



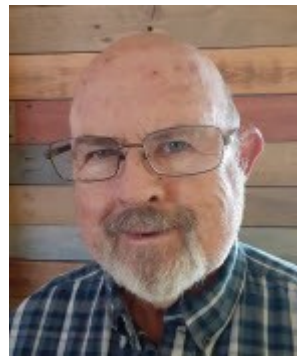
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Letters From Our Committee Officers:



Michael Rhodes - 1st Vice President

At last! Summer is coming to an end and, hopefully, the hot weather is going away. It will be good to be able to get out in the field to look for rocks and minerals without worry about heat stroke! This is my last newsletter article as 1st Vice President of the NFMS. Soon I will have the responsibility of being President of this wonderful federation. I think that I am looking forward to this next step, This month is the annual NFMS Meeting in conjunction with the Marcus Whitman Club show in Walla Walla, WA. There are some major changes to the federation on the agenda, including changing our fiscal year to match with the calendar year. This will make it easier from the financial side of things, as our taxes kind of get messed up with a fiscal year that not only does not match the calendar, but doesn't even end on a quarter-year. Our Secretary/Treasurer and our tax people will be happy with the change, if it is approved. It will be a bit difficult for me as I end up serving for 16 months as president. Maybe the extra time will help me learn the position before I step down, Many of the other changes to the Bylaws are just housekeeping; cleaning up the language and streamlining our operations. I am very grateful to Jim Brain and Darrell Coyle for all the work that they did, cleaning up the bylaws line by line to clarify them and make sure that our Operations Plan correlated with the Bylaws I look forward to healthy discussion from the Directors and Delegates at the Annual Meeting. Your input is valued and amendments from the floor are appreciated. It will be good to have our Parliamentarian, Evan Day, there to keep our

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Letters From Our Committee Officers Continued:

discussion on track The Federation is still in need of volunteers to step up and help with committees, we need people willing to serve as officers, we need clubs to sponsor future annual meetings, we need a Treasurer! I know Judi Allison would be happy to let go of that responsibility, I look forward to meeting you at the annual meeting and hearing your concerns about the federation, your individual clubs, and the future of our hobby, As always, Keep Hydrated, Be Safe, and ROCK ON!



**Judi Allison -
Secretary (Treasurer
Pro Tem)**

Well, our show is essentially here, and with that comes our annual meeting. We thank the Marcus Whitman Club for stepping up to the task at hand to make it happen. We will have a similar 2

-day show with an additional day for meetings again next year. The Hellgate Club in Missoula, Montana has agreed to host our Federation activities. The show will be March 21-22 with meetings on March 20th. We will be talking a bit more about some of the things we are accommodating in order for Clubs to feel more comfortable with the idea of hosting our wonderful Federation. The "good old days" are gone and with that we have to realize we need to move forward with the current needs. So, more to come later. But in the meantime, I hope to see you in Walla Walla and that you plan for a little trek to Montana in the spring.

Judi Allison, NFMS Secretary

Treasurer's Report:

I have managed to keep together the basics of what is needed to continue to do business for the Federation. I am willing to help anyone learn the basics as I know them in order to become the Federation Treasurer. So, if your passion is numbers, I have a job for you! In the meantime, I have managed to limp along enough to give you some information for our annual meeting. Be seeing you there.

Judi Allison, Treasurer pro tem

Safety Chair Article:**Heat Stress**

I don't know about you, but I can't take the heat anymore. We went to the fair with our granddaughter. There were lots of little munchkins everywhere. Took her to the bunny barn where she could pet the rabbits and even a small rooster! Walked around a bit more to see the sights. By this time the temperature was heading upwards towards 90 degrees. I started looking for shady spots to sit and cool off. The heat makes me cranky, crankier than usual. We ended up leaving early.

Heat exhaustion can cause heavy sweating, weakness, nausea, dizziness. The heat can cause cramps and a rash and eventually a stroke. All this because our bodies are losing water and salt. The first stage we experience is heat stress. It causes fuzzy thinking and irritability. If you are going to be out in this hot weather, schedule regular rest breaks and keep hydrated. Take time to gradually acclimatize yourself to the heat. It is easier to do these steps than to try to recover after the heat has affected you.

Kathryn Larson

NFMS Safety Chair

Rockhound of the Year 2025

Northwest Federation,

The **Hellgate Mineral Society** nominates **Ed Scott** as our Rockhound of the Year for 2025. Ed has been a valued member of our club since 2011. He always is willing to lend a hand, offer advice on your project, or help identify your rocks. For our annual show Ed secured raffle prizes, put up/took down the sandwich-board signs advertising our show around the area, donated tumbled rocks for our grab bags, and demonstrated cabbing during our show. Ed has been teaching wire wrapping at our pop-up workshops ever since they started. Our club recently needed to build a handful of display cases quickly prior to the local fair, and Ed stepped up right away to help. Ed also won the Grand Champion award for his beautiful agate fishing lures fair entry! Thank you, Ed, for all of the ways, even those not mentioned, you support our club!



NFMS SHOW SCHEDULE

September 5-7 | Walla Walla, Washington

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th:

Luncheon 12pm | Marcus Whitman Gem Clubhouse
NFMS Annual Meeting 1pm | Marcus Whitman Gem Clubhouse
ALAA Meeting 3pm | Marcus Whitman Gem Clubhouse

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th:

Competitive Case Judging 8am | Fairgrounds, Flower Building
Editors Breakfast 9am | Fairgrounds
Gem Show 10am-5pm | Fairgrounds
Woolly Mammoth Presentation 11am | Fairgrounds, Flower Building
Colombia Basin Agates Presentation 1:30pm | Fairgrounds, Flower Building
Awards Banquet 6pm | Marcus Whitman Hotel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th:

Juniors Meeting 9am | Fairgrounds
Gem Show 10am-5pm | Fairgrounds
Guest Speaker TBD 10:30am | Fairgrounds, Flower Building
Live Auction 1:30pm | Fairgrounds, Flower Building



Kid's Corner

I hope everyone is getting out and enjoying the great outdoors with the juniors! Summertime is a perfect time for finding cool specimens, taking a small road trip and finding a neat rock shop where you end up, going to a mineral or fossil museum, or heading out to a local mine. Many opportunities abound, and the kiddos are out of school and excited to do something! Teach them how to clean their new found specimens, and then teach them how to catalog them! Making memories is what summertime is made of, and rock collecting fits right in! If you take pictures, send them my way! I would love to see your adventures, and I would love to put them in this newsletter!

*Sincerely,
Jennifer Fitch
NFMS Junior Chair*

Future Rockhounds of America

Here are some pretty amazing kiddos who have earned badges and patches since the last newsletter! (The star denotes second time earning this badge.)

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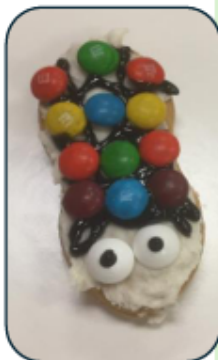
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The Willamette Agate Mineral Society in Salem, Oregon has had a pretty cool few months! Here are some things they have been doing!



