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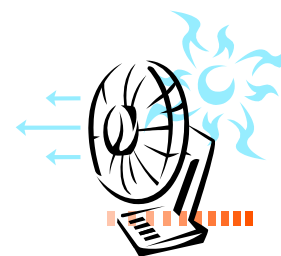
Zoe Tolbert, (age 11) Washington Agate and Mineral Club
G-10 Petrified Wood, Wood Casts and/ or Petrified Plant Life
EGC-4 Fossils, Educational, General Audience/Concept
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Thomas W. Blimka
Hells Canyon Gem Club
CW-6 Intarsia



Mt. Hood Rock Club
CC-2 Cabachons, one material &
Traveling Society Award, Large Society
(accepting the awards for the club, Lamar Tilgner)



NFMS Special Awards

John "Ted" Hedin Memorial Trophy - Petrified Wood
Emmett and Vicky Johnson Southern Washington Mineralogical Society
Rod Smith Memorial Trophy - NW Material
Steve Gustafson, Mt. Hood Rock Club
Isabella Mattison Memorial Trophy - Junior
Zoe Tolbert, Washington Agate and Mineral Club



Lester Zeihen Memorial Trophy - Minerals
Joe Slouber, Butte Mineral and Gem Club



NFMS Sweepstakes
Thomas Blimka,
Hells Canyon Gem Club

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To NFMS Treasurer for:

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.

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.

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: Rose Alene Mc Arthur (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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2. Donations

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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 Editor**

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COMMITTEE REPORTS



Judi Allison
1st VP

August is moving right along and soon it will be September 1st. That is the date I officially take over the duties of President. I feel the last couple of months have been on a very steep learning curve, but I also feel I have gained more knowledge. I am also aware I have much more to learn.

The experience of the combined EFLMS/AFMS Show and Convention in Syracuse, New York was very pleasant and rewarding. I was able to meet people who had only been a face or name. Our hosts were extremely gracious and efficient in their welcoming and presentation of the show, activities and meetings. We had the opportunity to take in the sights of the Old Erie Canal and the Herkimer Diamond mines. We learned new tips and ideas from Jim Brace-Thompson and Diamond Dan, took in all the sights of the show and dined at the banquet with 130 others. Our Federation was awarded several honors including one for Club of the Year and Newsletter Editor. We took home several prizes from the endowment fund drawing and our own Alex Moedl won the trophy for mineral case with a perfect score of 100 points.

Our own NFMS Show and Convention is now a memory also, with kudos going out to Chuck Sonner for pulling together such a unique venue. Chuck, along with his wife Tanya, Patti Amos, Dick Parks and members of the local Optimists Club presented us with a show to remember. The show is proof that it only takes the hard work of a few dedicated people to make a successful showing. If you weren't there, you missed out on some great features, including a larger than usual contingent of demonstrators, an extensive silent auction table, a live auction with over 60 items and a banquet with some delicious "home grown" food put together by volunteers of the local Senior Center. Perhaps through this year's endeavor others will realize "it can be done"!

There is even the possibility of our venue for future shows being filled through 2016! Lakeside Club will host in Kennewick in 2012 and Hatrockhounds will host in Pendleton in 2014. The venues for 2013, 2015, and 2016 are also tentatively set and may be announced soon. Thanks, Chuck, for your innovation, inspiration and a great show.

As an aside, Chuck's hope for this venue was to "re-grow" a club in the Chehallis area. He is now armed with a long list of folks who are interested in developing just that. You can bet Chuck will be in the middle of making this hope become a reality.

The wonderful thing about our Federation and our hobby is that there are a great number of individuals like Chuck who step up, volunteer and take part in helping keep our Federation and our hobby alive and well. If you are only involved on your club level, you are a valuable asset, but you are missing out on some great aspects and resources of our hobby. If you have never taken part in a Federation Show, make it a point to attend one. Plan on going to the meeting and taking part in the banquet and all the other activities available. I guarantee you will leave with treasures that will stay with you forever, even if you don't buy a thing. Those treasures will be the memories and the friendships you have gained.

You can also start reaping the rewards of those treasures simply by becoming more aware of the activities and offerings of the Federation. Individuals can test their abilities by entering competitive displays. Juniors can try for an achievement award. Club members can be nominated for "Rockhound of the Year" and clubs can take part in the "All American Award". You can save your stamps for cancer research or serve on a committee. As a member of a Federation Club, you are a member of the Federation, so come "join the party" and be active.



Kathy Moedl
2nd VP
(and her daughter Alex)

First off, I would like to thank all of you for your support of my daughter and me during the search for my husband Grant. His obituary will also be found in this issue.

