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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

**** There will be no November newsletter. Please note the next deadline below ****

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Letters From Our Committee Officers:



Lora Hall - President

Volunteering in your club or at the Federation level offers a wealth of personal rewards that extend far beyond the act of giving. One of the most significant benefits is the sense of fulfillment that comes from making a positive impact in our rockhounding, lapidary, and paleontology communities. Whether it is serving as an officer or a committee chair, volunteers often find a deep sense of purpose and satisfaction. This sense of achievement not only boosts self-esteem but also reinforces the idea that individuals can contribute meaningfully to the lives of others and the future of our shared hobby.

In addition to the emotional rewards, volunteering fosters connections and builds relationships and allows you to meet people from diverse backgrounds who share similar values and passions. These interactions can lead to lasting friendships and a supportive network that extends beyond your term of office or time as a committee chair. Furthermore, these relationships often provide a sense of belonging, making participants feel more integrated within their community and more aware of the challenges others face.

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Letters From Our Committee Officers Continued:

By taking on different roles and responsibilities, volunteers can share their knowledge and leadership skills and set an example for the next generation of rockhounds. Ultimately, the rewards of volunteering create a ripple effect, enriching both the volunteer's life and the lives of those they serve. It is heartbreaking to hear of clubs and societies that are folding because they cannot find members willing to serve as officers and committee chairs.

I never saw myself as becoming the President of the NFMS or the AFMS Junior Programs Chair, but here I am, muddling through with the help of others around me including past presidents and current officers. We are all in this together, but it does take members stepping up to volunteer. So, consider this a personal invitation to fill any of our empty positions including Treasurer, Endowment Fund Secretary, Safety, Supplies, Ways & Means, Web site Contest Chair, Education, and All-American Club Award Chair. TRUST ME, if I can do this, you can to!

Lora Hall

NFMS President

**Michael Rhodes - 1st Vice President**

Greetings fellow rock and mineral fans,

With our transition to electronic newsletters the frequency of articles from your officer has increased. It seems difficult to come up with relevant and interesting material to write about.

A few years ago my home club, The Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society officers decided to take a risk and ask our club members how they felt the club was doing. What were their expectations from the officers, what did they want us to change as a club, what were they willing to do to make the club more relevant? The responses were informative.

Last year the club did a follow up and found that most members felt that we had moved in the right direction, but that there was still room for improvement.

In my first article as an officer last year I made the commitment that "If you have concerns that you would like to address to the federation feel free to email our president or either vice president with your concerns. Our email addresses are listed in the bulletin. Mine is: mrmb Rhodes0@gmail.com. I hope that we can show both transparency and responsibility in our communications with you."

As I progress through the ranks within the Executive Committee, my commitment is the same. Please let your federation officers know what your concerns are. Find out who your club NFMS Director and NFMS Delegates are. If your club doesn't have individuals in these positions, volunteer! Help us to help you! And as always, Rock ON!

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Letters From Our Committee Officers Continued:

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

Well, folks, we are now into our fiscal year 2024-25. Its official beginning was September 1. That means we are starting anew with our previously installed officers. They officially took over their duties on the above date. I know that their dedication and thrust will continue to be toward improving and moving our Federation into the future with a solid foundation. There have been a couple of newsletters in our new format with only the electronic version being submitted. I have heard positive comments about the process and the design of the newsletter. Please feel free to reach out to the Executive Committee with any concerns or ideas surrounding the newsletter or other aspects of the Federation.

If you recall, a vote was passed at the annual meeting to list only the relevant information and the officers in the directory as we go into the future. This will happen with the next Directory. We are still in the process of ironing out everything, as when our Treasurer, Drew, unexpectedly passed away, it broke the close link that he and the Directory Chair, his wife, Janel, had. But we will figure things out. There has been some discussion of only having an electronic version of the Directory, but that has not been finalized.

I do want to let you know that, since I seem to continue to be Treasurer pro tem, I am working on a more streamlined process to complete the needed information and submit your club's annual dues. I hope to get everything in place by mid-October, so clubs can get their dues in in a timely manner. I will be reaching out to the clubs soon. Until then, continue to enjoy our weather and go out and find a rock. Take care.