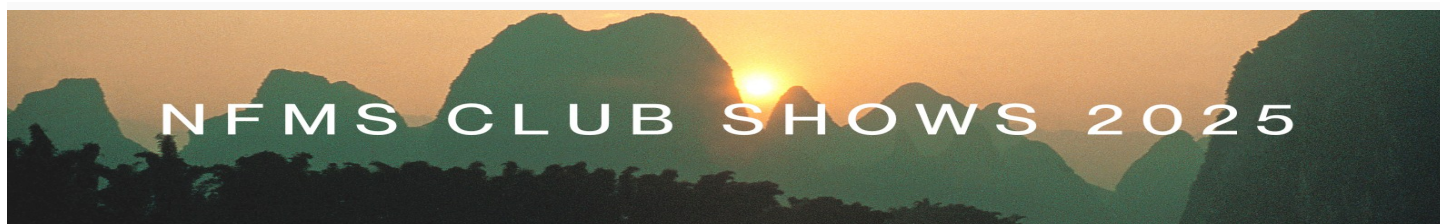
WAMS Juniors have spent the months of June and July with an emphasis on the Fossils badge during their meetings (making casts and molds, tril-o-bite cookies) understanding how fossils are formed and a pretty good background on what is known of trilobites.

Also in June, 14 WAMS Juniors took a fieldtrip to Newport on the Oregon Coast, where they had the opportunity to meet with Kent Gibson, a nationally known fossil collector who has some of his incredible specimens on display in the Smithsonian Institution and other museums. With thousands of fossils that he has collected on display in his lab, workshop and at his home, Mr. Gibson led the Juniors in discussions on how to prepare and preserve fossils as well as where to find them nearby. In addition, each Junior was given a fossil vertebrae at the end of the discussion.

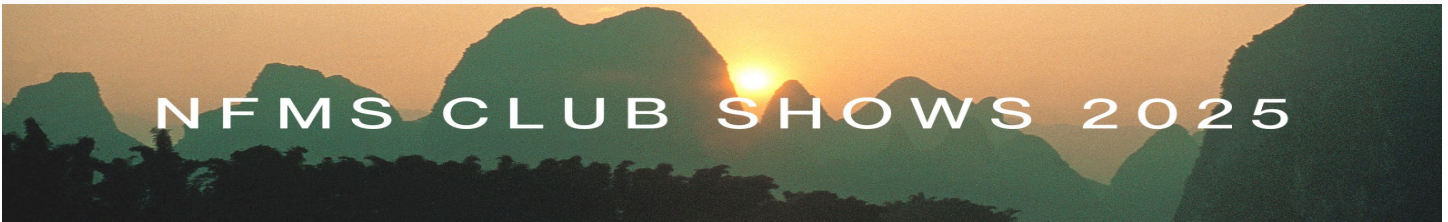


Also in June, a number of WAMS Juniors families traveled to Central Oregon for the Prineville Rock and Gem Show Pow-Wow. While there, some traveled to the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument (currently celebrating it's 50th anniversary), and some of the Juniors even dug fossilized plants (to include the Oregon State Fossil—the metasequoia) in the town of – you guessed it—Fossil, Oregon. –Brian Leavitt



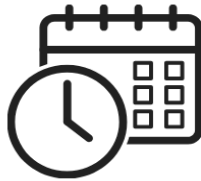


Sept 6th & 7th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society	Walla Walla Fairgrounds Pavillion & Event Center 363 Orchard Street Walla Walla, WA 99362	Warren Rood - (509) 876-7498 Janel Lacey - (541) 276-9730 warren.rood(at)yahoo.com jclaw6461(at)gmail.com
Sept 6th & 7th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Southern WA Mineralogical Society	Longview Fairgrounds - Cowlitz County Event Center 1900 7th Ave. Longview, WA 98632	Greg Larson - (503) 421-3877 Vicki Johnson - (360) 751-8031 vickijrocks(at)msn.com
Oct 4th & 5th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Evergreen State Fairgrounds 14405 179th Ave. SE Bldg. #500 Monroe, WA 98270	Brian Murril 425-346-9313 bmurril(at)aol.com
Oct 3rd - 5th Fri 10 - 6 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show	Wingspan Event and Conference Center (Westside Commons) 801 NE 34th Ave. Hillsboro, OR 97124	Roberta Hanson prgmsa.president(at)gmail.com 503-449-3543
Oct 25th & 26th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 3	Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club	Willamalane Adult Activity Center 215 West C Street Springfield, OR 97477	Jen McCall scotnjen59(at)gmail.com www.springfieldthundereggrockclub.org
Oct 25th & 26th Sat 10 - 6:30 Sun 12 - 5:30	Chugach Gem and Mineral Society	Midtown Mall 600 E. Northern Lights Blvd. Anchorage, AK 99514	Paul Burger cavemonpaul@hotmail.com
Nov 1st & 2nd Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Show	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196th St. SW Edmonds, WA 98026	Michele McGraw shows.maplewoodrockngem@gmail.com info@maplewoodrockclub.com



Dec 6 th & 7 th		Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse	Michele McGraw
Sat 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Show	8802 196th St. SW	shows.maplewoodrockngem@gmail.com
Sun 10 - 5		Edmonds, WA 98026	info@maplewoodrockclub.com

AFMS FEDERATION SHOW DATES



Shows in 2025:

- AFMS/EFMLS Hickory, NC**
March 27 - 30
- Midwest Federation Lincoln, NE April 5-6
- Northwest Federation Walla Walla, WA
Sept 5 - 7
- Rocky Mountain Federation Grand Junction,
CO Sept 19-21

Shows in 2026:

- Midwest Federation St. Charles, IL.
May 23-24

Rock Of The Month: Cerussite

Cerussite, a lead carbonate mineral (PbCO_3), is admired by collectors for its brilliant luster and striking crystal forms. Known for its high dispersion, cerussite can sparkle with flashes of color similar to a diamond, especially in its clear, well-formed specimens. It often appears in twinned or reticulated “snowflake” patterns, which are particularly prized. Cerussite commonly forms in the oxidation zones of lead ore deposits and is often found in association with galena and anglesite. Famous localities that produce world-class specimens include Tsumeb, Namibia; Broken Hill, Australia; and Morocco.

Historically, cerussite played a significant role as an important ore of lead, mined for use in pipes, paints, and other applications. Its name comes from the Latin cerussa, meaning “white lead,” reflecting its historical use as a pigment in paints and cosmetics. Although toxic and unsuitable for modern consumer uses, cerussite was once a common material in white pigments throughout Europe. While industrial demand has declined, its dazzling crystals and unusual growth habits have made cerussite a favorite among mineral enthusiasts worldwide.

For collectors, cerussite presents both rewards and challenges. Its delicate nature, brittleness, and high density make it fragile to handle and difficult to display safely, yet its visual appeal makes it irresistible. Reticulated “snowflake” twins and gemmy, transparent crystals are especially sought after, often fetching high prices in the mineral market. Whether valued for its historical importance or its breathtaking beauty, cerussite remains a standout mineral that exemplifies the artistry of nature.

Jessica Himple
Everett Rock and Gem Club
Editor for NFMS Newsletter



Cerussite - Tsumeb, Namibia
Jessica Himple's Collection



Cerussite and Wulfenite - Iran
Jessica Himple's Collection

NFMS ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**Friday, September 5th, 2025 – 1:00 pm****Marcus Whitman Club House, 6522 Old Highway 12, Walla Walla, Washington**

Parliamentarian-Evan Day

ORDER OF BUSINESS. . .

