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Warren Rood President

In my presidents message last month I announced details of the July 4th NFMS field trip to Grassy Mountain. I now have some bad news and good news about that trip. I will tell you the bad news first.

All of the field trip leaders in that area say fire danger is extremely high. The Spring rains in the high desert area have yielded the highest grasses they have had in years. Now that it is getting hot and the grasses dry, they have had many fires and it is expected to get worse. The concern is that our car and truck mufflers could start a fire. Because of this, I am planning to postpone our trip. I want to make the right decision, which is the safe decision. That is the bad news and I apologize to all of those who have already made plans for this trip.

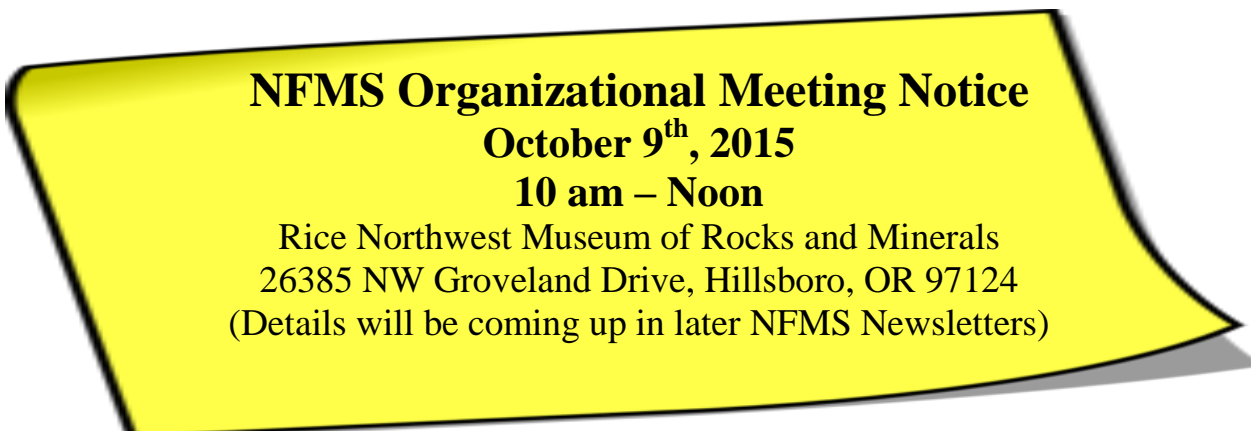
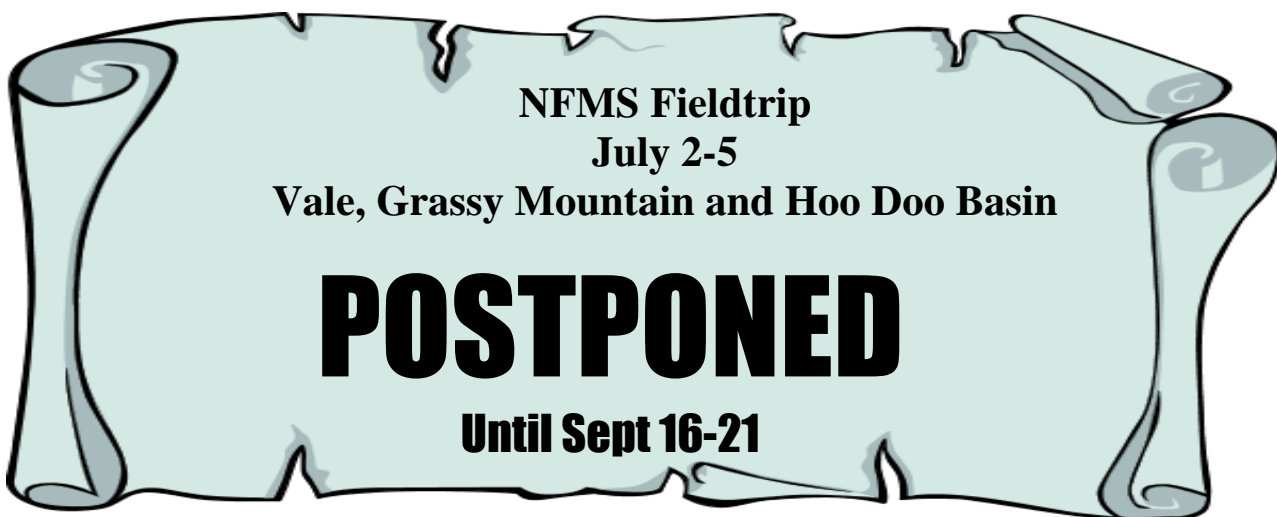
Now for the good news. Instead of canceling this trip, I am planning to postpone it to September 16-21. At this time of year, the grasses lay flatter and fire danger is not as great, plus the weather is usually not nearly as hot. Our club has taken several trips this time of year and encountered great weather. By postponing I think we can also expand the amount of trips we can offer. My contact list keeps growing and more people will be leading trips. We are planning a trip into graveyard point for the plume agate as well as a few other areas that will give us a nice variety besides the petrified wood.

