The NFMS Annual Meeting
Chehalis, WA
July 29-31, 2011

Southwest Washington Fairgrounds
2555 N National Ave, Chehalis, WA 98532

Annual Meeting is FRIDAY, July 29th
The pre-registration starts at 5pm with the annual meeting at 6pm
Location of the meeting is in the 4-H Hall

Editors Breakfast: Saturday the 30th, 8am.
Awards Banquet: Saturday the 30th, 6pm
Past Presidents Luncheon: Sunday the 31st, noon

Also look for the Junior Club Seminar and Rock Auction (WE NEED MATERIAL)

For more details see the May Northwest Newsletter

Note that Display, Pre-registration and Credentials forms are on pages 6 and 7 in this issue

Fritz Mack
President

I would like to thank all the committee people weather they work for their club or their Federation or both. It takes all of you to make the hobby go and grow. It takes hands to make the job easier. And big THANK YOU to the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club for Hosting the Mid-Year Meeting.

Just a reminder to all club members who are planning a field trip this summer on behalf of your hobby be sure you know the rules and guidelines no matter what State you are in.

Please read or re-read the Field Trip Update by Doug True, Inter Regional Field Trip Chairman. Doug has done a lot of research on this matter and knows what he talking about. I sure don't want to see or hear that you had to pay a big fine or go jail. If you play by rules this won't happen and you can still enjoy and have fun.

For those clubs that think that you can't sponsor a Federation show, please talk to Chuck Sonner. He is in charge of this year's Federation show and he started with nothing except a little ambition. Thank you, Chuck.

Hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting in Chehalis Washington, July, 29-31-2011.
SAFETY:  OPEN

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Kathy Moedl
2nd VP

At the time of this writing my husband has been missing for almost 11 weeks. Not a clue where to find him. It is by far the hardest thing I have had to go through (lucky for me that I haven’t gone through anything harder yet). My mind has not been able to concentrate on any detail for any length of time before it shuts down. I am listing to one side most of the time.

The last time I wrote in the NFMS newsletter I wrote about “My Strange Addiction” of rock hounding and how glad I was to have a “support group” for this addiction (NFMS and local IFG&MS). I keep thinking about that with a smile. The field trips are in full swing and I enjoy the great “therapy” of getting out rock hounding. I enjoy how therapeutic it is to polish the rocks, to work a cabochon on the grinder. It gives my mind a chance to do something that soothes. My strange addiction isn’t so strange…but it is a wonderful addiction and I’m glad to have it.

My daughter and I have decided to move forward and continue our plans to go to the AFMS show in Syracuse, New York in July where she will compete in the Educational division in the Master category. Our current situation has put a stop to the original plan of driving to New York. Now we hope to fly, however we would be unable to take the showcase, glass front, risers and box of rocks on the plane. Is anyone planning to drive to the AFMS and would have room for these items?

NFMS Library Update
By Tim and Sharon DeGrie

Please note that the address in the NFMS Directory is incorrect. Here is the correct one.

Tim and Sharon DeGrie
P.O. Box 458
Goldendale, Wa. 98620
Phone number is;
509-772-2533
e-mail for the library is;
RockNLibrary@yahoo.com

All questions can be sent to the e mail or call on the phone. We check the e mail and phone numerous times a day, so will get your orders or questions each day.

We also have new things to add to the library list. We received these after the new catalog came out.

We now have all "Those Fabulous Thundereggs all are in DVD form
14-A is part 1
14-B is part 2
14-C is part 3

Jewelry Workshop
A - is the Beginning Level Silversmithing
B - is the Intermediate Level Silversmithing

DVD - #30 Iris Agate 2011 AFMS Winner
Wayne Sukow's culmination of Pete Rodewald's work on the "Iris" phenomenon from expected as well as unexpected sources.

We also had a Slide show returned that had been missing for a few years. I want to thank Randy Vandehey and South Douglas Gem & Mineral Club for finding and sending back the slide show.

It is;
S-138
How Indians Made Stone Tools
Has Script & Tape
They also put it onto a Power point for the Library and we want to thank them for doing that for us.

Notice to Bulletin Editors:
By Peggy Blickfeldt

Well, the show will soon be upon us and we will get to meet and visit with each other. Also we will get to see the winners of the Bulletin Aid Contest. There were some very good entries. The awards will be given at the editor's breakfast. The Breakfast will be held at the Senior Center on Saturday 30th at 8 am. The cost is $6.00. If you are going, you need to fill out the pre-registration form which can be found on the website. Chuck needs this so he will be able to plan accurately for the meal.