Call to Order-Lora Hall, President

Pledge of Allegiance – Lora Hall, President

Introduction of Officers & Chairs-Lora Hall, President

Introduction of Past Presidents and VIPs-Michael Rhodes, 1st Vice President

Introduction of Attendees – Directors/Delegates-Jennifer Haley, 2nd Vice President

Invocation-Evan Day

Moment of Silence for Those Lost-Lora Hall, President (See last page for list)

Committee Reports – Acknowledgements, additional information – Committee Chairpersons

Old Business*Continued Plea for Treasurer candidates-Judi Allison**Additional Old Business?***New Business***Reinstatement of Central Montana Prospectors & Malheur Rock and Gem Society-Judi Allison**Adoption of Proposed Budget-Michael Rhodes**Endowment Fund Projects-Jim Brain**Introduction of Executive Board Nominees and Vote-Larry Hulstrom**Director/Delegate Acknowledgement-Lora Hall**Adoption of Bylaws and Op Updates/Revisions w/ Friendly Amendment-Darrell Coyle, Michael Rhodes**Acceptance of 2026 NFMS Hosts-Larry Hulstrom (With Plea for 2027, 28)**Additional Business?**Adjournment***COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-REPORTS IN PACKET**

President-Lora Hall

Executive Secretary-Judi Allison

Treasurer-Judi Allison, pro tem

Budget /1st Vice President-Michael Rhodes

Bulletin Aids-Pricilla Hall-Ford

Credentials-Clara & Del Walker

Custodian-2nd Vice President-Jennifer Haley

Directory-Janel Lacey

All American Club Award/Education -Open

Endowment Fund-Vicki Johnson/Jim Brain

Field Trip-Doug True

Historian-Open Ronna Watkins, pro tem

Juniors-Jennifer Fitch

Newsletter Editor-Jessica Himple

Nominating-Jennifer Haley

Northwest Rockhound Retreat-Walt Butler

Rules & Awards-Joshua Hulstrom

Past Presidents Council-Larry Hulstrom

Public Lands Advisory-Susie Koppert

Public Relations-Open

Resolutions-Audrey Vogelpohl

Rockhound of the Year-Laurie Ellis

Safety-Kathy Larson

Scholarship-Mary Lou Northrup

Show Coordination-Faith Farley

Slide/Video- Ronna Watkins

Stamps-Aaron Currier/Ed Anderson

Supplies-Open

Ways & Means-Open

Webmaster-Brad Larson

Website Competition-Open

ALAA-Jennifer Haley

AFMS COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

AFMS President Elect-Ronna Watkins

AFMS Junior Program Chair-Lora Hall

Endowment Fund-Judi Allison

Program Competition-DeLane Cox

Scholarship Foundation-Mary Lou Northrup

REPORTS FOLLOW:***President—Lora Hall***

It has been my privilege to serve as the president of the NFMS this past year and I look forward to continuing to serve the Federation in other positions for several years to come. Serving as president was not something I set out to do, in fact I signed up not knowing what I was signing up for. I was asked to serve as the incoming 2nd Vice President to fill in for someone that had to drop out for health reason. Sounded simple, fill in as 2nd VP for one year. What I didn't know at the time is that the normal progression from 2nd VP to 1st VP to President would bring me to this very spot. Don't get me wrong, I have no regrets, it has been an amazing and eye opening three years and as set me on the path for future service to the Federation. It is a journey I encourage anyone to undertake. I have met some awesome folks and expanded my understanding of who and what the Federation really is and the critical job it does to serve individual clubs and our hobby as a whole. For the last 2 years we have been working to update the NFMS By-Laws and Operating Procedures (OP's). While the vast majority of the work is what we call "housekeeping", things like correcting old and outdated formatting and making sure the OP's actually agree with the By-Laws, some was designed to help the Federation function more effectively like the purposed change to our fiscal year to match the IRS fiscal year. I want to thank Jim Brain, Evan Day, and particularly Darrel Coyle for working tirelessly on this project. I would like to say that after this we will never have to look at By-Laws and Op's again, but that is not how it works. Any organization needs to check their By-Laws and Op's every year and make small course corrections that keep the group moving forward and on track. This has also been the first full year of electronic Newsletters and while we are still working out some minor glitches, it has been a pretty successful roll out. Members now get 10, full color, expanded issues a year. The hope is that this will not only save money but continue to increase communication between the Federation, clubs, and individual members. I cannot thank our Newsletter Editor Jessica Himple enough! And I apologize for my articles always being sent in at midnight on the deadline date. Hopefully Micheal will not continue this tradition.

In closing, thank you all for putting your trust in me this past year and it has been my pleasure to serve you.

Lora Hall Soon to be Past President of the NFMS

Secretary – Judi Allison

As I am nearing the beginning of my twelfth year as Secretary, I continue to enjoy the position. Some of the historical knowledge I have gleaned over the years has been a benefit for our board to run relatively smoothly. I have enjoyed working with the myriads of individuals who have worked their way through the Executive Chair positions. It is gratifying to see how each one has better grasped the concept and ideals of our Federation and most continue to serve in some capacity after their three-year tenure. Keep in mind that our purpose is to provide unity for like-minded folks who believe in our Code of Ethics and follow those guidelines while sharing the camaraderie that goes hand in hand with active membership. So, let's "Rock on!"

NFMS Treasurer, Judi Allison, Pro Tem

As you will notice, my name is still listed as Treasurer (pro tem). I have taken up this position, not because I am good at it, or particularly wanted to do it, but I realize what an important position it is and did not want it to be unmanned. I do have to give great thanks to our President, Lora Hall and our Registered Agent, Larry Hulstrom who have helped me through this journey. I will happily hand it over to someone else, but I also want to say that I am rather glad I have acted as Treasurer during this time, as it has helped me understand much better the whole of the treasury and the duties involved. I feel I have learned enough that I might be able to help someone else through some "sticky spots" if needed.

Since membership falls under the duties of the Treasurer (because the treasurer is collecting dues) I worked hand in hand with our Directory Chair so we could build a process that would work well for both of us. We lost one club this year. Cascade Gem and Mineral Society chose not to renew. The Darrington Club chose not to pay dues, as they deemed themselves as "inactive". We will have two clubs to approve for membership at the annual meeting, as Central Montana Prospectors sent in their dues in July, and Malheur Gem and Mineral Society chose to return to the Federation and sent their dues in August. You will find the membership list at the end of the Agenda.

As everyone knows, costs for everything continue to rise. Transportation costs continue to rise and cost of printing is greater than previously. Virtually

everything has a greater price tag nowadays. But since we have chosen to distribute our newsletter electronically our finances are healthier

We have been working to make certain that various aspects of the budget were set aside in their separate "pockets" in our banking system. The Juniors funds are in a CD and savings account specifically for projects that the Juniors Committee might develop. We are getting the Memorial Trophy Funds back into a separate designated account so that all pieces of the fund are allocated as written.

You will notice that our Endowment Funds are at least "holding steady" overall. Please take some time to review the collection of suggestions the Endowment Fund Committee will be discussing for utilization of the expendable funds. This is your Federation. It is your privilege and duty to help decide how the monies are spent. Perhaps there are a couple of projects that can be accomplished this year, so directors, review all the suggestions and be prepared to act on the ideas at our annual meeting. And, if you are numbers oriented, please think about the Treasurer's position. I feel I might be in a position now to help take some of the burden off someone by taking over the membership or helping some other capacity. So, give it a try.

1st Vice President –Michael Rhodes

This past year has been interesting, working with the Executive Board, as well as the Operations Review Committee.

I am not a numbers person, so the budget has been the most challenging part of the position. I am especially grateful to our Executive Committee and our acting Treasurer for their input along the way, I am looking forward to serving as your president in the coming year. Michael Rhodes 1st Vice President, NFMS.