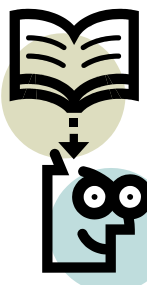
I was able, after all, to go to the AFMS show in Syracuse, New York. My daughter Alex competed a showcase in the Master Division in Educational-General Audience (after qualifying at NFMS last year). It was a fun experience for both of us. For any of you that have not had the opportunity to attend other federation shows, I recommend that you do so. We not only got to see how other federations do things, but also got to see New York. Their field trip to the Herkimer diamond mine was fun as was the field trip to Ward's in Rochester. It was also nice to meet new people and reacquaint ourselves with friends we have met at past federations.

Before we got home from New York we were already on our way to NFMS show in Chehalis, Washington. There is no gem and mineral club in Chehalis so a hand full of individuals put on the show and they did a great job! I'm sure you will hear more about it from others in this issue. Suffice it to say that those of you who don't think that you can host a federation show, THINK AGAIN.

I also encourage you to give serious thought about several things:

- 1) Enter your work in the NFMS competition. I saw several showcases that were not competing and I thought it was a shame. Their work was fabulous and it would have been a joy to have them recognized by the federation. As a parent, it has been thrilling to watch my daughter excel in the competitions. Parents/Clubs, talk to your Junior members about competing next year. It will open new doors for them!
- 2) Become actively involved with NFMS. There are many rewarding benefits from this. I have recently been installed as 1st V.P. I now have to sit at the head table (something I have never done in my life) but I also get to go through the buffet line first!! Just kidding. I have found that my participation has rewarded me with many fine friends, both near and far. I am more cognizant of broader issues and can see how they would apply to my local club. When they call you for participation say, "YES". You won't regret it. I promise!
- 3) Become actively involved with ALAA (American Land Access Association). We are slowly, but surely, losing our rights to pursue our hobbies out there. See what ALAA is doing and see how YOU can become a part of it to make it grow stronger. You can join individually and/or as a club. Hopefully, there is more about it in this issue also. You can find information about them on Page 2 of the NFMS newsletter under "Things You Should Know".

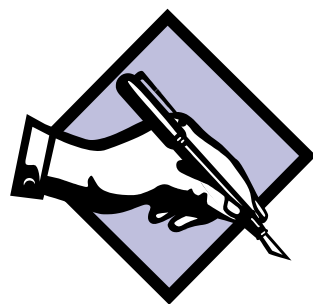
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It Seems Like a Good Time for A Review:

The AFMS Code of Ethics

- ✓ I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
- ✓ I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- ✓ I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- ✓ I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- ✓ I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.
- ✓ I will leave all gates as found.
- ✓ I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- ✓ I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- ✓ I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- ✓ I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.
- ✓ I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- ✓ I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- ✓ I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and Will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- ✓ I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- ✓ I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- ✓ I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- ✓ I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.



Bulletin Aids Report

By Peggy Blickfeldt

Well, made it back from Chehalis, WA., the NFMS Federation Show. We had a wonderful time and got to see lots of friends we don't see very often. Coming home was another story, our van broke down and we still don't have it home and all my stuff is in it including Editor's information so I am unable to give you a complete list of the contest winners at this time. I will put a list on the website as soon as we get our van home. I do know that three of the winners were at the breakfast to receive their awards. They were Beth Heesacker, Carol Willey and Rose Alene McArthur. There were a few people at the show that took awards back to people in their clubs. Others will be

mailed to you. Congratulations to all of you that entered. We sure hope to see alot more entries next year.

We had some special guests at the Editor's Breakfast and some very good food. The Website Contest Chairman was there and also some people from Scribe were there. If you are unfamiliar with Scribe you should look it up on our website. They have a lot of good information for editors, both experienced and also new ones.

Guess you will have to put up with me another year as the new NFMS President has asked me to do this again next year. Thank you for putting up with me this last year and I really appreciate all of you that have sent me your emails to make reaching you easier. Last year I tried to call each editor or club and it took me four days to get through all of them.

Well, we are getting ready to go to Camp Hancock, the rockhound retreat that is held each year the week after Labor Day near Fossil, Oregon. We will be teaching silver classes there. There are still some openings in some of the classes if you are interested in going. Check your newsletter and website for more info.

