NFMS Convention and Annual Meeting

September 18, 2010
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Washington County Fairgrounds
873 NE 34th Avenue
Hillsboro, Oregon

See the August edition of the Northwest Newsletter for all the registration forms and information.

ALAA Meeting added. See page 5

Important! Please note that the turnoff from Highway 26 to get to the Fairgrounds has been renamed recently. It is Helvetia Shute Road to the north, and Brookwood Parkway to the south. It is exit 61.
SHOW COORDINATION. Your Federation provides a free service for NFMS members by listing your show in this Newsletter, on the NFMS website, two magazines (“Rocks and Minerals” and “Rock and Gem”) and the on-line Calendar from “Lapidary Journal”. Please provide the date and time for the show, the club name and show title (if applicable), the location of the show, and most important a contact person with address, e-mail address and/or phone (e-mail is preferred). Please send your show information four to six months in advance to the Show Chairperson. If you see an error once your show is listed, or if your show is not listed, contact the Newsletter Editor.

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 Chairperson, drcarroll@afms.org. When sending your Annual show or given to your Federation Director in your club.

ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS

Where to send your money
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 NFMS Scholarship Fund
2. Memorial contributions to NFMS Scholarship

Make check payable to NFMS Scholarship Fund.

To NFMS Newsletter
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To ALAA Treasurer:
1. Memberships, new and renewals
2. Donations

Make check payable to ALAA

Send to: John Hatrock, ALAA Treasurer, 6607 Sturbridge Ln, Canton, MA 02187-2638

NFMS NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE ADVERTISEMENT

Members, Non-members, clubs, etc. can advertise in the Northwest Newsletter. This service is provided to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and is encouraged by the Federation. The only criteria for the ad is that it be hobby related (e.g. rocks, equipment, grit, shows, etc.).

Ads for the Northwest Newsletter are:
1. Donations to Endowment Fund
2. Memorial contributions
3. To NFMS Newsletter

To ALAA Treasurer:
1. Memberships, new and renewals
2. Donations

For more information, questions, call, e-mail or write the Newsletter Editor.

Visit this newsletter in living color and to see it by the first of the month go to:
http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newsletter2.htm and click on the month you want to see.
Greetings to Each and Every One of You
by Evelyn Cataldo
President
This is my 30th and last column for the Northwest Newsletter. Next month this space will be filled by your new President, Fritz Mack. I extend my gratitude to all of you who have encouraged and assisted me for the past three years; two years as a Vice-President and this past year as President. Thank you, thank you Committee Chairmen; you made my job easy. Thank you to the other members of the Executive Board for their support.

The time has passed quickly and been, for the most part, very enjoyable. I treasure the many new friends that I have made as a result of serving the Federation. I look forward to continue being an active member of the Federation.

I encourage those of you that have a little free time and a desire to see our hobby continue forward into the future to volunteer for a committee. You don’t have to be a committee chairman, just say that you will help on the committee. What you will receive in camaraderie is far in excess of the effort you extend.

I look forward to seeing you in Hillsboro on September 18th. Warm regards, Evelyn

Judi Allison
2nd Vice president
Wow, here it is, almost time for me to move to the First Vice President position and hopefully learn a bit more about the inner workings of the Federation. The annual meeting will be coming up very soon, thus the change in positions.

With the advent of the meeting, summer is slipping on by. I have managed to gather a few rocks and meet a few new and old friends during the summer and look forward to adding to those treasured moments as the year continues.

At the moment, I am anxiously awaiting a trip to Scotland and Norway. I leave next week. People have asked me what prompted me to make the trip. Last year I decided I would buy a passport, then choose a place to go where I needed one. I chose Norway because I always wanted to see a fjord, and Scotland because of Rog’s and my heritage and I wanted to see the Edinburgh Tattoo. I am going by myself because I didn’t want to sit around waiting and wishing for someone to go with me.

Part of my point in relating this information is to let you know that you can also step up into an area that may not be familiar to you or a bit out of your comfort zone and enjoy the challenge and success of accomplishment. That is how we get involved and learn new things. So don’t sit and wait and wish; step up to a new challenge and enjoy the experience.