2nd Vice President-Jennifer Haley (Appointed by President, Lora Hall)

As I am writing this report in preparation for our meeting in Walla Walla, it has been only one month since being back as NFMS 2nd VP. When the position became vacant, I was happy to have been asked to step in and help out for the remainder of this year. To the tune of Gene Autry's, *Back in the Saddle Again*, "I am truly looking forward to helping in any way that I can on behalf of our federation. We have a federation full of wonderful clubs and volunteers to help keep our federation healthy, wealthy and wise in all aspects. I have confidence that more of you will step up with your creative energy and ideas to help fill the vacant

committees that are available. We seriously do need to have one of you volunteer to step up to be our federation's treasurer. Judi works hard to keep up with all she does best for us, and I know how much she does, but it is too much to ask of her to keep carrying on the role of pro tem NFMS treasurer. Please, someone step up and volunteer. I know many of you must have an excellent treasurer for your club, so please talk to them and share them with the NFMS. Looking forward to seeing you all in Walla Walla. Until then, *Whoopi-ty-aye-oh!*

Budget-1st Vice President-Michael Rhodes (See the Proposed Budget as Addendum I) Bulletin Aids –Priscilla Hall-Ford

Hello Y'all. It's been quiet for most of the year. I do understand there are a couple of winners for the articles that you folks have been working on. I'm looking forward to seeing who has won and meeting them at the breakfast in Walla Walla.

I do hope everyone is hard at work putting pen to paper and putting together the next winning newsletter, article, story, cartoon or poem. After all who doesn't like a good poem. Looking forward to hearing from you all next year. Priscilla Hall-Ford, NFMS Bulletin Aids Chairman.

Credentials – Clara & Del Walker

By the time you are reading this, our job should already be completed. Thank you for your help in making our job easier by sending us the info on who your Directors and Delegates are who will be attending this meeting.

Clara & Del Walker, Credentials Chair

Custodian-2nd Vice President-Jennifer Haley (See the Custodial Report as Addendum II)

As I write this report in preparation for our Walla Walla meeting, I have only heard from less than a handful of people regarding any or no updates for our annual custodian report. The historian files which were in the care of our previous historian, have been moved to a safe and dry building by Bill Harvey and Gorden Hale, until arrangements can be made to transport them to Ronna Watkins who has stepped up to receive them.

Directory – Janel Lacey

The Directory in its new format was distributed at the Mid-Year NFMS meeting in Hermiston, OR. Clubs not represented at that meeting should have received a copy through the mail. There were a number of formatting errors in the directory that will be fixed in the 2026 version, and the Prineville Pow Wow was unintentionally missed which will be included in 2026. Information from the Central

Montana Prospectors was recently received and has been added to next year's directory. Please get updates turned in prior to January 1, 2026 so our Directory is accurate and relevant. Updates can be sent to me at jclaw16461@gmail.com or through your form submitted to the NFMS Treasurer with your 2026 dues. Thank you! Janel Lacey, Directory Chair

Education/All American Club Award –open Endowment Fund – Vicki Johnson, Chair: Jim Brain, Financial Advisor

Endowment Fund Committee Report

Vicki Johnson, Chairperson

The NFMS Endowment Fund committee activities were put on hold after the mid-year meeting while we waited to see how the current political situation was going to affect our fund cash balance. As a result, no projects were funded during the past year. We did, however, continue to search for potential projects to fund in the future. In addition to the project we shared at the mid-year meeting, we have identified a few more that will be evaluated for their benefit to the membership of the federation or the public.

In addition, we have also been working with the NFMS Executive Committee to see where Endowment Fund monies might be used to increase the participation of federation members in the various federation activities. We have been discussing ways to increase club director/delegate attendance at annual meetings and ways to increase participation in various federation competitions such as Rockhound of the Year, Web site competition, Competitive case competition, Club Newsletter competitions, etc. Attachment 1 for a current listing of potential projects or programs.

We have asked for a block of time at the annual meeting to get a feeling of the level of support for the projects being considered.

For additional information here are constraints on how we can spend Endowment Fund money.

Our Endowment Fund spending policy limits expenditure to a little over \$10,000 this coming year.

- 1. As a 501 c (3) not for profit organization we have an obligation to spend some of our monies on programs and/or projects that benefit the general public.***
- 2. Funded projects and programs must provide benefit to a majority of the***

membership of the federation or to the general public.

- 3. We cannot give outright grants to organizations, projects or programs outside the federation without receiving a clear benefit to our membership.***
- 4. Allocated funds must be spent and projects completed within the budget year they are allocated.***

We now have a pretty good picture of how much money we will have to spend this next year and hope to be able to recommend to the NFMS Executive Committee by January 1, 2026 which projects or programs best meet our funding criteria. Between now and then we will need to identify the specific projects, who will take the lead in making them happen, how much to allocate, and when it will be finished.

As you can see from the financial report submitted by our financial advisor, Jim Brain, Attachment 2, that our account balance has shown only a slight gain the past year. Expectations are that this will not change significantly in the near future.

Finally, the committee is still looking for a person to take over as the committee treasurer position and another to work with our financial advisor as he would like to also step down in another year or so.

Potential Projects that could be funded from NFMS Endowment Fund Monies

(Not in any particular order of priority)

- 1. Prepare a traveling exhibit or two that could be used at the annual meetings, club shows or other events highlighting the various rocks and minerals found across the federation.***
- 2. Develop a series of 30 minute "Rock Talk" presentations building on existing material available thru the AFMS Juniors website to be available to clubs within the federation for use when asked to make presentations to outside organizations like library programs, scouting groups, 4H clubs, etc.***
- 3. Contract to produce a YouTube type video promoting the rock hounding hobby for showing at the annual meeting or other outside events.***

4. *Pay travel/speaker fees for individuals invited to make presentations at the annual meeting.*
5. *Make a grant to the Peterson's Rock Garden and Peacock sanctuary to assist in restoring the rock displays.*
6. *Reimburse clubs hosting the Annual Meeting for extra ordinary expenses incurred because of the meeting.*
7. *Encourage more participation at annual meeting events like the banquet by paying the dinner cost for a director from each club in attendance.*
8. *Support not for profit museums across the federation that offer significant gem and mineral displays by making donations in exchange for free admission for NFMS members.*
9. *Resume the effort to upgrade the Slide and Video library material to be compatible with modern technologies.*
10. *Fund the purchase of trophies or other items to be awarded for participation in federation activities.*
11. *Provide cash awards for NFMS competitions such as Web site, Newsletter, All American club, display cases, etc. awards.*
12. *Reinstate the \$1.00 reduction in adult membership dues and offset the difference with funds from the endowment fund.*
13. *Allocate monies to assist in paying travel expenses to the annual meeting for NFMS committee chairpersons and others asked to participate in the meeting.*
14. *Provide a blanket liability insurance coverage covering all activities of the federation and its member society including shows, field trips and other events.*

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*Field Trip – Doug True –
Historian – Open
Juniors – Jennifer Fitch*

As the NFMS Junior Chair, I am in the works of creating a contest to have the kiddos develop a special NFMS junior's patch that every kiddo in the NFMS can be given. I am looking into the cost to create and distribute the patch. I think having a special NFMS patch will be distinctive when/if the kiddos attend any event within the AFMS, and can be a really cool addition to the Future Rockhounds of America badges and patches many of the kids already earn.

Also, we have received and are processing the awards for the Junior Achievement Award recipients. We had three applications, and I am so impressed with all these amazing kiddos do in their lives. The three kiddos that will be receiving awards are: Addylyn Leavitt (Age 11) from Willamette Agate and Mineral Society, Ahziah Mallery (Age 12) from Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, and Elisheba Fitch (age 15) from Hellgate Mineral Society. All ages are as of 12/31/2024. Congratulations to all applicants!

