lane SW Corner of Highway 411 and Cowlitz River Castle Rock WA	Chuck Sonner Dealer Chair 360 785-3909 Chucksnnr (at) yahoo.com
September 19 & 20 Sat. 10 – 6 Sun. 10 – 4	Cascade Mineralogical Society	Green River College Physical Ed Building, 12401 SE 320th St. Auburn WA	www.cascademineralsociety.org/ cascade-gem-mineral-show/
October 2, 3 & 4 Fri .10 – 6 Sat. 10 – 6 Sun. 10 – 5	40 th Annual Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Association	Washington County Event Center 873 NE 34th Avenue Hillsboro OR	Linda Harvey lindaharvey2010 (at) gmail.com PortlandRegionalGemandMineral.com
October 3 & 4 Sat. 10 - 5 Sun. 10 - 5	48th Annual Rock Show Marysville Rock & Gem Club	Totem Middle School Gymnasium 1605 7th Street NE 7th Street and State Avenue. Marysville WA	Brian Murril bmurril (at) aol.com http://www.marysvilleroockclub.com
October 17 & 18 Sat. 10 – 6 Sun. 10 – 5	54th Annual Show Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fair Building 1229 Burrell Avenue Lewiston, ID	Dealer Chair Sara Carlson Hcgemclub (at) yahoo.com
October 17 & 18 Sat. 10 – 6 Sun. 10 – 5	Annual Rock and Gem Show – “Octoberfest of Gems” Bellevue Rock Club	Pickering Barn 1730 10th Avenue NW Issaquah WA	Bruce Himko PO Box 1851 Bellevue WA 98009 bellevuerockclub (at) comcast.net http://www.bellevuerockclub.org
October 24 & 25 Sat. 9-6 Sun. 10-5	56th Annual Rock & Mineral Show - Rocks A Plenty in 2020 Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4th Ave Canby, OR 97013	Karen McAllister 503 655 2527 gmaktmc(at)aol.com
November 14 & 15 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-5	Annual November Show Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196th ST SW Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collma1(at) comcast.net
December 5 & 6 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club 9th Annual Winter Bazaar	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196th ST SW Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collma1(at) comcast.net

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) Code of Ethics

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind – fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material – matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonable use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project Help Eliminate Litter Please (HELP) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the “Golden Rule”, will used “good Outdoor Manners” and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public “image” of rockhounds everywhere.