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Letters From Our Committee Officers:



Lora Hall - President

It is with great pleasure that I am announcing 2025 AFMS/MFMS Scholarship Honorary Awardees, Mary Lou and Jerry Northrup! As our

honorees they will have the privilege of choosing two postgraduate students to receive a \$4000 scholarship to continue their education and launch their careers.

Quoting from their nomination letter, “Mary Lou and Jerry exemplify the true spirit of the rockhound world. As long-time members of the Hells Canyon Gem and Mineral Club in Lewiston, Idaho they have been active in most aspects of the club. Mary Lou has served repeatedly as the club’s Treasurer. She has also taken up many other roles over the years. Mary Lou is currently the NFMS Scholarship Chairperson.

Jerry has served as Vice President and has continually acted as the Club’s Federation Director since 2015. One will often find Jerry volunteering at the silent auction table greeting all with his infectious smile and good humor. He and Mary Lou give of themselves, not only at their own show, but wherever they happen to be. If they are at a show and see the need for some help, they will step up before anyone even asks.

Jerry and Mary Lou are also very involved with their family and grandchildren. They have been active supporters of the 4H program with their children, and now with their grandchildren.

They exhibit a great deal of joy in being present for them. Their enthusiasm carries over to the rockhound world by sharing their hobby with the youth who show up to the meetings. Jerry generally has a pocket full of rocks he freely passes out to the young attendees.

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Letters From Our Committee Officers Continued:

Mary Lou and Jerry Northrup freely, joyfully and wholeheartedly support the ideals and beliefs of the AFMS Code of Ethics. They have been enthusiastic members of the Northwest Federation for many years, giving of themselves as a matter of course. For their service and dedication, this honor should be bestowed on them."

Mary Lou and Jerry Northrup



Congratulations!

Since these scholarships will be awarded in March at the AFMS/EFMLS Conference in Hickory, NC we had to move up this

year's deadline a tad to give Mary Lou and Jerry a chance to find and select their candidates. If you or your club has someone you like to nominate as an honoree, please send me a letter of recommendation, it is not too soon to start thinking about next year.

I am stealing from Jennifer Haley here when she explains, "The AFMS honor is for an individual or a couple that stands out beyond the club level although they may be a member of the club and part of the nomination letter includes their club activity, or may be but doesn't have to be someone special in their affiliation with the federation, or maybe but not necessarily with the AFMS, or an earth science professor, or a person who has discovered/confirmed they've found a new mineral, or an earth science researcher who isn't a student. It could be a retired geologist who does a lot of work with earth science and kids in their community somehow, it could even be an amateur fossil collector who found a new species that's been documented or that great find that's now in a museum. It's always someone recognized beyond their club membership activities, but it doesn't have to be someone who is actually a member of a club. Most of the time people only think of professors, but that's not set in stone at all. It could even be an author who's written field trip books or books about agates, etc. The individual or couple does however have to live within the territory of the NFMS (within one of our 6 states)."

- Lora Hall

**Michael Rhodes - 1st Vice President**

This time of year is a time of gratitude and reflection. As I write this, Thanksgiving is just a few days away and by the time this newsletter is published and distributed the

Holiday Season will be fast approaching, I first want to express my appreciation to our Creator, by whatever name you call him or her, for the beauties of nature. I love the beauty I see in the countryside as I join others searching for rocks and minerals and for the beauty found in those stones. I am grateful to be part of this federation of rock, gem, and mineral clubs who unite to protect our access to the lands where these stones are found, and who provide education on the materials we find. I am grateful for those who serve in the NFMS. not only those in the Executive Committee, but for all those who volunteer to serve in our numerous committees that are important to help the federation function. Lastly, I am grateful to each of you who love this hobby of ours. I had a chance recently to reflect on my journey in this hobby. I started as a 14 year old who loved rocks. I was fortunate to have a mentor who taught me how to use and maintain lapidary equipment, how to cut and polish stones, and who took me out to find a variety of rocks during the 4 years I worked at his rock shop. My path has not been one I could see from the beginning. I never expected to be teaching lapidary at 2 different military base hobby shops and later at two different senior center lapidary labs. I never expected to be a club president. And certainly never expected to be a federation officer, but have done my best to embrace these roles over the 60 years since I first walked into that rock shop. I want to wish you a Happy Holiday Season, whichever holidays you celebrate this month, and look forward to enjoying this hobby in the year ahead. If you find yourself willing to volunteer in some way to help this federation move forward, your help will be greatly appreciated. If you just want to support your local club, that is important as well. As always, ROCK ON!!

- Michael Rhodes

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Letters From Our Committee Officers Continued:

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

A word from your Secretary

If you look through this newsletter you will find an article about Poetry. It is included in the hope that some of you will try your hand at one of the poetic formats and perhaps submit it to your newsletter editor. Perhaps they, in turn, will submit your poetry for the Bulletin Aids Contest. It's fun to try and you might discover you really are a poet. But you need to hurry as the contest will be ending soon. (Even if you miss this year, maybe you will be entered next year.) I have added my quick stab at the Acrostics and Cinquain below. Have some fun and try it out. And keep on rockin'.

December:

Delightful time of the year
Excitement abounds
Christmas is coming
Eagerly awaiting
Merriment and fun
Bringing families home
Endless joy all around
Remembrance in life

Crystals
Perfect Glimmer
Give warmth to the senses
Excite, Delight, Amaze, Entrance
Crystals

A word from (the still reluctant) Treasurer pro tem

I want to toss out kudos and a big Hooray to the Grays Harbor Rock Club!!! They are the first club to submit their dues and information for 2025! Great job, Grays Harbor! Let their example be a challenge to all. When dues are paid on time current information can be gathered and we will be able to make an up-to-date Directory. Happy Holidays to all and keep warm and safe.

