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PRESIDENTIAL PEARLS

By

Ronna Watkins



“Wisdom”

Red...RED...I’m seeing red...Red Lion Hotel and Little Red Barn that is! TODAY — TODAY is the day...to get your registration filled out and sent in for the NFMS Convention in Lewiston.

TODAY is the day to get your display application sent in and your case reserved. Today, commit to representing your club and make your reservations. TODAY!

Fall is upon us and the Lewiston Hells Canyon Club is ready for our convention. Every NFMS’ society needs to have a representative in attendance (Notice I didn’t say “should have”. According to Article 8; Section 3 of the bylaws each club is represented by two delegates.). As Jean-Luc Picard says: “Make it so!”. The NFMS has important information to share, some voting will take place, officers will be elected, and funds will be allocated, but that is not all! We are going to have a great show!

Don’t miss the Thursday night potluck, the Gem Stone Space Needle, NARG’s fossils, the speakers, the awards breakfast, the 27 dealers, beautiful displays, the awards banquet and much more!

RED...it could be carnelian. But this time, it’s not!

I hope everyone is having a great summer. I have, and now I am busy preparing for Fall. Our Future Rockhounds of America program will start back up soon and so will our many other groups, but today my focus is on Lewiston and I am excited to announce that Darryl Powell, aka Diamond Dan, will again be joining us. He is our keynote speaker for our banquet and he will also speak at the Editor’s Breakfast and share at the Junior’s Cracker Barrel, Sunday morning. You won’t want to miss him!

Summertime might be running out, but there is still plenty of time to put a display together for the show. Competitive or non-competitive we want to have a variety of examples of our hobby to share with the public. Displays are very important for rock shows, otherwise the show is just a trade show. Displays share our hobby in all its aspects, they educate, and attract others to our hobby. Many of our club members came to us because of a show they attended. Displaying is fun and anyone can do it. My sons started displaying at 10 & 11 years of age and competed in F1 Fossils and Petrified Wood at 12 & 13 years old. In Yakima, this year, some of our youngest members displayed their collections. With the help of a stepstool. they did a great job! And you can too!



This display has easy to read labels and is organized by type of rock.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: November/
December deadline: October 30, 2019
To submit articles contact Ronna Watkins

To see this newsletter in color and to see it usually by the first of the month go to <http://NorthwestFederation.org/Newsletters.asp>

Though registration and display forms are in this issue of *Northwest Newsletter*, they do not print out well from the electronic version. Please download and print them from :

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The **AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION (ALAA)** is a 501(c)(4) organization. Its purpose is to promote and ensure the right of amateur hobby fossil and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public lands managers. Your annual individual/couple membership fee is \$25 which helps support their activities. Club membership is \$50 per year. Send to Treasurer, P.O. Box 54398, San Jose,CA 95154. Make checks payable to: American Lands Access Assn. Applications can be downloaded at: www.amlands.org on the left side of the page. For more information contact: Frank Mullaney 408-266-1791, Cell: 408-691-2655, rockyfiv@aol.com.

The **AFMS NEWSLETTER** is published monthly except Jan-Jul-Aug by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Each NFMS member society should have three people (usually the Pres, Secretary, and Editor) receiving the AFMS Newsletter. If they are not, or if anyone else wants to subscribe (\$5 per year). Contact: Suzanne Webb 9895 Kerrydale Court, Reno NV 98521-4401 editor@amfed.org 775-624-8446 Make checks payable to “AFMS”.

The **NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER** is the official publication of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) and is published at least 6 times per year. Each member is entitled to receive a mailed copy of this publications with their membership. Please check with your Club membership person to assure you are receiving this means of keeping you informed of the activities and events pertaining to the business and services of the Federation. Club membership points-of-contact are encouraged to forward names and addresses of new club members, soon after they join, to both the Directory Chair and the Circulation Chair, so that Newsletter distribution by mail to them can be started as soon as practicable. The newsletters are also posted to the Federation website electronically and archived there for members to review and/or download.

For matters related to the Newsletter (i.e. content, advertising, etc.) contact the Newsletter Editor.
For matters related to the Newsletter circulation (new members, address changes, etc.) contact:

CIRCULATION: Tom Burchard,
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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, admission price, 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 Coordination 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 Chairman**, brought to the NFMS Annual Show or given to your Federation Director in your club.



ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS

Where to send your money

To NFMS Treasurer for:
1. Membership Dues (new & renewal) 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, 8810 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126-3617

To NFMS Scholarship Chairperson for:
1. Donations to AFMS Scholarship Fund
2. Memorial contributions to AFMS Scholarship
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To AFMS Endowment Fund for:
1. Donations to AFMS Endowment
2. Memorials
Send to: See AFMS Newsletter

To ALAA Treasurer for:
1. Memberships, new and renewals
2. Donations
Make check payable to ALAA (American Lands Access Assn) Treasurer, P.O. Box 54398, San Jose, CA 95154



NFMS WEB SITE:
<http://northwestfederation.org/>

See the NFMS on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>
(for the desktop/laptop/tablets)
<https://m.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>
(for mobile devices like phones)

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
\$1.50 per square inch.
Example: 3” x 4” ad = 12 inches
12 inches x \$1.50 = \$18 per issue of the Newsletter

For an additional 50% of the cost of the Newsletter ad, you can have the same ad placed on the NFMS website for the same length of time. The Newsletter ad must be purchased to receive this additional advertisement.

