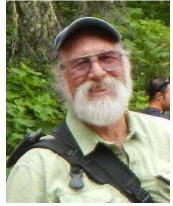


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Jim Bosley President

NFMS Annual Meeting

I would like to thank the Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society for hosting the NFMS Annual Meeting/Show on May 19, 20 and 21 in Hamilton, Montana. The Bitterroot Society did an excellent job planning and executing the meetings, awards banquet, speakers and show which resulted in a great time being had by all that attended. Steve Vieth (Show

Chair) and Faith Farley (Hospitality Chair) and all the members of the Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society thank you for your hard work.

Keith Fackrell, (Timpanogos Gem and Mineral Society) was elected NFMS President for the 2017-2018 year and will take office on September 1, 2017. Keith's officers are; Ronna Watkins (Yakima Rock and Mineral Club) 1st Vice President and Kenneth Zahn (Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club) 2nd Vice President, Lyle Vogelpohl (West Seattle Rock Club), Treasure and Judi Allison (Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society) Secretary.

Key Take Aways from the Annual Meeting:

- 1) There are 3 committee chairs positions that we need to fill, Endowment Fund, Juniors and Public Lands Advisory. Please contact me or Keith Fackrell if you are interested in helping the NFMS by filling one of these positions.
- 2) We need a society to host the NFMS Annual meeting in 2019. Please ask your society to consider hosting the show.
- 3) There were fewer competitive show cases this year than in the past. I would encourage you or your society to plan a show case for next year in Yakima. It is an opportunity for you, your juniors and/or your society to show case their work. The process of preparing and showing will improve your skills and make you a better lapidary artist. The rules for competitive show cases are found on the AFMS website.

The NFMS directors approved for the 2017-2018 year are refunding 1 dollar/per member of the dues sent in by the Northwest gem and mineral societies. Any short fall in the NFMS revenues will be made up by using interest income from the Endowment Fund.

AFMS Annual Meeting

I attended the AFMS meeting in Ventura California on June 8-11, 2017 hosted by the Ventura Gem and Mineral Society. Sandy Fuller (Mid-West Federation) will take over as AFMS President in November 2017 and Doug True (NFMS/Billings Gem and Mineral Club) will become the AFMS President Elect. 78 competitive show cases were entered. This is the largest number of competitive showcases entered for an AFMS competition. It was fun to look at the variety and type of lapidary work presented and to read the judges comments. The show was held at the Ventura County Fairground with the ocean literal a block from the exhibits. For a boy from the desert it was great fun to walk on the beach and watch the waves roll in. Diane Cook and her team provide a wonderful time at the show.



Notice to all

Northwest Federation Bulletin Editors

Due to the early NFMS meeting next year in Yakima (April 27-29) the deadline for submissions to the Editor's Contest will be in December 2017. Date has not been determined but it will be in December. This will give the judges time to score the submissions before the meeting.

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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 Chairman, brought to the NFMS Annual Show or given to your Federation Director in your club.

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- 1. Dues and supplies
- 2. Donations for the general fund
- 3. Donations to Junior Achievement
- 4. Advertisement in this Newsletter Send to: Lyle Vogelpohl, see Treasurer this page.

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- 2. Memorial contributions

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<u>Do not send ads on colored paper</u> 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 Editor



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Keith Fackrell 1st Vice President

No report submitted.



Ronna Watkins 2nd Vice President

It is definitely spring and all my friends have gone to the Pow Wow in Prineville, OR. The months are flying by. It seems like the NFMS Convention and Show went zooming by.

It was a great show in Hamilton this year hosted by the Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society. It was wonderful to see everyone and to make some new friends, too. Thank you and congratulations Bitterroot on a great show!

One of the best parts of a rock show are the displays. I really enjoy the beautiful items and I like, also, to discover things I have never seen or known before. That's what makes the displays so very important. Discovering beautiful things and wanting to know more about them is just human nature. Did you know there are people that have never been to a rock and gem show? Won't you find someone to invite that has never been to a show before? Once you show them around and share with them some of the fascinating things about our hobby, you will have done a great thing for them. Their lives may never be the same.