After the breakfast and the awards there will be a short presentation on how to enter the editor's contest. Also there will be time to ask questions to any of the other editor's and maybe get ideas on how to improve or just change your bulletin or newsletter. I really would like all editors to send me their email addresses and phone numbers to pblick@ymail.com . I need these so I can keep in touch with you.

Looking forward to seeing and meeting all of you and getting to know you better. Thanks for your support.
Peggy Blickfeldt
Public Review of Rockhound State Park Management Plan
by MaryKay Brady
[Excerpted from Friends of Rockhound SP newsletter]

It was standing room only at Rockhound State Park on Tuesday, March 29th. Folks started arriving at 5:00 for the meeting scheduled to start at 6:00. The purpose of the meeting was to allow the public to review and discuss the recent Rockhound State Park management plan, drafted by the NM State Park managers. It included a proposal to ban rockhounding within the State Park.

The following representatives attended from Santa Fe: John H Bemis, Cabinet Secretary (designate) for Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources; Tommy Mutz, State Park Director; Dave Gatterman, Park Projects; Christy Tafoya, Archeologist; Cynthia Lovely, Park Planner. Other State Park managers: Rolf Hechler, Region 3 superintendent; Robert V. Apodaca, Rockhound/Spring Canyon Park Superintendent. Special guests in attendance were: Representative Dona Irwin, Deming City Council; Linda Enis and David Sanchez; John Sutherland, Luna County Manager along with Mary Galbraith, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce; Linda Smrkosky, Economic Development; and Virginia Pool and Pat Guthrie, representatives of the Deming Luna County Museum.

Many members from the Deming community spoke about how much rockhounding has meant to them as well as the reason they settled in this area. Several out of state people in attendance commented that they spent $2,000 and more per visit to this area.

Comments included limiting the area where rocks can be gathered; lowering the amount of rocks (currently 15 pounds) and setting limits like how much per person per day for those guests camping the 21 day limit.

Mr. Bemis & Mr. Mutz were very pleased with the turnout and quite impressed to see that folks did respond—they now understand that we DO read the management plans. It was my impression and other Friends members that the park will remain as always—no ban on rockhounding but perhaps some more clear delineations of where and how much.

Mary Galbraith from the Chamber of Commerce had numbers of RV’s and folks who came into the visitor center during Rockhound Roundup—the numbers were significant.

Thank you so much to all of you Friends who attended, e-mailed, faxed and wrote letters. We could not meet our mission of preserving, promoting and protecting without all of you!

One example of the outpouring of support was told to me by Linda Enis, City Councilwoman, who said she received 70 e-mails from all over the US in favor of Rockhound State.

From the Editor’s Rockpile
By Beth Heesacker

Summer is finally here. Rockhounds are sticking their heads out of their winter hibernation holes (their lapidary shops). It is like watching the prairie dogs peeping out of their little holes. It feels so good to have a little bit of sunshine again. We all crawl out blinking and stretching with a wary eye for predators. Predators?? Yes, predators.

In every part of the country there are those who would like to take away access to our rockhounding sites so we must be vigilant. But there are other predators too. We are sometimes our own worst enemy.

Protect the land by not leaving big holes for yourselves and others to fall into. Take care of your tools so they will be faithful helpers and not fly apart as you use them. Watch out for overhangs and other dangerous situations as you search for that precious rock.

Keep an eye on your fellow rockhounds and warn them if they seem to be getting themselves into trouble. There are so many things that could put a rapid end to our fun this summer.

I hope to see many of you as I exit my hibernation, stretch and enjoy the summer. A very Happy Father’s Day to all the Dad’s Granddads and Step-Dads and a safe and joyous 4th of July.

The August edition of the Northwest Newsletter will come out a bit later in August and include any follow-up on the NFMS Annual Meeting. The deadline for articles will be August 3rd. Please plan your articles and announcements accordingly.

Mark Your Calendars:

AFMS Annual Meeting
July 7–10, Syracuse, NY

NFMS Annual Meetings
2011 – July 29-31, Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, Chehalis, WA
2012 – May 18-20, Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick, WA

NW Rockhound Retreat
Hancock Field Station, Antelope, OR - Labor Day weekend, September 5-11, 2011
Field Trip, Public Lands and the Annual Show
By Doug True, Field Trip Chairman

I would guess that by the time you have read this, the Hampton Butte fieldtrip will be history. It has been fun working with the USFS and the BLM setting this up. I think that working with instead of against will help keep our collecting sites open in the future.