One of the things I am also currently doing is trying to revamp the application process for the Junior Achievement Award. When I have asked kiddos why they don't apply, many have told me it looks too hard to complete, they don't do anything "cool", or they just don't understand what to do. So... I am in the process of making it more kid friendly to understand for next year! My desire is to see the juniors in our federation excel, especially in our hobby, but also in life. My hope is that by making this more kid friendly, it will help kiddos to be able to "sell themselves" in the application, a skill which serves to help them later in life for job applications. As I am also a 4-H leader, I have watched how kids in 4-H are taught this in their early life are confident leaders in their teen years and then go on to be successful adults in society. It may seem small, but it is those small steps that lead to big accomplishments. If you have juniors in your club, please encourage them to apply. This is an amazing opportunity, and I would love to see every kiddo apply!

Newsletter Editor –Jessica Himple

This year, I continued serving as editor of the Northwest Mineralogical Newsletter, focusing on providing engaging and informative content for our members. Highlights included publishing feature interviews with notable collectors and dealers, expanding coverage of hobby news, and ensuring the timely release of monthly issues. I also made it a

priority to share show information and to spotlight our annual show.

With our move to a digital format, I've had fun experimenting with formatting and adding more content than was previously possible. I hope everyone has enjoyed the updated style and expanded coverage as much as I've enjoyed putting it together.

Looking ahead, now that summer is behind us, I plan to continue featuring interviews and articles that highlight different voices in the hobby, while maintaining a consistent and high-quality newsletter for our society. I'd also love to feature more content from our members. Your photos, collecting adventures, or anything else you'd like to share. Please feel free to send contributions my way anytime!

Nominating – Jennifer Haley

Introducing 2026 2nd Vice President Candidate-June Dorning

June is a member in good standing of the Yakima Rock & Mineral Club, Inc., in Yakima, Washington currently serving as Vice President. June, also, serves as the club's Show Co-chair (two years running) and as the NFMS Delegate. She joined the Yakima club in 2015 and served as the executive secretary and as hospitality chair. June volunteers at all the club events including running the spin-the-wheel game at the community Nile Valley Days, heading up the Show's Club Booth that raises funds for local veterans, and helping with the Juniors program. June is also a member of the North Central Washington Prospectors, SWAUK Mining District Association, North Central Cascade Mining (NCCM), Washington Small-Scale Miner's Action Group (WASMAG), Washington State Mineral Council, and has been volunteering for the gold shows since 1987

She writes:

I have been interested in rocks my whole life. My favorite rocks are lapis, malachite, fluorite and a whole bunch more. I am a gold prospector first and a Rockhound second, but they go hand-in-hand. When I get done volunteering, prospecting, and hunting rock, I have several fur babies that welcome me home. I would like to say Thank You for this opportunity to serve.

Additional members being presented for the Executive Board are as follows:

Michael Rhodes-NFMS President

Jennifer Haley-NFMS 1st Vice President

Judi Allison-NFMS Secretary

Open Position-NFMS Treasurer

Northwest Rockhound Retreat – Walt Butler

Looking forward to another great retreat. The fires stayed northwest of Camp Hancock and are 100% contained at this time. We have a full camp with 51 campers. Only one cancellation this year and it was filled immediately. We have 7 instructors volunteering in the Lapidary Shop during the Parents Weekend before Retreat.

Walt Butler, Chair NW Rockhound Retreat

Past Presidents' Council – Larry Hulstrom

The Hellgate Mineral Society of Missoula, MT has offered a proposal to host the 2026 show and meeting on March 21 – 22. Judging of competitive exhibits would likely take place on Friday evening or early Saturday morning prior to the opening of this 2 day show. This proposal has been reviewed by the Past Presidents Council and sent to the Executive Board for concurrence prior to the annual meeting in Walla Walla.

Public Lands Advisory – Susie Koppert

Susie continues to work hard attending meetings and keeping abreast of developments relative to land accessibility..

Resolutions – Audrey Vogelpohl

Rockhound of the Year – Laurie Ellis

Send your submissions to nfmsroy at gmail.com

Rules & Awards Committee – Joshua Hulstrom

To date 5 competitive display applications have been received for the show in Walla Walla. Judges are being contacted to provide support at the show. The Rules & Awards Committee needs new members. Larry Hulstrom performed the role Exhibits Registrar in 2024, and 2025 so that we would have someone to perform this role for the Walla Walla show. If you are interested in becoming part of this 3-person committee, please contact me or talk with me at the Walla Walla show.

Safety – Kathryn Larson

Greetings fellow club members! I'm the new Safety Chair. I've never held a position like this before and I'm still learning. Life has been very busy. I have a 4-year-old granddaughter and she's a hoot. It does make me think about safety differently. Small things mean a lot in the world of safety. Watching for traffic, keeping hydrated, wearing hearing protection, wearing good shoes and don't climb into precarious positions! Thank you for this opportunity. Kathryn Larson, NFMS Safety Chair

Scholarship – Mary Lou Northrup

Hello fellow rockhounds. We had two donations to the AFMS scholarship this spring: a \$200 donation from the Clackamette Mineral and Gem Corporation, and a \$75.00 memorial donation for Ralph Eichner from Lakeside Gem & Mineral Inc. Thank you so much for these donations. Jerry and I feel very privileged to be named honorees for the Northwest Federation this year. By working with Lora Hall and Professor Tom Williams at the University of Idaho we have selected two students to receive \$4000.00 scholarships this year. The students are Frank Wrolblewski and Victoria Wagner both studying at the U of I. Congratulations Frank and Victoria.

Show Coordination – Faith Farley

I enjoy writing up the shows and publishing them. The folks I come in contact with, either through an email or over the phone, are very appreciative and dedicated to their part of the process. I feel that all seven states understand the time it takes to publish now, which makes for better advertising for all our shows in general.

I'd like to continue in 2026 unless there's someone who is waiting to take their shot at a position. Thank you Judi for ALL that you do and coordinate for everyone.

Thank you, Lora, for Everything you've been involved with in your time as president. Sincerely, Faith Farley

Slide/Video –Ronna Watkins

There has not been any activity borrowing from the library since our Mid-year meeting. Plans to duplicate slides are still on the agenda. I have added the AFMS Public Relations Chairman Jim Brace-Thompson's powerpoint presentation flash drive to our collection "Basic Elements of Showmanship: Exhibiting Your Material to Best Advantage". with 45 slides of tips and examples to craft a fine exhibit. More programs: We have been given permission by Nick Zentner to present his videos for our club programs. Find them here: <https://www.nickzentner.com/>

NOTE: These are not the "Nick on the Rocks" programs owned by public broadcasting, they are his geology lectures and personal productions.

One last thing: We want you to participate in this annual competition that has cash prizes. The purpose of the New Programs Competition is to encourage the production of earth science programs related to the rockhound hobby by the individual members and member clubs of the various

Federations through the conduct of visual arts program competitions. As a result of the annual competitions, the member Regional Federations are provided with duplicate copies of the award winning programs. These programs are therefore available for use by the individual clubs and societies through their associated Regional Federation. Go to <https://www.amfed.org/contests/program-competition> or contact Delane Cox <delanec3 at earthlink.net>

Stamps – Aaron Currier and Ed Anderson

The Stamp committee is going well. Ed and I put five lots in a recent auction that netted \$59. We've also collected about \$50 from individual sales. A check for \$110 is on it's way to the Treasury for the Scholarship Program. That brings our total to \$1,273 since we took over the committee.

Supplies – Open**Ways & Means – Open****Webmaster – Brad Larson**

Really nothing to add, just updating content (Reports, Newsletters, etc..) as directors and executive staff need things taken care of.