So, back to the displays: The displays at the show were very interesting and well executed. The competition cases were excellent. I was disappointed that there were not more participants in competition. It would have been nice to see some Junior Rockhound displays, also. Our children's leaders could start now to help prepare their Juniors for next year's competition. Have fun with it.

Another favorite thing I enjoy about the NFMS Annual Convention is the Editors Breakfast. It is always fun and good to recognize those that put together our club bulletins and those that write for them. Awards are, also, given for the Best Web Sites at the Editors Breakfast. Congratulations to all of this year's winners.

We had the most exciting trip to the beautiful Bitterroots and on our way home we had a detour to Clarkia, ID for some fossils. It was really fun sitting in the mud splitting rocks for leaf fossils. It's on my list of favorite things to do.

Have a fun and safe rockhounding season.

Rockhound Retreat Update

At this point in time, the Retreat has room for 6 more People. The Carving Class and the Faceting Class are full. If anyone is interested they had better get in touch soon.

If you need additional info, please call Lamar Tilgner at 503-666-2905 or Email at lstilgner1@frontier.com for more information and for a registration form.









By definition, history is in the past so now I look back upon the 2017 NFMS Annual Meeting presented by Bitterroot Mineral & Gem Society. WOW! What a great Annual Meeting!

The display cases were informative and exciting to see. Did you see the winning display case that goes to the AMFS Meeting for competition nationally? Great display and great ideas for displaying necklaces. The Montana Agates display case was very informative. The past presidents case was unique. I especially loved the house, my favorite! It was my first year displaying at NFMS and look forward to developing another display for next year. I learned so much from having Evan Day, a judge, discuss the category of how I could have entered for competition and that less is better! The other judges were great in assisting others in understanding how to make a better displays.

The speakers were outstanding and down to earth with their presentations so anyone could understand and go rockhounding in the areas discussed! I unfortunately was not able to make it to all of the speakers as meetings conflicted for me.

I enjoyed the meetings and understanding the inner workings of our NFMS. I attended the Endowment Fund meeting and learned about investing our funds in the past and now and in the future (I correlated this with the knowledge I get from my own broker to comprehend more clearly about investing). I also attended the Sunday morning Bulletin Editors Breakfast and S.C.R.I.B.E. meeting, respectively, where awards were passed out and then we discussed how to make it easier for all of us to enter our Bulletins and articles into competition as the online directions are difficult. Also the benefits of belonging to the association for editors (S.C.R.I.B.E). Thanks to Beth Heesacker for stepping up and volunteering to help those of us who are new to understanding the ins and outs of the AFMS rules under which NFMS operates. I also attended the Junior Advisor's Meeting to bring home ideas for my club and be aware of what other clubs are doing to infuse the excitement of rockhounding in their youth.

The 3 hour Annual Meeting was so interesting to hear from all the chairpersons and listen to their reports of what the NFMS had been doing. My addition was: I now have the Historian Files and can work from home developing a digital file. I requested that the other clubs send me any memorabilia from 2016 annual meeting to add to our files. Also, I want to update our museum list this year; therefore, I am requesting all the NFMS clubs to send me a list of any museums in their boundaries that are applicable to Rockhounding.

The fun part of the Bitterroot Mineral & Gem Society Show was the 2 dinosaur displays and watching the children and adults hunt for garnets! There was a flint napping display continually which reminded me of scuba diving in Florida many years ago and finding arrowheads that the Native Americans had napped!

The best part for me was (1) the continuous checking the silent auction for treasurers, (2) learning about the rocks from the long time members, and (3) acquiring rocks from around the area. The acquisition of knowledge part of the whole weekend once again put me in touch with the earth and her treasurers. I now have a way of identifying my rocks after taking them home and this is great better than my memory!

I enjoyed seeing members from around the northwest and new country for me, Hamilton, Montana. THANKS TO BITTERROOT FOR A WON-DERFUL MEETING AND SHOW.

Summer Solstice
June 20th









Please submit all membership and address changes to Tom Burchard, Circulation Chair, and to Carol Willey, Directory Chair.

Their contact information can be found on the second page of this newsletter.

