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Judi Allison President

The first thing I get to do this month is announce that we have a new Junior Leader. Audrey Vogelpohl is taking over the position, and I know she is going to do a wonderful job!!! I want to also announce that Carol Willey of Oregon Coast Agate Club has consented to take over the Directory position so that Audrey can become the Junior Leader.

Along with these two announcements, you may have noticed a few changes on your "Committees" page this last month. There was the usual changing of positions of Budget, Custodian, and Nominating because of changes in officers. The other changes I would like to

acknowledge are Evelyn Cataldo as Chair of Past Presidents Council, Chuck Sonner as Safety Chair, Bryan Schroeder as Webmaster and Dee Holand as Exhibits Registrar. Larry Hulstrom moved into Rules and Awards Chair and Carol Cimolino is now the Judging Director. Thanks to everyone. There is still a willingness to be involved, as these people exhibit by their acceptance of these positions.

Because of the changes in Operating Procedures voted on at the Chehalis meeting, we are looking for some additional positions for the Camp Hancock Rockhound Retreat. More specific information is forthcoming, but if you think you might be interested in working on this committee, please let me know. The second thing I want to bring up this month is the Junior FRA (Future Rockhounds of America) Program. This program is an example of dedication through volunteerism. Many clubs in the Federation have taken advantage of this fantastic resource, but I am not certain if those not directly involved with the Junior members realize its enormity.

I had the opportunity to meet Jim Brace-Thompson, the AFMS Junior Leader who developed, administers and continues to add to the program, at the AFMS Show in Syracuse this July. There is a 159-page manual that gives all the information needed for Juniors to successfully earn the 15 badges now available along with the FRA patch and the possibility of a Rockhound Badge. Jim is also working on developing activities for an additional 5 badges due out in 2012. I must admit, I hadn't previously looked too extensively at the program, but in revisiting the manual, I believe we will use some of the activities as ideas for planning our calendar for 2012. Even though we only have a couple of Junior members in our club, this way they can take part and be working on a badge at the same time. The manual is available for viewing or downloading (if you want to print 159 pages) at the web address below.

http://amfed.org/fra/AFMS_FRA_Badge_Manual_Revised_2009_03.pdf I encourage you to at least take a look at it and see the effort and dedication that has gone into this project-For the children-For the Federation-FOR FREE-to all members of Societies who belong to the AFMS. The NFMS is included in that mix, so here is just one more thing that "the Federation does for you".

Because the program is free, in order to keep costs at a minimum, leaders are asked to only order badges as Juniors earn them. I have spoken with a few older people, (because you must admit a lot of us grandparents are the rockhound influence in the children's lives)- and they are a bit frustrated when asked to do things on the computer such as getting the form to complete for the child to earn the badge. Some are a bit shy, and computer savvy is not even on their long list let alone their short list. So if you are a member or Junior Leader who has the computer knowledge, please make sure to ask some of the "more seasoned folks" who may be helping their grandchildren if they, in turn, would like some help with the technological end of the process. And, let's all keep the fun and enthusiasm going in the next generation.

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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.

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2. Memorial contributions to AFMS Scholarship

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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.

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To see this newsletter in living color and to see it by the first of the month go to
<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newslet2.htm>
and click on the month you want to see.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(President's report continued)

I also wanted to say something about the dreaded "deadlines". We all have them and we all cringe at their existence and as they approach. Let's not allow these sneaky creatures to invade our positive day-to-day activities. Let's be on the lookout for them and "jump them" before they creep up and surprise us with an "I gotcha! It's too late now!"

Here it is, almost 2012 and so much yet to do. If you are interested in entering the Webmaster contest, the deadline is coming up in January. Check with Cheri George and for the details on page 4. If you want to submit articles, poems or a newsletter to the Bulletin Aids Chair, Peggy Blickfeldt, the year is rapidly coming to a close. I am guessing we will see a Junior Award this year, so be on the lookout for information from our new Junior Leader, Audrey Vogelpohl, and she will let you know what you need to do to enter.

Jim and Libby Spencer, Education Chairs, are waiting for your entries in the Club of the Year Contest. Vi Jones wants to hear about the folks you choose as your Rockhound of the Year. Our Rules and Awards Committee of Larry Hulstrom, Carol Cimolino and Dee Holland are looking forward to your competitive entries. Remember, the Federation Show in 2012 is in May, so you have less time to prepare. I am guessing our Newsletter Editor, Beth Heesacker, would gladly welcome submissions for the newsletter. As the NFMS Representative, Chris Blickfeldt will be the individual encouraging you to buy tickets for the AFMS Endowment Fund.

Along with all this volunteerism, The Lakeside Club of Tri-Cities is presenting the 2012 Show, The Butte Montana Club will be hosting the 2013 Show and Hatrockhounds in Hermiston will be doing the 2014 Show. How wonderful!!! We are slated for three years running!!! Volunteerism is still alive and well and living in our Northwest Federation. Everyone, give yourself a big pat on the back. And THANK YOU!!!

You see, there is so much to do, but together we can all accomplish everything we want to without worry. So call on some good old teamwork and be certain you are not late like the White Rabbit, but early like the proverbial bird with the worm. And, have fun in the process. That's my plan-and I hope I get a nice fat night crawler out of the deal! Til next month. . .



Audrey Vogelpohl Juniors Chair

Is your club membership declining? Are you having programs that are on rockhound basics? What are your new members looking for ... family activity? Field trips? Classes?

We all look forward to field trips - the digging, the finding, and the comradeship of like minds. How do we know what we are bringing home? How do we identify these treasures? "Show and tell time" is a good resource to get knowledge from others.

We need programs that get back to the basics - do you know the 3 types of rock? What kind of crystals did we pick up? Why the distinctive colors in a geode? How do we keep track of our acquisitions?

