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PRESIDENT

Darrell Coyle

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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Good News. There is a new club coming in to the NFMS from Miles City Montana. Also it is expected that a club from Great Falls Montana will be joining us. There is work on the possibility of a couple of other clubs being formed in Montana. It shows that if there is interest out there and they get the help on getting a club started it can be done. How about it folks, get out there and get involved. What is holding you back?

In 2024 the Annual Show and Meetings will be hosted by the Hatrock Hounds. There is a need to get a Host Club for 2025. If your club is interested there is a good publication to help you on the NFMS Website. Host Clubs will get help from the NFMS also. When my club Hosted we doubled our attendance and income. That is a good reason right there.

The NFMS is going to have a couple more openings for our Committees after this year. Your help would be greatly appreciated. It is a great group of people and many of them have become good friends. Please consider it. If I could, I would look you in the eye, put my hand on your shoulder and ask for your help. If you could visualize that I am right there doing that, Would that help?

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.

As we are reading through her papers and letters, we have found many notes reminding us of our parents appreciation for your society and love of the beauty found in a part of God's creation of rocks—stones and minerals. My do we have so many of dad's trophies and so many memories of mom helping Elvin set up the "perfect" case for those cabochons. What fun they had together!

It is with great appreciation to your societies that we thank you! Mom and Dad (Earline and Elvin Irwin) so enjoyed your venue for displaying the work that they diligently and with great delight continued till the Lord took them both home. (Elvin in 2006 and now, Earline, Just this past February 21st).

As mom often signed her notes—the Lord bless you real good and grant you peace with Him,

Evan and Debi Irwin

And for,

Dr. Eric and Debbie Irwin

The Elvin Erwin estate gifted the NFMS with many of his beautifully created cabochons. You can see them displayed in a case called "Cabochons of the Northwest" at Federation Shows.

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The editor will send out a reminder in time for all committees to respond.

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For deadlines and to submit articles

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**SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION-** Mary Lou Northrup

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The **AFMS NEWSLETTER** is published monthly except Jan-Jul-Aug by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Each NFMS member society should have three people (usually the Pres, Secretary and Editor) receiving the AFMS Newsletter. If they are not, or if anyone else wants to subscribe (\$5 per year). Contact: Linda Jaeger, 3515 E 88th St, Tulsa, OK 74137, AFMSeditor(at)AMFED.org (918) 630-6498 or (918) 481-0249. Make checks payable to "AFMS".

The **NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER** is the official publication of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) and is published at least six times per year. Each member is entitled to receive a mailed copy of this publication with their membership. Please check with your club membership person to assure you are receiving this means of keeping you informed of the activities and events pertaining to the business and services of the Federation. Club membership points of contact are encouraged to forward names and addresses of new club members, soon after they join, to both the Directory Chair and Circulation Chair, so that newsletter distribution by mail to them can be started as soon as practical. The newsletters are also posted to the Federation website electronically and archive there for members to review or download.

**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 Chair.**

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

**ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS**

**Where to send your money**

To NFMS Treasurer for:

1. Dues (new and renewal) and supplies
2. Donations for the general fund
3. Donations to Junior Achievement
4. Advertisement in this Newsletter

Send to: see Treasurer this page.

To NFMS Endowment Fund Treasurer for:

1. Donations to Endowment Fund
2. Memorial contributions

Make check payable to NFMS Endowment Fund, send to Endowment Fund Treasurer, 8810 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126-3617

To NFMS Scholarship Chairperson for:

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

Make check payable to AFMS Scholarship Fund.

Send to: Mary Lou Northrup (see Scholarship this page).

To AFMS Endowment Fund for:

1. Donations to AFMS Endowment
2. Memorials

Send to: See AFMS Newsletter

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Memberships, new and renewals  
Donations

Make check payable to ALAA ( American Lands Access Assn) Treasurer, P.O. Box 54398, San Jose, CA 95154

NFMS WEB SITE: [www.amfed.org/nfms](http://www.amfed.org/nfms) or  
<http://northwestfederation.org/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>  
(for the desktop/laptop/tablets)

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>  
(for mobile devices like phones)

**NFMS NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE ADVERTISEMENT**

Members, Non-members, clubs, etc. can advertise in the Northwest Newsletter. This service is provided to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and is encouraged by the Federation. The only criteria for the ad is that it be hobby related (e.g. rocks, equipment, grit, shows, etc.).

