There should be a lot of information in this Newsletter regarding both the Annual Meeting and Show in Billings and the Hancock Retreat. Sadly the NFMS is losing a couple of Clubs. It would seem that there is a lack of understanding what the NFMS provides for members and clubs. We are hoping that the Federation Directors and Delegates will become more educated on this and become better at sharing information and educating members and Club Officers. Our NFMS Treasurer, Circulation Chair and Directory Chair are dedicated and work hard to make sure that clubs are listed and members receive Newsletters and Directories. Several clubs did not pay dues by the deadline of February 15th. If clubs do not send payment of dues, update their Officer Roster and follow instructions for the Membership Roster it keeps our folks from being able to get their tasks completed. Thankfully most Clubs are getting it done. Kudos and thanks to all of the Clubs that do.

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I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Billings in August. You will be receiving a Postcard inviting you. We made sure your privacy was not compromised when the invitations were sent out.

Dear NW ROCK AND MINERAL Members,

For those of you who had the privilege to have known our Mother, Earline Irwin, we wanted to let you know she is with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As the Holy Bible says, she “has fought the good race, she has kept the faith” and she has her reward. Her memorial will be April 15th, 1:00PM, at Glenwood Community Church in Vancouver, WA.

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SCHOLARSHIP: Mary Lou Northrup, 1625 Powers Ave, Lewiston, ID 83501, (208) 743-6949, mlndaj@yaho...
Jennifer Haley, 1st Vice President

Hi Everyone! I checked in with our NFMS editor, Kathy Larson, about a new idea you as clubs might enjoy participating in, and she said, “I think that’s a great idea...we can start it right away!” As space permits in the federation newsletter, we’d love to include a paragraph or two about your club and what you love about it. Maybe you write about that favorite field trip your members look forward to and the great picnic you have while you are out there.

You could even encourage one of your juniors to step up and write something about what they like about your club, or about a project they are working on that’s been really fun. I for one have been wondering what it is like rockhounding in Alaska since, I’m way down in Southern Oregon. Chugach Gem & Mineral Society, it would be fun to hear from you! I hear you don’t have to worry about venomous snakes up there while collecting!!

Whether we get overwhelmed or not with submissions, it will be a lovely experience for clubs to share themselves in the federation newsletter. We’ll only include one club at a time per newsletter due to space. The idea isn’t about competing with each other, but rather a way to say something about yourselves, and for the other clubs to get to know you a little more.

This year the NFMS is celebrating our 85th Anniversary! Not only that, this is the year the NFMS as a federation hosts the AFMS national convention. As you can imagine, we have a lot to look forward to as we honor and celebrate this big event together. A big thank you to the Billings Gem and Mineral Club members for hosting the NFMS-AFMS Show & Convention this August on such a special occasion.

Jennifer Haley
1st VP

Lora R. Hall, NFMS 2nd Vice President

Calling all Junior Rockhounds – Read All About It!

We have exciting news. There will be a national AFMS newsletter for kids by kids! We need your rockhounding articles, photos, artwork, poetry, and other contributions. So put on your thinking caps and come up with a great idea for an article or other item about a rockhounding subject that interests you. It could be an article about one of your favorite rocks, minerals, or fossils. Perhaps an article with photos of one of your favorite collecting spots. Maybe you would like to show off your lapidary jewelry you made. Or, you may have created poetry or artwork about rocks, minerals, or fossils. The only requirements are that you must be under 18 and your contribution must be original.

In conjunction with the launch of the new junior newsletter, we have two new contests! We think the newsletter needs a name and a mascot, so we are looking to you for ideas. And yes, there are prizes!

- Grand Prize - Rock, mineral or fossil with a $100.00 value
- 1st place - Rock, mineral or fossil with a $75.00 value
- 2nd place - Rock, mineral or fossil with a $50.00 value
- 3rd place - Rock, mineral or fossil with a $25.00 value

You can find all the details and how to submit your work on the Juniors Website at www.juniors.amfed.org. Be sure to have a parent or guardian fill out the permission form and return it with your ideas and work. If you have any questions about submitting your contribution or about the juniors newsletter, please send your questions to youth@amfed.org.

Deadline to submit your contest entries or articles is June 30, 2023, so if you want to see your work in print, get started.