If your club includes Junior members and they are participating in the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) badge program - they can give you the answers to the above. Encourage Junior members to be a part of your membership - if not, you are closing the door on your club's future.

Our NFMS clubs are also members of the AFMS - and therefore each of your club dues paying Juniors are eligible to participate in the AFMS Junior Badge Program - becoming a Future Rockhound of America. There are currently 15 badges that the Juniors may earn with more to be added in 2012. Requirements are listed for earning each badge in a manual that can be viewed/downloaded from www.amfed.org.

As an additional resource each NFMS club will soon be receiving, in pdf format, the "Mini Miner Monthly" - a Diamond Dan publication for your use. Club usage guidelines will be provided.

A final word on having an active program for Junior members - I find that the parents are also learning - learning the basics. This becomes a family activity with everyone sharing the learning process.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! In order to e-mail the above mentioned "Mini Miner Monthly", even if there are no Juniors in your club, I need someone from each club to let me know the e-mail address of an officer, the editor AND the person(s) working with Junior members. Let me know at nfmsjunior@comcast.net



Mark Your Calendars:

**2012 NFMS Annual Meeting
May 18-20**

**Hosted by Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club
Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick, WA**

**2013 NFMS Annual Meeting
Hosted by Butte Mineral and Gem Club
Butte, Montana**

**2014 NFMS Annual Meeting
Hosted by Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society
in Pendleton, OR**



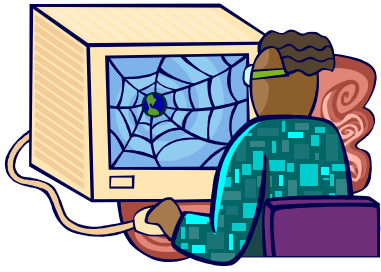
Don Innes Report 2nd VP

We have had a very exciting September. We had our Club Show and put rock displays in our North Bend Visitors Center and the North Bend Library. We will be putting displays in the new BLM offices South of Bandon OR, the Coos Bay Visitor Center and we have the Gem and Mineral Display in the Rotunda of the State Capitol, Salem. The Oregon

Council is meeting with the Rogers Mountain BLM to determine if there is possibility of correcting some of the mistakes others have made digging there and causing the closure.

As I am responsible for the inventory report, I am waiting for someone, anyone, to come forth with a list of NFMS supplies they have in their possession. Please do so soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



2012 AFMS Web Site Contest Is Off and Running By Cheri George Web Site Contest Chair

By now I am sure you all have heard of the Web Site Contest? So here we go again, for those of you who have not heard we have a new Chairperson. It is ME, Cheri George. I want to thank all of you for your participation in the past and your continued participation in the years to come.

This contest exists to help webmasters enhance their club Web sites. The goal is to increase the interest of the general public in the gem and mineral hobby, to gain new club members, and to serve as a source of current club information for their members. The judges assigned to the seven regional federations will serve as mentors for these various clubs by giving the webmasters encouragement and friendly constructive criticism on what they are doing right and where they need to improve.

I hope everyone reading this will encourage their club's webmaster to enter the contest. Their Web site will be better for having gone through the process of being judged.

So how does a club Web site enter the contest? The webmaster needs to download a copy of the following three documents: 2012 Entry Form, the 2012 Score Sheet, and the 2012 Score Sheet Guidelines. These forms are all PDF files, and they can be filled out on your computer and saved to your hard drive. Fill out the one-page Entry Form completely, and fill out the top part of the Score Sheet on both pages. When finished, e-mail both forms to your regional federation Contest Committee Chair no later than that federation's due date.

The Score Sheet Guidelines document goes through every item on the score sheet and explains what it is and why it's important. EVERY club webmaster (and every contest judge!) should read the Guidelines document closely. These guidelines can help all webmasters tune up their Web site even if they decide not to enter the contest.

These contest files should be available on your regional federation's Web site, and they're also available on the AFMS Web site http://www.amfed.org/web/website_contest.htm. Make sure you're downloading the 2011 version of these files. Also make sure that you have installed a free copy of Adobe Reader 9 so you can change some of your filled-in answers later if necessary. Adobe Reader 9 is available at <http://www.adobe.com/products/reader/>.

Members of the Webmasters Contest Committee and the due dates for their regional federation contests are as follows:

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There is a GREAT need for judges for this contest. At this writing, I have only three. I must have at least seven, and fourteen would be much better. There is only one down side to being a judge—starting this year, you cannot enter your own site into the contest. If you are knowledgeable about what is involved in the creation and maintenance of a Web site, please contact me at pgeorge4@comcast.net to let me know of your interest.

The Web Site Contest also has its own logos! Ron Gibbs, editor and webmaster for the Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club of Charlotte, North Carolina, is also an excellent graphic artist. Ron donated his time and expertise to design and develop our logo. One for first place is shown here. He will also be generating animated gifs (small images that have a moving part) that will be awarded to the top two winners in each federation and the top three winners at the AFMS level. These are for placement on the winning Web sites to let visitors know the high quality of the site.

The first place regional federation winners will receive a plaque, and in addition they will receive something that is far better than a plaque. The first place winners will each have their entries forwarded to Wes Lingerfelt, the man who is judging at the AFMS level. Wes will give the regional first place winners the benefit of his wisdom, his extensive Web experience, and his knowledge of what works and what doesn't. He will analyze each of the sites forwarded to him, and he will give useful feedback on what is being done well and how each site can be improved.