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

Example: 3" x 4" ad = 12 inches

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



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

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



## 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 85<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

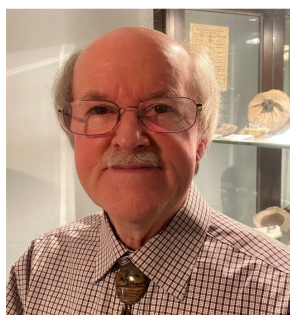
- Grand Prize - Rock, mineral or fossil with a \$100.00 value
- 1st place - Rock, mineral or fossil with a \$75.00 value
- 2nd place - Rock, mineral or fossil with a \$50.00 value
- 3rd place - Rock, mineral or fossil with a \$25.00 value

You can find all the details and how to submit your work on the Juniors Website at [www.juniors.amfed.org](http://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](mailto: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 Hulstrum  
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 4<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup> – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices for classes

Lapidary Shop	Doublets & Triplets	Intarsia	Silver Working	Metal Working	Carving	Wire Wrapping
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do Need a Cabin Y or N    Cabin Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Do you need an RV Space: Y or N (NOTE: Only 4 24ft spaces Available, first 4 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 [waltercbutler@comcast.net](mailto:waltercbutler@comcast.net)

**APPLICATION--Junior Achievement Award (confidential info)**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of 12/31/2022) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
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 [gaylesmail@comcast.net](mailto:gaylesmail@comcast.net) or ask your Juniors 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 EZ 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 (faceting, 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)

Section III. COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT (Possible 20 points) Events involvement (charity, volunteer, donation programs) Scouts, Campfire, 4H-Club, Other community groups.

Section IV. WORK RELATED (Possible 10 points)

**N F M S J U N I O R A C H I E V E M E N T A W A R D**





**2023**  
**Rock SHOW**  
NFMS/AFMS CONVENTIONS

*Find Your Montana Treasures*  
at the  
**Billings Gem & Mineral Show**

**Billings Hotel & Convention Center**  
1223 Mallowney Lane, Billings MT

**August 3-6, 2023**  
Thursday-Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm  
Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm

**Tickets at the Door**  
Adults \$5.00 per Day  
\$15 for 4-Day Pass  
Children Under 12  
Free Admission with Paid Adult

**Book a Room**  
Visit [BillingsHotelMT.com](http://BillingsHotelMT.com) or Call (406) 248-7151  
(mention the show for special rate of \$109/night)

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Questions? Contact us at [Guests@BillingsGemClub.com](mailto:Guests@BillingsGemClub.com)

Dealers offering gems, crystals, minerals, fossils, agates, jewelry, and more...

**Kids Activities** including Wheel of Fortune, grab bags, gem scoop, silent auction, prizes...

**Raffle Prizes & Silent Auction**

**Display Exhibits** of competitive and non-competitive geological displays (entries due 6/1/23)

**Speakers & Special Programs**

**Special Exhibits**

- Museum of the Rockies
- Judith River Dinosaur Institute
- Carter County Museum
- Wyoming Dinosaur Center

**Field Trips**

- Bear Canyon Agates: Mon. Aug. 7
- Bear Paw Formation Fossils: Tue. Aug. 8
- Montana Agates: Wed. Aug. 9
- Cedar Creek Fossils\* and/or Collecting Dinosaur Bones\* (fee): Thu. Aug. 10 and/or Fri. Aug. 11

\*Tentative

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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 – 1:00 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  
Social Hour: 6:00 PM – 7:00 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



Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and American Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
Annual Show: Hosted by: Billings Gem and Mineral Club  
"Montana Treasures"  
August 3-6, 2023  
Billings Hotel and Convention Center, 1223 Mallowney, Billings, MT  
ADVANCE REGISTRATION Deadline: JUNE 1, 2023



(Please Print)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip 4+6)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club/Society: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check all that Apply:

Federation: RMFMS SCFMS CFMS MWF EFMLS NFMS SFMS

Officer: Chairman Delegate Alternate Editor Judge Clerk Other AFMS? Regional?

Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_ (Exhibitors must complete this form and the Exhibitor Form)

Please Check the meetings you will be attending: AFMS Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ NFMS Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

SHOW ADMISSION (Please check)	DAILY RATE x # DAYS	4 DAY PASS	TOTAL COST
Passes:	\$ 5.00	\$15.00	\$ _____

**Note: All food events require reservations (All food events on site)**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Past President/Committee Chairs Lunch Buffet 12:00 PM (\$24 per person x number of people)* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Roast beef w/ mushroom gravy, herb baked chicken, garlic roasted red potatoes, corn O'Brien, Tossed Salad fresh fruit bowl)

**Social Hour 6:00 PM -7:00 PM**

*Awards Banquet 7:00PM - 9:30PM (\$40 per person x number of people)* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Carved Baron of Beef w/ au jus, roast turkey, BBQ baby back pork ribs, baked potato w/sour cream & butter, glazed carrots, tossed salad w/ fresh vegetables or fresh fruit bowl and a dinner roll. Assorted dessert buffet.)

**SUNDAY AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Editors/Webmasters Breakfast Buffet 9:00 AM (\$25 per person x number of people)* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Biscuits & gravy, cinnamon swirl French toast, scrambled eggs w/ cheese, crispy bacon, sausage links, breakfast potatoes, assorted pastries, and fresh fruit. Coffee, hot tea and orange juice.)

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make check payable to: Billings Gem and Mineral Club.  
Mail application and remittance before June 1, 2023 to:  
Billings Gem & Mineral Club  
PO Box 80134  
Billings, MT 59108

(Payments are non-refundable after June 1)

\*\*For questions, please call Deb & Tim Zimelman at 406-670-7261 or 406-670-6524

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies



Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
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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 rule book or updates go to: [www.amfed.org](http://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\*\*\*
- Display cases will NOT be allowed 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 [2gemhunters@protonmail.com](mailto:2gemhunters@protonmail.com).

<b>Mail to:</b> Charise Ash NFMS Competitive Exhibits Registrar 2331 N. Mist Dr., Vernonia, OR 97064 **Include both pages with the entry application	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:NFMSregistrar@gmail.com">NFMSregistrar@gmail.com</a> Charise Ash (503) 789-4915 **Include both pages with the entry application
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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 Competitive Exhibit Entry Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIETY (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 risers 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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AFMS/NFMS Non - Competitive Exhibit Entry Form

Deadline: June 1, 2023  
American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Rules:

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

- Exhibits **WILL NOT** be allowed to 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\*\*\***
- Display cases will **NOT** be allowed to be opened during the show without a Show 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 mail or e-mail to Exhibit Registrar for acceptance.  
For an On-line Entry Form, please email [2gemhunters@protonmail.com](mailto:2gemhunters@protonmail.com)

Mail to: Billings Gem & Mineral Club

NON-Competitive Exhibit Registrar  
PO Box 80134, Billings, MT. 59108

\*\*\*Include both pages with the entry application

Email: [2gemhunters@protonmail.com](mailto:2gemhunters@protonmail.com)

Tim Zimbelman (406) 670-6524  
Deb Zimbelman (406) 670-7261

\*\*\*Include both pages with the entry application

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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.

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PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitors Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.**

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**Public Oral Auction - 6:30 Saturday Night**

**Hells Canyon Gem Club** has selected **Jerry and Marylou Northrup** as our **Rockhounds of the Year for 2023**.



Marylou has served as Secretary, 2013; Treasurer, 2015-2023; Show Treasurer and Hospitality Chair, 2019; and NFMS Scholarship Chair, 2019-2023. Jerry has been Club Vice President 2021-2023 and the Club Federation Director from 2015-2023.