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31st Annual

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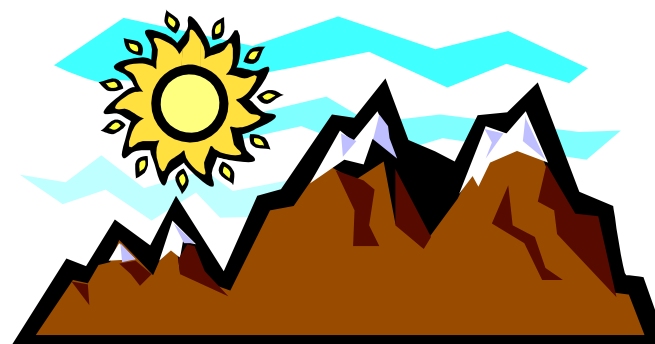
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NEWS OF INTEREST



Grant X. Moedl, 57, passed away on March 2, 2011 in Elmore County when the car he was driving broke through the ice on Mountain Home Reservoir.

Grant X. Moedl, was born to Raymond Moedl and Ruth Wright Moedl on June 9, 1953, in Rexburg, Idaho. He was a gentle, kind, understated man with a great love of family, friends and the outdoors. Grant was an accomplished climber and skilled outdoorsman. He climbed the Grand Teton 38 times during his lifetime.

Did Grant inspire you to be more selfless? To strive to be a more devoted son? A more attentive father? Did you see something new in the mountains, rocks and wildflowers after hiking with him? Did you chat with him about his adventures and become drawn in by his quiet stories and his passion for nature? Does his gentle laugh resound in your ears? It was Grant's joy to share the beauty and adventure he experienced with you.

Grant proposed to Kathleen Mackay in July, 1972 on top of the Grand Teton and they were married on Sept. 8, 1973. Over 37 years, Grant and Kathy built a life together based on their shared passions and interests. They climbed and camped together, worked title together around the United States and, after 21 years of marriage, were blessed with the birth of Alexandra X. Moedl. Alex was the greatest reward of Grant's life. She wears his smile and carries his legacy of kindness.

Grant will be warmly remembered by his and Kathy's large extended family, the Rexburg community, the Idaho Title Industry, especially the First American family, and his rock hounding friends and associates.

- from a tombstone in Cumberland, England

"The wonder of the world, the beauty and the power, the shape of things, their colour, light and shades, these things I saw. See ye also while life lasts . . ."



From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

If you missed going to the NFMS show in Chehallis you missed a good one. Chuck and his "Gang of 4" with all the support volunteers put on a great show and a wonderful environment for the NFMS events. Also many people donated lots of rock for the silent and oral auctions. Many thanks to all of you.

Field trips are in full swing, rock shows are coming and going fast and furious and summer has finally arrived in the NW corner of Oregon. I hope all of you are enjoying the beauty of God's creation.

I know that we have been so busy that I have not had time to partake of my other hobbies this summer. It is a good thing to be that busy.

My knee replacement in late March went very well and I have been able to throw away the cane and climb hills and cross streams in the search for beautiful rocks. People have been telling me that they never knew I was so tall now that I am not bent over that cane. Many thanks for all the prayers and kind thoughts.



A Note from Your Program Librarians: By Sharon and Tim De Grie



No you are not overdue. ☺
Your librarians, Sharon and Tim De Grie, want to let you know that their computer is down and to please call them if you need any materials from the Program Library.
509-772-2533. Thank you!!



**Gem & Mineral
SHOW**

Taste and smell the delicious food
at the "Rock Food Table".

Enjoy many other displays of jewelry,
minerals, rough material, slabs, and used
machines. Plenty of demonstrations,
a bountiful silent auction, hourly door
prizes plus a great kids' section.

September 10-11 10AM-5PM

**WALLA WALLA FAIRGROUNDS
WALLA WALLA, WA**

NEWS OF INTEREST



2011 ROCKHOUNDS OF THE YEAR

By Viola Jones

The Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club in Bozeman, Montana voted **Dan Carter** as our Rockhound of the Year. Dan has served as President of our club and is on the executive board. He has been the Chairman of our annual Gem and Mineral Show for ten years competently dealing with multiple details, people, and schedules. Over the years, he has given many interesting programs and demonstrations during monthly meetings, and led multiple field trips. Dan has helped newer members to find great specimens by example and instruction. His advice about where and what to look for while rock hunting is priceless. Members like Dan help keep our club strong and active.

Submitted by John Usher, President

The Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club of Oregon City, Oregon is honored to nominate **Rick and Stacy Mauer** as our 2011 Rockhounds Of The Year. Rick has served as Education Chairman, 1st Vice President, Show Chairman and has been willing to fill positions on a temporary basis in order to keep our group running smoothly. He has the innate ability to investigate issues and offer solutions to these issues. We are lucky to have someone with Rick's varied abilities and experience.

Stacy contributes a great deal of her own time and energy to our group assisting where she can. Both Rick and Stacy are real assets and key members of our club, they contribute greatly to its success.