Lora Hall
2nd VP NFMS
AFMS Junior Programs Chair

Are YOU willing to be an NFMS Officer?

The search for a Second Vice President for the NFMS has begun. If you know of someone that is a member in good standing in a member club within the NFMS and would be interested in this role please reach out and provide me with their contact information. I will contact them to discuss the details. This is a four year commitment. The roles and responsibilities of the positions held are described in the NFMS By-Laws and Operation Procedures, the latest version can be found in the 2021-2022 Directory.

Being an officer within the NFMS is an excellent way to serve your fellow Rockhounds and help to guide the Federation into the future for the hobby that we all enjoy.

If you would like to talk further about this please give me a call at (509) 308-8312. I look forward to talking to you about this.

Thanks for considering this.

Larry Hulstrom
NFMS Past President
Nominating Committee Chairman
Northwest Rockhound Retreat

It’s that time again. The registration documents have been created and are ready to distribute. The camp will be held on September 4th thru 10th, 2023 at OMSI’s Hancock Field Station in Central Oregon. Last year was the first year we were able to use the beautiful co-ed bathrooms and showers. Although they do not match the rustic feel of the rest of the camp they are a needed upgrade.

The beading class was dropped from the offerings again this year. We have seen reduced interest in this activity and our instructors have not been able to attend since covid. We may add the class in the future when and if the demand increases.

Again, we are planning to have two instructors for wire weaving and wire wrapping this year to add additional student availability.

This year we had to increase the fee’s for the Rockhound Retreat by $50 to cover the increased costs of maintenance on equipment, safety equipment, and materials. This is the first increase in many years.

Walt Butler
Northwest Retreat Chair

Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Rockhound Retreat Registration
September 4th – September 10th, 2023
OMSI, Camp Hancock Field Station

Name: ____________________________ Club: ____________________________

Street Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________ Zip Code: ____________________________

Phone No: ____________________________ eMail address: ____________________________

Registration: $350.00 Workshop Fee: $75.00

Cost of project materials provided by instructors must be paid to Workshop Instructor by the end of camp.

Please select your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for classes

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Do Need a Cabin Y or N Cabin Selection: ____________________________

Individuals you want to share your cabin with (max 5):

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Do you need an RV Space? Y or N (NOTE: Only 28 ft spaces Available, first & registered will be honored)

Make Checks To: NW Rockhound Retreat Send Registration form and $425.00 Check to:

NW Rockhound Retreat
C/O Walt Butler
8821 SW Equestrian Place
Terrebonne, Oregon 97760

Note: If you have any special dietary needs, please note them below so we can get them to the OMSI Cooks.

Note: Do you have emergency Medical Training? Y or N

The Northwest Rockhound Retreat or shall have the sole right to determine whether or not to accept any applications submitted and shall not be held liable for the rejection. The NWRR reserves the right to limit, refuse or terminate participation of individuals at the Northwest Rockhound Retreat.

For more information contact walterbutler@comcast.net
APPLICATION—Junior Achievement Award (confidential Info)

Applicant Name ___________________________ Age (as of 12/31/2022) ______
Mailing Address ____________________________ State ___________ Zip ___________
Phone # ____________________________ Date ______
Email __________________________

Applicant's Signature ____________________________ Date ______
Rock Club Name ____________________________
Name of Junior Advisor ____________________________

The following Club Officials attest to the
Applicant being a paid-up member of the Club and NFMS:
Federation Directors Name ____________________________
Federation Director Signature ____________________________
Club President Name ____________________________
Club President Signature ____________________________

Mail your SUMMARY (resume/outline), & APPLICATION to:
Gayle Butler 8821 SW Equestrian Place, Crooked River Ranch, OR 97760

(Please be sure to postmark by June 30, 2023 - Thank You!)

NFMS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD by Gayle Butler, NFMS Juniors Chair

It is time for Junior Rockhounds to share their accomplishments from the past 2 years (2021 and 2022)!
The Northwest Federation wants to honor you. You must be paid up and listed as a member of your Club and the NFMS.

- Age Group 1: ages up to 7 years
- Age Group 2: ages 8 through 11
- Age Group 3: ages 12 through 15
- Age Group 4: ages 16 through 18.