- Judi



**Gary Warren -
2nd Vice President**

Well, we are into the holiday seasons, and I hope that everyone is enjoying this time of year.

I would like to introduce myself to all of you and tell you a little about myself to help you get to know me better. I am a member of the Golden Spike Rock and Mineral Club here in Ogden, Utah and have been a rockhound for many years. I was a member of the Cache Rock and Gem Club for over 15 years and was president of that club for the same amount of time. During this time, I revised the Rockhounding Utah Book, and then I also revised the Rockhounding Colorado book and the Rockhounding Nevada book. When the company originally came to me to have them revised, they wanted me to check out all the sites within the books and put in GPS coordinates and then make sure that the sites were still available. I am now again rewriting the Rockhounding Utah book and next year I will rewrite the Rockhounding Nevada book to keep them current. This has been a whole lot of fun for my wife and I, who accompanied me on all the trips. I have to say that I have visited every site in all three books and found some of the sites to be a great place to hunt for rocks. One thing that did stick out as I was checking out these sites was a little disturbing to me. People who went out to hunt for their rocks did not fill in the holes that they had dug and a lot of the people did not adhere to some of the rules that are in place for rock hunters. I know that some of the rules do change from state to state, but we still need to make sure as we go out that we are considerate of others. One rule is, we are casual rockhounds and are only allowed a certain amount from a dig, and also we are only allowed so much within a year. I have watched rockhounds drive a pickup onto a site and fill the pickup to the brim with the minerals that are there. Please, people, it is ok to rockhound but leave some for all of us.

I am looking forward to working with you in this organization and getting to know you better. If there is anything that I can help you with, please get with me and let me help you.

- Gary



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

NFMS Dues and Directory Request

Hi Folks, it is rapidly approaching that time of year again. What the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies wants to offer you, is membership, all there is to gain from continued membership is our wonderful Federation. In order so do so, we do have expenses that must be covered. And, of course, you know that is accomplished largely by a small contribution of \$3.50 per year from each of its members.

NFMS dues, need to be paid by January 10, 2025, so if you pay yours right away (before the holiday rush) you will have taken care to protect your valuable affiliation with fellow rockhound enthusiasts. I hope these directions will be simple and help streamline things.

Following is the process to accomplish this task.

1. Count your membership at this point in time (unless you are paying after December 31- then count your membership on December 31)
2. Make a check out to NFMS for 2025 dues: (\$3.50 per adult member count, plus \$1.00 per junior member count) (You are on your honor, so please be honest.)

Example: Your club has 142 adults and 16 juniors (18 and under)

142 x \$3.50 = \$497.00

16 x \$1.00 = \$16.00

TOTAL DUE: \$513.00

3. Complete the form on the next page listing vital information for our membership directory. (Note: Starting this year, after being passed at the 2024 Annual Meeting, we will only be including officer and chairpersons' information, not the entire membership.) Each club will continue to receive a Directory. (We are working to also streamline this process. More to come, I'm sure)

4. List three (3) people who will receive the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) Newsletter. My suggestion would be the president, federation director, and newsletter editor, but it is your choice. (These three individuals can facilitate a sharing of information with your membership.)

5. Send all of this to me at:

Judi Allison, NFMS Treasurer (pro tem)

1701 NW 11th ST

Hermiston, OR 97838

Yes, I am sorry, it has to be snail mail. We don't have VENMO or any of that fancy stuff. And thanks a heap in advance.

Dues and Directory Request Form

Print out this page for easy use!

Club Name: _____

Club Location: _____

Club Website: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Meeting Place: _____

Meeting Address: _____

Meeting Time and Day: _____

Club Email: _____

Club Contact and Email: _____

President and Contact: _____

Vice-President and Contact: _____

Secretary and Contact: _____

Treasurer and Contact: _____

Federation Director and Contact: _____

Bulletin Editor and Contact: _____

Junior Advisor and Contact: _____

Show Chair and Contact: _____

Field Trip and Name and Email Contact: _____

Who will receive an email of the NFMS Newsletter for distribution to your club members? Name and email contact: _____

Who will receive 3 copies of the AFMS Newsletter? Name and Physical Address of Each:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Number of Adult Members x \$3.50 =

Number of Junior Members x \$1.00 =

Total amount to remit to NFMS=

Send this form and your remittance to:

NFMS Treasurer pro tem, Judi Allison

1701 NW 11th ST

Hermsiton, OR 97838

Any Questions? Call 541-720-4950

Your opportunity to Help the Federation
By: Vicki Johnson
Endowment Fund Committee Chairperson

The Endowment Fund Committee is looking for a person to serve as the committee's Treasurer. This is a volunteer opportunity to support the federation that involves only a couple hours a month of your time.

The Endowment Fund Committee meets as a group once a year in conjunction with the Annual Federation Meeting. Other business, if needed, is conducted via e-mails or telephone communications. The position is appointed annually by the NFMS president at the recommendation of the Endowment Fund Committee Chairperson to serve a one-year term but may be reappointed by mutual agreement between the individual, the committee chairperson and the NFMS president.