Submitted by David Hanna
Federation Director



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The economy is hard on all of us and trying to be a bit "greener" so we are attempting to put together a way to save some of the costs of postage and printing for the Northwest Newsletter. If you would like to read your Northwest Newsletter on the web here is what you can do.

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JUDGES TRAINING CHANGE

By Dee Holland



A proposal has been made and accepted, on a trial basis, to hold the AFMS Judges Training at an established gem and mineral club show in various regions around the country. The 2012 Judges Training will be held in Reno, Nevada in conjunction with the Reno Gem and Mineral Society show the second weekend in May, 2012.

All Regional Rules Chairs will be asked to send a person to the class. The AFMS will pay \$350 to that person to offset their expenses (paid at the site of the class, not in advance). Other persons may take the class for a minimal fee of \$10.

The class will begin 2 days prior to the show. These 2 days will be spent going over the AFMS Uniform Rules Book, explaining the terms, reviewing the divisions and classes, and the judges score sheets. The third day the trainees will be at the show judging selected exhibits. In the afternoon their judging sheets will be critiqued.

Contact Dee Holland (beauholland@centurytel.net) for more information.



Mark Your Calendars:

NW Rockhound Retreat

Hancock Field Station, Antelope, OR - Labor Day weekend, September 5-11, 2011

2012 NFMS Annual Meeting

May 18-20, Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick, WA

2014 NFMS Annual Meeting

Hosted by the Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society in Pendleton, OR

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LAND USE UPDATE

Our Public Lands : where are they now..... STILL UNDER ATTACK

By Andy Johnson

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04) and Parks, Forest and Public Lands Subcommittee Chairman Rob Bishop (UT-01) met privately with Bureau of Land Management Director Bob Abbey and Department of the Interior Deputy Secretary David Hayes to discuss the Wild Lands Secretarial Order. The meeting was intended to clarify the intentions of Secretary Salazar's recent memo that stated the Department would not implement the Wild Lands Order pursuant to passage of the FY 2011 Continuing Resolution (CR).

"Today BLM Director Bob Abbey and DOI Deputy Secretary David Hayes gave assurance that the Obama Administration does not plan to revive the Wild Lands Secretarial Order. However, I'm continuing to take a 'trust but verify' approach. I hope the Interior Department upholds their promise to listen to the concerns of local communities and their elected representatives. Based on past actions of the Administration, the Committee will continue to conduct aggressive oversight of this issue to ensure that no other backdoor unilateral actions are taken that could lock-up public land, block economic activity and cost jobs," said Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04).

IN MONTANA

Settlement reached on Scenic View Road County Prevails in Mediation By Kay Braddock-Terry Tribune

An agreement has been reached between Prairie County and Michael and Terry Karrels, allowing public access to a section of Scenic View Road that crosses property owned by the Karrels.

A gate installed in the fall of 2007 by Karrels and locked a year later led Prairie County to file papers in District Court in September 2010 seeking a judgment declaring the 7-mile dirt road north of Terry a county road by virtue of prescriptive easement.

Conditions within the agreement require the gate be unlocked and also assure that the county will assume full liability on Scenic View Road. Convery said the county intends to remove the gate, but will first inspect the road and begin any needed maintenance on the road before the summer tourism season begins.

IN WASHINGTON

Discovery Pass

Effective July 31st, 2011; Recreationalist who play or stay on public lands will now need to display the **Discover Pass** on their vehicle when accessing state recreation lands managed or controlled by either the (DNR) Department of Natural Resources;(WDFW) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; or (WSPR) Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission must now PAY to play; stay or access these lands. The Discover Pass *permits* you to enjoy nearly 7 million acres of Washington state-managed recreation lands – including state parks, water-access points, heritage sites, wildlife and natural areas, trails and trailheads. **The fine for not displaying the pass is \$99.**

Annual pass: \$30 / \$35 with transaction and dealer fees if purchased at a license dealer, by phone or online

One-day pass: \$10 / \$11.50 with transaction and dealer fees if purchased at a license dealer, by phone or online

Further information on this new access law can be found at the following website:

<http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/>

IN OREGON

Public Comment Opportunities - Elliott State Forest Planning

The public is invited to review and comment on two plans that support the proposed 2011 Forest Management Plan for the Elliott State Forest: the draft 10-year Implementation Plans and the related Forest Land Management Classification maps. The 95,273-acre Elliott State Forest is located in the Coast Range near Reedsport. Written comments on these two plans will be accepted until August 29. More information can be seen at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/>

DID YOU KNOW

In Idaho the BLM administers approximately 36.5 million subsurface acres in Idaho and mining claim records and mineral leases on lands managed by other Federal agencies.