Do not send ads on colored paper because the back-ground will look gray in the ad. The Editor will send a billing statement to the customer which will include instructions to make payment to the NFMS Treasurer. For more information or questions, call, e-mail or write the **Newsletter Editor**



1st VICE PRESIDENTIAL VARISCITES

by

Kenneth Zahn



“Brings Stability”

To REALLY understand what your Federation’s programs do — and CAN do, that you may not have already implemented — to support your club’s success, I do encourage a core delegation of club-level NFMS Directors, an Officer or two, and interested members to attend both the 2019 annual NFMS meeting in conjunction with the Hells Canyon club’s October 2019 show in Lewiston, Idaho, and the, soon to be finalized, 2020 NFMS meeting in conjunction with the Golden Spike club's fantastic 3-day show in Ogden, Utah, on next spring’s Easter weekend. Each of these are well-run, vendor-rich shows, with great displays and good local material and activities. See related information in this and upcoming newsletters. Please sign up now for both, especially for the Lewiston show in view of its timeline. Your members will find that these are two of more memorable, educational, and worthwhile shows in our northwest; they can also “double” as delegates from your club to the annual meeting of your Federation!! See you there.

My monthly input also includes a separate article about “retaining stable club membership” and is found on page eight.

PRESIDENTIAL PEARLS By Ronna Watkins

(Continued from Front Page) If you would like to share your collection or your lapidary art, I want to encourage you to take the time to do it because, it is a very rewarding experience. I have helped some people that had never displayed before. They didn’t think they could do it, but it was wonderful when they got to stand back and see everyone enjoy their display. And, their efforts were recognized when they won awards and that was great!. So, please consider sharing your passion!

Interested in competing? Find that information here: <http://www.amfed.org/rules/rules.htm> You may also direct questions to me or to any of our Competitive Exhibits Committee members (page 2). If you are interested in helping the judges, becoming a judge, or serving on the Compleitive Exhibits Committee, contact Bob Gibson.

Besides wonderful displays, a rock show needs lots of rocks to share! This is a great opportunity to share materials from your area, region, or country by donating to the silent auction and the oral auction. The Hell’s Canyon Club will thank you!

I am really looking forward to this show. The featured attractions include The North America Research Group (NARG), a group with a passion for the geosciences and fossil collecting that will display the nearly complete skeleton of a Jurassic marine Thalattosaur that they collected in Oregon and prepared. And, The Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club are coming to share a piece of rock history for us to admire. The Rock Space Needle replica is coming! Tell your friends!

I look forward to seeing everyone in Lewiston. You will find the deadlines, schedules, and forms in this newsletter. I would like to request that you reserve your room directly to the Red Lion and not on a hotel web page, so that YOU count as part of our reservation block. I just looked on Trivago and their rate was higher and many hotels are “not available”. For RV Parking and camping at the Fairgrounds call Mary Lou Northrup 208-743-6944, not the fairgrounds.

I am happy to announce to you that there will be a vote to have the NFMS 2020 Show with our Golden Spike friends in Ogden, Utah. And, I ask that your club consider hosting the 2021 show. If you have questions about submitting a proposal, please contact me. **As my final note:** It has been inspiring and a pleasure to serve as your president and I want to thank my fellow officers and chairpersons for their dedication and for sharing their skills to support the NFMS. Thank you!

NFMS Show & Convention hosted by Hells Canyon Gem Club, Inc.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Call Credentials to let them know who to expect from your club:

As soon as possible

Hotel Show Rate Expires: September 16, 2019

Registration: October 1, 2019

Meal Reservations: October 1, 2019

Competitive Display Registrations/Certifications: October 1, 2019

Non-Compleitive Displaying: October 12, 2019



The Hells Canyon Gem Club Wishes to invite all Officer and Delegates to stay at the Headquarters Hotel for the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Convention & Show

The Red Lion Hotel, Lewiston 621 21st Street, Lewiston, ID 83501

Please make your reservations directly with The Red Lion Hotel by calling 208-799-1000 or redlion.com/Lewiston to receive the **SPECIAL RATE RESERVED** for this event!

They are offering a fixed rate of \$114.00/night -plus tax

SINGLE/QUAD OCCUPANCY: 1 King or 2 Queen sized beds

rate include a full Hot Breakfast Buffet in the morning

Rates are good 3 days prior and 3 days post conference

PRICE guaranteed until September 17, 2019



2nd VICE PRESIDENTIAL VERDELITES

By

Beth Heesacker

QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK YOURSELF



“Creativity & Compassion”

“Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else’s help.” – **Heather French Henry**

Who has helped me? Who can I help?

“Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud.” – **Helen Dyer**

What kind of future do you envision? How can I make it happen?

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” – **Margaret Mead**

What needs changed in my world? Who, with the same vision, can help me?

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” – **Winston Churchill**

What form of giving can help shape my life better than it is?

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.” – **Leo Buscaglia**

Do you know someone who needs a smile? A kind word? Can I spare a second or two in my life to lift them up a bit?

“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” – **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Greatness can consist of doing the small thing at the right time. Are my eyes and heart open at all times to notice the needs of those around me?

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?” – **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

What can I volunteer for that will touch someone, help someone, improve the life of someone, bring peace and love to my area of the world?



LIBRARIAN'S LAPIS LAZULI

By Darrell Watkins



“Total Awareness”

I am very pleased that the library has been busy this year. It is nice that our member societies are taking advantage of these wonderful resources. You can find the list of videos, DVD’s, and power points presentations to borrow, and the request form in the NFMS Directory and, also, at the NFMS website <http://northwestfederation.org/Library.asp>

I enjoyed attending the AFMS' Annual Convention and Show in Iowa this year and would like to encourage the NFMS clubs/ members to submit videos into the AFMS' video contest. I have submitted the information on how to enter into the May/ June *Northwest Newsletter*. The deadline for submissions is December 1, 2019 For more information see http://www.amfed.org/news/n2019_06.pdf -Page 4, and the same at http://northwestfederation.org/documents/NorthwestNewsletter/NW05_0619.PDF Page 14, or contact me directly.

