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President

Hidemi Kira

Hello to All,

My term as President has officially started as of September 1st. As wrote in my previous newsletter, it is an honor and I will try my best to serve the NFMS.

First of all, I would like to thank Warren Rood for leading the NFMS as the President last year. It was a pleasure to know him and to work with him for the past two years. He has done many things including introducing email distribution for this newsletter. And the field trip in September to the Owyhee area would not have

happened if Warren hadn't step up to coordinate the whole trip. He will have his duties as the immediate Past President, but I am sure he will still keep on supporting the NFMS in many ways.

I am looking forward to work with our new 1st VP, Jim Bosley, and 2nd VP, Keith Fackrell, together with

our Treasurer, Lyle Vogelpohl, and Secretary, Judi Allison. Lyle is the encyclopedia of the NFMS and he has provided much help and support since the beginning of my involvement in the NFMS and Judi has supported me in many ways as well. I truly wish I will have continuous support from both of them.

Now, I would like to thank the Committee Chairs who have stayed in their positions and for the members who newly stepped up for other Committee Chairs. The NFMS is running strongly and smoothly with all the efforts of these wonderful members. We still need a person for the Historian position, so please consider volunteering if you are able to do so. The Historian material is currently kept in Tendoy, ID as mentioned in Warren's past article in the newsletter. It would be ideal to have a member who resides somewhere near that area and has room to store the material.

I would like to once again invite you to the Organizational Meeting to be held at the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals in Hillsboro on October 9th (Fri) starting 10 am. The details can be found in the notice and my article in the previous issue. And again, it will be a casual meeting where you can address any matter good for the NFMS or matters where you have concerns. If you have any problems or concerns we would like to solve them before the problem starts growing. And if you cannot attend and have any suggestions or concerns, please email me at <u>htkira@spiritone.com</u> at least few days before the meeting. You will have free admission to the museum if you attend the meeting, so if you have not visited this great rock and mineral museum, please use this opportunity to enjoy it. And make sure you plan to visit the 35th Portland Regional Show held at Washington County Fairplex from Oct. 9th to 11th if you can come. Make it a really full weekend by venturing up to Kelso, Washington for the Pacific Northwest Friends of Mineralogy Symposium and check out their displays and vendors.

When I became the 2^{nd} VP, I had help from Lyle to gather information on the NFMS membership since 2007 and have been keep track of the trend of the movement and wrote about it in the newsletter. I have asked through the newsletter if there were any known reasons for the gain or loss.

After I receive the official year-end report of the membership for this year and see the trend, I would like to start hearing from the clubs which had a significant growth and see what the reasons for the growth are. There must have been something special done. It will be great if they can share their experience with the other clubs. On the other hand, there were some clubs where membership significantly declined last year. If there are some clubs which declined significantly this year, I would like to know what the reasons were and hope they can share their experiences with the other clubs.

As wrote in the past, numbers may not mean much in determining whether you are an active club or not. However, I still believe we need to have a fair amount of rockhound population in order to have our voice heard. You all know that the accessible land for rockhounds is shrinking every year. Field trips are an important part of this great hobby, especially for the juniors to learn and feel the gift from Mother Nature. It is a real experience you cannot possibly get through smart phones or computers.

Writing about memberships, here are some comparisons among the other Federations in the

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AFMS. Recently, I obtained the membership numbers from the each 7 Federations as of 2015 and added them to the data from 2007 I got last year. I don't know about the timing when they collected the numbers, but it will give us a rough idea of the trend. Compared to last year (2014), the NFMS increased 3% versus a 6% increase of total memberships in all the other Federations, so we did not do so well. However, our growth since 2007 showed a 43% increase and it was the best among all the Federations. The second growing Federation was 17% increase and the total increase of all 7 Federations was 2%, so we did very well over the years and hope it can be better.

There is a little bit more time this fall to enjoy more field trips. Hope everyone will enjoy the rest of the season.

I hope to see many of you on October 9th at the Rice Museum!



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1st VP's REPORT

Jim Bosley 1ST Vice President

"leadership"

I received a book for Christmas on leadership, titled "You Don't Need a Title to be a Leader". I thought I would share some of the ideas from this book with you. It is in the context of **"leadership**" with a small **"I**" that I am writing.