Minerals in the Federal estate are categorized as leasable, salable, or locatable. Each classification is administered somewhat differently and may have different requirements for acquisition, exploration, and development.

Leasable minerals are explored-for and developed in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, other leasing acts and BLM regulations. These include energy-related mineral resources such as oil, natural gas, coal, and geothermal, and some non-energy minerals, such as phosphate, sodium, potassium, and sulfur.

Salable minerals, or mineral materials, are common varieties of minerals and building materials such as sand, stone, gravel, pumice, pumicite, cinders, and clay. The BLM manages salable minerals under the Materials Act of 1947, as amended, and implementing regulations (43 CFR 3600), which authorize disposal either through a contract of sale or a free use permit.

Generally, salable minerals are widespread, of low unit value, and are often used for construction or landscaping materials. Their value depends largely on market factors, quality of the material, availability of transportation, and transportation costs.

Locatable minerals are any minerals not leasable or salable, and are managed under the General Mining Law of 1872 and BLM regulations (43 CFR 3700 and 3800). Typical locatable minerals are gold, silver, copper, gemstones, lead, zinc, barite, gypsum, and certain varieties of high calcium limestone. Molybdenum — found in large quantities near Challis — is also locatable.

The 1872 Mining Law grants U.S. citizens the right to prospect, explore, and develop these minerals on public domain lands that have not been "withdrawn" from mineral entry by Congress or the Secretary of the Interior.

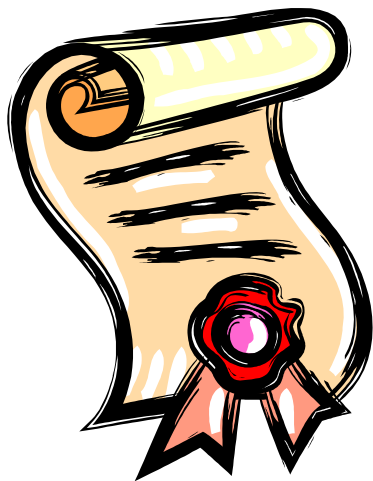
Rockhounding — collecting rocks, mineral specimens, gemstones, or petrified wood — is considered a casual use of public lands under most circumstances.

***** FYI *****

National Public Lands Day ----- Date: Sep 24, 2011

NPLD is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. In 2010, 170,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, removed trash and invasive plants, planted trees and restored our water resources

Editor's Contest Winners from the NFMS



**And the
AFMS
Editor's Contest
Winners from the
Northwest Federation
Are:**

Original Adult Articles

#10. Bonseki

by Jennifer Zimmerlee, Klamath Rock & Arrowhead (NFMS)
From: *Dusty Rocks*, 5/10

Original Adult Articles, Honorable Mention

Perils of the Hunt

by Jim Glenn, Magic Valley Gem Club (NFMS)
From: *Magic Valley Gem News*, 3/10

Original Adult Articles Advanced, Honorable Mention

Most Minerals are Safe to Handle, A Few Require Real Caution

by Dr. Carl & Barbara Austin, Magic Valley Gem Club (NFMS)
From: *Magic Valley Gem News*, 9/10

New Editors

#8. A Stone's Throw, 11/10, Kathy Hollenback, Editor

Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club, Bozeman, MT (NFMS)

Small Bulletins

#8. Dusty Rocks, 7/10, Jennifer Zimmerlee, Editor

Klamath Rock & Arrowhead Club, Klamath Falls, OR (NFMS)

Small Bulletins, Honorable Mention

Coastal Waves, Spring 2010, Carol Willey, Editor

Oregon Coast Agate Club, Newport, OR (NFMS)

Magic Valley Gem News, 8/10, Shirley Metts, Editor

Magic Valley Gem Club, Twin Falls, ID (NFMS)

Large Bulletins

#1. The Clackamette Gem, 12/10, Beth Heesacker, Editor

Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club, Oregon City, OR (NFMS)

[Editor's Note: Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to Peggy Blickfeldt for chairing and coordinating our Federation entries. Let's have even more winners next year!!]



ROCKHOUND SAFELY

Pictures from the 2011 NFMS Show and Meetings



The Wonderful Silent Auction

Thanks to all the individuals and clubs who donated materials!!



Demo Table



A Huge Smokey Quartz Cluster



The Rock Food Table

PICTURES FROM THE 2011 NFMS SHOW AND MEETINGS (cont.)