We have some new additions to our library.

Four DVD's donated by Ken Zahn:

"What's Hot in Tucson 2012"

"Dallas Mineral Collecting Symposium 2013"

"What's Hot in Munich 2013"

"What's Hot in Tucson 2016”

And one from the AFMS' Programs: "Treasures of the Earth: Power, Gems, Metals": A PBS NOVA Program.

See you at the Lewiston Show!




By

COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY



“Record Keeper”

So, don't miss out! Communication is the key. You make our Federation strong. You are the Federation. Be sure to keep abreast of all that is happening by being represented at the Annual Meeting. See you then!!! 

<p>Skagit Rock & Gem Club Presents</p>			
		<p>Treasures of the Earth</p>	
		<p>Rock and Gem Show</p>	
<p>November 9th & 10th Free Admission</p>		<p> www.facebook.com/skagitrockandgem</p>	
<p>Saturday 9-5 · Sunday 10-4</p> <p>Sedro Woolley Community Center 703 Pacific St.</p> <p>Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Crystals, Demonstrators, Jewelry, Displays, Vendors, Lapidary Supplies</p> <p>Raffle, Hourly Door Prizes, Kids' Activities</p> <p>Contact: skagitrockandgem@gmail.com</p>			
			

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Faceters Guild's 44th

Gemstone + Jewelry

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Auction

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Preview 5:00 PM

OMSI Auditorium

1945 SE Water Ave

Portland, OR 97214

Auction 6:00 PM

\$10 Entry, Credited toward purchase

For more information, please visit:

<https://facetersguild.com/auction>

Please Send Your Registrations And Reservations In Today!



**Northwest Federation
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Annual Convention & Show
October 18th, 19th & 20th
2019**



Host: Hells Canyon Gem Club P. O. Box 365 Lewiston, Idaho 83501
Site: Nez Perce Co. Fairgrounds 1229 Burrell Ave. Lewiston, Idaho 83501

Non-competitive Exhibit Entry Form: **Deadline, October 12th, 2019**

Entries may be set up beginning Thursday October 17th, 2019 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and Friday October 18th from 8:00 am to 9:00am. **All entries must be ready by 9:00am Friday the 18th.**

Entries may not be removed prior to 4:00 pm Sunday the 20th without permission of the Show Chairmen

Please fill out a separate application for each exhibit: Exhibitors will receive two free 3-day passes. Case location will be assigned by the Display Committee. Each display will be limited to 150 watts.

Security will be provided during the show by members of Hells Canyon Gem Club.

Liability: It is mutually agreed that the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and Hells Canyon Gem Club shall not be liable to any Exhibitor in whole or part. This includes the property of the exhibitor or the injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submitting this signed application for entry constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Society _____ City-State _____

Do you have your own case? _____ Size: Four foot _____ Six foot _____

Do you need to borrow a case _____ Cases available on a first come basis: Four foot only.

Loaner cases can be with or without liners and risers. _____

Brief description of display to be presented. _____

Signature: _____

Please complete this form and return to the Non-Competitive Display Chairman before October 12th 2019.

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Lewiston, Id. 83501
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Host: Hells Canyon Gem Club	P. O. Box 365	Lewiston, Idaho 83501
Site: Nez Perce Co. Fairgrounds	1229 Burrell Ave.	Lewiston, Idaho 83501
Advance Registration Form...One form per person...Payments may be combined		

Name: _____ Ph. _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Club Affiliation _____

Please mark all that apply: **Free Admission to the Following:**

Past President NFMS NFMS Officer Committee Chair NFMS Delegate/or Alt.

Judge Clerk Demonstrator Exhibitor: Competitive Exhibitor: Non-Competitive

Show Times: Friday 10:00AM-6:00PM Saturday 10:00AM-6:00PM Sunday 10:00AM-4:00PM

Show Admission:

Adult: Daily Rate \$3.00 Three day pass \$8.00 Twelve & under free

All food events require pre-registration:

Total \$

Friday, October 18th:

NFMS Annual Meeting: 4:00P.M. @ Little Red Barn, Fairgrounds

Saturday October 19th:

All Editors Breakfast: **8:00A.M. @ Little Red Barn, Fairgrounds** \$14.00/plate \$

Officers/Chairs/Judges/Past Presidents Lunch

Noon @ Little Red Barn, Fairgrounds \$14.00/plate \$

Social Hour (No Host) 6:30 P.M. @ Red Lion Hotel

Awards Banquet: **7:00 P.M., @ Red Lion Hotel** \$40.00/plate \$

Buffet with both chicken and beef.

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Show Accommodations:

Headquarters Hotel: Red Lion Hotel 621 21st Street, 1-208-748-1042. Show rates available.

Camping at the show: **Nez Perce Co. Fairgrounds**, 1-208-743-3302 for reservations and cost.