"leadership" is simply described as being a positive influence on the people around you. "leadership" is about the small things each of us do every day. This "leadership" is the "leadership" of positive influence you exert to raise your families, do a good job at work, support your customers and colleagues, and support your friends and community.

The funny thing about "**leadership**" is that you may never know what impact you may have had on the people you interact with or mentor. Many years ago I coached a youth soccer team and 10 years later the father of one of the players told me that his son had not wanted to play that year. His son had a great time, enjoyed playing in every game and learned to love the game. After feeling successful that year his son went on to play soccer in Junior High, High School and College. You never know who you might inspire by giving them the opportunity to learn and have fun.

The main reason people become "leaders" is that they have a "passion" for life and for what they do. They look around and see something that needs to be done and take care of it; have an idea and encourage others to help them accomplish it to completion; and/or want to teach and share with others. Each society member has a "passion" for finding and working with rocks. I encourage each of you to share this "passion" by mentoring members (especially new members), your family, and your friends.

I am asking you to be a "leader" and provide a positive influence on your gem and mineral society by becoming involved with its activities and its members.

Gem and mineral societies need each member to aspire to "leadership" by:

- Making the organization better
- Seizing new opportunities and ideas
- Improving the service to the society
- Influencing others to be their best
- Solving problems
- Contributing to the betterment of others
- And making the world a little better
- Mentor new members and young people

Every organization, especially a volunteer organization; such as your gem and mineral society or rock hounding club, needs its members to be "leaders." The following are opportunities for "leadership", small things or ways you can help your gem and mineral society

- 1. Visitors and New Members They are our future! Your society can use your help with the inclusion and retention of visitors/new members. Visitors and new members come to the society meetings because they have a passion for rocks and a desire to learn from the members. Many are shy and not sure what to ask or who to talk to. Many new members drop out of your society after the first year. WHY? As society members we have an obligation to identify the visitors' or new members' needs. Help them feel welcome and learn how to fulfill their passion. Please take time to visit with all visitors and become a friend, mentor, and teacher to new members and their families.
- 2. Gem and Mineral Show Your show chairman needs members to take the lead in different phases of the show, sent up, take down, organization and future planning. Please help make the show a fun time for all.
- 3. Field Trips Your field trip chair and committee need ideas of where to go and members to be the Wagon Master for trips. The Wagon Master plans where to go, organizes maps, arranges for the trip, and sets meeting places and times.
- 4. Education Committee The education chair and committee need help developing a curriculum and education kits for members to use when they present to a class or scout troop. The chair needs help with the planning and organization of learning opportunities for members and the community. Volunteer to start or work with the Junior Rock Hound Club since they are our future. Please help with ideas, knowledge, and time to reach and teach as many students, scouts, and people in the coming years.
- 5. **Fund Raising** The fund raising chair needs ideas for fund raising and members that take the initiative to organize the event. The only fund raising activity for many clubs is the Gem and Mineral Show. For the most part it covers the operating costs of the society for the coming year. Additional funds are needed to improve the quality of the services and education to members, buy equipment, and activities for the community.

- 6. **Presentations and Demonstrations** The program chair and his committee need your input to identify what topics the club is interested in learning about. This will help him arrange presentations or videos for the monthly meetings. If you have a skill or method you want to demonstrate to the society please let them know.
- 7. Gem and Mineral Society Officers I encourage each member to consider running for an office in your society or the federation. The societies need your passion and skill to keep the society growing, to change with the times, and to meet the needs of rock hounds and your community.

To summarize we need you to use your passion for rocks and working rocks to make the society/club fun. Inspire others with your enthusiasm and share your knowledge with the next generation of rock hounds (our youth) as well as new members. You never know how you might change the world or ignite a mind with a spark of knowledge passed on to someone else.



Enjoy the Fall



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Field Trip – 2016 By Doug True



Now we are just under a year before the regional fieldtrips scheduled to in conjunction with the AFMS show and Sale in Albany the end of July next year.