The Front Table at the Annual Meeting
(Lyle, Kathy, Judi, Fritz, Evan, and Joan)

And the Rest of Us



Awards at the Editor's Breakfast
(Carol Willey, Rose Alene McArthur, Beth Heesacker, Peggy Blickfeldt – NFMS Bulletin Aids Chair)



The Awards Banquet
At the front table: Audry, Lyle, Kathy, Evelyn, Fritz, Judi, Chuck, Tanya)



Chuck Sonner
Is Named
Captain America
For his Efforts as
Show Chairman



The Oral Auction
(Doug True)



Dr. Paul J. Bybee,
Utah Valley University, Orem, UT.
Receives the Scholarship Award



Your NFMS Officers for 2012
(Judi Allison - President,
Kathy Moedl - 1st VP,
Don Innes - 2nd VP,
Joan Day - Secretary and
Lyle Vogelpohl - Treasurer)

TIPS ON PHOTOGRAPHY FOR NEWSLETTERS

Quick Tips for Editors

by Linda Jaeger, Bulletin Editors Advisory Chair



1000 Words? Or a Picture?

As the computer age has evolved, so have our newsletters. Including photos in our bulletins gets easier and better all the time, and I see more of them every month in exchange

bulletins. Since starting with a good photo makes the reproduction on paper (or electronically) better, some tips from an experienced photographer are in order!

The article below comes from Steven Veatch's Blog Archive at <http://pebblepups.blogspot.com/2010_08_01_archive.html>. I'm including one of the photos made by his Pebble Pups after their lesson on macro-photography with Steve. If you would like to see more of their photos, please visit the hot link above!

8 Steps to Close-up (Macro) Photography of Rocks, Gems, Minerals, and Fossils for Beginners

by Steven Veatch
Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society
Lake George Gem & Mineral Club
(reprinted with permission)

Learning to use your camera's macro feature will open up a whole new world in your photography. Also, macrophotos will give you something new--a very different perspective. Photos are also essential to a good newsletter article. Compact cameras can shoot remarkably good close-up photos depending on the quality of the camera. But, there are several things you need to be aware of in order to take good macro images.

- 1. Turn on the macro mode** by pressing the flower icon (make sure the icon appears in your LCD viewfinder). This setting allows you to bring the camera lens closer to the subject.
- 2. Compose your shot** and press your shutter button halfway down to lock in the exposure and focus. This may take a few seconds, and usually you will see a green light. Now depress your shutter button all the way down to record the shot. If you know how to use manual focus then set your camera on manual focus and focus on the part of the subject you want. If you are indoors, set your subject on a plain background. I use different colors of construction paper. If the specimen is light, put it on a dark piece of construction paper. If you are working with a dark specimen you should put it on, a light piece of construction paper.
- 3. Lighting is important.** I like to take my outdoor macro photos on the porch. We have a nice table out there that works just fine. If the sun is bright, you may have to go back indoors and use electric lights on little stands. Avoid incandescent lights; they can create a harsh light and create a strange hue. In the winter I take my pictures inside near the picture window. Light coming in from a cloudy day can work. You will just have to experiment. I try both ways, indoors using natural light, and then artificial lighting that I have.
- 4. Use a tripod** to limit camera shake, which becomes more of a problem the closer you get to the specimen. Getting a small, inexpensive tabletop tripod from WalMart is key. Until you buy a tripod, you put your camera on a stack of books. Place your specimen

on a stack of books across from the camera. Tilt the specimen up, put a piece of construction paper of the appropriate color behind it, and then another book behind the construction paper to keep the tilt going.

5. Always use your camera's self-timer. This limits camera shake and vibration when pressing the shutter button. The self-timer is a delayed shutter release that records the image after all vibrations have subsided and eliminates the problem of pressing the release which would cause a slight motion. Check out your manual to see how it works on your camera.. Once you press the button down to take a picture, do not touch or lean on the table. Just a slight vibration can ruin a close-up image.

Here are some examples that two pebble pup groups worked on in order to write an article about ancient Egyptian beads made out of semi-precious gemstones. The following Egyptian artifact images were made through a microscope by Pikes Peak area pebble pups.



Photomicrograph of garnet Egyptian bead over 3,000 years old by Lake George Pebble Pup Patrick Glover.

6. Experiment with your flash. It is not always necessary to use your flash but, it can reduce or eliminate shadows—a real problem for macro photographers. Try shooting where bright light is available to fill the shadows. I take a few pictures without the flash, and then a few with the flash. It costs nothing to take a number of images until you get the right one.

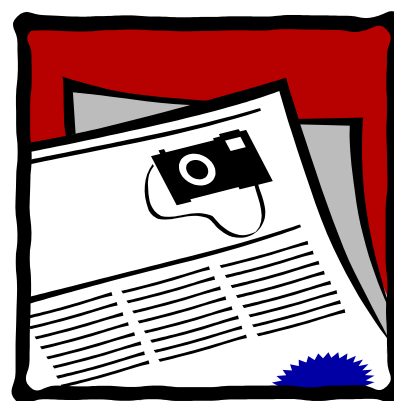
7. Fill the frame. Get as close as you can to your subject.