For Website Contest:**Website Competition – Open****American Lands Access Association ALAA -****Ad Hoc Committee- Review of NFMS Bylaws and OPs****Co-Chairs: Darrell Coyle and Jim Brain****From: Bylaws Revisory Committee**

Jim Brain NFMS Club at Large

Darrell Coyle Bitterroot Gem and Mineral

Society

To: Northwest Federation of Mineral Societies

Reference: Northwest Federation of Mineral Society's Bylaws

- *In accordance with Article XIV Amendments. Section 1. All Amendments to these Bylaws and all resolutions must be sponsored by a member Society in good standing: The Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society has agreed to support these amendments. We hereby request that this be approved by the Executive Board and forwarded to the Resolutions Committee. Upon approval or lack of action within 30 days of receipt by the Resolutions Committee this will be placed on the Agenda*

for both the 2025 Mid Year and Annual Meetings.

- *Correction of numerous clerical errors Including capitalizations, punctuation, etc. These clerical errors are not enumerated. There is no requirement for an amendment to correct them.*
- *Various changes were made to correct the format and numbering.*
- *Some language that belonged in Government were moved from Meetings.*
- *Many sentences were simplified by removing duplicate and unnecessary wording without changing the intent or purpose.*
- *The word By-Laws be replaced throughout with the word Bylaws.*
- *Article I. Original text is deleted due to duplication from the Articles of Incorporation*
- *In reference to Article IV Fiscal Year. It was discussed with a majority agreement at the 2024 Annual Meeting in Hermiston Oregon, May 2024 that the fiscal year should be changed to align with IRS and banking years that begin and end with the calendar year. The requested change is as follows:*
- *Remove September 1st through 31 August replace with "January 1 through December 31st of each calendar year". " And concerning closing and auditing of books remove August 31st and replace with December 31st.*
- *This Fiscal Year change necessitates another change of the Bylaws as follows: In Article VII, Part E. Election of Officers, Section 4. Replace Labor Day with January 1st.*
- *Article VII Government: Part C. Added in order to clearly define this entity of the Government of the NFMS. Part D. Added in order to define the Assembly of Directors. Part E. Section 1. Add Utah.*
- *Article VIII Meetings This section has been rewritten to clarify the Meetings, which entities attend, vote, quorums. Much of this was extracted from the existing Bylaws with some additions to make this section more understandable and align with how the business of the NFMS is (has been) conducted.*

- *Article IX, Duties of Officers, Section 4. ALL FEDERATION OFFICERS:*
- *Remove the words "the fall" from "and the fall Organizational Meeting", (this meeting no longer is held exclusively in the fall)*
- *Article X Section 2. a. the Circulation Committee is deleted as it is no longer necessary. Section 2 b. A portion of this section is to be moved to the Ops.*
- *Article XV named Historical Information. Part C was added to.*

Signed: Darrell Coyle, Federation Director, Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society

Friendly Amendment to the bylaws amendments submitted at the Mid Year Meeting.

This amendment is submitted by the Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society

**Article VIII Part G Delete "in case of Emergency declared by Governmental Authorities, such as a Public Health Crisis, Natural Disaster, Civil Unrest, or other Disaster",*

** Article X Section 1 a Chairpersons are appointed by the President.. No person shall be appointed Chairman of more than one (1) committee.*

**Article XI Section 2 change to Operating Procedures may be adopted, suspended, or rescinded at the Annual Meeting without prior notice, by a majority vote of those present and voting.*

Article XIV Section 1 strike "and all resolutions"

Those We've Lost

Chugach

Dorothy Arnold

Bitterroot

Ralph Luther April 24

Penny Luther August 24

Everett

Fritz Mack

Golden Spike

Tom Burchard November 11, 2024

Gold Hill Diggers

Anne Atchison

Hells Canyon

Harlan Storla

Lakeside

Jerry Senn January 28, 94 yrs old

Ralph Eichner July 7 94 yrs old

Sue Liebetrau

Marysville

Ed Molsee

Parker Wells

Mt Hood

Hidemi Kira February 2025

Tualatin Valley

Darlene Wozniak

Southern Washington

Jim Bohnen August 24, 2024

Whidby Island

Wayne Adams

Richard James

Chip Bachellor

Roger Anglum

Mark Reacher

ADDENDUM I

NFMS CUSTODIAN REPORT and INVENTORY SUMMARY 2025 Annual Report

NFMS OFFICERS INVENTORY

PRESIDENT: Lora Hall - briefcase (6 small tabletop flags representing each of the 6 member states of the NFMS Federation. One holder for these flags,) Two tabletop United States flags. (one same size as the state flags, one a bit larger), gavel. Robert's Rules of Order In Brief, booklet.

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Michael Rhodes- No items.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Jennifer Haley - No items

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Judi Allison - 1 Estwing Rock Hammer, 1 Pyle Speaker Assembly with 2 wireless microphones, 3 Reams NFMS letterhead paper, 25 long NFMS Envelopes, Archived Minutes from Past Meetings,

TREASURER: (pro tem) Judi Allison- 1 briefcase, 1 business checkbook, 1 file box with records, past tax forms..

PAST PRESIDENT: Jennifer Haley-No Items (All items currently in the possession of Larry Hulstrom.)

NFMS COMMITTEES

ALL AMERICAN CLUB/Education: Open

BUDGET: 1st Vice President: Michael Rhodes- No items.

BULLETIN AIDS: Priscilla Hall-Hall-No items.

BY LAWS REVISORY: (Ad Hoc Review of Bylaws & Operations) Darrell Coyell, Jim Brain-No items

CREDENTIALS: Del & Clara Walker-No items.

CUSTODIAN: 2nd Vice President: Jennifer Haley- No items.

DIRECTORY: Janel Lacey- No items.

EDUCATION: Open

ENDOWMENT FUND: Vicki Johnson- No items.

FIELD TRIPS: Doug True- No items.

HISTORIAN: Please note: The historian files which were in the care of our previous historian, have been moved to a safe and dry building by Bill Harvey and Gordon Haley, until arrangements can be made to transport them to Ronna Watkins who has stepped up to receive them. Items listed on 27 typed pages: two 4-drawer file cabinets, one 2-drawer file cabinet, (3) 18-gallon plastic-lidded bins. Items include:

*Minutes of Annual Conventions and Mid-year meetings. *Correspondence through the years of Officers and Committee chairpersons. *Mineralogist Magazines. *NFMS Manuals. *NFMS Directories. *NFMS Binders: (Past Presidents, Scholarship Awards, NFMS at AFMS. *Conventions, Bulletin Editors Hall of Fame Books I & II, NFMS Show history). *VHS Video: (Conversion to DVD prohibited by copyright law). *Monthly Historian Articles for NFMS Newsletter *NFMS Binders: (Past Presidents, Scholarship Awards, NFMS at AFMS)

JUNIORS: Jenifer Fitch- No items.

NEWSLETTER: Editor: Jessica Himple-No items.

NOMINATING: Jennifer Haley- No items.

NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT: Walter Butler- 1 Kingsley North, Cab King cabbing Machine with 6 wheels 8 inch wheels, 1 Ameritool Inc, Flat Lap cabbing machine with 8 inch wheels, 1 Hi-Tech Diamond, Flat Lap cabbing machine with 8 inch wheels, 1 Poly Arbor, Lapidary Buffer Polisher Grinder Arbor (needs repair), style 2 counter top ice makers

PAST PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL: Larry Hulstrom-SUPPLIES COMMITTEE inventory until new chairman found: 1 extra Large Gray Tub containing the following: T-Shirts: Small: 5 Light Blue, 6 Orange, 3 Yellow, 8 Red, 6 Beige, 7 White. Medium: 2 Orange, 3 Red, 3 Beige, 2 White. Caps: 1 Green, 20 Black. NFMS Show Pins. -1 four-drawer File Cabinet. (Past Presidents' case and items within, Cabochons of the Northwest case)

PUBLIC LAND ADVISORY: Susie Koppert- No items.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Open

RESOLUTIONS: Audrey Vogelpohl- No items.