Wes has an extensive background: his father was a jeweler for over 50 years so he grew up in that environment. He was in the US Navy for four years, was an aerospace engineer with ITT Corp for 30 years working on ballistic missile systems and multiple telemetry-associated projects—the most recent being as a monitor for the U.S. Air Force during new systems development. He is a member of the Orcutt Mineral Society (OMS) of Santa Maria, California and currently is the Treasurer for both the OMS and the CFMS. He is a dealer of handcrafted lapidary products and is a specialist in silver and goldsmith and jewelry repairs. In 2002 he was inducted for metal craft into the National Rockhound & Lapidary Hall of Fame. He developed and maintains his company Web site and the OMS Web site. For the last two years he has been a paid judge for the lapidary entries at two California County Fairs: Kern County at Bakersfield, CA and Ventura County, Ventura, CA.

Thank you, Wes, for agreeing to participate in our contest, for giving our first place regional winners the benefit of your hard-won wisdom, and for helping us achieve our goal of having rock and gem club Web sites that are as good as they can be. All the contestants participating at the AFMS level will receive a certificate signifying their rank, and the first place winner will also receive an AFMS first place plaque. The top three will also receive animated .gifs for placement on their sites as a symbol of the site's excellence.

The results of the various regional Webmaster Contests will be announced at the annual meetings of the regional federations during their Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters. The results of the AFMS and MWFMS Web Site Contest will be announced during the Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters. Hope to see you all there!

COMMITTEE REPORTS



Lyle Vogelpohl
Treasurer

NFMS DUES ARE DUE !!

NFMS dues are due January 10, 2012. Your club should have received a packet of information and forms by the first part of December 2011. If your club has not received this packet, please let me know right away. The packet contains 3 items.

The 1st is a letter of instructions on how to complete the other items in the packet. NFMS dues are **based on who was a member of your club in 2011** --- \$3.50 for EACH ADULT member and \$1.00 for EACH JUNIOR member. (NOT based on who has already paid their dues for 2012.) The NFMS pays the AFMS \$.75 for each adult and junior from these amounts.

This instruction sheet also contains order information about the 2012 NFMS Directory. The cost for the 2012 Directory will be \$10.00 if individuals would like to purchase their own copy; Increased printing costs make the increase in Directory cost necessary. Each member society receives one free copy each year. The NFMS Directory includes NFMS officer and committee information, all society club and membership information, a quick reference sheet to each club's meeting date, NFMS Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, and the NFMS Program Library information.

The 2nd item in the packet is a sheet for your club's information. This includes your club's name, website, mailing address, meeting place and time, contact person, and your 2012 officer and committee list. There is space on this form for the names of the 3 persons in your club to whom the AFMS Newsletter will be sent. I forward those names on to the AFMS. The final items on this sheet are spaces for your club's dues calculations - adults and juniors AND space for NFMS Directory orders.

The 3rd item in the packet is a listing of your club information, membership names, addresses and telephone numbers that we have in our current computer data base for the NFMS Directory and the NFMS Newsletter mailing list.

This 3rd item is the one that I will ask for your club's assistance on the most. We ask that you please **update the list we send** your club. Please, do not send a copy of your club roster. Think of it this way, the NFMS files contain over 3600 names and addresses. If you send your club roster, they must be checked line by line against our data base - a tremendously time consuming task. We ask that you **update our list** by crossing out names of members who are no longer with your club and **list on a separate sheet of paper** the names and addresses of those members who moved, and names and addresses of your members who do not appear on the list provided.

Thank you for your help in getting this job done promptly .. dues are due by the 10th of January.



Peggy Blickfeldt
Bulletin Aids Chair

Wow, what a crazy summer. Well, I promised to let you know who won the Bulletin Aids Contest.

FIRST PLACE

Dr. Carl and Barbara Austin, Original Adult Articles Advanced
Jim Glenn, Original Adult Articles
Jennifer Zimmerlee, Bulletin--Small
Beth Heesacker, Bulletin--Large

SECOND PLACE

Rose Alene McArthur, Original Adult Articles Advanced
Jennifer Zimmerlee, Original Adult Articles
Shirley Metts, Bulletins--Small

THIRD PLACE

Carol Willey, Bulletins--Small

I want to thank thank James Magan and Kathy Hollenback and all the above for their participation in the contest.

I really hope that a lot more clubs will send in their entries for the next contest. Remember it can be anything done in 2011 and the deadline will be the end of January 2012.

Check the AFMS Website out for all the rules and check with me if you have any questions.

I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to Chair this position. I have not only had fun (with some frustration) but I have learned so much.



Camp Hancock Report
by Peggy and Chris
Blickfeldt

Camp Hancock was a great success this year. We all learned what wonderful giving people we have in our organization. There were a few problems but our leaders and fellow rockhounds ALL stepped up to help wherever they could. It was wonderful to see so much participation to overcome the problems that were created by an outbreak of the flu. The worst part of the whole thing was that we had to leave a couple of days early but we all worked together to get everyone out safely.

We really need to thank Lamar and Merlia for remaining calm and holding things together.

We hope to see everybody again next year and until then we hope you take what you learned and pass it to your club members. HAPPY ROCKHUNTING and Happy Holidays.



COMMITTEE REPORTS



NFMS Display Competition

By Judi Allison

Since not all of us exhibit competitively, we often are not aware of what can be gained from exhibiting. These are special awards given only by the NFMS. You will notice that under the heading "Memorial Awards" there is a statement that any exhibitor, competitive or non-competitive, can possibly win these awards. So, if you have a nice display of petrified wood, obsidian, Northwest material, minerals or a crackerjack Junior display, you could receive a special award even if you are not in competition.

NFMS SPECIAL AWARDS

SWEEPSTAKES AWARD: A suitable award will be given to the exhibit judged best among the first place winners of the Master exhibitor group, Divisions A through UV, inclusively, except that no person is eligible for this award who has won it within the preceding five (5) years.

JUNIOR SWEEPSTAKES AWARD: A suitable award will be given to the exhibit judged best among the first place winners of the Junior exhibitor group, Divisions A through UV, inclusively, except that no person is eligible for this award who has won it within the preceding five (5) years.