You <u>MUST</u> submit all show information (including admission charge) to Pat Lambert, Show Coordinator. <u>FUTURE SUBMISSIONS MADE</u>

<u>DIRECTLY TO THIS EDITOR WILL BE IGNORED!</u>

Pat's information can be found on the second page of this newsletter.

THANK YOU.



Juniors are Our Future ... By Audrey Vogelpohl, NFMS Junior Chair

And we had 6 outstanding junior members enter for Achievement Awards. Awards are given based on their own activities .. not against each other. Their ages ranged from 7 to 16, each writing about their hobby activities, education and community achievement and work (volunteer or otherwise) related.

A certificate and monetary award were given to:

Thomas Parker Hall (age 17) of Hellgate (MT) Mineral Society

Elley Folks (age 16) and Drake Folks (age 14) of the Magic Valley (ID) Gem Club

Alex Peace (age 7) and Kylee Anne Botsford (age 11) of the Bozeman (MT) Gem and Mineral Club

Jacob Haneberg (age 9) of the Marysville (WA) Rock and Gem Club.

Congratulations to these Juniors, along with their parents and advisors.

Hamilton Montana Show By Judi Allison, Executive Secretary



The NFMS Show and Annual meeting at Hamilton, Montana hosted by the Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Club was a great success. The Bitterroot Club outdid themselves in organization and showmanship. After a core group of organizers toiled in the planning and organizational process, all the members in this relatively small group rallied together to help with the finishing touches and manpower during the actual show. If there were any glitches, they were well hidden and handled efficiently. Those who attended enjoyed a delicious banquet with good company and conversation all around.

The annual meeting went very smoothly with some positive decisions being made by the Directors and Delegates. There was representation from twenty-nine clubs. If your Director has not yet shared the information from the meeting with your membership, you might ask him/her to do so, as the business conducted affects each one of us.

Next year the show and meeting will be in Yakima, Washington from April 27-29. Consider making plans now to attend. The NFMS shows hosted by local clubs will generally be larger with some extra features such as competitive cases and a Bulletin Editor's Breakfast with awards and information for creating a better Newsletter and/or Website. All the official business of the Federation is conducted at the Annual Meeting. The awards banquet is a place where one can have the opportunity to meet and visit with other avid rockhounds while enjoying a friendly atmosphere. If you haven't taken in a Federation Show put it on your list. Why not next year?



From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

As the other reports in this newsletter reported we also had a wonderful time in Hamilton, Montana at the NFMS show. It was great to meet and great all our old and new friends. Great job, Bitterroot!!!

We also traveled to the Bozeman show the weekend before Hamilton and found another fine show. I was even able to pick up a few more minerals for my

collection.

The weather was very interesting while we were in Montana, snow flurries to white-out blizzard. Heavy snow covered the trees as we crossed the Continental Divide.

After Hamilton we headed south to the Northern California Mineralogical Association (NCMA) Show in El Dorado California. It was the second time we have attended this symposium and it was good to again see many like-minded mineral collectors and to enjoy elbow-rubbing with people who have minerals named after them. What a change in weather though! The temperature was in the high 80's and up into the 90's. It is hard for this old body to adapt so rapidly but we enjoyed the sunshine.



The NCMA again had a wonderful array of give-away minerals brought by the

attendees and also \$1 mounted specimens for sale by the group. Those, and the silent and oral auctions, help them to pay for their activities. We spent most of our time looking through microscopes at micro-minerals and the beauty of these very tiny crystals. The presentations on mines, new minerals and photography of minerals were excellent also.

We had hoped to go to Ventura, California for the AFMS show but our son and grandson who live in Italy were coming for a visit and we needed to come home to spend time with them.

Having been to the Yakima show and seen the excellent work that the Yakima club does I am looking forward to next year's NFMS show. See you in Yakima!!



Living Beyond Breast Cancer Audrey Vogelpohl, Federation Director West Seattle Rock Club, Inc.

NFMS's Operating Proceedures on Stamps begins by stating that the chairman is to "arrange for the collection of such postage stamps as may be of value in contributing to cancer research, or other charitable use". For years the NFMS has donated the money from the sale of stamps to various cancer research facilities. I presented the following idea to Chuck Sonner to which he agreed, but wanted a consensus from the annual meeting of delegates.