Mail application and remittance (checks made out to Hells Canyon Gem Club To:

Marylou Northrup 1623 Powers Ave., Lewiston, Id. 83501
mlandjl@yahoo.com

Submit Registration by Sept. 21st, 2019

Show Co-Chairmen:

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208-413-1806
rsquires@cableone.net



Rick Westerholm 208-746-2101
rkwester@cableone.net

Linn Enger
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Lewiston, Idaho 83501 Lewiston, Idaho 83501

Competitive Exhibit Entry Form:
Deadline, October 1st, 2019

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Society (Club) _____

Exhibitor Group: Master _____ Advanced _____ Novice _____ Society _____

Junior _____ (Birthday) _____ Junior Society _____

Exhibit Division _____ Exhibit Class _____

Do you have your own case? Yes _____ No _____ Size: Four foot _____ Six foot _____

Loaner cases are Four foot only: Recommend exhibitor furnish own liners and riser.

Certification for Exhibitors

I hereby certify that all material in competition by me is my own personal property. If Society, all material belongs to members of the Society. All work, except minor findings or where otherwise allowed by the rules, was completed by me. I have read the current rules and agree to abide by them.

Exhibitor's Signature _____

Print Name _____

Exhibitor's Society _____

I certify, as an officer of the above named society, that the exhibitor is a member in good standing of that society, and to the best of my knowledge is eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the AFMS rules.

Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

If sent via e-mail include officer's e-mail _____

Include both pages with entry application



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Mineralogical Societies
Annual Convention & Show
October 18th, 19th & 20th
2019

Host: Hells Canyon Gem Club P. O. Box 365
Site: Nez Perce Co. Fairgrounds 1229 Burrell Ave.
Lewiston, Idaho 83501 Lewiston, Idaho 83501

Competitive Exhibit Entry Form:
Deadline, October 1st, 2019

Rules:

All competitive exhibits must comply with the AFMS Rules updated to January 2018.
For complete rule book or updates go to: www.amfed.org.

Setup:

Exhibits may be set up beginning Thursday October 17th, 2019 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and Friday October 18th from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. All entries must be ready for judging by 9:00am Friday the 18th, and may not be removed prior to 4:00 pm Sunday the 20th. Cases will be assigned space on display bases approximately 40" high and are limited to 150 watts of power per case. All power cords will be provided by host society. Exhibitors will receive two free 3-day passes.

Entry forms:

Please complete all information on the entry form and certification form and mail or e-mail to the Competitive Exhibit Registrar for acceptance and acknowledgment.
Mail to: Darrell Coyle P.O. Box 52, Corvallis, Mt. 59828
1-406-274-6874 coyled@bresnan.net

If you are uncertain as to the correct class or group you should enter or for clarification of the rules. Contact: Lauren Williams 957 E Elva Ave., Idaho Falls, Id. 83401
1-208-529-6978 slharuir@msn.com

Liability:

It is mutually agreed that the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and Hells Canyon Gem Club shall not be liable to any Exhibitor in whole or in part. This includes the property of the exhibitor or the injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submitting this signed application constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

Security:

Security throughout the show will be provided by Hells Canyon Gem Club.

Signature _____

Include both pages with entry application

Retaining Club Memberships

Some Thoughts On Keeping New Members Interested

By Vice President Ken Zahn

OK, your club signs up a batch of new and interested adult members, aged 30-60, during your Spring/Summer annual show at the Fairgrounds/Civic Center/Etc., and then loses a bunch around the following January-February when they don't renew memberships for the next year. When you look at the data, true, some of those *newest* members didn't renew, but many of the others who didn't renew are actually members who signed up the *PREVIOUS* year; they've been members for at least a year-and-half, but seem to have lost interest. You worry a bit, and decide to recruit more heavily next year at "show-time" to try to stay even in membership. You find that the cycle often repeats itself if you do recruit heavily, and your membership *really* drops if you don't. Sound familiar?

Having been an active member of more than 13 clubs in 6 states since 1976 (the Army moved me around a lot), several common points seem to be key in keeping Clubs' newest adult members active for the longer-term:

- Field Trips
- Meeting Activities/Programs
- Communication
- Engagement/Volunteerism

The 1st three are primarily functions of club leadership; the 4th is a joint issue for leadership and members.

Field Trips: A big draw for 1st-time members. Try for your first collecting trips after the show to be those that are easy to reach, sure spots to be able to find material, and ones that are "light" on needed equipment. New members will usually come to the next club meeting after signing up, so be sure to mention the full details there (and by timely email/bulletin/newsletter), and try to especially reach out to this newest member-group. Loan them specialty equipment if needed, have "old-timers" mentor them in the field, and be sure they are made to feel welcome and are successful, as they will often be apprehensive if not already a somewhat-experienced "rockhound." Plan and announce the season's field trip schedule as early as possible in Spring so that newer members can anticipate, ask questions, and plan. Sure, schedules may change later because of weather, conflicts, etc., but the stage will have been set and the anticipation of field "adventures" will take hold quickly in these "newer-member" groups.

Meeting Activities/Programs: Consistently "fun" and educational monthly meetings seem to have certain features in common in being able to keep newer members interested enough to rejoin after their first 6-8 attendances:

- (1) Handle most of the boring, or minor club-business-related stuff through an Executive Board-type group meeting held *betwween* club-wide meeting dates. This avoids the potential for long, contentious back-and-forths at club-wide monthly meetings.
- (2) Program for presentations (preferably given at the beginning of the meeting) to be overwhelmingly hobby-related and educational, with a bit of "wow-factor" to them if possible. True, programs on DNA sequencing, use of advanced nano-technology analytical tools, or "dowsing-rod" advocacy as a tool for finding buried treasure, gemmy minerals pockets in the field, and pockets of negative energy in closets, cabinets and room corners can be "interesting" now and then, BUT programs by members, or outside speakers, on in-state and adjacent-state collecting spots (with samples), local-area geology, lapidary "before-and-after" presentations featuring collectible materials; discussions and demonstrations on crystal growth, screen-box construction, faceting, fossil collecting, sample preservation -- as well as talks and photo-rich summaries of big shows such as Tucson, Denver, Houston, Munich, etc. -- are much more helpful in keeping it directly educational and hobby-applicable for newer members. You get the picture.
- (3) Plan for a "show-and-tell" period; setting aside table-space with member-collected (or member-purchased) samples tended by the collector works very well, 'though discussions about a hand-held specimen works too.
- (4) Setting up a silent auction table before the meeting and closing the bidding at the end of an intermission/refreshment period between the presentation program and the short business-meeting periods is a very important activity for engaging new members. Have some donated local material, some "splashy" but inexpensive foreign pieces (can buy lots of them cheaply in Tucson/Denver and put the price you paid there as the minimum bid in the meeting silent auction), some excess hobby-related books/journals/magazines, and occasionally an equipment item useful in the field. This activity makes money for the club, helps spur conversation between new members and "old-hands" during and after the auction, helps them get interested (inexpensively) in starting to build a collection, and gives them educational, hobby-related, home-reading material. Again, when well done, a silent auction is *ALWAYS* a large drawing-card for new members to attend club meetings.

Communication: Oh boy – here's one I feel strongly about, and will probably touch some nerves. Oh well!! Many new adult members want -- *and need* – to feel both welcomed and integrated into this new adventure of recreational rockhounding as quickly as possible. Many know little about the hobby (heard often: they or their children "like rocks" or they went on trips with their dad when young), are apprehensive, hesitant to speak up, but are eager to be informed and educated. These adults have life-experience, write well (they even are skilled in proper grammar, constructing complete sentences, and can create material using that archaic script called "cursive"), and they know proactive leadership in organizations when they see it (and vice versa). Clubs that grow and retain new members seem to have excellent and educational newsletters, usually published and distributed near mid-month between club meeting dates, and between-meeting email announcements, so that there is rarely more than 1-2 weeks without receiving active communication related to the club. Most often, in membership-stable clubs, the newsletter lists the next club monthly meeting date and place, program topic, field trip announcement/reminders/changes, key business item vote (if needed, such as prior meeting minutes), work-project schedule, volunteer needs, other shows by area-clubs, timely details of collection or equipment sale by an older member, etc. All are important in keeping new members updated in timely fashion and in detail with very little "dead space" between communications



HISTORIAN HIDDENITES

FOR

Linda Barlow



“Connection with Knowledge”

Linda shared her summer adventure with us on Facebook. She checked out the museums, mines, and heritage spots in Alaska. The Northwest Arctic Heritage Center, Chicken Gold Camp, Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, Haines Sheldon Museum, McBride Museum, Whitehorse Yukon, and the Maxine & Jesse Whitney Museum are just a few places she visited. I am sure she will have a lot more to share with us about her adventure. Here are just a few highlights.

Ronna Watkins



Alaska State Gemstone, Alaska Jade: 5114 Pounds taken from the Arctic Circle area approximately 50 miles north of Dahl Creek. Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau



“Had a great time at Chugach Gem & Mineral Club, Anchorage Alaska, potluck and silent auction. What wonderful group of people! I got 2 Boulder Opals from Australia and a Luna Agate from NM! (above) Also, learned of another museum to visit. Going tomorrow. Also. got two more places to go rock hunting along the side of the road on our trip north above Fairbanks!”



Fossiliferous Limestone, Mile 928, North Alaska Highway



Alaska Museum of Science & Nature



“In Valdez we started at the visitor center for the Jesse and Whitney Museum. Next we walked to the museum in 80-degree weather: this is supposed to be Alaska!!! This is a museum on my Alaska museum list for NFMS. Really good choice to visit. Attendant was knowledgeable and very talkative with me!”

HISTORY

TIDBIT

Information from an article in *Gems & Minerals* magazine (Oct. 1961) reveals that at the 1961 AFMS’s Convention (hosted by Eastern Federation at Miami, Florida on August 9th) conducted the Woodruff Trophy Runoff Contest: “This year, for the final time, the Woodruff Trophy for minerals was offered. Competition was open only to previous winners of the trophy. Through the generosity of Harry Woodruff, original donor of the trophy, this year’s winners were given permanent possession of the big cup and the award was retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rice, Hillsboro, Oregon, were the runoff winners. They originally won the trophy at the combined Texas-American Federation show at Dalla, Texas, in 1958, Mrs. Rice is a past president of the AFMS.

Runners-up in the very close competition were Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Dosse of Fontana, California”

Another great museum to visit: Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals <https://ricenorthwestmuseum.org/>
Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals 26385 NW Groveland Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124 by Ronna Watkins

Retaining Club Memberships

By Ken Zahn

(continued from page 8) from club leadership. Many of the clubs I’ve joined over the last 44 years do so routinely, but many didn’t or don’t. New adult members seem to “connect” and become “engaged” more quickly and for the longer term when there are few breaks in the chain of communication from club leaders. There is more “up-and-down” and slow declines in membership levels when there are routinely long periods of silence between meetings, months-long breaks without a newsletter in summer, or when a brief newsletter or meeting announcement or reminder is only sent to members one day before the meeting. If yours is a larger club, say 200, with a 15-20% quorum requirement for conduct of business at meetings, and your communications are sparse and late, you may find that you periodically don’t have 30-40 attendees needed for even holding an official monthly meeting. Reporting to the Northwest Federation Circulation and Directory Chairs (see page 2 of this Newsletter) each new member’s sign up information as soon as their application is processed is the only way to assure that they see, through the NFMS Newsletter, that they have been quickly and fully integrated with the ~6,000 other rockhounds in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and northern Utah. On the other hand, clubs that don’t quickly report new-member signups that occur at or after their annual Spring or Summertime club shows -- and only inform NFMS by way of the year-end dues-payment report (the following January) -- assure that their new adult members won’t start receiving the NFMS Newsletter until about March or April in the year AFTER they first join a club, a delay of 9 months to one year. New members know other members are receiving the Newsletter, but they feel disconnected – and at a critical early and formative period in their new hobby. ‘Nuff said.