Your age as of December 31, 2022 determines the age category. If you won last year in 2022 you will need to wait until 2024 to enter again UNLESS you move up to the next age category.

Your Resume and Application together require a postmark by June 30, 2023. Winners will be notified a month later, after the NFMS Judges vote on each candidate’s Summary.

If any of this sounds too complicated or if you have any questions just contact me at gayle@comcast.net or ask your Junior Advisor, your parent, or the Federation Director of your Rock Club. Everyone will be delighted to help you in the quest of achieving fame.

Awards will be presented at the NFMS Annual Meeting in Billings, Montana on August 3 - 6, 2023.

Here are your three easy steps:
1. Write or type a short summary (resume/outline) about what your achievements are for the past 2 years (2021 and 2022), following Sections I, II, III & IV from the GUIDELINE below.
2. Photocopy the APPLICATION from the Northwest Newsletter. Fill out the APPLICATION and have your Rock Club representatives sign their spaces.
3. Mail with a postmark by June 30, 2023, your summary (resume/outline), and completed APPLICATION to the NFMS Junior Committee Chair -
   C/O Gayle Butler, 8821 SW Equestrian Place, Crooked River Ranch, OR 97760

Guidelines for Junior Achievement Award

Section I. HOBBY RELATED (Possible 45 points) Club involvement (field trips, committees, show participation) Hobby Craft involvement (fossiling, lapidary, metals, collecting)

Competitive involvement (display, articles, promotion, awards)
Section II. EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (Possible 25 points) Scholastic (honor roll, advanced classes, improvement of grades) 5Extracurricular (sports, drama, debate, drill team, music)
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Section II. EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (Possible 25 points) Scholastic (honor roll, advanced classes, improvement of grades) 5 Extracurricular (sports, drama, debate, drill team, music):

NAME __________________________ AGE __________________________

Section IV. WORK RELATED (Possible 10 points):

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AFMS/NFMS Annual Convention Schedule for 2023

Wednesday, August 2
Display Case Setup: starts at 10:00 AM

Thursday, August 3
AFMS Annual Meeting & Scholarship Meeting: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Meet & Greet: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday, August 4
AFMS Uniform Rules Meeting: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
NFMS Annual Meeting: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Meet & Greet: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturday, August 5
Juniors Cracker Barrel: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
ALAA Meeting: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Past Presidents, Officers, Judges & Chairpersons Luncheon: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Banquet & Awards Dinner: 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Sunday, August 6
Editors & Webmasters Breakfast: 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Live Auction: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
AFMS/NFMS Competitive Exhibit Entry Form

NAME: ____________________________
ADDRESS: ________________________________
PHONE: __________________ EMAIL: ________________________________
SOCETY (Junior Society): ________________________________

This display is to be entered in _____ (yes or no) NFMS, _____ (yes or no) AFMS.

EXHIBITOR GROUP: (check one)
MASTER ______ ADVANCED _____ NOVICE ____ JUNIOR ______

EXHIBIT DIVISION: ______________________ EXHIBIT CLASS: ______________________

If JUNIOR, give birth date: ______________________
Are you bringing your own case? _____ (yes or no) Size: Width: ______ Height: ______ Depth: ______
Do you need to borrow a case? ______ (Y/N) **Cases will be available on a limited basis.

Basic size: 4 ft x 2 ft x 2 ft - Liners or cases may or may not be available.

Certification for Competitive Exhibitors

I hereby certify that all material in competition by me is my own property, or if Society, all material belongs to members of the society. All work except minor findings or where otherwise allowed by the rules were completed by me. I have read the current rules and agree to abide by them.

Exhibitors Signature: ______________________
PRINT NAME: ______________________
Exhibitors Society: ______________________

I certify, as an officer of the above-named Society, that the exhibitor is a member in good standing of that society, and to the best of my knowledge, is eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the rules.

Signature: ______________________
If sent via email, we need the officer's email: ______________________
Title: ______________________ Date: ______________________

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies
Hosted by: Billings Gem & Mineral Club
"Montana Treasures"
August 3-5, 2023
Billings Hotel & Convention Center, Billings, MT.

AFMS/NFMS Competitive Exhibit Entry Form
Deadline: June 1, 2023

Rules:

All competitive exhibits must comply with the AFMS/NFMS rules updated in January 2022.
For a complete rulebook or updates go to: www.amfed.org.