Put this new date on your calendar and give me an email at warrenrood@yahoo.com saying you are coming. I will still need to have a close count to tell BLM. I will also give you maps and details at that time.



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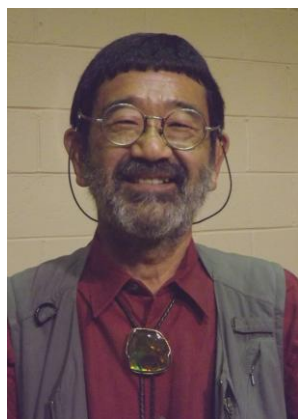
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**Hidemi Kira
1st Vice President**



Hello to All,

In the last issue, I wrote that Sean Heitpas (Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club) has volunteered for the Chair position of the All American Club Award Committee (former Education). In this issue, I would like to write a little bit about the All American Club Award. For our newer members, here is the brief explanation about this Award. A member Club makes a "Yearbook" following the categories provided by the Award Program. The Yearbook should be based on the previous year's activities and then be submitted to the All American Club Award Committee. The Yearbook will be submitted to the AFMS for judging. If more than four are submitted, the Chair person will select the best three and will send them to the AFMS. Points will be given for each category and a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal will be awarded according to the total points earned. Please check out the AFMS website www.amfed.org and click "The AFMS" and then "All American Award" for the details.

When I became the president of the Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club in 2008, the AFMS Newsletter was mailed to me and I found out about this Award Program. I thought it may be a very good opportunity to check out how good or bad our club was doing within the AFMS and to find out where we are strong and where we are not so strong and needed some improvement. I asked our Club's then Federation Director, Dean Arrasmith to coordinate this project. He had done a very good job and we won the Bronze Medal.

In the process of making the Yearbook, we had to contact many club members to gather information and to have several meetings to make sure we were doing it right. The process itself was a great opportunity to see how our club and the club members were doing. The next year, based on our weak points, we made some improvements and submit it again and won the Silver Medal. We did one more year, but could not reach the Gold and got the Silver again.

By doing this for three years in a row, we now know where we are good or can be better and where we still need to improve. Even though there are some places we are not so good and having difficulty improving, it was a great opportunity to know where we were and we are very glad we participated in this program. We haven't done this for these few years and maybe it is time for us to think about doing it again to see if we are still on the right track. Participating in this program will make clear how your club is doing, where you are and where you can improve. I strongly encourage each club to participate in this program at least one time. So, when Sean Heitpas asks for your Yearbook for the All American Club Award, please consider participating!

I am sure some of the clubs are doing this already, but I would like to share a new activity our club started recently. We have started a Silent Auction at every general meeting except when we have special events such as our picnic or Christmas party. The objective is to give newer members an opportunity to learn the names and localities of the rocks and to provide the chance to purchase quality rocks for a decent price. We had tried this silent auction at meetings quite a while ago, but it was held only once or twice a year and it was more for a fund raising purpose. This time we are preparing the material with the name and locality, if known, and label the each rock for the educational purpose. It takes time to prepare different rocks with the name and locality each time, but it is working pretty well so far. Since it is held every month, we use only one 8' table and this size is just about the right size for us. We set it up about 30 minutes before the meeting and the auction ends after the meeting and program. Although the main objective is for education, it still is a pretty good fund raiser. We also have a Bragging Rock table and a Rock Identification table. You may want to try this if you haven't yet.

The Prineville POW WOW (June 18 – 21) and Madras POW WOW (June 25 – 28, one day shorter than previous years) will be coming up soon in Oregon. Both shows have many dealers and will have daily field trips. There are many places for rock hounding in the area, so if you haven't been there, you may want to check it out.

Please note the postponement of the NFMS Field trip mentioned in our President's message. It is now planned for September 16-21. If you have any concerns, suggestions or comments towards the NFMS, please let me know at htkira@spritone.com.



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**Rockhound Retreat Report
By Lamar Tilgner**



The Retreat is now full and we have 2 people on the waiting list. In years past we have had to use the waiting list to fill out at Retreat time. If anyone is interested in attending, please fill out the application form (in the April NFMS Newsletter) and send it in without a check. If we have an opening, I will notify the individual in order to collect the check. Keep the Retreat going and join the fun.

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Stamp Report for Cancer By Hermina Kolski

A great big thank you for all your help over the years. This project is now turned over to Chuck Sonner, 165 Tingle Road, Winlock, WA 98596. Please send your stamps to his address, or I will forward them to him.

Sorry I will be unable to attend the fall meeting in Portland, the exchange will be done via the US Postal System.

From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

Due to lack of space you will have to wait until next month for a message from me. Have a happy Summer. ☺