The Endowment Fund Committee Treasurer duties include:

1. Serving as an active member of the Endowment Fund Committee participating in committee business discussions. This includes evaluating proposed expenditure requests to ensure they are within the fund spending guidelines and committee operating procedures.
2. Receiving donations to the Endowment Fund from various sources and depositing them into the fund's operating account at Charles Schwab.
3. Keeps records of all financial transactions of the Endowment Fund Committee.
4. Sending thank-you letters to the donors acknowledging the receipt of the donations.
5. Working with the Endowment Fund Financial Advisor and NFMS Treasurer to coordinate the transfer of funds, when needed, from the fund's operating account to the NFMS treasury.
6. Working with the Endowment Fund Financial Advisor to coordinate the transfer of funds from the NFMS investment account to the operating account to ensure adequate funds are available in the operating account to cover funding obligations.

Other requirements include:

- The individual must be an active member of a member society of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies.
- Having access to a computer and the internet to facilitate communications with other committee members.

For additional information about the duties of the job feel free to contact the previous treasurer of the committee, Lyle Vogelpohl at 206-932-3292.

If you are interested in filling this position please contact the Endowment Fund Committee Chairperson, Vicki Johnson at 360-751-8031 or vickijrocks@msn.com.

Quick Tips for Editors – Playing with Words: Wanna Be a Poet?

Linda Jaeger, RMFMS BEAC

I don't know a lot about poetry, but I've always enjoyed reading it. Somehow, it's easy on the eyes, it gets right to the point (math people like me appreciate concise), it can move the heart, and it can fill our senses with delight. When I don't know much about something, I research! To get an easy first explanation, I frequently go to the kid's version, either online or in the children's section at the library. Here's what I discovered about two easy-to-write types of poetry.

ACROSTICS:

To write an acrostic poem, we choose a word we want to write about, spell the word vertically, then use each letter to begin the horizontal line it's on. Each line describes something about our word.

For example, we could use the word "lava."

Languishing molten rock
All devouring appetite
Violent, exploding fire and ash
Assembling new rock

This paints a pretty vivid picture of lava – and we didn't have to worry about much punctuation or even rhyming.

THE CINQUAIN:

Poetry written as a Cinquain (sing-KANE) has a specific form to follow for each line. If you haven't already guessed, a Cinquain has five lines ("cinq" comes from the French for five).

Here's the format, according to line:

According to my source, there are some things you should be careful about in writing a "... Cinquain or any short poem: 1. Don't be tempted to add extra words of (sic.) syllables to fill out the form; 2. If every line sounds 'finished,' there is a full stop at its end, and it sounds boring; 3. A Cinquain should build to a climax and have a surprise at the last line." If we are able to make our Cinquain follow both the word pattern and the syllable pattern, we have an ideal Cinquain.

Let's try writing a Cinquain about lava:

Lava
Exploding fire
Enveloping all things

Frightful beauty, spoiling, forcing
New rock

My efforts are not quite the ideal Cinquain, but this satisfies the syllable format, is descriptive of lava, and does have a surprise on the last line.

A related form of poetry you may recognize is Haiku. It usually has three short lines with syllables per line going 5 – 7 – 5 . Haiku also does not rhyme but must relay a vivid image to the reader.³

If you would like to try an acrostic form or a Cinquain (making it hobby-related), you can consult with your club editor, do some research online or at the library, write and

rewrite, and finally give your editor a type of poem he/she might not have published in the past.

Editors – does this sound like a club contest? Be sure to publish, then save the best poems for your regional contest! (Remember, you are the one who decides what articles, poems, and bulletin issues are contest worthy.)

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A REMINDER

The Endowment Fund Committee wants to remind all clubs and their members that they are still looking for ways to spend their available funds this current year. The criteria for possible projects and/or programs and needed supporting documents were listed in the October, 2024 NFMS newsletter. Proposals must be sent to the committee by:

January 1, 2025.

Value of Membership in Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies

The key values of membership are strength in numbers and the opportunities provided through affiliation with a historically grounded and respected group of hobbyists. As members of the NFMS, each of us represents a positive image of our desire to learn more and gain from our beautiful earth while maintaining its integrity. By participating in group led fieldtrips and taking part in local clean ups of our forests and collecting areas we are setting an example for others to follow. Membership in the NFMS automatically gives us membership in the American Federation Mineralogical Societies. (AFMS). We understand the ethics and value of our American Federation Code of Ethics and we follow the guidelines with pride.

As members of NFMS, we are able to gain knowledge through participation in competitive display. We can learn display techniques and ideas to hone our presentations from judges trained in specific categories. As we gain skills and knowledge, we may be able to enter our displays in the American Federation Shows and test our skills among a wider range of competitors. If we don't care to take part in the competitive aspect of display, we are still able to show off our accomplishments and our wares through non-competitive displays.

We can share our expertise in a particular area of the hobby by creating a program through the AFMS New Program competition. Perhaps you have created a special way to accomplish a great polish on a cabochon. Maybe you could create a "How to" presentation. Perhaps your club has taken part in an exciting field trip. It might be something others would enjoy learning about through a power point. There are so many things within our hobby we can share with others. By creating a program we can enlighten a broader audience.

We have the availability to borrow from the NFMS Video Library which houses a myriad of features about our earth and our hobby, some of which were created through the above endeavor. We are in the process of converting some of the historical programs housed on slides into presentations that can be readily used for presentations. There are programs that guide one through processes in creating finished products. You will find presentations about a variety of locales or the processes of nature. All the programs and the information for borrowing them can be found on the NFMS website (northwestfederation.org). One can find the programs under the "Library" tab.