TRAVELING SOCIETY AWARDS: A plaque will be awarded the SOCIETY whose exhibit earns the highest score among all NFMS Society entries. In addition, a plaque will be awarded the SMALL SOCIETY whose exhibit earns the highest score among all Small Society entries. These plaques have multiple plates to record the name and year of the winning societies. They will remain the possession of, and are the responsibility of the winning societies until prior to the next NFMS show when it MUST be returned to the Chairman of the Rules and Awards Committee.

MEMORIAL AWARDS: (available to any NFMS exhibitor in show, competitive or non-competitive)

JOHN "TED" HEDING MEMORIAL TROPHY - Awarded to the exhibitor of the best display of Petrified Wood (Commercial exhibitors excepted)- eligible once in five (5) years.

RODNEY "ROD" SMITH MEMORIAL TROPHY - Awarded to the exhibitor of the best display of Northwest Material (Commercial exhibitors excepted) - eligible once in five (5) years.

ISABELLE MATTISON MEMORIAL TROPHY- Awarded to the best display by a Junior (18 years old or younger). (60 points or more).

DARRELL DALTON MEMORIAL TROPHY - Awarded the exhibitor of the best display of Obsidian (Commercial exhibitors excepted) - eligible once in five (5) years.

LESTER ZEIHEN MEMORIAL TROPHY - Awarded for the best case of Minerals, either competitive or non-competitive, by an individual member of the NFMS except if it is a combined NFMS-AFMS show, then AFMS members are eligible also. Dealers and Museums are not eligible to win this trophy.



From the Editor's Rockpile

By Beth Heesacker

Time has passed so quickly this year. I look back and think about all the wonderful things that I have experienced. I had my knee replaced and so I can now walk again and rockhound without pain. I have lost some weight since I can now get up and move and I am feeling wonderful. My husband, kids and grandkids are all healthy. The art group I belong to is having a great time sharing our creativity with each other. The bulletin I edit for our rock club won first place, large bulletins, from both the NFMS and the AFMS.

We have added to our rock collection from many places both through our own field trips and through purchases. I just bought a large collection of small minerals that I need to sort and display. Many of them are not identified and their place of origin is lost. That is disappointing. Please mark your minerals with what they are, where you found them and your name (if possible). I know, this means that the label is probably larger than the minerals if they are micro's or thumbnails but this is so helpful. I will have fun and learn a lot by getting my microscope and books out and one by one identifying the specimens but where they came from will probably be lost forever.

With this being the last edition of the NFMS newsletter for the year 2011 I wish you all the joys and blessings of the holidays ahead. We have so much to be thankful for and to celebrate..



SKAGIT ROCK & GEM CLUB PRESENTS

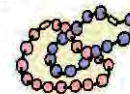
"Treasures of the Earth" A GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL, & JEWELRY SHOW

November 12 & 13, 2011
Saturday 9-5 Sunday 10-5

FREE ADMISSION

IT'S OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY!

Hourly Door Prizes



Dealers
Demonstrations
Food

Children's Activities

Sedro Woolley Community Center
720 State Street

JUDGES' TRAINING



1st AFMS JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR AT A REGIONAL LOCAL SHOW

Dee Holland, AFMS Judges Training Chair
beauholland@centurytel.net

This will be the first AFMS Judges Training Seminar in a local regional setting.

At Syracuse, 2011, the Directors approved a three year program to "take it to the Regional Federation club show". Because of the rising cost of transportation for many of those who would like to attend this program, it was decided to try a different approach. The Reno Gem & Mineral Society, of Reno, Nevada stepped up and offered their show site for this program for May, 2012.

You will have two options when attending this event. You can stay at the Holiday Inn, Sparks/Reno Hotel Call or contact the Hotel at: 1-775-358-6900 – tell them you are with the AFMS Judges Training Seminar -- for a total cost of \$75 per night for a king room or 2 queen room which includes taxes. Or you can make arrangements for

camping space at the Reno Club's show site, Reno Events Center, **this is a separate application and will be up on the amfed.org website as soon as the club has it ready.** There is no camping at the hotel site, per city regulations.

If attending, you may bring an exhibit; once again, a separate application from the Reno club is pending, and will be on the amfed.org website as soon as possible (this Reno application may be on one application page with camping). The club has a LIMITED SUPPLY OF EXHIBIT CASES, but are on a "first come, first serve" basis.

As in the past, one person from each Regional Federation will receive a stipend of \$350 to offset their expenses. The person receiving this will be determined by the Judges Training Chair from the applications received. This will not be paid until after the end of the class. All others who wish to attend will have to pay their own expenses. Everyone attending will have to pay \$20 for the classes and includes lunch Friday and Saturday. The Holiday Inn has a restaurant on the premises for breakfast and dinner.

We are fortunate in having Jay Bowman, who has done the class instruction since the inception of these training programs again be the instructor. Jay brings a wealth of knowledge and insight to this special event.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 16, 2012

All applications received will be confirmed by Dee Holland

AFMS JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR

Thursday May 10 – Sunday, May 13, 2012
Sparks (Reno) Nevada, Holiday Inn
55 E. Nugget Ave, 1-775-358-6900

DEAD LINE: APRIL 16, 2012

This program/seminar is for judges and exhibitors, sponsored by the AFMS. This is the first of three authorized seminars to be held in the next three years in different Regions each year, and set up in conjunction with a local club and their show.