- Judi Allison



**Gary Warren -
2nd Vice President**

Well, another month has gone by, and the weather is changing so if you are going rock hunting, the time to do it is now. Of course it is always time to go rock

hunting. As we get into the winter months, now is the time to start thinking about what you are going to do with all the rocks that you collected during your outings. If I might make a suggestion.... Take the rocks that you collected this year and while you can still remember where you got them from, put them in a box or bag and label it so when you find it next year or whenever, you will know where you got the rock from. I have a friend who labels everything that he finds, and he has boxes everywhere, but they are labeled, and he can find rocks from anywhere that he has been. This is a good system, and it also helps to keep your garden and home organized so that you can find your treasures. Another thing that probably needs to be done, is to service your machines for the winter. If they are out in your garage or backyard shed, make sure that you have the water out of them, and they will not freeze. If they are in your basement, take a bit of time and clean up everything and change the water or whatever you use for cooling. It is always nice to work on a clean machine. Well I have given you my two cents worth and I hope it has helped someone, so I will leave you for now and talk to you again in October and please feel free to email me with any questions that you might have and I will try to answer them for you or put you on to where you can get an answer. I am always here to help you have a better day out rock hunting and enjoying yourself.

- Gary

American Federation of Mineral Societies Contest Information

It's Never Too Early

If you have been reading the Newsletters, you have noticed bits of information about deadlines for contests being earlier this year because of the fact the American Federation Show will be March 27-30, 2025. In order for the individual Federations to have time for judging entries from various contests and such before submitting the top individuals to the American Federation, the deadlines for events is earlier this year. We want everyone to be prepared and ready to take part in the opportunities, so I am attempting to create a comprehensive collection of due dates for the various submissions. If you or your club have not entered into any of these opportunities, now is the time. It doesn't have to be a club President or Director that tells everyone about the different opportunities. If you see something you think is of interest step forward and ask for more information, if needed, or enlist some more of your club members to be a part of something.

All American Contest- this is best as a group effort. Enlist some creative members of your club and create a year-book that details the great activities your club takes part in. The completed book can be used as a public relations tool. All of the information on how to go about this process and a booklet outlining suggestions can be found on the AFMS website. The dates are incorrect, but the information is relevant. You can reach out to Mary Boesdorfer, writteninwood@gmail.com for guidance and all the details.

New Programs-This can also be a group effort, or it can be done by an individual. There is also a section for Juniors and professionals. "Competition encourages individuals and clubs to put together a program that any club could use as a program. Put it into electronic form, then enter that program into the annual AFMS competition. Deadline for 2024 entries will be January 15, 2025. If your regional Federation has a New Programs Competition chair, you need to send it to that person, and they should forward it to me. If not, you may send it directly to me with a note that your Federation does not have a competition, and I will enter it as a Direct Entry. DeLanc Cox, New Programs Competition Chair, at delanc3-at-earthlink.net . If you are needing information quickly, you may call at 479-254-0894. I will get back to you as soon as possible. So, what are you waiting for? Get that program underway now!" (From AFMS Newsletter Sept 2024 Issue)

Bulletin Aids Contest- If you see this written somewhere and think, "This doesn't pertain to me.", maybe you are wrong. Are you even sure you know what it is all about? This is a contest relevant to your newsletter or other publications your club may have produced. Perhaps a member wrote about a field trip. Or someone did research and wrote an article about a particular stone or geological area. Maybe someone in your club composed a poem or drew a

cartoon that ended up in your newsletter. Each of these things fits an individual category and could be entered into the contest. Our new Bulletin Aids Chairperson, Priscilla Hall-Ford has all the information to help you maneuver through the process and can help you get things entered. The presentations at the AFMS Show in March 2025 will be for work completed in 2024. The deadline for submitting work to Priscilla will most probably be near the beginning of January, so now is the time to be getting ready to submit. You can find all the forms and information you need on the American Federation website www.amfed.org.

Juniors Contests- Juniors have many opportunities to win awards, including monetary awards. The FRA Program has added extra incentives and badges. Juniors can now submit their written work or drawings to the Newsletter "Crack the News" and earn a "George the Geode" patch. There is a Junior Achievement Award that may bring a monetary award with it. There is a special award for a Junior who had entered a competitive case. The Lilian Turner Award is exclusively for a Junior rockhound. You can learn much more about these things on the NFMS website or the Junior website www.juniors.amfed.org. Reach out to Jennifer Fitch, our Junior Chairperson for more information and deadlines. Fitches4god at aol.com.