Promoting the Hobby Through Field Trips
by Doug True
One of the key factors to building a strong club are fieldtrips. There is nothing more satisfying than finding your very own treasure. Many clubs throughout the Federation schedule a number of trips to various locations every year.

I would like to propose a list of all fieldtrips scheduled be listed in the Northwest newsletter each month with time and date, description of collecting area, where to meet and any cost for insurance coverage.(just like club show listings) Invite those around you to your fieldtrip. The more we use our public lands, the better chance we have of keeping them open. If you have a club claim share it with fieldtrips.

In this way members from other clubs can get involved, or if you are traveling and are in the area.

Wouldn’t it be great if we could go anywhere in the U.S. on any weekend and find a fieldtrip to attend.

Over the next few months I will be contacting all of the clubs and their fieldtrip chairman about starting this program. Now let’s hear your ideas. Email me at dtruefossils@yahoo.com
Rockhound of the Year Nominee

The Magic Valley Gem Club in Twin Falls, Idaho names Rocky Metts as our 2010 Rockhound of the Year. Since joining the club in 1999, he has been Program Chairman, Federation Director, Vice-President and President since 2005.

Rocky created many positive changes in our Club. He organized several committees: (1) to teach the lapidary arts to members, (2) to organize and publicize the Annual show, (3) to work with the schools –members visit with the students about rocks, and (4) is creating show manuals.

He supervised rewriting the Club by-laws so they address current issues, and instituted a junior member’s club. He encourages members to participate. Under Rocky’s guidance membership in the Club has nearly doubled. In 2005 there were 68 members and 2 junior members-- in 2010 there are 119 members with 8 juniors.

Rocky is always energetic and enthusiastic and has made a tremendous effort to build up our Club. He believes and stresses the importance of the AFMS Code of Ethics. He never does things half-way but puts his whole heart into any project and strives to make it the best it can be. The club has benefited greatly from Rocky’s dedication and direction. Thank you!

Watch for it!!!!

Big News for our Juniors coming at the NFMS Convention. More information in the October Northwest Newsletter.
All ALAA Members and Clubs

I have arranged a meeting room at the Comfort Inn (formerly Hotel B) across from the Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept 18th from 9am to noon.

The reason for this meeting is to acquaint you with the fact that rockhounding as we currently know it could be in its death throes. This is no idle remark. It's made to get your attention to a serious problem that won't go away.

I am inviting all the clubs in the Northwest to attend this meeting, whether you belong to ALAA or not.

I need you all to attend and make your thoughts heard. Be prepared with the following information for your areas:

- Does your club go on field trips?
- Are these field trips on public lands?
- Have you a working relationship with those managing the lands?
- Do you know your Congressman and/or Senator?
- Have you personally contacted your Congressman and/or Senator regarding rockhounding?

Are YOU willing to get involved? ALAA is composed of "working members" and we need everyone to help.

Governmental officials and politicians don't know who rockhounds are or what we are about. We've all got to change this by getting involved.

We can no longer stand on the sidelines and hope "someone else" will take care of the rockhound collecting sites. It's up to all of us to do it.

Can I count on you to attend? Let me know by email.

Shirley Leeson
ALAA Vice President
beauholland@centurytel.net

Hooray for Teachers!!!

From the Editor’s Rockpile
By Beth Heesacker

As our thoughts turn from summer play and rockhounding (well, they never really turn from rockhounding, do they) to sending the kiddies back to school, I wanted to put in a good word for our teachers. From preschool to graduate studies they tried their best to stuff as much knowledge into us as we were willing to absorb. Maybe some teachers were not as good as others but they all tried. Sometimes some of us were not the best students either.

Some of us have been very deeply blessed by those teachers who expected much from us and pushed us beyond our limits. They instilled a love of learning in us that we should value very highly.

They gave us the gift of curiosity. They taught us how to do research so that when they were not at our sides prodding and pushing, we could work on our own and find out ANYTHING that we wanted to know. Maybe we cannot remember all the facts as we grow older but we can always find a way to look them up.