Please fill out the application below and return to:

Dee Holland, AFMS Judges Training Chair
P.O. Box 23, Tendoy, ID 83468

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

REGIONAL FEDERATION _____

CLUB/SOCIETY _____

DIVISION YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
OPEN _____ MINERAL _____ LAPIDARY _____ JEWELRY _____ EDUCATION _____

FOSSIL _____ PETRIFIED WOOD _____ SCRIMSHAW _____ BEADING _____ UV _____

YOU MUST HAVE AN AFMS RULES BOOK, updated to 2012

CLASS SCHEDULE

Thursday evening, 7pm, Holiday Inn Orientation Session
Friday & Saturday 9 – 5 CLASSES (Lunch on Premises)

Sunday Morning 9am Reno Events Center, 1350 N. Wells Ave

Evaluation of exhibits -- Evaluation of the program immediately following

There is a \$20. charge for the class for everyone, this includes lunch Fri & Sat.

Make check out to: Dee Holland and this must accompany the application

If you are staying at the hotel, YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION

Two Queen or One King room, \$75. including tax, etc per night

Tell hotel it is the AFMS Judges Training Seminar.

DO YOU PLAN TO STAY AT HOTEL? _____

Camping with the Reno Club at Events Center? _____

QUICK TIPS FOR EDITORS AND A BIT OF HISTORY



QUICK TIPS for EDITORS

By Linda Jaeger, AFMS Bulletin Editors Advisory Chair

If you have a question (or suggestion) about editing or writing or the bulletin contest or something related, send it to me by email: LjgrAlg@aol.com or at home address: 3515 E. 88th St., Tulsa, OK 74137. If I cannot find an answer, we'll publish the question and ask readers for their answers.

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AFMS Winning Articles

Our resourceful AFMS webmaster, Marty Hart, now has the 2011 Winning Articles and Poetry available on the AFMS website, www.amfed.org. These are **free** for you to download and reprint. Be sure to give credit to the author and publication as it is shown in the title of each downloaded page.

These are all.doc files with each page in single-column format. You should be able to edit the columns and move pictures to fit the format of your bulletin. Enjoy!



Where Have We Been? Do We Know Where We're Going?

(excerpts from RMFMS Editor/Webmaster Breakfast,
June 25, 2011 program by Linda Jaeger)

My favorite jeweler has an electronic marquis on his corner. Sometimes I drive by just to get a laugh, because he usually has some humor among the ads. Here's one of his funnies: "My mother started walking when she was 60. Now she's 87, and we don't know where the heck she is!"

You can see where I'm going with this – are we as editors "walking," not knowing where the heck we're going?

Flashes from the past:

Before we had organized rock clubs with bulletins and editors, man recorded history with drawings. Witness petroglyphs from Azerbaijan dating to the 12th-8th century BC and Aborigine rock art from 50,000 – 50 years ago. The Sumerians finally developed a written alphabet and recorded their thoughts in Cuneiform on clay tablets (3500 BC). In 1300 the Chinese first used wooden movable type in printing, and in 1452 the Europeans developed and used metal plates in a printing press (think Guttenberg).

The Industrial Revolution of the 1800s made printing much faster with rotary printing presses, copying presses, and the typewriter. Louis Braille developed embossed printing so the blind could read. We had US mail delivery, but for four months during 1861 the USPS contracted with the Pony Express to deliver mail until the transcontinental railroad was completed.

The New York Mineralogical Club was formed in 1886. They recently celebrated their 125th anniversary! But think back to the 1800s – scribes were still copying works by hand, primitive presses were still being used, and the typewriter was a new-fangled gadget. Editing and printing a newsletter for rock clubs in the 1800s wasn't what it is today!

Television, talking movies, radio, phonographs, telephones – these devices became available in the 1900s, and communication became increasingly electronic. Also important in the 1900s, rock clubs joined together in regional federations: CFMS (1935), NFMS (1938), MWF (1940), and RMFMS (1941).

AFMS began in 1947 when the regional federations that were formed in the 1930s and 1940s banded together to make a national organization. EFMLS joined in 1950, SCFMS joined in 1954, and SFMS joined in 1993; thus, our present AFMS is made up of the seven regional federations.

Mineral News and Notes, the newsletter begun by CFMS in 1936, became the official AFMS magazine in 1950 and eventually became *Gems & Minerals Magazine*. In 1960 the AFMS Newsletter was separated from the secretary's job, and a bulletin editor's luncheon was held at the 1960 meeting. The first national editor's breakfast was created by June Culp Zeitner at the national show in Washington, DC, and the first editor's contest was suggested.

Remember the IBM Selectric Typewriter? It was the electric typewriter with "the ball" that revolutionized the typing world in 1961. Many of us remember reproducing our bulletins on hand-cranked spirit duplicators. When I first began teaching, this was how I reproduced tests for my students. It was a quick, albeit smelly (methyl alcohol) way to make lots of copies. Some of us also used stencils that we typed ("cut") on our typewriters and then used as masters to make copies. In the 1960s and 1970s some of us even began printing our bulletins on colored paper!

Today we love our laptop computers, our cell phones with apps, our FAX machines, our do-everything copiers, the Internet, and our electronic mail. It's all quite amazing when you consider that the ENIAC computer in 1953 took up the space of a whole floor at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Science and technology have made incredible progress since 1886 (time of the first rock club), making it easier and faster for us to write, edit, duplicate, and share what we have to say!

So, what are we doing right?

1-We create bulletins that meet the needs of our clubs:

- 8th grade reading level, clear and concise (see <http://www.impact-information.com/impactinfo/newsletter/plwork15.htm> for more information)
- consistent type face, at least 12 pt in size
- plenty of white space
- graphics, photos, illustrations (about 80% of people are mainly visual learners)
- educational articles
- a variety of hobby-related subjects
- eye-catching titles
- good grammar and spelling

As a kid, did you ever use a tin-can telephone? Notice the clipart here! The cans are **connected**. For us to communicate **we still need some kind of a connection!**

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2-We promote good communication:

- common courtesy -- returning calls and emails quickly
- listening with an open mind
- working together for common good
- willingness to learn
- PEP (praise-encourage-praise – this is a great way to teach and to handle making a criticism; the best coaches my kids ever had were the ones who coached using PEP – “You’re doing a great job on this, let’s work on that by doing . . ., and look how much you’ve improved on this!”)