A contest exists called "The All American". It entails creating a "book" detailing all that your club does. There are categories for meetings, fieldtrips, community education and involvement and Juniors participation, to name a few. Gather some of your creative members and make this a group project. With completion, it can be entered in the contest through the American Federation. There are prizes which include gold, silver and bronze medals. The book also makes a great display for your shows, giving an overview of what your club has to offer.

As members, you are always encouraged to contribute to your club newsletter. Perhaps you led a spectacular field trip, or have an amusing antidote about some aspect of an outing. Maybe you have a great deal of understanding about a particular metal working process and you want to share the information with others. You could create an illustration or a cartoon about the hobby. Are you a poet? I guarantee you that your newsletter editor would LOVE to publish submissions you care to pass on. In doing so, you are giving your editor material that can be entered in the Bulletin Aids Contest. There is a wide variety of categories for entry, so submit something and make you and your editor happy. There are certificates and even plaques for top entries and you could be the recipient. Following the NFMS Bulletin Aids Contest, top entries will be submitted to the contest conducted through the AFMS.

If you are the individual who provides your club with a website to pass along information, there is a contest for you. Entry in the website contest can give insight into things that are relevant for your audience. It can help improve your format and delivery by providing you with feedback for catching readers' attention and imparting information and ideas. The contest begins at the NFMS level, and like the Bulletin Aids Contest, one may be eligible to participate in the American Federation portion of the contest.

The Junior sector of our organization is an extremely important aspect of our Federation. The Junior members are active, intelligent sponges absorbing the knowledge older members can impart. They have many opportunities to gain from their membership, including the AFMS Junior Badge Program, Junior Achievement Awards, competitive displays and submitting their written work to the new AFMS Junior Newsletter, "Crack the News". Juniors need not be a formal group to take part in these opportunities. Even if there is only one Junior in your club the opportunities are open to that Junior.

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Since our Juniors are not only our future, but our here and now, it is important to nurture and encourage them. We all have the hope that they will discover the joy of rock-hounding as we have. They will carry on to our future.

As mentioned before, with membership in the NFMS, you receive the Northwest Newsletter. Your club has the opportunity to have its annual show listed in the newsletter. The club can also purchase a larger ad for a nominal fee. This ad can be included on the website. The newsletter passes on information such as deadlines for contests and keeps you informed about important aspects of the organization. There are features of interest to members and messages from your executive committee. Again, you can make it better by giving input.

Your club has representation through your Federation Director. This individual is the liaison between the Federation and your club. Your Director is the individual who passes on your club's wishes with input at the annual meeting and other times within the year. The Director is the official representative to whom you have given the power to speak and vote for the wishes of your membership. A New Directors Handbook is housed on the NFMS website.

The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies functions through a number of committees. A number of the committees may be "a committee of one". The duties and the extent of needed involvement varies. One can find a complete list of the committees and the duties of each on the website by reading the By-Laws. A few examples of committees are Newsletter, Safety, Scholarship and Show Coordination. Volunteers come forth to fill the duties of these committees. At any given time, there seems to be vacancies in some of the committees. You could volunteer to fill one of these vacancies. You will find volunteerism in the Federation is fun and rewarding. One learns more about all the Federation as a whole and gains new friends and acquaintances.

With the advent of electronic newsletters, our Federation should be seeing a positive trend in finances. As this occurs, we will be able to invest in some positive projects to benefit the entire organization. In order to accomplish this, the Endowment Fund Committee will need ideas AND a collection of folks who are willing to work to see the project come to fruition. Remember, this is Your Federation. Take advantage of what it has to offer by immersing yourself in the opportunities to make it even better.

Each member IS the Federation. Let's all buy into the idea of being an active participant. The rewards are many.

- Judi Allison

DUES ARE DUE

by Eureka Rock & Gem Club, via The Polished Slab

You pay your dues and what do you get?
A year filled with friends and fun – you bet!
You learn about rocks and minerals too.
There's oodles and oodles of things to do!

There's field trips and shows and programs galore
Now what do you mean...CAN'T we offer you more?
Sure, there's scads of books for you to read
To keep your old noggin from going to seed.

There's auctions and door prizes, raffles, too!
If you're lucky enough you can win a lot of loot.
You don't have to remember...you're reminded to meet
By the monthly bulletin which we hope is a treat.

There are displays at each meeting for you to see
And hot coffee and cakes for cake-eaters like me.
You can visit with friends to your heart's content
So DO pay your DUES...it's money well spent!

Did I hear you say work? Yeah, there's always that too,
But it can be fun if you work WITH the crew.
Just do your share...don't leave it toothers.
We'd all shrink the work if we had our druthers.

So plunk down your money and smile when you do,
Cause there's a lot of pleasure in the store for you.
Can't think of a way you get more for your dough
Than by joining a Rock Club with "git up and go".

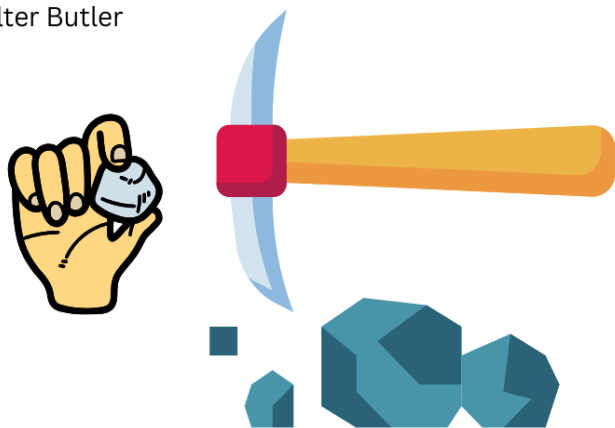
NW Rockhound Retreat

In 2024 we had a very successful Rockhound Retreat, all cabins and camper spaces were full. The Silver Working Class was very popular, and we ran out of space. We will have to limit the number of students in the future. The weather co-operated; it was not as hot as previous years.