Exhibit Set Up: Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 10am – 8pm.

- All entries must be ready for judging by Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 9:00 am
- Exhibits may NOT be removed before Sunday, August 6, 2023, at 4pm.
- Cases will be assigned space on display tables approximately forty inches high.
- ***LED lighting is MANDATORY***
- Displays will NOT be allowed to be opened during the show without a Show Committee or NFMS Rules Committee person present.
- Exhibitors will receive two free 4-day passes.

Entry Forms: One form per case
Please complete all information on the entry form and signed certification form and mail or e-mail to Exhibit Registrar for acceptance. For an On-line Entry Form, please email: gemhunters@protonmail.com.

Mail to: Charise Ash
NFMS Competitive Exhibits Registrar
2331 N. Mist Dr., Vernonia, OR 97024
**Include both pages with the entry application

Email: NFMSregistrar@gmail.com
Charise Ash (503) 789-4915
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Liability:

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

Security: Security will be provided during set up and throughout the four-day show.

Signature: ______________________
Print Name: ______________________
AFMS/NFMS Non-Competitive Exhibit Entry Form

NAME: ___________________________________________  

ADDRESS: ________________________________________  

PHONE: ___________  EMAIL: ________________________  

EXHIBITOR GROUP: Non-Competitive  

Junior Exhibit: (Y/N) ________  

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION: (Fossils, Minerals, etc.) ________________________________________________  

Are you bringing your own case? (Y/N) Size: Width ____ Height ____ Depth ____  

Do you need to borrow a case? (Y/N) **Cases will be available on a limited basis.**  

Basic size: 4 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft. liners or risers may or may not be available.  

PRINT NAME: ___________________________________________  

Exhibitors Signature ________________________________________  

Date ____________________________  

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NON-Competitive Exhibit Registrar  
PO Box 80134, Billings, MT. 59108  
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Email: 2gemhunters@protonmail.com  
Tim Zimbelman (406) 670-5524  
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Signature ___________________________________________  
Print Name: ____________________________
Hello everyone,

Here is your stamp program update. Ed and I are still working on sorting and organizing the donated stamps. We received a few more batches, so thank you to those who are donating. We have four lots prepared for a big stamp show auction in Portland the first weekend of May. The starting bids for the four combined is about $100. We are hoping they will net about $200 and we will share the result with you in the next Newsletter. In the meantime, we sold a few more to members of our stamp club and have another $55 to add to the total amount raised for the NFMS scholarship program. We are sending $60 to the NFMS Treasurer, which should bring our total to $510 since we started.

Regards
Aaron Currier
Stamps Chairman

Stamp Committee Update

Hello everyone,

Here is your stamp program update. Ed and I are still working on sorting and organizing the donated stamps. We received a few more batches, so thank you to those who are donating. We have four lots prepared for a big stamp show auction in Portland the first weekend of May. The starting bids for the four combined is about $100. We are hoping they will net about $200 and we will share the result with you in the next Newsletter. In the meantime, we sold a few more to members of our stamp club and have another $55 to add to the total amount raised for the NFMS scholarship program. We are sending $60 to the NFMS Treasurer, which should bring our total to $510 since we started.

Regards
Aaron Currier
Stamps Chairman

Rock Stamps of the Month - B

Our highlighted country of the month is Botswana. I’m sure you are familiar with Botswana Banded Agate, so this was the first stamp that came to mind. This is one of a set of 14 frp, 1974. Not surprisingly, banded agates show up on a lot of stamps worldwide because of their colorful imagery.

We also have stamps depicting Beryl from Mozambique (1979) and Beryllium from Portugal (1971).

Finally, we have a stamp with Barite from Somalia, which is considered a "Cinderella Stamp" from 1997. It was released for sale to collectors, but not actually used for postage. This happens a lot for topical stamps from the 1990s to today.