At the NFMS Annual Meeting in Hamilton, Montana, there was discussion and 100% consensus on supporting a group of volunteer knitters forming in the Seattle area. Volunteer knitters (and those who crochet) provide free comfortable prosthetics as an alternative to commercial breast prosthetics for breast cancer survivors. And we have a group of volunteer knit-

ters in my local Seattle area who would like to become involved in helping to make a difference in thousands of women's lives, survivors of breast cancer.

I am told that prosthetics used after mastectomies are usually expensive, heavy, sweaty and uncomfortable, besides having to wait months for the area of surgery to heal. They typically require special bras or camisoles with pockets.

Special handmade breast prosthetics ... knitted knockers ... can be worn much sooner. They are soft, comfortable and when placed in a regular bra they take the shape and feel of a real breast. Volunteer knitters are offering them as a free gift to cancer survivors. Anyone that asks, gets them free ... all sizes and all colors. Some groups work with medical clinics and doctors to provide the free knitted knockers. Supporting with patterns and resources, all of these individual groups (over 200) in all 50 states and many countries, is Knitted Knockers Support Foundation, aka knittedknockers.org.

The yarn used for knitted knockers is very important as they are to be worn against scarred, sensitive skin. They are handcrafted, made of soft, non-wool, washable yarn and filled with PolyFiberFil. And this is where our monetary donation is needed. A skein of yarn makes an average of 3 knockers (1-1/2 sets). The cost of a skein of this soft yarn runs from \$8.00 to \$13.00.

So to help the Seattle volunteer knitters help the survivors live beyond breast cancer, consensus of the delegates was to direct profit from our stamp donations to be used to purchase soft yarn, which would make a big difference in meeting the demand for these soft, comfortable, knitted prosthetics

As a further note, Paul Heesacker is a quilter and offered to donate extra polyester fiberfill to this Seattle group of volunteers. Thanks everyone!



2017 NFMS Bulletin Contest Winners



Large Bulletins

1st Place
Beth Heesacker
For "The Clackamette Gem" April Issue

Small Bulletins

1st Place Gina Acosta For "Rock-A-TEER" April Issue

Original Adult Article

1st Place
Gary H. Burgess
For "Fossil Hunting in Glendive MT"

2nd Place Hidemi Kira

For "Thunder-Egg Stravaganza at Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals"

3rd Place Larry Arendt For "I Remember When"

Adult Feature - Written

1st Place
Brett Lawrence

For "You Know You are Having an Interesting Club Show Experience" December 2016

Adult Feature ~ Drawn

1st Place
Duane Flackus
For "Hard Luck Harry..." October 2016

Special Publications

1st Place Glen R. Ripper For "Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club's Handout/ Informational Sheet"

Honorable Mention ~ Original Adult Article:

"Sunflower Flat" by Michael Brown

"Crystal Healing/Gem Therapy..." by Marjorie Bush

"Rice Museum's Kids Rock Pile" by David Hanna

"Oregon Council Report" by Sean Hietpas



Pictures from the Bitterroot Show and NFMS Meetings





Of course, lots of Montana agate



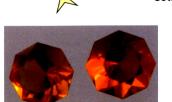
Some dinosaurs



Wonderful displays



NFMS meeting



Columbia-Willamette Faceters Guild 41st Fundraising Auction



Saturday, October 22, 2016



Swearing in of the officers for 2018



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NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule

July 15 & 16	Darrington Rock and Gem	Mansford Grange	Ed Lehman, wsmced@hotmail.com 425 334
Sat - 10 - 5	Club	1265 Railroad Avenue	6282 (cell 425 760 2786) or Angela Moore
Sun - 10 - 5		Darrington, WA	angela51726@gmail.com 360 436 2107
July 21, 22, & 23	Washington Agate and Mineral	Parkside Elementary School	Daniel De Boer
Fri - 9 - 6	Society of Olympia and Tenino	301 Central Avenue E	<u>keylock1@live.com</u> 5107 Brenner Road NW
$\operatorname{Sat} - 9 - 6$	Rock Cruisers	Tenino WA 98589	Olympia WA 98502
Sun – 9 – 5			https://wamsolympia.wordpress.com
August 4, 5, & 6	Far West Lapidary & Gem So-	North Bend Community Center,	Don Innes 541 396 5722 don-
Fri, Sat – 10 – 5	ciety	2222 Broadway	innes.innes20@gmail.com
Sun – 10 – 4	M 1 1D 1 1C	North Bend OR	M A C 11: 206.714
August 12 & 13, Sat – 9 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club-	Mary Ann Collins 206 714
Sun - 10 - 5	Club	house, 8802 196 th ST SW, Ed- monds WA	3922 <u>collma1@comcast.net</u>
September 9 & 10	Clallam County Gem and Min-	Vern Burton Community Center,	Kathy Schreiner 360 681 3811 or Kathy
Sat – 9 – 5	eral Association	308 East 4 th Street	Bachman 360 681 3994
Sun - 10 - 4		Port Angeles WA	PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382
September 9 & 10	Marcus Whitman Gem and	Walla Walla County Frgrnds,	Keith Bacus, 509 529 1248 keithba-
Sat - 10 – 5	Mineral Society	Community Center Building, 363	cus@yahoo.com
Sun - 10 - 5	<u> </u>	Orchard Št., Walla Walla WA	
September 16 & 17	SouthernWashington Miner-	Castle Rock Fairgrounds	Vicki Johnson 360-751-8031,
Sat - 10 - 5	alogical Society	120 Fair Lane, Castle Rock WA	vickijrocks@msn.com
Sun – 10 – 4			
October 7 & 8	Marysville Rock and Gem	Totem Middle School Gym	Bill Moser bill-ji@comcast.net
Sat - 10 - 5	Club	7 th Street and State Avenue	425 238 8222 <u>http://sites.google.com/sit/</u>
Sun – 10 – 5	D 1 1D 1 1G 0	Marysville WA	marysvillerockngemclub
October 13, 14, & 15	Portland Regional Gem &	Washington County Fair Complex	Linda Harvey lindaharvey 2010@gmail.com
Fri – 10 – 6 Sat – 10 – 6	Mineral Show Association	873 NE 34 th Avenue Hillsboro OR 97124	Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Association PO Box 5401 Port-
Sat - 10 - 0 Sun - 10 - 5		HIISOOIO OK 9/124	land OR 97228
October 21 & 22	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fair Building	Linn Enger 208 746
Sat - 10 - 6	Tiens canyon dem crao	1229 Burrell Avenue	4957 engerocks@yahoo.com
Sun - 10 - 4		Lewiston ID	is to the same state of the sa
October 28 - 29	Clackamette Mineral and Gem	Clackamas County Fairgrounds,	Beth Heesacker, heesacker@coho.net, 4145
Sat - 9 - 6	Club	694 NE 4 th Ave, Canby, OR	NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116
Sun - 10 - 5			
October 28 & 29	Bellevue Rock Club	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake	Bruce Himko PO Box 1851 Belle-
Sat - 10 - 6		Sammamish PKWY SE	vue, WA 98009
Sun – 10 – 5		Bellevue WA 98008	bellevuerockclub@comcast.net
November 11 & 12	Maplewood Rock and Gem	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club-	Mary Ann Collins 206 714
Sat - 9 - 5	Club	house, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	3922 <u>collma1@comcast.net</u>
Sun – 10 – 5 November 11 & 12	Skagit Rock & Gem Club	Sedro Woolley Comm. Center,	Eric Self 360 840 8342
Sat – 9 – 5	Skagit Rock & Ocili Ciub	703 Pacific Street	skagitrockandgem@gmail.com
Sun - 10 - 4		Sedro Woolley, WA	DAUGIN O THEIR GOIN W. SHILLINGOIN
December 9 & 10	Maplewood Rock and Gem	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club-	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922
Sat - 9 - 5	Club	house, 8802 196 th ST SW, Ed-	collma1@comcast.net
Sun - 10 - 5		monds WA	
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March 23-25, 2018	Rock Rollers Club of	Spokane Fair & Expo Center,	Mike Shaw 509 251
Fri, Sat – 10 – 6	Spokane, WA	N.604 Havana at Broadway,	1574 showchair@rockrollers.org
Sun 10 – 4		Spokane WA	
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