The new Chainmail class held in the Berrie Hall and was well attended. There will not be a faceting class in 2025. This year OMSI increased the facility rental fee. After reviewing the actual effect on the Retreats budget. I will have to increase the registration amount next year.

Registration for the 2025 NW Rockhound Retreat held from September 1st through September 7th, 2025, will begin on March 1st, 2025. Look for the 2025 Registration Form on the Web site after March 1st.

- Walter Butler



Hello to all clubs,

I, Faith Farley, have taken on the NFMS Show Coordinator position for the second year. I read each listing I receive and if there are questions, I respond back to the club. That takes time. Then I send the posting for publishing to the NFMS website, NFMS Newsletter and both Gem magazines. The magazines are busy and complicated when it comes to making sure your club is published. Timing is the key, which is why I'd appreciate your posting FOUR months ahead of time.

I'd like to remind everyone that if your show is in January, February or March of 2025, NOW is the time to send me your listing due to the holidays. Thank you for your help! I wish every club a fantastic 2025 Show and look forward to a great year!

Faith Farley
Northwest Federation of
Mineralogical Societies
Show Coordinator

Stamp Committee Report

Thanks to many recent donations, we continue to have material to try and sell to stamp collectors! We recently sold some at a Salem Stamp Society auction and "Member Dealer Night" and raised \$178 more for the NFMS scholarship program. Both Ed and I continue to sort stamps for distribution. We have another big auction coming up in May. We hope to bring in more funds during that event. Please know that "definitives," which are the common stamps that are not commemoratives do not bring much value. Collections with stamps older than 1930 and foreign stamps bring in the most value. Anything vintage is helpful though. If you have envelopes with stamps from WW2 or older, those have collecting value as well. Thank you to everyone who has donated stamps, and especially those who have donated collections.

Regards,
Aaron Currier
Ed Anderson

**The Winner for 2025 Bulletin Editors Contest Is...**

Do you ever dream of the day when you hear your name after this. Well, this could be your chance. Now is the time to go through all your writings from this past year and send them in. We have categories from bulletins of all sizes, articles from both adults and juniors, written features, drawn features, poetry and even special publications. Maybe you're not into writing articles but know of someone who is. Send in one for them or encourage them to enter one. There are new forms online on the Northwest Federation website. Fill one out for the appropriate category you are entering into and send to me.

Priscilla Hall-Ford
P.O. Box 818
La Center, WA. 98629

Your entries need to be sent to me by:

JANUARY 10th, 2025

If you need any help. Please reach out to me and let's see what we can do. No problem too large or too small. We can get it done!! Let's see what you all have been working on all year.

Priscilla Hall-Ford
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Rockhounder2019@comcast.net

NFMS Nominating Committee

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader."

This is one of my favorite quotes about leadership, which comes from John Quincy Adams, our sixth president of the United States. Those words remind me about the leadership I have seen and heard about in rock and gem clubs, within the seven federations and the AFMS, for generations.

Each year, the NFMS Nominating Committee invites you to help us find good people to nominate for the position of 2nd Vice President, to join the executive committee of your federation.

As members of your club, I know you have a good eye and the experience to make recommendations. Also, if you are an individual interested in being 2nd VP don't hold back, let us know. It doesn't matter if we receive more than one nomination between now and up to 60 days before the 2025 NFMS Annual Meeting, because we can keep a list of names for the following year. Nominations for all elected officers of the NFMS must be in good standing of a recognized NFMS Club, and must be a permanent resident within the boundaries of the NFMS.

The 2nd VP is a position for one year, and is a three-year commitment as you go up the ladder to 1st VP and President. 2nd VP is also NFMS Custodian Chairman which is an easy job, because all you need to do is check in with each of the NFMS officers and chairman to see if there have been any changes in the inventory in their keeping and make note of it. Following being NFMS President, you become NFMS Nominating Committee chairman for one year, as I am this year.

It's very rewarding being on the executive committee, and I can tell you that from my experience being on these boards over the years in two different federations. Please send resumes of nomination to me. We have a wonderful future to look forward together, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Jennifer Haley, Chairman

Announcements!

I am pleased to announce the NFMS has a new Safety Chair, Kathy Larson! Yes, many of you know Kathy as our previous newsletter editor. She has volunteered to continue to serve the federation in this new capacity. Kathy can be reached at misaigue@hotmail.com. Thank you, Kathy!

We also have a new Treasurer, Faith Farley! Faith is currently our Show Coordinator, and she will be starting as Treasurer effective January 1, 2025. This will give us time to find a replacement Show Coordinator. Faith can be reached at earthmother169@gmail.com.

If you are interested in serving as our Show Coordinator, Faith has everything ready to pass off to someone new. We are also looking for someone to serve with Larry and Joshua Hulstrom on the Rules and Awards Committee. You do not have to be a judge to serve on this committee and I am sure Larry and Josh would help someone who is new to competitive exhibits get up to speed. And last but not least, we are looking for someone to organize our annual website contest.

If you are interest in any of these positions, please give me, Lora Hall-NFMS President a call at (406) 370-1863 or drop me an email at silvertipminis@msn.com.

Thank you to everyone who is stepping up to serve the NFMS. We cannot do this without our dedicated herd of volunteers. Or if you prefer a gaggle, pride, flamboyance, parade, pack, or float depending on whether we are horses, geese, lions, flamingos, elephants, wolves, or crocodiles.