AMFS Rockhound of the Year- Hopefully, everyone has become aware of this award certificate and the simple process for submitting someone for the award. Perhaps, if your club doesn't have a method for choosing a recipient, you can take it upon yourself to consider someone you feel worthy of being an honoree and submit their name. It doesn't have to be a formal committee. Perhaps it could be a way of thanking an officer who had done a great job this year or make note of the member who worked tirelessly at the annual show. Each club is allowed to submit the name of an individual or couple and a Junior. Send your nominations to Laurie Ellis at nfmsroy@gmail.com

Website Contest – This contest is a wonderful way to honor our creative webmasters. Sadly, we don't have a chairperson this year, so we are unable to conduct a regional contest in order to pass the winners on to the American Federation. Remember that committees, although it seems in our rockhound world are made up of one, can be more than one individual. (That's a true committee.) So, why don't you and that friend you have who is a crackerjack webmaster take on this committee? I bet you would have fun and meet new people!

As you can see, there are a lot of opportunities to be able to shine. And there is a variety of areas to give everyone the opportunity to be showcased. Let's use the opportunities we have at hand. And we can meet more great people and show off our abilities. As one of our club's reluctant members stated after exposure to some of the busy bees of the Federation, "You know, these Federation folks, they're all right. It changed my mind. I think I met some really nice people". Give it a try.

By: Judi Allison

Endowment Fund Committee Needs Your Input
Submitted by: Jim Brain, Endowment Fund Financial Advisor

For years our federation leadership has been asked many times loud and clear by member societies and by individual members, "What does the Federation do for us?". Now is your chance to help answer that question.

As a little background, over the past few years spending from the Endowment Fund has been limited to covering the reduced federation income created when the membership voted to reduce membership dues by \$1.00 per adult member. That decision plus the effects that the Covid 19 pandemic had on overall federation membership and rising inflation has required the NFMS Executive Committee to lean heavily on the Endowment Fund to fund the basic operation of the federation. As of the end of September the federation's financial situation has improved significantly. The need to make up for revenue shortfalls has subsided. Currently the Endowment Fund has a balance of nearly \$300,000. Annually we are authorized to spend 4% of the average of the previous three yearend fund balances plus any carryover funds unexpended from the previous year. This results in about \$14,000 being available this current NFMS business year.

The committee would like to allocate the funds by February 1, 2025. We are now seeking suggestions from the member societies and operating committees as to how best to utilize monies from the Endowment Fund. To meet that timeline, we are asking each society, at one of their upcoming meetings, to discuss possible ways to spend the Endowment Fund monies. Keep in mind funds must be used on programs or activities that benefit the general membership of NFMS.

Several years ago, Endowment Funds were used to upgrade equipment at Camp Hancock and helped fund a permanent exhibit at Montana Tech. (Camp Hancock is now a self-supporting activity and Fund monies can no longer be used to support activities outside the federation.)

Endowment Fund monies can only be used to cover NFMS basic operating costs in emergency situations to make up for revenue shortfalls like those that occurred in the recent past when member dues were reduced.

Over the years endowment funds have funded travel costs for outside speakers at annual meetings, funded special traveling exhibits at annual shows, and paid for the additional costs incurred by the hosting clubs to accommodate the annual meeting.

Currently on the table is a project to accelerate the updating of the material in the Slide/Video library to modern technologies. We are awaiting cost estimates for that.

Using the format below please include a brief description of your proposals, an estimated cost, and state how it would benefit the NFMS membership as a whole. Jim Brain, Endowment Fund Financial Advisor, will be consolidating the responses for the committee. He needs your response by January 1, 2025. His contact information is listed in the Federation Newsletter under the Endowment Fund Committee, Financial Advisor.

The committee would appreciate responses by January 1, 2025. The committee will prioritize proposals and recommend those to be funded in 2024-25 to the federation executive committee for final approval. Unfunded acceptable proposals will be saved for the next year when additional funds will be available.