And where are we going?

Innovations:

- hard copy and e-bulletins
- blogspots, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, websites
- junior groups and teaching them to write (AFMS Future Rockhounds of America, writing articles jointly, Rock Pals – rock exchange program for kids on AFMS website)
- rockhound forums (groups or lists)

You’ll notice that many of these are rooted in our electronic age. We make hard copy available for those who don’t use computers, and we send e-bulletins to those who do use computers.

The second bulleted list may sound like a foreign language! If you use a computer, try going to <http://pebblepups.blogspot.com/>. This is Steven Veatch’s blogspot for the pebble pups groups he leads in Colorado. You will find a delightful assortment of activities past-present-future, as well as photos and short videos made by the kids.

If you are looking for a short video about something in the earth sciences, try going to www.YouTube.com and doing a search for your subject, such as “volcanoes.” These can be appropriate for a small group of juniors to view together as part of their meeting. Or perhaps a club member (kid or adult) might use these as a jumping off point for writing an article! Facebook and Twitter are social media where you can share all kinds of information.

The remaining items in my very short list are all available from the AFMS website, www.amfed.org, and are also great starting places for articles.

Yogi Berra once said: “If you don’t know where you’re going, you might wind up someplace else.” Technology has made typing and duplicating much easier for us. As editors we are responsible for making good communication a priority. So, do we know where WE are going? Yes! We COMMUNICATE, whatever the media!

Our Pack

Remember mountain cabin with the hot tub on the deck?

Rent was kind of spendy but we did it, what the heck.

Years of greatest memories always spent somewhere with you.

Whatever there’s between us bound us tightly with its glue.

Miles put on the highways rolling somewhere down the line.

Slippery paths and gravel roads our Buick made it fine.

Climbing up some canyon, chasing treasures we could haul.

Only rocks and fossil bugs but we sure have a ball.

Now the house and yard are full of samples of our play.

Probably cost a fortune someday just to haul away.

All the friends we’ve come to love, on one rock trip we found.

Just two old dogs who’ve joined a pack, both proudly called rockhound.

By Vern; Via Hidden Treasures 5/11

A Mineral Lovers' Opera

By Beth Simmons— a funny mineralogical fact found in "The Crest of the Continent," by Ernest Ingersoll, 1885.



Brittle Silver
(Stephanite)



Pharmacosiderite
Really exciting, huh?

But it rhymed!

Did you know that there is an **opera** named after one of Colorado's minerals? It was a comedy (a sitcom), the first opera to be written in Colorado and was first performed in Denver's Tabor Opera House on January 23, 1882. Stanley Wood wrote the libretto (words) and W. F. Hunt composed the music.

Throughout the rest of the year, the opera company played this satirical production in Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Leadville, and other cities across the state.

One of the opera's madrigals sung by the comical academic, Professor Polycarp P. Pilycamp, pokes fun at mineral names and collectors:

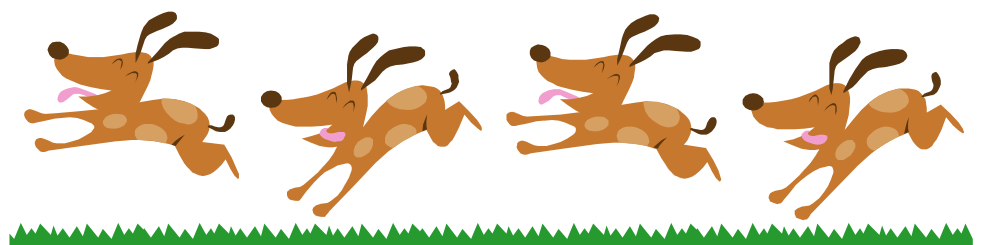
I have found out a gift for my fair,
I have found where the calcites abound,
Where sklopsite and zircon appear
With sárcolite scattered around.

Then come love, and never say nay,
With picrosmine thy heart I'll delight,
With diaspore and manganoblend gay
And phármakósiderite.

Obviously librettist Stanley Wood was more interested in rhyming and rhythm than mineralogical nomenclature! However, according to the *Minerals of Colorado* (p. 365), pharmacosiderite (a hydrated potassium/iron arsenate) was reported from Colorado, one hundred years after its name was sung on the stage of the Tabor Opera Hall!

What mineral name gave its name to this famous great Colorado operatic production? A silver/antimony sulfide called **BRITTLE SILVER** by the miners. What is the mineral's present name? **STEPHANITE**.

Via Strata Gem 10/11, Tips & Chips 7/11



AFMS NEWS



From The Rectangular Office by Lauren Williams, AFMS President

Hello, I am Lauren Williams your new AFMS President. I live in Idaho Falls, Idaho. My wife Shirlene and I have one son, Troy. I spent most of my life as a Draftsman, that's making drawings so that things can be made; most of that time was for the government.

My first experience with AFMS was at the show in Ventura, CA in 1990. I served as AFMS Editor in 1991-1992 and became Northwest Federation President in 1992-93. I've also served as the Financial Investment Chair for AFMS for the past several years.

At the start of the new AFMS year 2012, it is time to take stock of the year that was. The Show and Convention at Syracuse was great. Thank you, Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse and Eastern Federation for inviting the AFMS.

Think back to what you personally did to promote our hobby. Remember that protecting our collecting areas so that future 'rough' is available is part of promoting our hobby. Without rough material we have no hobby, nothing to work with and finish and fashion into whatever it is that we want the finished work to look like when we get through with it. Promoting the Juniors is another way to protect our hobby into the future and their futures. It is time for you to start thinking about your Competitive Exhibit for 2012 in Minnesota.