Engagement/Volunteerism: Why my focus on the ADULT new membership retention rate? Isn’t the watchword phrase in many clubs “the youth are the future of the hobby?” While literally true, and the impetus for proactively supporting our youth groups and youth-involvement and -engagement activities in many the hobby’s larger clubs, there are many reasons for proactive “care and feeding” of our new ADULT members as well. Many in the younger-adult subset join because a child is interested or currently passionate about rocks. Regardless of why adults join, they each bring specific and mature life-skills and experiences – both professional and trade – that most clubs with stable, larger membership levels use to advantage without burning out the truly dedicated old-timers. Why risk losing that potential in our 30-60-year-old “new” member population that tries out the hobby for the first time when in mature adulthood” by short-cutting in communications, NFMS Newsletter startup, or lack-luster programs at meetings so that they don’t renew the next year? Look at them as true gifts!! Search out ways as club leadership to proactively promote their feelings of immediate “full” membership through effective, timely and continuous communication, early field trip planning, welcoming meeting activities and hobby-related programs, and mentoring during field activities. Once they feel at home, feel wanted and appreciated (even as older and/or retiree members), and sense they are seen as an integral part of the group and in close touch with the club leadership through an effective communication structure, they WILL engage – especially when directly asked and supported -- and WILL begin contributing in certain aspects of club planning, operation, and leadership, even when inexperienced. In almost every club I’ve joined, new adult members who bridge the “first-year-or-two” gap without losing interest have usually become part of the core leadership and a dependable volunteer force that are the hallmarks of highly successful and stable clubs. What’s not to like about that?

2019 NFMS CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 17th

Show & Display set-up & Potluck- Nez Perce Co.
Fairgrounds 1229 Burrell Ave, Lewiston, Idaho

Friday, October 18th

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Show Opens
1 p.m. NFMS Executive Board - Red Lion Hotel
4 p.m. NFMS Annual Meeting - Little Red Barn

Saturday, October 19th

8 a.m. All Editors Breakfast - Little Red Barn
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Show Open
12 p.m. Officers Luncheon - Little Red Barn
6:30 p.m. Social Hour (No Host Bar) - Red Lion Hotel
7 p.m. Annual Awards Banquet with Keynote Speaker:
Darryl Powell - Red Lion Hotel

Sunday, October 20th

8:30 a.m. Junior’s Cracker Barrel - Little Red Barn
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Show Open

**NORTHWEST
FEDERATION OF
MINERALOGICAL
SOCIETIES & HELLS
CANYON GEM CLUB
Banquet Buffet
MENU**

SALAD
Field Greens with crumbled Bleu Cheese and
plump Tomatoes served with Balsamic dressing

VEGETABLES
Fresh seasonal sautéed Vegetables
Rosemary Roasted Potatoes

MEATS
Kalbi Marinated Grilled Chicken
Grilled Steak Bites

INCLUDED:
Fresh baked Artisan Rolls and Butter
Chef Choice Desert (lite option)
Includes Lemonade and Water. Coffee upon
request

HAPPY HOUR 6:30 pm
DINNER SERVED AT 7:00 pm



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By

KEITH FACKRELL

Greetings to all;

I have been in contact with each one of the above listed Nominees/Candidates for the various offices in the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. Each of them have expressed an enthusiastic desire to be a Candidate for the position they are being nominated for. Therefore, I am submitting each of the named persons' as my Candidates for their respective Office they are running for.

I thank each one of these Great Men & Women for their desire to serve NFMS and All of the Clubs and Societies. They are truly Great People. **Following is the list of Nominees for the NFMS Executive Board for the term Sept. 1 2019 to August 31, 2020.**

President, Ken Zahn. I am honored to accept the nomination for the Presidency of the NFMS for the 2019-2020 Federation year.

Ken began prospecting and collecting minerals while studying at the University of Arizona from 1954-1960, where he attended on a Track scholarship and majored in both Education (BS in 1959) and Chemistry (BS and MS in 1960). He served 26+ years in the Army, earning a PhD in organic chemistry (U of Illinois 1964-1967), teaching at the US Military Academy at West Point, commanding the Army's large crime laboratory in Georgia, analyzing foreign intelligence documents, and serving in nuclear missile units in Germany, aviation units in Vietnam, as well as doctrine-development and equipment-testing units in Panama, Alaska, Europe, Utah, California, and Maryland. He retired in 1985 as Deputy Commander of the US Army Chemical Research and Development Command complex at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland. In retirement, he has taught chemistry at Utah Valley University and worked 20 years for the University of California at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories as an Environmental Evaluations Group Leader and Program Manager. Since 1972, he has been a member of 12 different gem and mineral clubs in California, Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Montana, and has served in many leadership and collection-trusteeship positions in the Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club since 2004. His main hobby interests are field collecting, studying pegmatites, speaking at schools and meetings, and participating in NEPA reviews of Forest Service- and BLM-proposed Management Plans, Travel Plans, and Regulations. He is a big supporter of balanced use and increased motorized access for partially disabled and older forest recreational users. He, too, is "getting older," but still actively hunts, fishes, prospects, and collects. Ken

1st Vice President, Beth Heesacker. I accept the nomination as 1st VP of the NFMS for 2019-2020. Attached is an updated bio for your use.