It is time to start planning your next summer vacation!! Plan for Central Oregon next August 2nd thru the 6th, 2016. We will meet at the Crook County fairgrounds with 4-6 trips leaving every day to collect Agates, Jaspers, Thundereggs and petrified wood. Plan for potlucks, auction and lots of fun. There will be camping on the fairgrounds, and motels in Prineville. If you are thinking about being part of this, please contact

me and give your input. Looking for ideas to add to the trips and make the experience one to remember Doug True <u>dtruefossils12@yahoo.com</u>



From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

Busy, busy, busy. Editing 4 newsletters, publishing a papermaking book for my handmade paper making group, coordinating my local art group, sorting and cataloging minerals, volunteering at Church, Bible study, occasional rockhounding, attending meetings and symposiums, coordinating our club's upcoming show and being a wife, mother and grandmother keeps me on my toes. It also keeps me young. Birthdays can come and go and as long as I am busy and excited about what I am doing, they do not seem to matter much anymore.

I do not spend as much time watching tv, I do not play computer games, I don't text or spend much time on the phone. I use my computer a lot but mostly for editing all those newsletters and for doing research. I try to learn at least one new thing each day. Life is good. Life is busy. Life is fun.



NFMS/AMFS 2016 Show Is Coming Albany, Oregon July 29-31, 2016

There will be an area for Junior Activities, and we would like to invite any club with Juniors to contact us if they would like to help in the Juniors area.

If your Juniors are doing Badge Activities, there are a couple of badges they can earn points toward by helping at a show. We also invite anyone with ideas for Juniors activities at the show to contact us, so we can have time to incorporate your ideas into our area. If you would like to be part of a small group discussion about Juniors Activities in your club (whether you already do some, or want some ideas), please let us know that also, as we hope to have just such a group time during the show.

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A Note of Thanks ...

I'd like to thank all of you who took in an 'outsider' from California many years ago, welcomed her with open arms and said, "Join us". My memories of all of you are overwhelming and I will never forget you...

....thanks for the memories, I only wish there could have been more.

This is not an obituary, but I'm afraid I won't see many of the old friends from the NFMS in the future, but I will remember many of you with fondness. I am permanently here at my home in Southern California with little travel plans in my future.

Shirley Leeson

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE PRESENT WORLD:

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present Seven Wonders of the World. After some disagreement, the following got the most votes:

- 1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
- 2. India's Taj Mahal
- 3. USA's Grand Canyon
- 4. Panama's Canal
- 5. New York's Empire State Building
- 6. Rome's St Peter's Basilica
- 7. China's Great Wall

One little girl hadn't turned her paper in to vote, so the teacher asked if she was having trouble. The girl

replies, "Yes, because there are so many." The teacher asked her to read what she had:

to touch to taste

- to see
- to hear. . .she hesitated and then added to feel
- to loveh
- to laugh to love.

Those things we overlook as simple and ordinary are truly wondrous. May your life be filled with the world's Seven Wonders

Via Golden Spike 9/15, Petrified Log 5/04

Words of Wisdom

Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.

Via BGMS Newsletter 9/15





Via Beehive Buzzer 8/15

"You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old." George Burns

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Hairy Gems

We think of rocks as hard, strong and boring. Then, all of a sudden, we are faced with something unearthly, al-most unnatural. How could anything like this exist in the harsh, natural world? Unfortunately, many of these crystal oddities are extremely delicate. They are seldom displayed because of the great possibility of destroying their frag-ile beauty. So, I have taken the idea of introducing you to some wonder-

ful hairy gems.

Natrolite is a com-mon and popular zeolite mineral. Its radiating sprays of ice clear acicu-lar crystals are a hall-mark of this mineral and makes a fine specimen.





Cyanotrichite is a wonderfully colored mineral. Its bright azure to sky blue color is very impressive. Cya-notrichite typically forms acicular or hair like crystals ag-gregated into radial clusters, tufts and sprays. The color is very impressive for such tiny crystals. It is an aptly named mineral since cyano and trich are derived from the

Greek for blue and hair, respectively. It is

formed from the oxidation of copper ore minerals along with other oxidation zone minerals.

Millerite is one of a few sulfide minerals that form fine acicular crystals that appear as hair-like fibers ag-gregated into sprays. It is a real bonus to quartz geode collectors from Indiana to Kansas to open up a geode and find a spray of brassy milerite crystals tucked inside. Millerite is also called "Capillary Pyrite" since it has a brassy yellow col-or that is close to the color of



py-rite. When found as brassy sprays inside of spar-kling clear quartz geodes, millerite can make a wonderfully attractive and interesting mineral.