8. Get comfortable and relax. Enjoy what you are doing! You are creating a whole new way to look at your mineral and fossil world. Be sure to take multiple shots, play with the lighting, move the subject around, and try different things. This way we will get your ultimate close up.

Now it's Linda speaking again. I e-mailed Steve to get permission to reprint the photography article from his blogspot. When he e-mailed his permission back to me, he also included an exciting bit of information about an article his pebble pups put together on the Egyptian beads. Their manuscript has been submitted and accepted for publication in an international magazine. Fantastic for a group of Pebble Pups and their sponsor!

With photographs becoming an increasing part of our newsletters each month, it may be time to consider adding a photography category to our bulletin contests. What do you think?

Via AFMS Newsletter April 2011



NOW GO OUT AND TAKE SOME PICTURES OF YOUR FIELD TRIPS, MEETINGS, ETC. FOR YOUR ROCK CLUB BULLETIN EDITOR. 😊

CHIPS AND SHARDS

New Discover Pass Will Help Keep Recreation Lands Operating

Washington's new Discover Pass will help keep Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) lands open for recreation, despite reductions in state General Fund support. Legislation creating the Discover Pass was introduced by state Sen. Kevin Ranker (D-San Juan Islands), passed by the 2011 Legislature and signed into law May 12 by Gov. Chris Gregoire. The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, WDFW and the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) jointly requested legislation that led to the creation of the Discover Pass.

During the bill signing, Gov. Gregoire described the Discover Pass as "a solution that allows us to help keep our state recreation lands open and accessible during the worst budget crisis in the state's history."

The Discover Pass will cost \$30 per year or \$10 per day for vehicle access to recreation land and water-access sites managed by WDFW, DNR and State Parks. The pass will be required as of July 1, and will go on sale in mid-June at nearly 600 retail outlets statewide that sell hunting and fishing licenses. It also will be available for purchase online at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/> or by calling toll free 1-866-320-9933. Beginning next fall, the pass also may be purchased when renewing a vehicle license through the state Department of Licensing. Holders of certain types of hunting and fishing licenses will not need a Discover Pass for access to WDFW recreation lands and boat launches; instead a Vehicle Access Pass for WDFW recreation lands and water access will be issued free with purchase of a big-game or small-game hunting license, western Washington pheasant permit, trapping license, Watchable Wildlife decal, or saltwater or freshwater or combination recreational fishing license. Fishers and hunters will need a Discover Pass for access to state parks and DNR's designated recreation areas, sites, trailheads and parking areas. The Discover Pass will not be needed to access undesignated DNR lands. Details on other exemptions to Discover Pass requirements are detailed at the Discover Pass website at <http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov>.

"Fishers and hunters already support WDFW recreation lands through their license fees, and that contribution was recognized in the legislation by waiving the Discover Pass requirement for most fishers and hunters on WDFW lands," said Jennifer Quan, WDFW's Land Manager. WDFW also will honor current Vehicle Use Permits (VUP) on WDFW lands through next March 31. However, current VUP holders will need to purchase a separate Discover Pass for access to other state recreation lands after July 1. Revenue from the Discover Pass will be split among the three state agencies in proportion to their need for General Fund replacement - 84 percent to State Parks; 8 percent to WDFW; and 8 percent to DNR. In addition to providing a stable source of land operation revenue, the legislation provides reciprocal authority for law enforcement staff from each agency, to improve public safety and help protect state resources. For more information on the 840,000-plus acres of land and 700 water-access sites managed by WDFW visit <http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/>

Via CMS Tumbler 8/11

The Night Before Showtime

'Twas the night before showtime and all thru the place,
 Every club member stirred at a breathtaking pace.
 Like the shoemaker's elves each worked at his task,
 All smiles - no grumbles, when hard jobs are asked.
 The cases were crowded with exhibits exotic
 And show patrons thrilled with phrases ecstatic.
 The show days brought hard work but also some fun,
 And old friendships re-kindled over coffee and bun.
 'Twas the night after show close, but do not despair,
 Every club member was still doing his / her share.
 The cases all folded and packed in the crate,
 The building all tidied before it was late.
 And the Show Chairman pondered, "I do have a hunch,
 There never could be found a more wonderful bunch!"
 Author unknown; source Pebbles Jan 1997

Via - CLJ 6/11, Quarry Quips 4/08, CLJ 6/08



How To Plant Your Garden

First, you come to the garden alone,
 While the dew is still on the roses....

**FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING,
 PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:**

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

.Now add a row of GLADS to your garden.