Tualatin Valley Gem Club, Member – 2001-2008, Editor of the HyGrader – 2006-2008, Clackamette Mineral and Gem Member – 2008-2019. Editor of the Clackamette Gem– 2010-2019, 1 st VP and Show Chair – 2014-2018, President and Show Chair – 2017 (latter half of the year), NFMS - Member – 2001-2019, Editor of the Northwest Newsletter – 2009-2018, SCRIBE - Member – 2008?-2019, NW Regional VP – 2012?-2017, SCRIBE VP – 2016-2017, Micro Mineral Study Group, Member – 2011-2019, President – 2014-2019, Pacific Northwest Friends of Mineralogy - Member – 2013-2019, Editor of the PNWFM Newsletter – 2014-2019, Friends of Mineralogy - Member – 2013-2019, Editor of the Friends of Mineralogy Bulletin – 2016-2019.

As a preteen our family used to rockhound on occasion but were not very active at it. My husband, Paul, also rockhounded as a teenager. In 2001 we decided to give the hobby a try again and joined the TVGC rockhounding club and became active there. I learned how to form cabochons, tumble rock and make jewelry. I have found that the best way to learn is to be active in the hobby based club so I volunteer as much as possible.

We later joined the Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club and have been very happy and active there too. To support the search for the rough material I also started to study geology. That turned my interest from lapidary work to minerals and now I have an extensive collection of cabinet to micro minerals that takes up a large portion of my house. I love the beauty and the intricacy of the forms and the chemistry of what I find.

As editor of the NFMS Newsletter (retired), our rock club's Clackamette Gem and the Newsletters for the Pacific NW Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy and for the National Friends of Mineralogy Bulletin; I have learned about the inner workings of the groups and have helped support their outreach concerning our hobby.

2nd Vice President, Larry Hulstrom. Larry Hulstrom – Candidate for NFMS 2nd Vice President in 2019 (Accepts the Nomination of 2nd Vice President for the term)

Larry's interest in rocks began as a child on the southern shores of Lake Superior in Michigan looking for Lake Superior agates and freezing in the waters of the lake. An interest in dinosaurs during grade school and his families move to Ann Arbor resulted in his enrollment at the University of Michigan in the geology department where he studied paleontology and furthered his love of rocks and fossils. (He is also a staunch MI Wolverine fan!) Graduate school at Michigan Technological University in Mining Engineering furthered his collection of native copper and resulted in the start of his professional career at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in southeastern Washington working on a project to determine the viability of nuclear waste disposal in a geologic repository in basalt. After cancellation of that project, Larry shifted gears and moved into the environmental restoration field where he spent the remainder of his career.

After marrying his wife Kay and having two sons, Joshua and Jason, the boys showed interest in Dad's collection as they were growing up.

This resulted in Larry joining the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club in Kennewick, WA where he became one of the Junior Club leaders and got involved with the adult club in the early '90's.

His sons began competitively displaying in 1998 at NFMS Shows and other club shows throughout the area with mineral and fossil collections, and the family began attending shows on a regular basis. Larry began competing with his mineral collection in 2000.

In the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club Larry was president for 2 terms from 1997-2000. He has been the club's Federation Director almost continuously since 2001. He was the show chairman for the 2003 NFMS Show held in Pasco at the TRAC facility where the year's theme was "Trail of Gems: Following Lewis & Clark".

He was the club president for another term in 2011-2012 and oversaw the update of the club's By-Laws and generated of a set of operating procedures for the club. He was co-show chairman with Evelyn Cataldo in 2012 for the NFMS Show that year in Kennewick. Over the course of those years he was also the NFMS Competitive Exhibits Registrar, Judging Director, and Rules and Awards Chair for one year terms.

As Show Chairman for the April, Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club show for a number of years he was also the host for the NFMS mid-year meeting when it was held in Kennewick. He has been involved with those annual shows for the past 23 years that they have been held. He was Lakeside's "Rockhound of the Year" in 2015. He is once again the Show Chairman for 2019 and actively supports the club wherever and however he can.

Executive Secretary, Judi Allison. I will accept the nomination.

I have always been fascinated by rocks. I remember my brother and I sitting in the "rock picker" gathering up all the shiny agates and sparkly quartz. As an adult, nature was always a part of my life. But it wasn't until my second husband and I took a geology class in 1986 I paid much attention to anything specific. We started noticing the geology on every road trip we took and in 1992 joined a rock club. In 1998 we attended the annual meeting in Billings, Montana. Then we were really hooked. We created the original NFMS website and my husband maintained it for five years before his health deteriorated. He passed away in 2007, but I continued to enjoy the hobby. I served as show coordinator and eventually went through the chairs to serve as President in 2011-12.

When Joan Day passed away, I volunteered to fill in as Secretary pro tem. And I am still here. I am not an expert at any category dealing with rocks. I am just "hooked" on the enjoyment of nature, the great people I have met, and the opportunity to go to different places and spread my enthusiasm for our great hobby. After all, I have never met a rockhound I didn't like. What a great bunch of folks!

Treasurer, Lyle Vogelpohl. I am willing to accept the nomination for NFMS Treasurer for the 2019 - 2020 year. Thanks for asking, and here is my story.

