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Judi Allison **President**

Hi Folks,

It appears this is my last official message as President, since my term is complete on September 1. Again, thanks for allowing me the privilege of serving during these last three years. I have enjoyed it all immensely and look forward to seeing all of you in the future. By publication time, I will have gone to the MWF/AFMS Show and Convention in Minnetonka, Minnesota. I am looking forward to that experience and will perhaps write a note about it in September. I have passed the gavel on to Kathy Moedl who will now officially be your President, and I have every confidence in her being a capable officer. I wish her well.

I have managed to get in a couple of rockhounding experiences this summer and hope to take in a few more shows in the fall. I will be putting a lot of my efforts in the next couple of years toward getting things set for the 2014 Hatrockhound Happenin' NFMS Show here in Hermiston. We have dubbed it "The Biggest Little Show in Town", so you know it may be small, but we will greet you with charm and hospitality. Now off my public relations soap box. . .

Just a little note about the picture in this issue: In June, I went to North Carolina to my twin granddaughters' high school graduation and a mini reunion of all their siblings and significant others. There were 19 all together in the house along with 4 dogs and 3 cats - great fun and visit - snake bite, skydiving, cancelled flight included. The picture is of my four great-grand children. I thought it special and decided to share it. Family is another passion-along with rocks, dancing, and friends.

My best to all and enjoy those special finds-rocks, people, or any other gems in your lives. Have a great "balance of summer"!



From the **Editor's Rockpile** By Beth Heesacker

August Already?!!! Where did the summer go? I know that we have been having a great time with old friends and new friends on field trips this year. The rock shows we have attended have been great. I have acquired some more specimens for my micro-mount collection and for the giant rock pile in the backyard. Paul has been making spheres, cutting thunder-eggs and tumbling rock for jewelry making. It has been a busy time.

But wait!! Our club has more field trips! There are more rock shows! The summer is really not over for rockhounds until the last rock has been turned over (I always look on the back side of the rock to see what is hidden there). See you around the rock piles!!!

Like my new pic? Had our pictures taken at our church and I thought that this was especially mischievous. And yes, I purchased the copyright so I can use it. ©



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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.

<u>To NFMS Endowment Fund Treasurer</u> for:

- 1. Donations to Endowment Fund
- 2. Memorial contributions

Make check payable to NFMS Endowment Fund, send to Endowment Fund Treasurer.

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- 2. Memorial contributions to AFMS Scholarship Make check payable to AFMS Scholarship Fund.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS



Volunteers Are Made Of Gold – Our New Webmaster By Judi Allison President

I want to officially present Brad Larson from Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society in Caldwell, Idaho as our new Webmaster. Brad saw a plea of "help needed" and stepped forward without even being approached. Now, I consider that as precious as gold. He has extensive knowledge of web site creation and maintenance and already has some great plans for "reviving" and "refreshing" the web site.

Brad's email for the site will be nfms.webmaster@gmail.com. I encourage each of you to take a look at the "Clubs" page on the site and see if the information is correct. You can let Brad know about any changes that might need to be made.

I do want to remind you, though, that you continue to send your show information to Pat Lambert, the Show Coordinator. She will be certain the information gets to Brad.

I also want to thank Bryan Schroeder for his willingness to take on the position when he was approached. It was his first attempt as Webmaster and he took on the challenge of the steep learning curve. He simply found that the job and the learning process needed many more hours than he could devote to it. He also needs to take care of some personal issues, so Brad's offer came at a perfect time for Bryan. Again, thanks Bryan, and we wish you well.



Dust In The WindBy Chuck Sonner Safety Chairman

Dust in the Wind was a song recorded by the group KANSAS in 1977. What does

that have to do with rockhounding? Good question.

The first answer will be a personal experience. In the early 1990's I volunteered for a church fundraiser to load hay onto trucks and off load into barns. The first barn we delivered to had old hay and mold on the floor. I can't believe I offered to scrap and sweep. It did not take long for something to happen. I had my first and only allergic reaction. I could not breathe. For years, my wife used inhalers for breathing problems. I did not fully understand what she was going through until that moment.

Dust in the wind can bring unintended consequences. Central California, northwest of Coalinga, has road closures due to asbestos fibers in and on some county roads. Bakersfield California has an area known for *valley fever*. I collected shark teeth there in the 1950's. Arizona also has locations known for *valley fever*.

Dick Parks sent me an article on erionite, a form of zeolite. This article said erionite causes mesothelioma. There are a number of locations in the western united states that contain this mineral. Check fairwarning.org for the complete article.

What should we do? Maybe we should carry dust masks in our rockhounding kit. At a minimum, awareness of our collecting sites is a must. Remember, *Dust in the Wind*.

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Fri 10 – 9, Sat 10 – 9		Landus Street, Port Townsend WA	Townsend WA 98368
Sun 10 – 6			
August 11 - 12	Maplewood Rock and Gem	8802 196 th St. SW, Edmonds, WA	Bev Ryder, 425-338-4184
Sat 9 - 5, Sun 11 - 5	Club		·
September 8 - 9	Umpqua Gem and Mineral	Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110	Eileen Paul 541 672 5229
Sat $10 - 6$, Sun $10 - 4$	Club	Frear Street, Roseburg OR 97470	beadpatch@cmspan.net
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Sat 9 - 6, $Sun 10 - 5$		North Reserve Street, Missoula MT	59801 406 543 3667
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October 12 -14	Portland Regional Gem &	Washington Co. Fairplex, 873 NE	Josh Heater 971 570 5456
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Sat $10 - 5$, Sun $10 - 5$		7 th Street and State Avenue,	
		Marysville WA	
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Sat 10 – 6, Sun 10 – 5		Burrell Avenue, Lewiston ID 83501	PO BOX 365 Lewiston ID 83501
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