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR: Laurie Ellis-No items.

RULES AND AWARDS COMMITTEE: RULES AND AWARDS CHAIR: JUDGING DIRECTOR:

Joshua Hulstrom- metal box (NFMS Eligibility files) with histories and forms about judging; 1-box of ribbons to be awarded for judging; 1-box of supplies-pencils, clip boards, erasers, scissors, stapler, etc.; 1 box of plaques to be awarded, 1 box of exhibitor record cards for competitors, judging worksheets, and competitive entry records for 2016, 2019, and 2022; 1-large society plaque; 1-small society plaque; 11 NFMS award plaques and 2 AFMS plaques

SAFETY: Open

SCHOLARSHIP: Mary Lou Northrup- No items

SHOW CHAIRPERSON 2024: Mike Filarski- No items.

SHOW COORDINATION: Faith Farley- No items.

SLIDE & VIDEO LIBRARIAN: Open- Ronna Watkins has the 1 Epson Perfection V600 Scanner. See NFMS website and directory for inventory of Slides, VHS, DVD's, Power Point.

WAYS & MEANS: Open

STAMPS: Ed Anderson and Aaron Currier-

SUPPLIES: Open:

WEBMASTER: Brad Larson- No items.

WEBSITE CONTEST: Open

NFMS PAST PRESIDENTS CASE

The items listed below are placed in SHOW CASES each year at the NFMS ANNUAL SHOW and CONVENTION

SHOW DATE NAME ITEM DISCRPTION

2 Sep 1961 Darrell Irwin Black/White Mineral Specimen

6 Sep 1964 Dorothy Lee Wood Cast, OR (polished on both ends) 5 Sep 1965 Dr. George Williams Agate Nodule, Southern Brazil

6 Sep 1970 Emil Rosenau Redwood, Yellow Cat Region, UT
 2 Sep 1973 Glenn Lee Petrified Fern Tempskya, Greenhorn, OR
 10 Aug 1974 A. J. "Joe" Bybee Smoky Quartz, 30.5 cts. Tri-foil cut
 19 Aug 1977 Don Kendall 2 Limb Casts
 21 Aug 1981 Ray Moon Faceted Y.A.G.
 21 Aug 1982 Lyle Vogelpohl Bruneau Jasper (oval cab)
 5 Aug 1983 Ben Kolski Tempskya Cab, Great Falls Area, MT
 8 Aug 1986 R. Ed Romack Faceted Stone, Rose Quartz
 7 Aug 1987 Carroll Dillon Idaho Cut Laser Ruby
 9 Sep 1988 Dee Holland Spencer Opal Triplet
 9 Jun 1989 Dr. Robert Carlson Quartz Stone (faceted)
 22 Jun 1990 Jon Eckerly Plume Agate, Angelwing, Graveyard Point
 26 Jul 1991 Harland Lindner Petrified Wood, Saddle Mountain, WA
 31 Jul 1992 Jon Spunaugle Opal & Turquoise Channel Pendant
 23 Jul 1993 Lauren Williams Montana Moss Agate
 3 Jun 1994 Darrell Dalton Obsidian Bow Tie w/Mexican opal (faceted)
 12 Jul 1996 Dick Glismann Lace Cut Laser Ruby 46cts
 23 Jun 2000 Rocky McCall Intarsia Jewelry
 30 Aug 2001 Doug True Amethyst Crystal (large), Riverhead County, MT
 1 Aug 2003 Russell "Russ" Snook Belt Buckle & Bola-Snake River Dendritic Agate
 23 July 2004 Chris Blickfeldt Silver Metal Pendant w/Wine colored Faceted Stone
 3 Aug 2007 Chuck Sonner Turquoise Silver Ring
 20 June 2008 Patty Amos ½ Thunderegg
 31 July 2009 Paul Heesacker Camp 5, Oregon Shaped Cab
 18 Sept 2010 Evelyn Cataldo Clay Canyon Variscite
 30 July 2011 Fritz Mack Red & Grey Rhyolite (polished on one side)
 18 May 2012 Judi Allison Green Bed Geodes (2 pieces)
 9 Aug 2013 Kathy Moedl McDevitt Creek Petrified wood (polished one side)
 15 Aug 2014 Don Innes Wire Wrapped Pendant (milky white druzy quartz)
 10 Aug 2015 Warren Rood Mexican Lace agate (wire wrapped)
 29 Jul 2016 Hidemi Kira Carey Ranch Plume Agate, CA
 18 Oct 2019 Ronna Watkins Biggs Jasper
 11 Spt 2021 Beth Heesacker Chabazite
 August 2023 Ken Zahn Graphic Granite Cabochon

CABOCHONS FROM THE NFMS 50th ANNIVERSITY CASE Detailed list with items. **MATERIAL NAME**

2-Petrified Wood, 8-Jasper, 2-obsidian, 2-agate Elvin Irwin
 Rim Jasper Gary & Linda
 Bruneau Jasper Robert Stobaugh 2- Jasper, 2agate, 1 wood Keene Clay
 2- Jasper Russell Snook
 Jade Oro Stewart
 2-Petrified Wood, Thunderegg Bill Hall
 5- Petrified Wood (Saddle Mnt) Melvin Hill, Jim Cotant, Harland Linder Montana Agate Ed &
 June Sept Biggs Canyon Jasper Hellen Collins
 Owyhee Picture Jasper Dorothy Lee
 1-Petrified Wood, 1-agate Bob Bever
 Tempskya (petrified fern) Ben Koloski
 Report submitted, Jennifer Haley 2025 NFMS 2nd VP, Custodian

ADDENDUM II

NFMS Annual Budget (Proposed) (Rev 2)Sept. 1 2025-Aug31 2026	
REVENUE	
Dues- Adult	\$ 21816
Dues Juniors	\$ 1044
Supplies (Sales of Misc items)	\$
Directory Sales	\$
Newsletter Advertising	\$
Website Advertising	\$
Interest Income-Checking	\$
Interest Income Savings Acct	\$
Interest Income Memorial Trophy Trust Fund	\$
Interest Income Juniors CD	\$
Interest Income Juniors Savings	\$ 600
Proceeds from the Endowment Fund	\$ 2
Camp Hancock NW Rockhounds Retreat	\$ 27065
Includes Rock Sales and Auction (\$3500)	
NFMS Missoula Income from Silent Auction/ Oral Auction	\$ 2800
Miscellaneous	\$
Donations for postage-NFMS Directories	\$
Oral Auction Proceeds	\$
Dues Overpayment	\$ 75
Stamp Sales Proceeds	& 350
Total Revenue	\$ 53722

EXPENSES	
Administrative Expenses	
AFMS Dues	\$ 5457
Income Tax Preparation and Financial Statement	\$ 200
Treasurer's Fidelity and Forgery Bond	\$ 550
NFMS Liability and Insurance Policies	\$ 800
NFMS Theft Insurance	\$ 275
Washington State Annual Corporation Filing Fee	\$ 25
NFMS Midyear Meeting Room	\$ 500
NFMS Meeting Rooms- Annual Meeting	\$ 800
NFMS Membership Directory	\$ 450
NFMS Newsletter	\$ 250
Parliamentarian-Annual Meeting	\$ 75
Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 9382
Officer Travel Expenses	
2026 Annual Meeting- Missoula	\$ 4000
2026 Mid Year Meeting (No Location Scheduled-)	\$ 3500
2026 AFMS/MWFS Convention- NFMS President, 1st VP, Rules & Awards	\$ 3300
Total Officer Travel Expenses	\$ 10800
Officer Administrative Expenses	
President	\$ 50
President's Contingency Fund	\$ 250
1st Vice President	\$ 25