Proposed Endowment Fund Funded Project

Project Title: _____

Project Sponsor: _____

Contact person: _____

Contact phone number: _____ e-mail address: _____

Detailed Project Description:

Estimated Cost: _____

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:



With all the changes that have been going on, I just wanted to put out another reminder that our friend, Kathy, has stepped down from being editor. That being said, there is a new email address to use when submitting articles or asking questions about the newsletter. That email is: nfmseditor@outlook.com

A newsletter every month?

Another change that has taken place is the frequency in which we will be putting out newsletters. Since we have switched to fully digital copies, it has opened up our ability to put out up to 10 newsletters per year. With this new opportunity, the executive officers have come together to create a new schedule for when the newsletters come out and new deadlines to uphold in order to get them out on time.

The new deadline for articles will be the 25th of each month.

(**November and May will be dormant months in which you do not have to submit anything. However, if you still choose to send in any information, please note, it will be in the next month's issue.**)





NFMS CLUB SHOWS 2024-2025

<p>Oct 4th 5th & 6th 2024</p> <p>Fri & Sat 10 - 6</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show</p>	<p>Wingspan Event & Conference Center at the Westside Commons</p> <p>801 NE 34th Ave</p> <p>Hillsboro, OR 97124</p>	<p>Roberta Hanson prgmsa.president@gmail.com</p> <p>https:// portlandregionalgemandmineral. com</p> <p>www.facebook.com/groups/ prgms</p>
<p>Oct 5th & 6th 2024</p> <p>Sat 10 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>Marysville Rock & Gem Club</p>	<p>Evergreen Fairgrounds (Bldg. 500)</p> <p>14405 179th Ave SE</p> <p>Monroe, WA 98272</p>	<p>Christine Morrissey</p> <p>cmvw@frontier.com</p>
<p>Oct 5th 2024</p> <p>Saturday 10 - 6</p>	<p>Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society</p>	<p>Bonneville County Fairgrounds</p> <p>1542 E. 73rd South</p> <p>Idaho Falls, ID 83404</p>	<p>John Nicklas</p> <p>cbnopal219@gmail.com</p> <p>www.ifrockhounds.com</p>
<p>Oct 19th & 20th 2024</p> <p>Saturday 10 - 5</p> <p>Sunday 10 - 4</p>	<p>Hells Canyon Gem Club</p>	<p>Nez Perce County Fairgrounds</p> <p>* Admission - \$5, 17 and under are free with an adult</p> <p>1229 Burrell Ave.</p> <p>Lewiston, ID 83501</p>	<p>Mary Lou Northup mlandil@yahoo.com</p> <p>(208) 743-6944</p> <p>https:// www.hellscanyongemclub.com</p>
<p>Nov 16th & 17th 2024</p> <p>Sat 10 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse</p>	<p>Maplewood Rock and Gem Demonstration Show</p> <p>8802 196th ST SW</p> <p>Edmonds, WA 98026</p>	<p>Chris Huffines</p> <p>www.maplewoodrockclub.com</p>
<p>Dec 7th & 8th 2024</p> <p>Sat 10 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse</p>	<p>Maplewood Rock and Gem Winter Bazaar</p> <p>8802 196th ST SW</p> <p>Edmonds, WA 98026</p>	<p>Heather Martin</p> <p>Shows.maplewoodrockngem@gmail.com</p> <p>www.maplewoodrockclub.com</p>
<p>March 29th & 30th 2025</p> <p>Saturday 10 - 6</p> <p>Sunday 10 - 5</p>	<p>Mount Baker Rock and Gem Club</p>	<p>Pioneer Pavilion Community Center</p> <p>2007 Cherry Street</p> <p>Ferndale, WA 98248</p>	<p>Candi Gerard</p> <p>candisjewelry@gmail.com</p> <p>www.mtbakerrockclub.org</p>

AFMS FEDERATION SHOW DATES



Shows in 2024:

- Rocky Mountain Federation
Oklahoma City, OK
Oct 25-27
- South Central Federation
Mesquite, Texas Nov 25-27