Tremolite is a relatively common mineral in some metamorphic rocks. One variety is composed of micro-scopically fibrous crys-tals called asbestos. Other minerals also form asbestos such as serpentine. Another variety of tremolite is called "mountain leath-er" or "mountain cork" and is an oddity in the mineral world. The tremolite fibers form a felted mass that has all the appearances and feel of a piece of cloth.





Rutile is an interesting, varied and important min-eral. Rutile is a major ore of titanium, a metal used for high tech alloys because of its light weight, high strength and resistance to corrosion. Rutile is also unwittingly of major im-portance to the gemstone markets. It forms its own interesting and beautiful mineral specimens. Micro-scopic inclusions of rutile in quartz, tourmaline, ruby, sapphire and other gemstones, produces light effects such as cat's eye and asterisms (stars). A beautiful stone produced by large inclusions of golden rutile needles in clear quartz is called rutilated quartz.

Fragile, ethereal crystals, nature always surprises us with something new and delightful. Keep your eyes open, you never know what nature will show you next.

[Ed. Note: There are of course others including this 1 mm crystal of Mullite.



Via The Rockhounder Oct 2014

Via Port Moody Rock & Gem Newsletter 11/06, via Chipper's Chatter 9/14

Via Beehive Buzzer 11-12, 2014





NFMS MEMBERS' SHOW SCHEDULES

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September 12 & 13	Marcus Whitman	Walla Walla Frgnds., Com.	Jack Edwards 509 529 3673
Sat - $10 - 5$	Gem and Mineral	Cntr. Bldg., 363 Orchard St.,	jcedwards1475@yahoo.com
$\frac{\text{Sun} - 10 - 5}{\text{Sun turber 12.8.12}}$	Society	Walla Walla WA	Jennie Bourassa 360 681 0372 or
September 12 & 13 Sat – 9 – 6	Clallam County Gem and Mineral	Vern Burton Community	
		Center, 308 East 4 th Street	Kathy Schriner 360 681 3811
$\frac{\text{Sun} - 10 - 4}{\text{Sun} \text{Low } 10.8, 20}$	Association	Port Angeles WA	PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382
September 19 & 20 Sat – 10 – 5	Southern WA	Castle Rock Fairgrounds 120 Fair Lane,	Chuck Sonner
Sat = 10 - 3 Sun - 10 - 4	Mineralogical	Castle Rock WA	chucksnnr@yahoo.com 360-785-3909.
	Society		L. Smith
October 9, 10, & 11 Fri – 10 – 6	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral	Washington County Fair	Portlandregional.DealerChair@gmail.com
FII = 10 - 6 Sat $- 10 - 6$	Show Association	Complex 873 NE 34 th Avenue	Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show
Sat = 10 - 0 Sun - 10 - 5	Show Association	Hillsboro OR 97124	Association PO Box 5401 Portland OR
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October 10 & 11	Marysville Rock and	Totem Middle School	Brian Murril 425 346 9313
Sat - 10 - 5	Gem Club	Café., 7 th Street and State Ave.,	<u>bmurril@aol.com</u>
Sun - 10 - 5		Marysville WA	Dan Cease 509 254 1720
October 17 & 18 Sat – 10 – 6	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fair	rockmangem@g.com
Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Ciuo	Building, 1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston ID	Website: <u>www.hellscanyongemclub.com</u>
October 17 & 18	Hatrockhounds Gem	Hermiston Conference Center.	Mike Filarski, 541 571 2593
Sat - 10 - 5	and Mineral Society	Highway 395 South,	stonemorlin1@netscape.net
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October 24 & 25	Clackamette Mineral	Clackamas County	Beth Heesacker, <u>heesacker@coho.net</u> , 4145
Sat – 9 - 6	and Gem Club	Fairgrounds, 694 Ne. 4th Ave,	NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR
Sun – 10 - 5		Canby, OR 97013	97116
October 24 - 25	Bellevue Rock Club	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake	Bruce Himko
Sat - 10 - 6	Denevue Roek Club	Sammamish Blvd SE,	bellevuerockclub@comcast.net
Sun - 10 - 5		Bellevue WA	PO Box 1851 Bellevue WA 98009
November 7 & 8	Maplewood Rock	Maplewood R&G Clubhouse,	Don Wilcox 206 226 1868
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December 5 & 6	Winter Dereer	Maplewood R&G Clubhouse,	Mike Collins 206 714 6861
	Winter Bazaar		Wike Collins 200 / 14 0001
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