2nd Vice President	\$ 25
Executive Secretary	\$ 300
Treasurer	\$ 350
Total Officer Administrative Expenses	\$ 1000
Standing Committees	
Bulletin Aids	\$ 300
Credentials	\$ 50
Directory	\$ 400
Education	\$ 250
Endowment Fund	\$ 200
Historian	\$ 50
Juniors Chairperson	\$ 900
Long Range Planning	\$ 300
Newsletter Editor	\$ 50
Nominating	\$ 50
Northwest Rockhound Retreat-Camp Hancock	\$ 26325
Operations Review	\$ 50
Public Lands Advisory	\$ 100
Past Presidents Council	\$ 25
Public Relations	\$ 75
Resolutions	\$ 25
Rules and Awards Supplies & Travel to Missoula	\$ 850
Safety	\$ 25
Scholarship	\$ 50

Show Coordinator	\$ 25
Slide and Video Library	\$ 300
Stamps Committee	\$ 25
Supplies	\$ 100
Ways and Means	\$ 165
Website	\$ 300
Total Standing Committee Expenses	\$ 30990
Equipment and Software Expenses	
Software Programs	
ZOOM Pro Subscription	\$ 150
Others Software Costs	\$ 100
Equipment Expenses	
Video Conferencing Camera	\$ 100
Additional Equipment Expenses	\$ 200
Total Equipment and Software Expenses	\$ 550
Special Committee Expenses	
Junior Achievements Awards	\$ 500
Inter-Regional Field Trip	\$ 500
Total Special Committee Expenses	\$ 1000
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$
Total Expenses	\$ 53722

ADDENDUM III**NFMS ENDOMWNT FUND FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE 2024-25 ANNUAL MEETING**

To: Endowment Fund Committee Members and NFMS Executive Board

Subject: Abbreviated year to date NFMS Endowment Fund Financial Report

This is a special report describing the NFMS Endowment Fund financial status. It covers the first 11 months of the organization's business year but gives a pretty good picture of where we stand.

It is an understatement to say we have been on a roller coaster ride this year. Our portfolio month end balance has fluctuated up or down by as much as \$7,000 a month. As of July 31, 2025 we happen to be on a upswing and currently have assets on deposit with Charles Schwab Investment totaling **\$310,562.85** which reflects a modest gain of **\$14,658.84** or 4.95% so far this business year. If there is any good news, the monthly swings have leveled off but the market has not shown many signs of resuming growth. We will have to wait and see what the next few months look like.

Our funds are split between the Operating Account (**\$22,439.43**) and the Managed Investment Account (**\$288,128.40**). The Operating Account balance has had a slight gain of **\$126.31** donations and interest over the last 11 months while the Managed Investment Account has had a modest gain of **\$14,532.53** from stock dividends and interest receipts plus value appreciation over the same period.

What is on the horizon:

As I mentioned in my mid-year report we were going to pause expenditure until we got a better picture of the future of the stock market. The impacts of inflation and tariffs are now starting to be reflected in the market though we will continue the spending pause until the start of the next calendar year when we should have a better picture of the future.

On or about September 10th I should have the September statement from Charles Schwab and will be able to prepare the detailed final year end status report for the Endowment Fund as well as have the information needed for filing the federal tax return.

The Endowment Fund Committee will continue to evaluate potential spending opportunities and be ready to move forward with normal business after January 1, 2026.

In the mean time, I encourage member societies and individuals to consider making donations to your NFMS Endowment fund. Every little dollar helps us keep up with the affects of inflation.

Jim Brain

Endowment Fund Financial Advisor
509-863-9883

MEMBERSHIP 2024-25

CLUB - State & Name	Sent	2023	Adults	Juniors	C
		Received			
NFMS Club-at-Large		3/4/2025	25		
NWFM Club-at-Large					
Total		At Large	25	0	
ALASKA		2025			
CHUGACH GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY		3/6/2025	97		
Total		Alaska	97	0	
IDAHO		2025			
Eureka Rock & Gem Club		4/10/2025	11	2	
Gold Hill Diggers Rock Club		1/18/2025	33	5	
Hells Canyon Gem Club		1/7/2025	100	15	
Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society		1/21/2025	129	9	
Idaho Gem Club		1/7/2025	142	9	
Magic Valley Gem Club		1/14/2025	35	0	
North Idaho Mineral Club		1/14/2025	75	6	
Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society		3/3/2025	117	16	
Southeast Idaho Gem & Mineral Society		2/28/2025	52	6	
Thursday Night Pastry Tasters & Flint Knappers		2/21/2025	10	3	
Total		Idaho	704	71	
MONTANA		2025			
Billings Gem & Mineral Club		12/12/2024	281	51	
Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society		1/3/2025	41	6	
Bozeman Gem & Mineral Society		12/29/2024	163	13	
Butte Mineral & Gem Club		12/29/2025	106	5	
Central Montana Prospectors		7/6/2025	15	0	
Hellgate Mineral Society		12/29/2025	208	46	
Miles City Montana Gem & Mineral		2/5/2025	57	1	
Northwest Montana Rock Chucks		1/7/2025	113	40	
Total		Montana	984	162	

OREGON		2025		
Clackamette Mineral & Gem Society		1/14/2025	189	46
Columbia Gorge Rock Hounds		1/14/2025	22	1
Columbia-Willamette Faceters' Guild		2/21/2025	115	0
Far West Lapidary & Gem Society		2/20/2025	64	0
Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society		12/12/2025	50	12
Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society		11/25/2025	28	0
Malheur County Rock & Gem Club		8/9/2025	14	0
Mt. Hood Rock Club		2/18/2025	408	90
Oregon Agate & Mineral Society		1/18/2025	71	5
Prineville Rockhound Pow-Wow Assn		3/8/2025	117	1/0/1900
Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club		1/19/2025	147	30
Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society		1/3/2025	105	27
Trails End Gem & Mineral Club		1/14/2025	14	0
Tualatin Valley Gem Club		1/14/2025	107	42
Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club		2/21/2025	153	27
Willamette Agate & Mineral Society		12/29/2025	344	45
Total		Oregon	1948	325
UTAH		2025		
Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society		2/7/2025	162	40
Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society		1/7/2025	325	126
Total		Utah	487	166
WASHINGTON		2025		
Cascade Mineralogical Society	Dropped			
Clallam County Gem & Mineral Association		1/3/2025	128	4
Darrington Rock & Gem Club	Inactive			
East Kingco Rock Club		1/7/2025	63	24
Ellensburg Rock Wolves		1/27/2025	19	0
Everett Rock & Gem Club		1/14/2025	119	7
Grays Harbor Rock Club		11/18/2025	57	5
Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club		1/3/2025	252	45
Maplewood Rock & Gem Club		4/8/2025	117	29
Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society		3/1/2025	129	22
Marysville Rock & Gem Club		2/22/2025	274	61
Mount Baker Rock & Gem Club		1/27/2025	106	0
Panorama Gem & Mineral Club		1/14/2025	37	0
Skagit Rock & Gem Club		1/7/2025	29	1
Southern Washington Mineralogical Society		1/14/2025	74	11
Wasington Agate & Mineral Society		11/27/2025	50	6
West Seattle Rock Club		4/15/2025		
Whidbey Island Gem Club		1/3/2025	105	1
Yakima Rock & Mineral Club		2/25/2025		
Total		Washington	1559	216

56 Clubs

	5,804	940
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