1. Glad to have all my good friends.
2. Glad to live in a free country.
3. Glad to have family.

Sent in by Becky Kamstra via CLJ 6/1

NFMS Member Clubs - Gem and Mineral Show Calendar

August 12 - 14 Fri 10 - 9, Sat 10 - 9 Sun 10 - 6	Port Townsend Rock Club	Jefferson County Fairgrounds 49 th Street, Port Townsend, WA	Tom Madsen 360 385 4808 tommdsen15@gmail.com
August 13 - 14 Sat 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock & Gem Club 5 th Annual Rock & Mineral Sale	Maplewood Clubhouse, 8802 196 th St. SW Edmonds, WA, (3 miles west of I-5)	Bev Ryder 425 338 4184 info@maplewoodrockclub.com
September 10 - 11 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Umpqua Gem and Mineral Club "OREGON REALLY ROCKS"	Douglas County Fairgrounds, 1-5 Exit 123, Roseburg, OR	Eileen Paul 541 672 5229 beadpatch@cmspan.net
September 10 - 11 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society	Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Community Ctr, 9th Street and Orchard, Walla Walla, WA	Warren Rood 509 522 2330 warrenrood@yahoo.com
September 17 - 18 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fairgrounds, A Street and Cowlitz River, Castle Rock, WA 98611	Jackie Furuli 360 431 0059 jfuruli@yahoo.com or Dave Furuli 360 430 4092
September 24 - 25 Sat - 9 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Hellgate Mineral Society	Ruby's Inn and Convention Center 4825 North Reserve Street Missoula MT	Bob Riggs 406 543 3667, 14 Holiday Lane Missoula MT 59801
October 7 - 9 Fri 10 - 5, Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 2:30	Clallam County Gem & Mineral Association (CCGMA)	Boys & Girls Club, 400 West Fir Street Sequim, WA	Terry Stockman, terlin@wavecable.com PO Box 98 Sequim, WA 98382 or Foster Thompson fostert@olypen.com
October 8 - 9 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Totem Middle School Cafeteria, 7th Street & State Avenue, Marysville, WA	Bill Moser 425 238 8222 bill- jj@comcast.net or George Haage 425-339-2272 haag@frontier.com
October 8 - 9 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4	Billings Gem & Mineral Club	Billings Hotel & Convention Center, 1123 Mallowney Lane, Billings MT	Lynn Edwards 406 855 3675 bentlyn77@yahoo.com
October 15 Sat - 9 - 4	Eureka Rock and Gem Club	Senior Citizen Center, 1000 North 3rd East Mountain Home, ID	Margaret Stallknecht 208 740 0937 mestallknecht@yahoo.com
October 15 - 16 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fairgrounds 1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston, ID 83501	Rick Westerholm 208 746 2101 PO Box 365 Lewiston ID 83501
October 22 - 23 Sat 9 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Clackamette Mineral & Gem "Rock & Gem Heaven in 2011"	Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4th Avenue, Canby OR 97013	Rick Mauer 503 691 6395 tallerricardo@juno.com or Bea Settle 503 631 3128 rockhound@clackamettegem.org
October 22 - 23 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Bellevue Rock Club	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish Blvd SE, Bellevue, WA. Take Exit 13 off I-90, 1 mile north	Bruce Himko, PO Box 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009-1851 Bellevuerockclub@comcast.net www.bellevuerockclub.org
November 11-13 Fri 10 - 5, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	NW Opal Association and The Cascade Mineralogical Society	Expo Hall, Puyallup Fairgrounds Meridian St. S and 9 th Ave SW Puyallup, WA	206 283 4205 253 630 8413 425 483 0557
November 12 - 13 Sat 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock & Gem Club	Maplewood Clubhouse, 8802 196 th St. SW Edmonds, WA, (3 miles west of I-5)	Kim Lee 425 773 2419 info@maplewoodrockclub.com
November 18 - 20 Fri 12-7, Sat 10-7 Sun 11-4	Springfield OR Thunderegg Club	Willamalane Center for Sports and Recreation, 250 South 32 nd Street, Springfield, OR	John Randall 541 683 2661 PO Box 312, Springfield, OR 97472 or Bob Smith 541 736 0060
November 19 - 20 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society	Kitsap County Fairgrounds, President's Hall 1200 NW Fairgrounds Road Bremerton WA 98311	Jim McClure pogy2@centurytel.net 253 265 3011, www.kmgs.org
February 11 & 12, 2012 Sat 9 - 5, Sun 9 - 4	Whidbey Island Gem Club	Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE Jerome Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98277	Keith Ludemann 360 675 1837 rock9@whidbey.net

Have a great  Summer