As of 15 May we have over 250 collectors that have indicated they were going to attend this trip. With 6 trip leaders this should go smoothly and I would like to thank all of those who have stepped up to help with this event. I will give a full report on the trip in the next issue.

The article I wrote on the Public Lands and the permitting requirements has caused a number of different reactions, some saying that this was not true and I was just trying to stirrup or cause problems. Others called the BLM and received a number of different answers. My main source of the information came from the information distributed by the BLM, Billings, Montana office and the fact that every time I have gone to the BLM and talked about a Non-Profit fieldtrip, the first thing out of there mouths was, you will have to apply for a recreation permit, in Wyoming I was told that 20 or 100, I still needed a permit. Others have called their local offices and have been told that a permit was not needed. SO there are a number of interpretations throughout the west. I guess the best way to deal with this is simple, just call your local district and ask!!!

Our NFMS Show will soon be here and it’s time to get involved, show the rest of the federation what you have to offer. There will be a live auction during this event and I would like to see everyone check out that shed or garage and donate some of that extra material you have been buying or collecting over the past years. You and I know that you will never cut or use it all! Donate it and ask that some of the monies be set aside to support our multi federation fieldtrips. The trip at Hampton Butte will have cost over $500 when all is said and done. So step up and help us.

I hope everyone has a great summer

"HELP WANTED"

Our NFMS webmaster is looking for a new, beautiful, talented, tech savvy webmaster to take over the web site and take our clubs to new heights. I am ready to retire again. E-mail Jack Eads if interested.

ejacke@wavecable.com

Circulation Chairman’s Report
By Tom Buchard

I have completed updating the mailing list from the rosters each club sent in with their federation dues. From the rosters the following changes were made: 966 additions; 813 deletions; 135 changes of address. In addition to those numbers I should include the changes made from the information I received directly from your clubs: additions 162, deletions 84; changes of address 16. In all, the federation grew this year! Congratulations!

Now, all who should shall receive a newsletter, and we will not spend money on sending newsletters to those people who no longer belong to the federation. The newsletter is our federation’s biggest single budget item.

Jack Eads, our Web Master, has kindly offered to send an “Early Edition” notification to those people who wish to download the newsletter, instead of taking one of the valuable print editions. The Golden Spike club has ten members that now take the electronic version of the newsletter. We will soon have more signed up to do so.

One reason is that they won’t have to go to the web site and download it. I will do that for them and send it to them as attachments to their e-mail. I will only do this for my club.

If you think keeping track of physical addresses is complicated, try keeping track of more than FOUR THOUSAND e-mail addresses. But, perhaps someone in your club might be able to offer this incentive to your club members.

I am amazed, and proud, that the NFMS sends a newsletter to each and every member of the federation. But we should strive to keep this ‘increasing’ cost, as minimal as we can. As of right now there are only 13 members of this federation who have let me know that they no longer want a print newsletter sent to their homes.
NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
2011 Annual Show
APPLICATION FOR DISPLAY SPACE

Displayer’s Name: _________________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________________
City:__________________ ______ State: ______________ Zip: ___________

PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING:
I have my own case [   ]    I need a loner case [   ]
Case size:  4’  [   ]  6’  [   ]  8’  [   ]

Display Description:____________________ ________________________
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Note: We have 4’ cases to loan which includes liners but no risers.
We do not have any 6’ or 8’ loaners.

Liability: It is mutually agreed that the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies shall not be liable to any Exhibitor in whole or in part. This includes the destruction or loss of any properties of said Exhibitor.

Security: Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies will provide will provide security during setup, take down and the duration of the show.

Show Hours:
Friday, July 29th and Saturday, July 30th 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.
Sunday, July 31st 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.
SETUP THURSDAY July 28th 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. & FRIDAY July 29th 8 A.M. to 10 A.M.

Show location:
Southwest Washington Fairgrounds Blue Pavilion
2555 North National Ave, Chehalis, Washington 98532

Return to exhibits chair:
Tanya Sonner
165 Tingle Road, Winlock, Washington 98596
Phone: 360 785-3909 e-mail: csonner2011@gmail.com

Exhibitors Signature : ___________________________________________________
Please note the corrected address for submitting the Annual Meeting Pre-Registration Forms:
Edna Nelson P.O. BOX 1599, ST. HELENS, OR 97051
### NFMS Member Clubs - Gem and Mineral Show Calendar