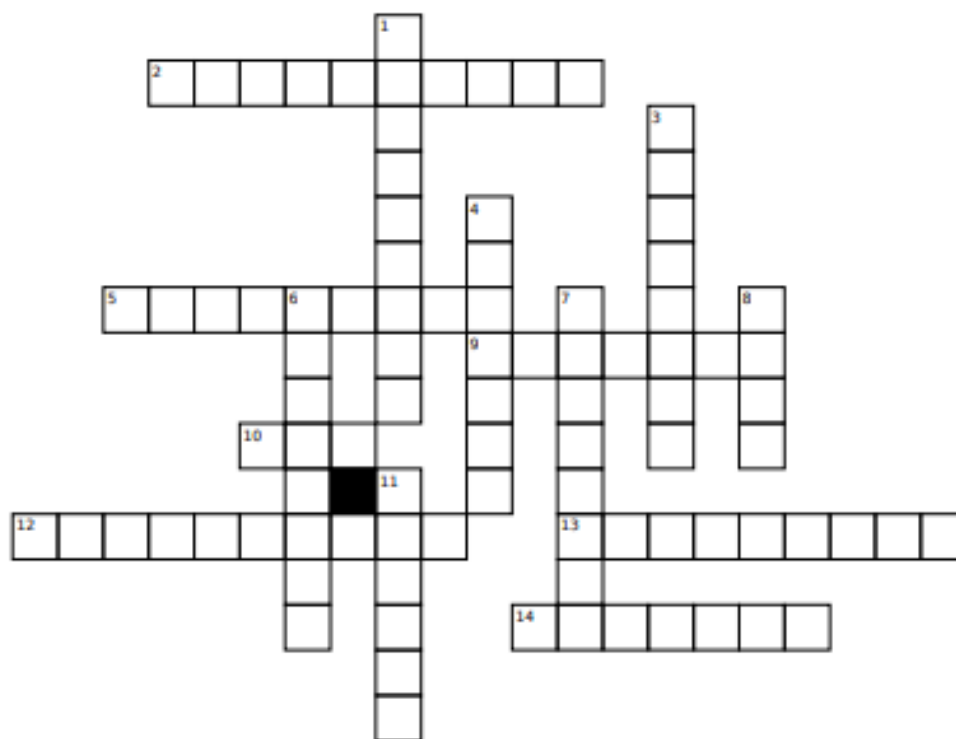
Shows in 2025:

- AFMS/EFMLS Hickory, NC
March 27 - 30
- Midwest Federation
Lincoln, NE April 5-6
- Northwest Federation Walla
Walla, WA Sept 12-14
- Rocky Mountain Federation
Grand Junction, CO Sept 19-
21

Shows in 2026:

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

Crossword Puzzle



Down:

1. A fossilized specimen of human or animal dung.
3. A crystal that develops with a typical multi-branching tree-like form.
4. A coarse-grained clastic rock consisting largely of angular fragments of existing rocks.
6. Soil or sediments deposited by a river or other running water.
7. The tendency of a rock to break along preferred planes of weakness.
8. A mineral filling of a fracture or other crack within a rock in a sheet-like or tabular shape.
11. A zirconium silicate mineral belonging to the group of nesosilicates. Its corresponding

Across:

2. A type of fracture that results in smoothly curved surface faces.
5. Igneous rock showing a very coarse texture, with large interlocking crystals
9. A mineral that is the crystalline form of calcium carbonate (CaCO₃).
10. A small cavity in a rock filled or lined with crystals or minerals that are different from the host rock.
12. Having three crystal axes of unequal lengths.
13. A mass consisting of rock or mineral fragments.
14. Natural glass formed from terrestrial ejecta during a meteorite impact.

Rock Of The Month: Calcite

Calcite is a common yet fascinating mineral found in a variety of geological settings, from sedimentary rocks to hydrothermal veins. Composed of calcium carbonate (CaCO_3), calcite has played an important role in human history, particularly in the fields of architecture and art. The ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans used calcite extensively to carve sculptures, make pigments, and construct temples and buildings. Perhaps its most notable historical use is in the construction of the Great Pyramids of Giza, where blocks of calcite, also known as alabaster, were used for their smooth and reflective qualities, giving the structures a shimmering appearance in the sunlight.