I would like to publicly give a big thank you to Bob Miller for the excellent and outstanding work that he did for us this past year as AFMS President. In addition, thanks to all the AFMS Committee people, Regional Vice Presidents and Past Presidents. Without their hard work and efforts the AFMS and its member Federations could not exist.

The holiday season starts this month so as you go "over the river and thru the woods", slow down and be safe. Plan to leave early enough so that you do not have to hurry or to be rushed. There will always be road construction, accidents and reckless drivers along the way to slow you down.

Via the AFMS Newsletter 11/11



Having Fun: Junior Activities by Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS Juniors Program Chair

Seeking Activity Suggestions for Our New Badges

As noted in my prior articles, I'm in the midst of developing five new badges for our AFMS Future Rockhounds of America badge program. This month, I invite your suggestions. Based on a survey of clubs most actively utilizing our program, here are the five new badges we'll start offering in 2012:

The World in Miniature. Learning about miniature, thumbnail, and micromount minerals and fossils, plus a unit on sand collecting.

Special Effects. Learning about rocks and minerals exhibiting such neat characteristics as magnetism, triboluminescence, double refraction, chatoyancy, "TV stone," etc., and holding an "Amazing Mineral Magic Show" to demonstrate such characteristics.

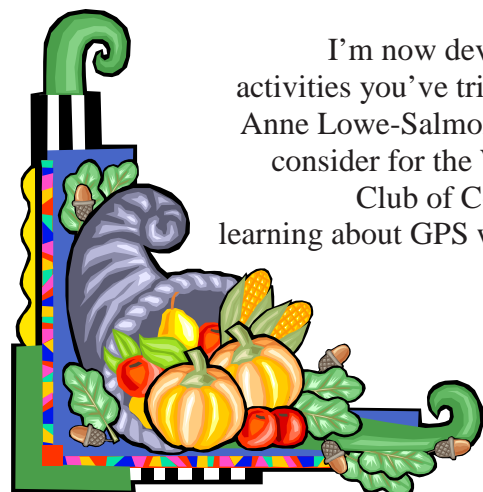
Fluorescent Minerals. Learning why some minerals fluoresce, building a basic fluorescent mineral collection, learning about famous localities like Franklin, NJ, etc.

Reaching Across Generations. Pairing junior members with senior members to share knowledge and fun stories, with a follow-up activity to share what's been learned. (Note: This badge was suggested by Erica Nathan, a junior member of the Coquina Kids in Florida based on her fond experiences with a senior member of her club!)

Maps. Learning about different map types and how to use them, sources of maps, how to make basic maps, using GPS, etc.

I'm now developing specific activities to go with each badge and drafting basic designs for each. If you have suggestions of activities you've tried in any of these areas, please share them with me (805-659-3577; <jbraceth@roadrunner.com>). For instance, Anne Lowe-Salmon in Connecticut has pointed me to the International Sand Collectors Society and other neat resources to consider for the World in Miniature badge. And Dennis Gertenbach, the leader of the Junior Geologists of the Flatirons Mineral Club of Colorado has told me about a geocaching activity he's done with his juniors to give them hands-on experience learning about GPS while having fun! I welcome fun activities *you* might suggest.

Via AFMS Newsletter 11/11



Happy Thanksgiving

AFMS NEWS AND QUARTZSITE SCHEDULE



National Rockhound & Lapidary Hall of Fame Inductees by Steve Weinberger

The National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame was founded in 1987 by June Culp Zeitner to recognize excellence in the earth sciences by inducting one or more persons each year in six categories: Minerals, Fossils, Metal Craft, Lapidary, Education and Tribute (Deceased). At this time we have inductees representing 44 states. All of the inductees are experts in their fields. Many of them have published several books and most of them have been active in community service.

The Hall of Fame is housed in the Pioneer Auto Show at Murdo, SD and features numerous gems, minerals and fossils from the collection of June Culp Zeitner and other HOF inductees as well as photographs of each inductee. As you head east or west on I-90, just watch for the looooooong green car at the Murdo, SD exit.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the inductees of the "class of 2011".

Lapidary - Harold Smith - North Carolina

A retired professor of biochemistry and award winning faceter, he served on the SFMS Uniform Rules Committee and taught faceting at both the SFMS William Holland and Wildacres workshops.

Minerals - George Rapp - Minnesota

Professor of geology at the Univ. of Minnesota and AFMS Scholarship Foundation Honorary Recipient, Dr. Rapp is the author of 11 books including the *Encyclopedia of Minerals* (with Roberts) as well as many scientific papers.

Education - Harold Brady- North Dakota

A life-long rockhound, Harold was responsible for urging the state legislature to name a state fossil, and even in his 90's continues to teach classes and give presentations for his club, and always works at the club show of which he was the first organizer.

Tribute - Jack Nelson - Maryland

Jack was a well known gold panner, micromounter and lapidary. His patience at looking at the black sands found in gold panning, led to the discovery of cubic garnets in the sands. He loved writing and leading field trips, especially for children and often shared his "finds" with others.

To see a complete list of all inductees or learn how to nominate someone for consideration visit <www.rockhoundhalloffame.org>.