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<td>Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club</td>
<td>Fruitland Grange&lt;br&gt;11102 86th Avenue East&lt;br&gt;Puyallup WA 98373</td>
<td>Nancy LeMay&lt;br&gt;253 952 6212</td>
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<td>Butte Mineral &amp; Gem Club</td>
<td>Butte Civic Center Annex&lt;br&gt;1340 Harrison Avenue (ext 127 North)&lt;br&gt;Butte, MT</td>
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<td>Oregon Coast Agate Club, Rock’n The Coast - 48th Annual Rock and Mineral Show</td>
<td>Yaquina View Elementary School&lt;br&gt;Multipurpose Room 351 SE Harney St. (just off Hwy 20, south at the light), Newport, OR</td>
<td>K. Meyer 541 265 2514 (Mon-Sat 10-5 PST), PO Box 293 Newport OR 97365</td>
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<td>Reedsport Community Building&lt;br&gt;415 Winchester Avenue, Reedsport, OR 97467</td>
<td>Bill Hendrickson 451 271 6816 100</td>
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<td>Washington Agate and Mineral Society</td>
<td>Parkside Elementary School, on Stage Street South (take I-5 exit 88), Tenino, WA</td>
<td>Daniel De Boer <a href="mailto:keylock1@live.com">keylock1@live.com</a> 5107 Brenner Rd NW Olympia, WA 98502</td>
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<td>Northwest Montana Rock Chucks - 4th Annual Gem and Mineral Show</td>
<td>Flathead County Fairgrounds - 265 N. Meridian Rd., Kalispell, MT</td>
<td>Milah Gano 406-844-3560 <a href="mailto:mail@wrmgs.org">mail@wrmgs.org</a> or Dave Furuli 360 430 4092</td>
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<td>Far West Lapidary &amp; Gem Society</td>
<td>North Bend Community Center&lt;br&gt;2222 Broadway, North Bend, OR</td>
<td>Don Innes 541 396 5722</td>
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<td><strong>September 10 - 11</strong>&lt;br&gt;Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4</td>
<td>Umpqua Gem and Mineral Club&lt;br&gt;&quot;OREGON REALLY ROCKS!&quot;)</td>
<td>Douglas County Fairgrounds, 1-5 Exit 123, Roseburg, OR</td>
<td>Eileen Paul (541)672-5229</td>
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<td>Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Community&lt;br&gt;Ctr, 9th Street and Orchard, Walla Walla, WA</td>
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<td>Southern Washington Mineralogical Society</td>
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<td>Hellgate Mineral Society</td>
<td>Ruby's Inn and Convention Center&lt;br&gt;4825 North Reserve Street&lt;br&gt;Missoula MT</td>
<td>Bob Riggs 406 543 3667 14</td>
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<td>Clallam County Gem &amp; Mineral Association (CCGMA)</td>
<td>Boys &amp; Girls Club, 400 West Fir Street&lt;br&gt;Sequim, WA</td>
<td>Terry Stockman, <a href="mailto:terlin@wavecable.com">terlin@wavecable.com</a></td>
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<td>Marysville Rock and Gem Club</td>
<td>Totem Middle School Cafeteria, 7th Street &amp; State Avenue, Marysville, WA</td>
<td>Bill Moser 425-238-8222 <a href="mailto:billj@comcast.net">billj@comcast.net</a> or George Haage 425-339-2272</td>
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<td>Senior Citizen Center, 1000 North 3rd East Mountain Home, ID</td>
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<td>Hells Canyon Gem Club</td>
<td>Nez Perce County Fairgrounds&lt;br&gt;1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston, ID 83501</td>
<td>Rick Westerholm 208-746-2101</td>
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<td>Clackamette Mineral &amp; Gem “Rock &amp; Gem Heaven in 2011”</td>
<td>Clackamas County Fairgrounds&lt;br&gt;694 NE 4th Avenue, Canby OR 97013</td>
<td>Rick Mauer 503-691-6395</td>
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<td>Bellevue Rock Club</td>
<td>Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish Blvd SE, Bellevue, WA. Take Exit 13 off I-90, 1 mile north</td>
<td>Bruce Himko, PO Box 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009-1851 <a href="mailto:Bellevuerockclub@comcast.net">Bellevuerockclub@comcast.net</a> <a href="http://www.bellevuerockclub.org">www.bellevuerockclub.org</a></td>
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<td>Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society</td>
<td>Kitsap County Fairgrounds, President's Hall&lt;br&gt;1200 NW Fairgrounds Road&lt;br&gt;Bremerton WA 98311</td>
<td>Jim McClure <a href="mailto:pogy2@centurytel.net">pogy2@centurytel.net</a></td>
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