In addition to its historical significance, calcite stands out due to its unique optical properties. One of the most intriguing characteristics of calcite is its ability to demonstrate double refraction. When a clear piece of calcite is placed over text, the words appear doubled—this optical phenomenon occurs because light traveling through the crystal is split into two separate rays. This property has made calcite essential in scientific instruments, especially during the 19th century, when it was used to create Nicol prisms, a crucial component in polarizing microscopes. The famous Iceland Spar variety, known for its transparency and perfect cleavage, was particularly valued for this purpose.

Beyond its scientific uses, calcite boasts a variety of fun facts that make it a favorite among collectors and geologists alike. Calcite can be found in a rainbow of colors, including white, yellow, green, and even pink, depending on the impurities present during its formation. It is also the main component of stalactites and stalagmites in caves, forming stunning natural sculptures over thousands of years. Interestingly, calcite is even found in biological formations, such as the shells of marine organisms and the skeletal structures of corals. With its versatility and presence in both the natural and human-made worlds, calcite remains a mineral of immense historical, scientific, and aesthetic value.

Jessica Himple
Everett Rock and Gem Club
Editor for NFMS Newsletter

Specimens from my personal collection:



Calcite, from Elmwood Mine,
Carthage, Smith County, Tennessee, USA



Calcite/Quartz/Sphalerite/
Barite, from Elmwood Mine,
Carthage, Smith County, Tennessee, USA



Calcite/Quartz, from Chenzhou,
Hunan, China

"Calcite Mineral." *Mindat.org*, Hudson Institute of Mineralogy, www.mindat.org/min-859.html.

"Calcite." *Encyclopedia Britannica*, Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc., www.britannica.com/science/calcite.

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Hall**

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**PROGRAM COMPETITION - DeLane
Cox**

**SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION- Mary
Lou Northrup**

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SOCIATION (ALAA)** is a 501(c)(4) or-
ganization. Its purpose is to promote and
ensure the right of amateur hobby fossil
and mineral collecting, recreational pro-
specting and mining, and the use of public
and private lands for educational and re-
creational purposes; and to carry the voice
of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to
our elected officials, government regula-
tors and public lands managers. Your an-
nual individual/couple membership fee is
\$25 which helps support their activi-
ties. Club membership is \$50 per
year. Send to Treasurer, P.O. Box 54398,
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ble to: American Lands Access Assn. Ap-
plications can be downloaded
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club to forward the newsletter to the mem-
bership. The newsletters are also posted to
the Federation website electronically and
archived there for members to review or
download.

**For matters related to this newsletter
(i.e. content, advertising, etc.) contact
the editor.**

**SHOW COORDINATION. Your Fed-
eration 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 calen-
dar from "Lapidary Journal". Please
provide the date and time for the show,
the club name and show title (if applica-
ble), the location of the show, admission
price, and most important a contact per-
son 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 Chair**

SAVE STAMPS PROGRAM. NFMS
members are encouraged to use and save
commemorative stamps. The money gener-
ated from the sale of these used (cancelled)
stamps is then donated to Junior Fund.
The collected stamps can be sent to the
Stamps Chairperson, brought to the
NFMS Annual Show or given to your Fed-
eration Director in your club.

ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS**Where to send your money**

To NFMS Treasurer for:

1. Dues (new and renewal) and
supplies
2. Donations for the general fund
3. Donations to Junior
Achievement
4. Advertisement in this
Newsletter

Send to: 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, Seat-
tle, WA 98126-3617

To NFMS Scholarship Chairperson for:

1. Donations to AFMS Scholar-
ship Fund
2. Memorial contributions to
AFMS Scholarship
Make check payable to AFMS Scholarship
Fund.

Send to: Mary Lou Northrup (see Scholar-
ship this page).

To AFMS Endowment Fund for:

1. Donations to AFMS Endow-
ment
 2. Memorials
- Send to: See AFMS Newsletter

To ALAA Treasurer for:

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

NFMS WEB SITE: www.amfed.org/nfms
or
<http://northwestfederation.org/>

***Due to changing to an elec-
tronic newsletter, clubs are
no longer required to send
contact information
throughout the year for
members who are added or
removed from their roster.
Directory will now only re-
quire the contact infor-
mation for the board mem-
bers of each club. If you
would like to contact a spe-
cific person in another club,
please contact their club.**