We would not be the individuals that we are today if it were not for all the teachers in our lives. Let’s give a standing ovation to all those who devote their lives to teaching and the love of learning.
PUBLIC LANDS REPORT

Andy Johnson

Earlier this year President Obama held a conference on America’s Great Outdoors and established the America’s Great Outdoors Initiative to be led by the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Chair of the Council of Environmental Quality. The initiative is tasked with reconnecting Americans, especially children, to the outdoors and they have asked for public input and ideas.

It is vitally important that the Administration hear from each one of you about how you recreate on and enjoy public lands. We can be sure as a Federation that they are hearing from those who would support limiting or ending access for motorized as well as non-motorized recreation. WE now have an opportunity to tell our side of the story as well. If you can access the internet please visit the following website www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors

Sign-up and weigh in. Now is the time to make it clear that public lands are our recreational playground. It is a family oriented activity that allows for father and son and mother and daughter to spend quality time outdoors. Too often recreational activities are defined by the renegade few who behave irresponsibly. Please take this opportunity to make it clear that millions of Americans responsibly enjoy rock hounding and a number of other multi-use recreational pursuits on public lands and while you’re at it tell them to maintain what we already have established and to abandon any further thought of creating and taking additional lands for monuments, wilderness or landscape designations until the federal government becomes financially responsible.

AROUND THE FEDERATION:

In Idaho * In response to continuing closures of roads and trails on Public Lands in Idaho a new organization was born. PLAY which stands for Public Lands Access Yearlong, formed in 1999 with the mission and purpose to work with public land managers more intensely to insure that roads and trails on public lands would remain open. More info on this organization can be found at their website www.accessplay.com

Pocatello] BLM -Proposed Resource Plan and Final EIS published

In Montana * Yellowstone National Park and the National Park Service have begun a two-year project to prepare the next long-term plan for managing winter use in America’s first national park. That plan is to take effect in the winter of 2011-12. Access issues are threatened. For more information go to the following http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/winteruse.htm

In Alaska * Have you checked out the BLM-Alaska webpage lately? Did you know you can look up easement maps, comment on what’s important to you on BLM-managed public lands, pull up recreation guides and brochures, learn how to file a mining claim, volunteer opportunities, and so much more? www.blm.gov/ak

In Alaska, the Bureau of Land Management administers approximately 75 million surface acres of federal public land—an area larger than the State of New Mexico.

In Oregon *

Weyerhaeuser manages millions of acres of commercial forests in the United States and Canada to supply the wood and paper products people need. They also work to protect habitat for fish and wildlife, water quality, scenic views and recreational opportunities. Weyerhaeuser allows public access to company forestlands for recreational purposes when compatible with forestry and harvesting operations. Please call 1-888-741-5403 for more information.

In Washington * Web Site Changes – The USFS Pacific Northwest Region #6 web pages are being upgraded. In addition to the obvious “look and feel” design, many of the links are changing as well. See for yourself at their website http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/okawen/travel-management/

BLM Launches Social Media to Promote Public Involvement

As part of its ongoing effort to engage the public on issues in more timely and relevant ways, the Bureau of Land Management has entered the realm of social media by establishing a presence on the popular websites Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter.

“We are excited about using social media to connect with people interested in the management of their public lands,” said BLM Director Bob Abbey. “Through such media, the BLM will not only be able to reach more citizens in ‘real time,’ but also generate instant feedback on the myriad issues facing our agency.”

Besides the social media accounts set up by the Bureau’s national office in Washington, D.C., more local and subject-specific accounts will be administered by the BLM’s State Offices and various programs throughout the agency. For example, BLM-California, BLM-Colorado, BLM-New Mexico, BLM-Oregon, and BLM-Wyoming have already created Facebook pages, as has the Bureau’s Wild Horse and Burro Program.


Twitter is a free micro-blogging and social networking service that allows users to send and receive each other’s updates through interactions known as “tweets,” while Facebook allows users to share items of interest with their friends via text, photos, and videos.