Lora Hall, NFMS President





The NFMS 1939 Convention **The Largest of It's Kind in America**

On Oct 14-15, 1939 the NFMS held its 3rd Annual Convention in Seattle, Washington. The event was hosted by the Gem Collectors Club. One thousand members and delegates were in attendance! A representative from the national mineral magazine, *The Mineralogist*, estimated an additional two thousand visitors from other earth science organizations in the Pacific Northwest, affiliated visitors and the public combined, made this event one of the largest amateur earth science events of its kind in America at that time.

It was told hundreds of volunteers pulled together to make the event a success and described the volunteers as being so organized that, "everything was handled so well, there was complete elimination of confusion."

There was seating for two-hundred at the banquet, and the popular tickets sold out days before the event. Someone hand painted the two hundred place cards for the dinner. To make sure some of the visitors from out of state who didn't have tickets could attend the night's special event, members of the hosting club gave up their tickets. Phil Brogan, a well-known newspaper man from Bend, Oregon, was toastmaster for the evening. He spoke about the grand opportunities for earth science studies in the Pacific Northwest, and the accomplishments and educational work of the NFMS.

The many fine competitive and non-competitive exhibits were displayed at the New Washington Hotel.

Fifty glass cases were graciously loaned from Bon Marche's department store in Seattle for the exhibits. Material on display were polished specimens, crystals, fossils, gems and minerals. Most members of the Gem Collectors Club had a display on exhibit. Best Exhibit Award was won by the Washington Agate and Mineral Society of Olympia.

Ray Gruhlke's exhibit of fossils and minerals was a highlight and written about in the local newspaper. Peter Tjossen's exhibit of identified fossil wood brought in a lot of attention. J. Lewis Renton from Portland showed his fine collection of opals. There was an excellent display of mammal jaws from the John Day formation of Oregon. Fine specimens of fossil flora from the Latah of eastern Washington were displayed by Charles Fernquist of Spokane.

By far the most popular exhibit was the fluorescent mineral display by Walter Sutter. He captivated the audience by setting the stage of the minerals coming to life in all their glory, from being seen in ordinary light to successive ultraviolet light. Members of the hosting club camped in the exhibit hall during the night to safeguard the specimens and merchandise.

The commercial exhibitors were an important part of the convention, because not only did they pay for the convention by renting space, they were there to assist people with any problems they had with their lapidary work. Eighty-five years ago, the NFMS 1939 Convention was an experience to remember, and a great story to be retold about our history of being mineral collectors and the joy we experience being hobbyists today.

- Jennifer Haley

Thanks for Such a Thoughtful Gesture!

On behalf of the Northwest Federation Junior Program, I wish to send a hardy thank you to the now disbanded Oregon Coast Agate Club. Sadly, the membership had waned to a point that it was not feasible for the club to continue, so the few remaining members made the difficult decision to fold up shop. In doing so, they pondered what to do with the balance of their funds. They contemplated donations to the Scholarship, Endowment or General fund. They finally settled on the Junior Fund "in hope that the youth will discover the joy of rock hounding." This donation was no small amount in our eyes! It consisted of a cashier's check for \$4,016.47. Our Junior Leader has been informed of the wind-fall, and will hopefully work with the Juniors to brainstorm some special projects or activities that can be accomplished with the generous donation. We are extremely grateful to the Oregon Coast Agate Club for realizing the importance of our young members and the need to nurture them so that our beloved hobby can survive for generations to come.

We certainly don't want to lose any more clubs, but your clubs can also donate to the Federation. There are a number of possibilities where funds can be donated. As the Oregon Coast Agate Club did, there is the Junior Fund which is reserved exclusively to support the Junior Program. A donation to the Endowment Fund can be a way to help boost funds to be used for some special project. The general fund is what is used for the working capital of the Federation. One additional designation that can be made for a donation is the Scholarship Fund. The money given to this fund helps support the program that gives scholarship funds to two graduate students in the field of earth sciences. So, if you are honoring a fallen member, or simply wish to give, a donation to the NFMS is always graciously accepted and appreciated.

And, again our wholehearted thanks to the Oregon Coast Agate Club members who were so thoughtful and generous. We are forever grateful.

- Judi Allison



It is with sadness that we inform you of the loss of another of our fellow rockhounds. Tom Burchard passed away with his family at his side on November 11, 2024. Tom served as Circulation Chairman for the NFMS for a number of years. He was the man who was instrumental in keeping all the addresses complete and updated so our members could receive their newsletters. In addition to his membership in NFMS, Tom also had family and membership in CFMS territory. Tom became CFMS President in 2015. He was a very popular instructor at two of the CFMS rockhounding camps, Camp Zzyzx and Camp Paradise, for a number of years teaching lapidary. His mother was well known for her beautiful gem trees, and would join Tom at the camps teaching her wonderful skills. The Ventura Club of CFMS also reported that he was an athlete, a singer, a hunter, EMT & Limo driver, a reader and a rockhound with special skills as a lapidary instructor. And most memorably he brought joy, laughter and love to everyone he met. He will be missed.