Via AFMS Newsletter 11/11



For Those Escaping the Winter Here is the Quartzsite Schedule

Annual RICE RANCH "Yawl Come" SHOW

Nov 1st 2011 - Feb 28th 2012

HI ALI SWAPMEET

Nov 1st 2010 - Mar 28th 2011

PROSPECTOR'S PANORAMA

Nov 1st 2011 - Feb 28th 2012

GREASEWOOD SWAP

Nov 1st 2011 - April 1st 2012

8th ANNUAL Christmas Light Parade

Dec. 3rd -7PM

QUARTZSITE ART GUILD ART SHOW

Jan. 13th & 14th
SENIOR CENTER

DESERT GARDENS 10th. ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL

GEM, MINERAL & JEWELRY SHOW
JAN. 1st 2012 - FEB. 28th 2012

The Main Event

Open Nov 1st 2011 - March 2012 Show Date: Jan. 7th 2012 - Jan.
22nd 2012
Steam Engine Show
TBA 2012

22nd Annual Hi Jolly Daze parade
Jan.7th 2012

TYSON WELLS ROCK & GEM SHOW

JAN. 6th 2012 - JAN. 15th 2012

NEW CHRISTIE MINSTRELS

Jan 13th (two shows 2pm & 7pm)
QIA BUILDING

TYSON WELLS SELL-A-RAMA

JAN. 20th 2012 - JAN.29th 2012

Blythe Annual Bluegrass Music Festival

Jan. 20th - 21st - 22nd 2012

BIG TENT...SPORTS, VACATION & R.V. SHOW

JAN. 21st 2012 - JAN. 29th 2012

NFMS MEMBER CLUBS' SHOW SCHEDULE

November 11 - 13 Fri 5 - 9, Sat 10 - 5 Sun 11 - 4	Chugach Gem and Mineral Society	Anchorage Sheraton Hotel 2 nd Floor, 401 East 6 th Avenue Anchorage AK	Anita Williams 907 522 4664 P.O.Box 92027 Anchorage, AK 99509-2027
November 11 - 13 Fri 10 - 5, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	NW Opal Association and The Cascade Mineralogical Society	Expo Hall, Puyallup Fairgrounds Meridian St. S and 9 th Ave SW Puyallup, WA	Lyle Jorgensen 425 483 0557 mechanix@comcast.net
November 12 - 13 Sat 9 - 5, Sun. 10 - 5	Skagit Rock & Gem Club	Sedro Woolley Community Center 720 State St., Sedro Woolley, WA	Vi Jones, (360)424-8340, rocks1x1vi.george@frontier.com
November 12 - 13 Sat 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock & Gem Club	Maplewood Clubhouse, 8802 196 th St. SW Edmonds, WA, (3 miles west of I-5)	Kim Lee 425 773 2419 info@maplewoodrockclub.com
November 18 - 20 Fri 12-7, Sat 10-7 Sun 11-4	Springfield OR Thunderegg Club	Willamalane Center for Sports and Recreation, 250 South 32 nd Street, Springfield, OR	John Randall 541 683 2661 PO Box 312, Springfield, OR 97472 or Bob Smith 541 736 0060
November 19 - 20 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society	Kitsap County Fairgrounds, President's Hall 1200 NW Fairgrounds Road Bremerton WA 98311	Jim McClure pogy2@centurytel.net 253 265 3011, www.kmgs.org
February 11 - 12, 2012 Sat 9 - 5, Sun 9 - 4	Whidbey Island Gem Club	Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE Jerome Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98277	Keith Ludemann 360 675 1837 rock9@whidbey.net
February 25 - 26, 2012 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Idaho Gem & Mineral Club, Inc	Expo Idaho, 5610 Glenwood Boise, Idaho (Corner of Glenwood & Highway 20)	Charlie Smith PO Box 1264 Riggins, ID 83549 208 628 4002 tetongems@frontier.com
March 3 - 4, 2012 Sat 9 - 6, Sun 9 - 5	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society	O'Conner Field House 2200 Blaine, Caldwell, ID	Carolyn Roberts 208 466 6191 ncrobertsrp@msn.com, www.owyheerocks.com
March 10 - 11, 2012 Sat 9 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Magic Valley Gem Club	Twin Falls Co. Fairgrounds 215 Fair Avenue, Filer, ID	Shirley Metts 208 423 4827 rmetts@cableone.net or Jon Cromer 208 293 5846, rokcutt@hotmai.com
March 16-18, 2012 Fri 10 - 7, Sat 10 - 7 Sun 10 - 5	Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society with a Junior Club	Spanish Fork Fairgrounds 475 South Main Street, Spanish Fork, UT	Keith Fackrell PO Box 65 Provo, UT 84601 801 592 0410 timprocks@gmail.com , timprocks.weebly.com
March 31 & April 1, 2012 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society	Sweet Home High School Activity Gym 1641 Long Street, Sweet Home OR	Joe Cota 541 451 2740 PO Box 2279 Lebanon, OR 97355
March 31-April 1, 2012 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club	Bloedel-Donovan Park 2214 Electric Ave. Bellingham, WA	Daniel Hayes, 360 312-8380, hayes0406@gmail.com,www.mtbakerrockclub.org
March 31 - April 1, 2012 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Southeast Idaho Gem & Mineral Society	Bannock County Fair Grounds 10588 Ifft Road, Pocatello ID	Kevin Taylor 208 232 4269 PO Box 3089 West Neeley Loop American Falls, ID 83211
April 20 - 22, 2012 Fri 9 - 6, Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4:30	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society (WAMS)	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 South Pacific Hwy West Rickreall, OR	Etheleen Flippo 503 623 4247 reflippoo@hotmail.com
April 21 - 22, 2012 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40 th Avenue SW, Seattle WA	Audrey Vogelpohl 206 932 3292 avogelpohl@comcast.net www.westseattlerockclub.org
April 28 - 29, 2012 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society	Hermiston Conference Center 415 South Highway 395, Hermiston, OR 97838	Mike Filarski 541 922 5091 stonemorlin1@netscape.net , www.hatrockhounds.org
April 28 - 29, 2012 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Gray's Harbor Rock & Gem Club	Gray's Harbor County Fairgrounds 43 Elma - McCleary Road Elma, WA 98514	Gary Emberley 360 533 6196 melissa624@hotmail.com
May 18 - 20, 2012 Fri 10 - 5, Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	2012 NFMS Annual Gem Show, Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak, Kennewick WA	Dom Cataldo dac@bioguardtech.com PO Box 6652, Kennewick, WA 99336 www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com

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