The Woes of Rocky Joe

by Judi Allison

Rocky Joe was getting old and his troubles did abound.
He reached down low to get a rock and fell upon the ground.
He lay down there in the dirt afraid some body part was hurt.
He began to groan but could barely moan.
He tried to stir, but was stuck for sure.
He cried for help ’cuz he couldn’t get up.
And all that came was his faithful pup.
He wagged his tail and jumped around urging Rocky to get off the ground.
Rocky tried again with all his might.
This time 'round, he stood upright.
Without the rock, He limped away.
He would have to try another day.
Walking sticks would save the day the next time he’d go out to play.
Rocky had come to know that his body had begun to slow.
So learn from Rocky, one and all.
Know your limits so you don’t fall.
NFMS Clubs’ Show Schedule – 2023

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ROY NOMINEE

Name of honoree: Allen Marquette
Year: 2023 (and all years beginning 2015)
Club: Salmon Valley Rock Hounds
Submitted by: Club Board, Sue Grosenick, President

Allen Marquette, Salmon Valley Rock Hound’s Founding Father, was instrumental in starting and promoting this organization. He guided the development of this club from its beginning. He continues to be generous in various areas of interest with his time, energy, abilities and personal supplies/materials for club members. He’s served in numerous Executive Board positions and personally provided at least 50% of the monthly club programming: sharing skills, providing hands-on demonstrations and guiding field trips. Allen volunteers to create pop-up lapidary workshops for members and takes those workshops/classes to area schools and seasonal camps. He totes samples and equipment, brings magazines to share/give away at meetings and provides many articles to our Rock Bottom monthly newsletter. Allen always takes time to talk and educate people, stimulating club and community member involvement.

Best Regards
ROY Laurie Ellis
| May 27th & 28th | Clackamas County Fairgrounds | Karen McAllister (503) 351-9918  
864 NE 4th Ave  
Canby OR 97013  
www.clackamategemorgan.com |
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| May 27th & 28th | Evergreen State Fairgrounds  
Weikel Event Center  
18359 Cascade View Drive  
Monroe WA | Fritz Mack  
(425) 232-0809  
www.everettrockclub.com |
| June 3rd & 4th | North Idaho State Fairgrounds  
Jacklin Building  
4056 North Government Way  
Coeur d’Alene ID | Diane Rose (208) 659-6173  
Look for NEMC on Facebook |
| June 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th | Prineville Rockhounds | Jim McCoy  
Jimmymc97@yahoo.com  
Fieldtrip contact:  
Joe Van Cura  
jvancura@peak.org |
| June 16th, 17th & 18th | Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society | Bambi Darling  
(541) 420-8014  
(please leave a message)  
Website: ReedsportRockandGemShow.com |
| June 17th & 18th | Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society | Ed Kubu (406) 273-8265  
ekubu@yahoo.com  
https://www.bitterrootgemandmineral.org/contact-us |
| August 3rd - 6th | Billings Gem and Mineral Club | Doug True  
https://billingsgemclub.com/contact-us  
(406) 200-8778 |
| August 8th, 9th & 10th | Southern Washington Mineralogical Society | Vicki Johnson (360) 751 8031  
vicki.jrocks@msn.com  
Crystal Teel (360)355 6424  
swmineralogicalsociety@gmail.com |
| Aug 16th & 17th | Cascade Mineralogical Society - Kent WA | Kat Koch (425) 765-5408  
vendorchair@  
cascademinerologicalsociety.org  
www.cascademinerologicalsociety.org |
| Oct 6th, 7th & 8th | Marysville Rock and Gem Club  
14405 179th Ave, SE  
Monroe, WA | Christina Morrissey  
cmvw@frontier.com  
Website: http://  
www.marysvillerockclub.com  
facebook.com/Marysville-Rock-and-Gem-Club-213484905338173 |
| Oct 7th & 8th | Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club  
215 W C Street  
Springfield OR 97477 | Dean Burkhart  
(541) 744-1919 |
| Nov 16th & 17th | Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association  
308 East 4th Street  
Port Angeles WA | Kathy Schreiner  
(360) 460-8027  
kmjes@olypen.com  
Sequimrocks.org |
| Nov 23rd & 24th | Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show | Linda Harvey  
lindaharvey2010@gmail.com  
For more information go to:  
| Nov 23rd & 24th | Green River College  
Phys Ed Facility  
12401 SE 320th Street  
Auburn WA | Monique Lake (208) 757-8036  
mmlake1@gmail.com |
| Dec 8th & 9th | The Evergreen State Fairgrounds  
Display Bldg #500  
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