In addition to holding these positions, Jerry and Marylou have held leading roles in hosting our Club's annual gem and mineral show. They have provided storage space for much of the club's rocks and equipment that is used for the silent auction, both at our show and monthly meetings. Jerry and Marylou are quick to welcome new members into the club and get especially excited if they have children. Jerry's pockets are always full of rocks that he freely passes out to the kids.

Submitted by Linn Enger, Club Trustee

## 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

## NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule -- 2023

April 29th & 30th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4:30	Grays Harbor Rock and Gem Club	Grays Harbor County Fair and Event Center 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma WA	Gary Emberley (360) 533-6196 <a href="mailto:melissa624@hotmail.com">melissa624@hotmail.com</a>
April 29th & 30th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club	Benton County Fairgrounds BLD 2 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA	Larry Hulstrom (509) 308-8312 <a href="mailto:rockhound132@charter.net">rockhound132@charter.net</a>
April 29th & 30th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple (West Seattle) 4736 40 Avenue SW West Seattle WA	Annette Nelson (206) 379-3677 <a href="http://www.westseattlerockclub.org">www.westseattlerockclub.org</a>
May 6th & 7th Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club - Roseburg OR	Douglas County Fairgrounds 2110 Frear Ave I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg OR	Jason Jakubos (541) 580-7584 <a href="mailto:rockandwool@gmail.com">rockandwool@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/Umpquagem">www.facebook.com/Umpquagem</a>
May 13th & 14th Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds 901 North Black Bozeman MT	Linda Johnson (406) 580-3419 <a href="mailto:lindajohnson.montana@gmail.com">lindajohnson.montana@gmail.com</a>
May 13th & 14th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society	Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center 1705 East Airport Road Hermiston OR 97838	Mike Filarski (541) 571-2593 <a href="mailto:stonemorlin1@netscape.net">stonemorlin1@netscape.net</a>
May 19th, 20th & 21st Fri 10 - 5 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 3	Mt Hood Rock Club	Mt Hood Rock Club's Rock and Gem Show Kliever Memorial Armory 10000 NE 33rd Dr. Portland OR 97211	Darrell Engelhard <a href="mailto:mhrcdc@gmail.com">mhrcdc@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.mthoodrockclub.com">www.mthoodrockclub.com</a>
May 20th & 21st Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Butte Mineral and Gem Club	Annual Rock and Gem Show Butte Civic Center Main Arena 1340 Harrison Ave, Butte MT	Pete Knudsen (406) 490 5828 <a href="mailto:PKnudsen@mtech.edu">PKnudsen@mtech.edu</a>

## NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule -- 2023 continued

May 27th & 28th Sat 9 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Corp	Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4th Ave Canby OR 97013	Karen McAllister (503) 351-9918 <a href="mailto:gmaktmc@gmail.com">gmaktmc@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.clackamettegem.org">www.clackamettegem.org</a>
May 27th & 28th Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Everett Rock and Gem Club	Evergreen State Fairgrounds Weikel Event Center 18359 Cascade View Drive Monroe WA	Fritz Mack (425) 232-0809 <a href="http://www.everettrockclub.com">www.everettrockclub.com</a>
June 3rd & 4th Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	North Idaho Mineral Club	North Idaho State Fairgrounds Jacklin Building 4056 North Government Way Coeur d'Alene ID	Diane Rose (208) 659-6173  Look for NIMC on Facebook
June 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th Thur 9 - 5 Fri 9 - 5 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 9 - 4	Prineville Rockhounds	Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow Crook County Fairgrounds 1280 S Main Street Prineville OR	Jim McCoy <a href="mailto:Jimmcoy57@yahoo.com">Jimmcoy57@yahoo.com</a> Fieldtrip contact: Joe Van Cura <a href="mailto:jvancura@peak.org">jvancura@peak.org</a>
June 16th, 17th & 18th Fri 10 - 5 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society	Annual Father's Day Weekend Rock and Gem Show Reedsport Community Center/City Hall 451 Winchester Ave Reedsport OR	Bambi Darling (541) 420-8014 (please leave a message) <a href="http://Website:ReedsportRockandGemShow.com">Website: ReedsportRockandGemShow.com</a>
June 17th & 18th Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society	Ravalli County Fairground Farmers State Bank Event Building 100 Old Corvallis Road Hamilton MT	Ed Kubu (406) 273-8265 <a href="mailto:ekubu@yahoo.com">ekubu@yahoo.com</a> <a href="https://www.bitterrootgemandmineral.org/contact-us">https://www.bitterrootgemandmineral.org/contact-us</a>
August 3rd - 6th Thur 10 - 5 Fri 10 - 5 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	NFMS and AFMS Show Billings Hotel and Convention Center 1223 Mallowney Ln Billings MT	Doug True <a href="https://billingsgemclub.com/contact-us">https://billingsgemclub.com/contact-us</a> (406) 200-8778
August 3rd - 6th Fri 10 - 5 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Far West Lapidary & Gem Society	The Mill Casino The Salmon Room 3201 Tremont St Hwy 101 North Bend OR	Debbie McPherson (541) 404 4970 <a href="mailto:Mcdeb1111@gmail.com">Mcdeb1111@gmail.com</a> Howard Clements (541) 396 3635 <a href="mailto:howardclements34@gmail.com">howardclements34@gmail.com</a>
August 18th, 19th & 20th Fri 9 - 5 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society	End of Summer Rock Show Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S Pacific Hwy W Rickreall, OR 97371	Ken Stubenrauch <a href="mailto:wams.riverofgems@gmail.com">wams.riverofgems@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.WAMSI.net">www.WAMSI.net</a>
Sept 8th, 9th & 10th Fri 11 - 5 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 9 - 4	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Cowlitz County Fairgrounds Event Center 1900 7th Avenue Longview WA	Vicki Johnson (360) 751 8031 <a href="mailto:vickijrocks@msn.com">vickijrocks@msn.com</a> Crystal Teel (360)355 6424 <a href="mailto:swmineralogicalsociety@gmail.com">swmineralogicalsociety@gmail.com</a>
Sept 9th & 10th Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association	Vern Burton Community Center 308 East 4th Street Port Angeles WA	Kathy Schreiner (360) 460-0827 <a href="mailto:kmsjes@olympen.com">kmsjes@olympen.com</a> <a href="http://Sequimrocks.org">Sequimrocks.org</a>
Sept 16th & 17th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Cascade Mineralogical Society - Kent WA	Green River College Phys Ed Facility 12401 SE 320th Street Auburn WA	Kat Koch (425) 765-5408 <a href="mailto:vendorchair@cascademineralogicalsociety.org">vendorchair@cascademineralogicalsociety.org</a> <a href="http://www.cascademineralogicalsociety.org">www.cascademineralogicalsociety.org</a>
Oct 6th, 7th 8th Fri 10 - 6 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Association	42nd Annual Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Wingspan Event Center Building At the Westside Commons 801 NE 34th Avenue, Hillsboro OR 97124	Linda Harvey <a href="mailto:lindaharvey2010@gmail.com">lindaharvey2010@gmail.com</a>  For more information go to: <a href="http://www.PortlandRegionalGemandMineral.com">www.PortlandRegionalGemandMineral.com</a>
Oct 7th Sat 9 - 5	Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society	Annual Members Rock, Gem, Jewelry Bonneville Co. Fairgrounds 1542 73rd S, Idaho Falls, ID	Monique Lake (208) 757-8036 <a href="mailto:moniquelake1@gmail.com">moniquelake1@gmail.com</a>
Oct 7th & 8th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	The Evergreen State Fairgrounds Display Bldg #500 14405 179th Ave, SE Monroe, WA (Off Hwy 2, Just west of Monroe, WA)	Christina Morrissey <a href="mailto:cmvw@frontier.com">cmvw@frontier.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.marysvillerockclub.com">http://www.marysvillerockclub.com</a> <a href="https://facebook.com/Marysville-Rock-and-Gem-Club-213484905338173">facebook.com/Marysville-Rock-and-Gem-Club-213484905338173</a>
Oct 7th & 8th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 3	Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club	Willamalane Adult Activity Center 215 W C Street Springfield OR 97477	Dean Burkhart (541) 744-1919