NFMS CLUB SHOWS 2024-2025

<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>Feb 22nd & 23rd 2025</p> <p>Sat 10 - 7</p> <p>Sun 12 - 6</p>	<p>Idaho Gem Club</p> <p>85th Gem Show</p>	<p>Expo Building 'South Wing'</p> <p>5610 Glenwood</p> <p>Boise, ID 83714</p>	<p>Brent Stewart</p> <p>Willa Renken</p> <p>idahogemclub.com</p>
<p>Feb 22nd & 23rd 2025</p> <p>March 1st & 2nd 2025</p> <p>Sat 10 - 6</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>Chugach Gem and Mineral Society Shows</p>	<p>Expo Building 'South Wing'</p> <p>600 E. Northern Lights Blvd.</p> <p>Anchorage, AK 99514</p>	<p>Paul Burger</p> <p>cavemonpaul@hotmail.com</p>
<p>March 1st & 2nd 2025</p> <p>Sat 10 - 6</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society</p>	<p>O'Connor Field House</p> <p>2207 Blaine Street</p> <p>Caldwell, ID 83605</p>	<p>Paul Deveau</p> <p>devidaho66@outlook.com</p> <p>208-994-8025</p>
<p>March 14th & 15th 2025</p> <p>Sat 9 - 6</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>Hellgate Mineral Society</p> <p>30th Annual Show</p>	<p>Hilton Garden Inn</p> <p>3720 North Reserve St.</p> <p>Missoula, MT 59801</p>	<p>Neil A. Maier</p> <p>nam56@yahoo.com</p> <p>406-546-6013</p>
<p>March 22nd & 23rd 2025</p> <p>TBD</p> <p>TBD</p>	<p>NW Mt Gem & Mineral Show</p>	<p>NW Mt. Kalispell Grounds</p> <p>Kalispell, MT 59904</p>	<p>Lloyde Fager</p> <p>406-250-0285</p>
<p>March 29th & 30th 2025</p> <p>Sat 10 - 5</p> <p>Sun 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>



NFMS CLUB SHOWS 2024-2025

April 11th - 13th 2025 Fri 9 - 6 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society	Golden Spike Event Center Weber County Fairgrounds 1000 N. 1200 W. Ogden, UT 84401	Margie Miller (385) 205-9187 goldenspikegem.org FB: Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society
April 26th & 27th 2025 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Show	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 S. Oak St. Kennewick, Washington 99336	Larry Hulstrom rockhound132@charter.net lakesidegemandmineralclub.com
May 3rd & 4th 2025 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Everett Rock & Gem Club 70th Annual Show	Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Weikel Event Center 18359 Cascade View Drive Monroe, WA 98292	everetrockclub@hotmail.com
May 31st & June 1st 2025 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	North Idaho Mineral Club's 64th Annual Show	Kootenai County Fairgrounds Jacklin Building #25 4056 N. Government Way Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815	Mike McConnell nimcshowchairman@gmail.com

AFMS FEDERATION SHOW DATES



Shows in 2025:

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

Shows in 2026:

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

Rock Of The Month: Wulfenite

.Wulfenite, a vibrant mineral composed of lead molybdate ($PbMoO_4$), is renowned for its striking orange, red, and yellow hues. Discovered in the 18th century, it was named after Austrian mineralogist Franz Xavier von Wulfen, who studied its properties extensively. First identified in the lead mines of Austria, wulfenite became a prized mineral among collectors due to its unique tabular crystal shape and brilliant colors. Beyond its aesthetic appeal, it has historically been an important ore of molybdenum, a metal critical for strengthening steel and enhancing its resistance to corrosion.

This mineral forms in the oxidation zones of lead deposits and is often associated with other minerals like galena and pyromorphite. Some of the most famous deposits of wulfenite are found in the United States, particularly in Arizona's Red Cloud Mine, which produces some of the finest specimens in the world. Interestingly, wulfenite crystals can also exhibit a striking translucence, making them highly sought after by collectors and museums. Its perfect cleavage and relatively low hardness, however, make it fragile, requiring careful handling to preserve its beauty.

Aside from its scientific and industrial significance, wulfenite has some fun and fascinating attributes. For example, its vibrant orange and yellow varieties have earned it the nickname "butterscotch ore". Despite being relatively rare, wulfenite's dazzling appearance makes it a favorite in mineral shows and exhibitions. It has even been designated the official state mineral of Arizona, highlighting its cultural and geological importance. Whether admired for its aesthetic appeal or valued for its role in industry, wulfenite remains one of the most eye-catching and intriguing minerals in the world.

Jessica Himple
Everett Rock and Gem Club
Editor for NFMS Newsletter

Specimens from my personal collection:

*Send in photos of your own specimens for a chance to have them showcased in the newsletter!



Wulfenite, Red Cloud Mine,
Silver Mining District, Arizona,
USA



Wulfenite, Defiance Mine,
Cochise County, Arizona, USA



Wulfenite and Endlichite, Los
Lamentos Mts., Chihuahua,
Mexico

"Wulfenite." *Mindat.org*, Hudson Institute of Mineralogy, www.mindat.org/min-4290.html.

"Wulfenite." *Encyclopedia Britannica*, Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc., www.britannica.com/science/wulfenite.

KID'S CORNER

As autumn is in full swing, and we are on the heels of winter, we can turn our focus into working with specimens we collected during the warmer months! This can be as easy as mounting them into a collection, tumbling some to a shining beauty, or even learning a new Lapidary art such as making cabochons! If you do any of these (or anything cool you come up with on your own), send me a picture! I can print it in the next newsletter. I hope your holiday season is exciting and fun filled!

*Jennifer Fitch
NFMS Junior's Chair*

Future Rockhounds of America

One of the great opportunities offered to the youth in clubs of the NFMS is the Future Rockhounds of America badge program. This program is actually nationwide and a program of the AFMS, of which the NFMS is a part. When the kiddos work hard learning, much of what they are doing is activities that will help them work towards earning badges. Once a badge is earned, the kiddos are recognized in their local clubs. I would also like to honor their achievements by allowing everyone in the federation see their accomplishments, as well! They have worked hard, they deserve the notoriety!