The BLM has also established a YouTube channel to share informational videos more easily with the public. The Bureau’s YouTube page is accessible at http://www.youtube.com/BLMNational

Fees Waived on Forest Service Locations

On Sept. 25, Public Lands Day - fees will be waived at Forest Service locations, offering visitors the opportunity to experience the great outdoors prior to school season. Other fee-free days include, Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day. Go enjoy the wonders of our natural resources.
NFMS Member Clubs - Gem and Mineral Show Calendar

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<td>Marcus Whitman Gem &amp; Mineral Society&lt;br&gt;Umpqua Gem and Mineral Club&lt;br&gt;Far West Lapidary and Gem Society&lt;br&gt;30th Annual Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show AND NFMS Convention&lt;br&gt;SRMS Convention&lt;br&gt;Castle Rock Fairgrounds&lt;br&gt;Southern Washington Mineralogical Society</td>
<td>Walla Walla County Fair Ground&lt;br&gt;Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Frear Street, off I-5 at Exit 123, Roseburg, OR&lt;br&gt;4th Street Parking Lot (across from Outdoor-In) Downtown Coos Bay, OR&lt;br&gt;Washington County Fairgrounds, 873 NE 34th Hillsboro, OR 97124 (take Shute Rd exit off Hwy 26 to Cornell Rd, turn right, at Airport turn left, go past motel on left, take next right onto Fairgrounds.)&lt;br&gt;Castle Rock Fairgrounds&lt;br&gt;Castle Rock, WA 98611</td>
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<td>36th Annual Rocktoberfest</td>
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<td>Gateway Mall, 3000 Gateway Street Springfield OR</td>
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<td>53rd Annual Rock &amp; Gem Show</td>
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<td>Clackamette Mineral and Gem Harvest of Gems in 2010 - 46th Annual Gem and Mineral Show</td>
<td>Clackamas County Fairgrounds Main Pavilion Building, 694 NE 4th Avenue Canby, OR</td>
<td>Bea Settle 503-631-3128</td>
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<td>November 12-14</td>
<td>Northwest Opal Association and the Boeing Employee Mineralogical Society</td>
<td>Washington State Fairgrounds, Meridian Street South and 9TH Ave SW, Puyallup, WA</td>
<td>Marjorie McKinley, PO Box 1851 Bellevue WA 98009-1851 <a href="mailto:Bellevuerockclub@comcast.net">Bellevuerockclub@comcast.net</a></td>
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<td>Monarch Hotel 12566 SE 93rd Avenue Clackamas OR 97015</td>
<td>Gail Lough 971-678-2862 <a href="mailto:gilough7@gmail.com">gilough7@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>November 20 &amp; 21</td>
<td>Kitsap Mineral &amp; Gem Society 2010 Fall Festival of Gems</td>
<td>The President's Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds 1200 N.W. Fairgrounds Road Bremerton WA 98311</td>
<td>Jim McClure 253-265-3011, <a href="mailto:pogy2@centurytel.net">pogy2@centurytel.net</a></td>
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<td>Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE Jerome Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98277</td>
<td>Keith Ludemann 360-675-1837 <a href="mailto:rock9@whidbey.net">rock9@whidbey.net</a></td>
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<td>Expo Idaho, 5610 Glenwood St., Boise ID 83714</td>
<td>Charlie Smith 208-628-4002 P.O. Box 8443 Boise, ID 83707</td>
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<td>March 26 &amp; 27, 11</td>
<td>Sweet Home Rock &amp; Mineral Society 63rd Annual Show, Featuring Fossils</td>
<td>Sweet Home High School Activity Gym 1641 Long Street, Sweet Home, OR</td>
<td>Joe Cota 541-451-4027 PO Box 2279 Lebanon, OR</td>
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<td>April 8 - 10, 2011</td>
<td>Rock Rollers Club 52nd Annual Gem, Jewelry, Rock and Mineral Show</td>
<td>Spokane County Fair &amp; Expo Center North 604 Havana at Broadway Spokane, WA</td>
<td>Gerry Pfeiffer 509-924-1027 <a href="mailto:patsplace@bookorchard.net">patsplace@bookorchard.net</a></td>
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Please watch out for our children as they return to school.