Lyle has been an active member of West Seattle Rock Club since 1968. His participation expanded to being elected NFMS Treasurer in 1976; he then progressed up the ladder to NFMS President for 1981-1982. Lyle's business background was in accounting and then computers and telecommunications, retiring in 1998. He was again elected NFMS Treasurer in 2000. He feels blessed with all the rockhound friends he has made and pays it forward by sharing his lapidary skills via programs at clubs, demonstrating at shows, and teaching at OMSI's Family Weekend and the Northwest Retreat, both at Camp Hancock Field Station in Oregon.

NFMS Clubs’ Show Schedule

September 7 & 8 Sat. 10-5 Sun.. 10-5	Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society 50th Annual Gem & Mineral Show	Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Community Center Building 363 Orchard St. Walla Walla, WA	Jack L. Edwards Cell: 509 520 1182 jcedwards1475(at) hotmail.com
September 7 & 8 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association	Vern Burton Community Center 308 East 4th Street Port Angeles WA	Kathy Schreiner 360 681 3811 or Scott Thornhill 360 912 2987 PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382
September 21 & 22 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-4	Cascade Mineralogical Society Kent WA	Green River College Phys. Ed. Facility 12401 SE 320th Street Auburn, WA	Mark Hohn markhohng(at) mail.com Website: www.cascademineralogicalsociety.org
September 21 & 22 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	54th Annual Show Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fairgrounds 120 fair Lane Southwest Corner of HWY 411 & Cowlitz River, Castle Rock WA	Vicki Johnson 360-751-8031 vickijrocks@msn.com, Chuck Sonner Dealer Chair 360 785 3909 chucksnr(at) yahoo.com
October 5, 2019 Sat. 9-5	Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Soc. 9th Annual Members Rock, Gem and Jewelry Sale	Pinecrest Event Center 560 East Anderson, Idaho Falls, ID (Next to Fred Meyer Store)	Bill Thielbahr: (208)-524-0139; e-mail: tbars(at) rv.net
October 5 & 6 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club 45th Annual “Rocktobefest”	Totem Middle School Gymnasium 605 7th Street NE 7th Street and State Avenue Marysville, WA	Brian Murril 425 346 9313 bmurril(at) aol.com http://www.marysvillerockclub.com
October 11, 12 & 13 Fri. 10-6 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	39th Annual Portland Regional Show of Gems, Minerals & Fossils	Jackson Army National Guard 6255 NE Cornfoot Road Portland, Or	Linda Harvey 503 310 3036 Lindaharvey2010(at) gmail.com Website: www.portlandregionalgenandmineral.com
October 18, 19, & 20 Fri. 10-6 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-4	Hells Canyon Gem Club NW Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Convention	Nez Perce County Fair Building 1229 Burrell Avenue Lewiston, ID 83501	Randy Squires 208-413-1806 rlsquires(at) cableone.net Rick Westerholm 208-746-2101 rkweste(at)cableone.net Linn Enger 208-746-4957 engerocks(at)yahoo.com Remit To: Mary Lou Northrup 1623 Powers Ave, Lewiston ID 83501
October 26 & 27 Sat. 9-6 Sun. 10-5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club 55th Annual Rock & Mineral Show—Nature’s Art	Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4th Ave Canby, OR 97013	Karen McAllister 503 655 2527 gmaktmc(at) aol.com www.clackamettegem.org
October 26 & 27 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Bellevue Rock Club “Octoberfest of Gems”	Vasa Park 3560 West Lake Sammamish PKWY SE Bellevue, WA 98008 www.vasapark(at)resort.org	Bruce Himko PO Box 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009 bellevuerockclub(at) comcast.net Website: http://www.bellevuerockclub.org
November 9 & 10 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	Skagit Rock & Gem Club “Treasures of the Earth” Annual Rock & Gem Show	Sedro Woolley Community Center 703 Pacific Street Sedro Woolley WA	Debbie Franks kagitrockandgemg(at) gmail.com
November 9 & 10 Sat. 9 – 5 Sun. 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - Show	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collma1(at) comcast.net
December 7 & 8 Sat. 9 – 5 Sun. 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - Rock and Mineral Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collma1(at) comcast.net
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February 8 & 9 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 9-4	Whidbey Island Gem Club 55th Annual “Sweetheart of Gem’s” Show	Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE Jerome Street Oak Harbor WA	Keith Ludemann 360 675 1837 rock9(at) whidbey.net
April 18 & 19 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Annual Rock, Gem & Mineral Show	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA	Larry Hultrom rockhound132@charter.net 509 308 8312

PHISHING

Scammers use email or text messages to trick you into giving them money or personal information. They may try to steal your passwords, account numbers, or Social Security numbers. Scammers have used my name to get gift cards and cash. This does not mean that my email has been hacked, they have opened their own email with my name. A person can name their email anything they wish, but if you scroll your cursor over (or “tap”) the “username” (sent from), it will reveal the true email address from which the email was sent by. And, you will not recognize the email address as being mine. The NFMS would never solicit money in this way. All money goes through our Treasurer.

If you get a phishing email or text message, report it. The information you give can help fight the scammers, according to the Federal Trade Commission:

Step 1. If you got a phishing email, forward it to the FTC at spam@uce.gov and to the Anti-Phishing Working Group at reportphishing@apwg.org. If you got a phishing text message, forward it to SPAM (7726).

Step 2. Report the phishing attack to the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint.

Want to play a game and learn more about Phishing?
https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/sites/www.consumer.ftc.gov/files/games/off-site/ogol/_phishing-scams.html