Congratulations to all who have earned their badges! Those with a ★ are earning their badge a second time after already earning all 20 merit badges.



Lapidary Arts

Marysville Rock and Gem Club

Calista
Addy
Milly
Lily
JJ
Logan
Baron



Rocks and Minerals

Tualatin Valley Gem Club

Alhan
Aleena
Madeline K.
Nolan M.
Cora M.
Riley M.



Earth Resources

Tualatin Valley Gem Club

Alhan
Aleena
Madeline K.
Riley M.



Earth Processes

Tualatin Valley Gem Club

Robert P.
Riley P.
Isabella M.
Riley M.



Collecting

Tualatin Valley Gem Club

Clover C.
Riley M.



Gold Panning and Prospecting

Tualatin Valley Gem Club

Riley M.



**Gemstone Lore
and Legend**
**Tualatin Valley
Gem Club**
 Alhan
 Aleena
 Madeline K.
 Tad S.
 Jorge L.
 Gadea L.



Special Effects
**Hellgate Mineral
Society**
 Gabe M.
 Alex M.
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 Hudson B.
 Karis G.
 Sawyer Y.
 ☆ Elisheba Fitch



Rockhound Patch
**Hellgate Mineral
Society**
 Hudson B.

**Great job
working hard
on your
badges and
patches! You
are doing
great!**

!!! Attention !!!

Coming up soon is the Junior Achievement Award deadline.

This is an amazing opportunity for juniors to show everyone what they are doing, both in the hobby and in the rest of their lives.

Included in this newsletter is an application and instructions. Encourage the juniors you know to enter!

**CHECK OUT THE AFMS
WEBSITE FOR SOME AWESOME
INFORMATION FOR JUNIORS!**

www.juniors.amfed.org

**SOME THINGS YOU CAN FIND
ON THIS SITE:**

-Information about the Future Rockhounds of America Badge program, including the badge manual and a list of the badges.

-The kids newsletter "Crack the News", a newsletter created just for kids with articles, drawings, and photos that are all contributed by kids!

Yes...if you are a kid, YOU can also contribute!

-And a LOT more!

GO CHECK IT OUT!

**JOKE OF THE
MONTH**

**Which rock group is
made up of four men
who cannot sing?**

Mount Rushmore



**MAY YOU ENJOY YOUR
HOLIDAY SEASON WITH
FRIENDS AND FAMILY!**

NFMS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

By Jennifer Fitch, NFMS Junior Committee Chairman

It is time for Junior Rockhounds to share their accomplishments from the past two years (2023 and 2024)!

The Northwest Federation wants to honor you! You must be paid up and listed as a member of your Club and the NFMS.

AGE GROUP CATEGORIES

Age Group 1: ages up to 7 years old

Age Group 2: ages 8 through 11 years old

Age Group 3: ages 12 through 15 years old

Age Group 4: ages 16 through 18 years old

Your age as of December 31st, 2023, determines your age category. If you won an award last time (in 2023), you will need to wait until 2024 to enter again unless you have moved up into the next age category.

Your resume and application together require a postmark by February 15, 2025. Winners will be notified soon after the NFMS judges vote on each candidate's summary.

If any of this sounds too complicated or if you have any questions, just contact me at jfitch2711@yahoo.com, or you can ask your parents, your Junior's Advisor, or the Federation Director of your rock club. Everyone will be delighted to help you in the quest of achieving fame!

Awards will be presented at the NFMS Annual Meeting in
Walla Walla, Washington, in September 2025.

Here are your three easy steps:

1. Write or type a short summary (resume/outline) about what your achievements are for the past two years (2023 and 2024), following sections I, II, III, and IV from the guideline below.
2. Photocopy the application from the Northwest Newsletter. Fill out the application and have your rock club representatives sign their spaces.
3. Mail your summary (resume/outline) and completed and signed application to:

Jennifer Fitch—NFMS Junior Committee Chairman
21148 Old US Hwy 93
Florence, MT 59833

****Make sure to have it mailed in time to have a postmark by (February 15th, 2025)****

Guidelines for Junior Achievement Award

Section I – HOBBY RELATED (45 possible points)

Club involvement (*field trips, committees, show participation*)

Hobby craft involvement (*faceting, lapidary, metals, collecting*)

Competitive involvement (*display, articles, promotion, awards*)

Section II – EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (25 possible points)

Scholastic (*honor roll, advanced classes, improvement of grades*)

Extracurricular (*sports, drama, debate, drill team, music*)

Section III – COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT (20 possible points)

Events involvement (*charity, volunteer, donation programs*)

Scouts, Campfire, 4-H Club, other community groups.

Section IV – WORK RELATED (10 possible points)

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APPLICATION ~ Junior Achievement Award
(This information is confidential)

Applicant Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age (as of 12/31/2024) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Phone number _____

Email Address _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Rock Club Name _____

Name of Junior Advisor _____

***The following club officials attest to the applicant being a paid-up member of the
listed rock club and NFMS:***

Federation Director's Printed Name _____

Federation Director's Signature _____

Club President's Printed Name _____

Club President's Signature _____

Mail your SUMMARY (resume/outline) and APPLICATION to:

Jennifer Fitch – NFMS Junior Committee Chairman
21148 Old US Hwy 93
Florence, MT 59833

*****Please be sure to mail with a postmark by February 15th, 2025. Thank you!***

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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.**