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Jennifer Haley



Let's Get Ready to Go to the Hatrockhound's Show! This year our Annual NFMS Meeting & Show is hosted by the Hatrockhounds in Hermiston, Oregon, on May 10-14, 2024. They have organized a jam-packed event for us all. My hat is off to all of you in the club for the work you are doing to make this a wonderful event for your Federation of clubs across six states.

Everyone, be sure to review the schedule for the meetings, awards and festivities when it comes out, because there will be a lot going on. Like all the annual NFMS shows, sending your registrations in early will be a big help to all the worker bees in their planning for you.

What's with the photo of the triceratops, only a mother could love? There will be a large baby triceratops puppet wondering around eager to meet you at the show. Be ready for it to bat its eyes, and yawn as it tries to endear you.

Volunteers & Donations Needed! There will be a Silent Auction at the show to benefit the Federation. Please bring rock and rock related items you know others will want to bid on. In the anticipation of making this auction more profitable, NFMS members will be able to bring no more than two pieces for a long-term auction on a 70/30 consignment basis. 70% of the proceeds will go to the seller/30% of the proceeds will go to the NFMS.

It's a gem of an idea, and a win-win for you and your Federation. Separate colored slips will be provided for this aspect of the auction to keep things straight. The one stipulation so we can offer this gem of an idea at the auction, is we need volunteers to help run the auction during the 3 days of the show. Please contact me if you can volunteer, and bring a friend to hang out with you to help. Of course, you can always donate items without participating in the consignment aspect.

This year a beautiful donation of a large primo fossil starfish will be up for auction at the show. Proceeds from the highest bidder will be gifted to the Hatrockhounds as an extra way to say, "thank you," for hosting this year's Federation show

NFMS & AFMS Contests 2024. I know our NFMS chairmen are involved in organizing the many Federation-AFMS contests, exhibits and awards for you.

I'm hoping this year many of your clubs and club members are participating in all the contests and exhibits this year. These are really a lot of fun, very rewarding and such a wonderful way to show off your skills.

NFMS Newsletter. Last year during our annual meeting, held at Billings, we heard feedback that some of you have not been receiving the newsletter. I was also in that category, and following that meeting I've heard from some more of you who haven't gotten the newsletter. The Executive Committee has been looking into this as to why this has been happening. We now understand the primary reason and the different causes for this, and we want you to know we are resolving this issue for you, pronto.

The NFMS Newsletter will always be the great communicator for our Federation of Clubs and Societies, AFMS news and information. It will be wonderful when we can also look forward to issuing up to ten newsletters annually again hopefully next year. There's a lot more we can enjoy with having more newsletters.

It's coming more to our attention that we don't have an alternative way to reduce our Federation's expenses except to raise dues or go with an electronic newsletter, or both. We won't be raising dues this year, even though we need to. When we begin our next fiscal year on Sept 1, 2024 back to normal dues rates, this still won't cover our hardcopy newsletter printing and postage costs even with the non-profit discount we receive from the United States Postal Service.

The Endowment Fund spending authorization for 2023-2024 was in the Annual Meeting reports. Close to \$6,000 of that will be used to offset the \$1.00 per member dues reduction obligation which began four and a half years ago to support all our clubs staying afloat during Covid. The remaining amount will be used to cover NFMS operating expenditures as outlined in the 2023-2024 NFMS budget.

At the end of this 5yr term of reduced dues on Aug 31, 2024, we will have taken a startling huge five figure amount of money from our Endowment Fund to pay for expenditures. If you look at each of the financial reports over the past 4 years and you do the math, you will see this too. As you know, there will be no Endowment Fund money available for special programs or projects this year due to operational expenditures.

Remember, the NFMS Endowment Fund is a donation-based fund, having been created by accumulated donations over many, many, many years, and with investments of those funds. It wasn't meant to cover operational expenses, but instead to fund new projects and programs for all our member Clubs and Societies as a whole. But for the last four and a half years, we needed to reverse engines to help make sure all of you got through the Covid years in better financial shape than if we hadn't. This money we've been receiving from the Endowment Fund isn't borrowed money that gets paid back.

Your Executive Committee has been thinking long and hard on all these issues, and we are still thinking this through on behalf of all of you.

Jennifer Haley
NFMS President



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For matters related to this newsletter (i.e. content, advertising, etc.) contact the editor. For matters related to this newsletter distribution (new members, address changes, etc.) contact the Circulation Chair.

SHOW COORDINATION. Your Federation provides a free service for NFMS members by listing your show in this Newsletter, on the NFMS website, two magazines ("Rocks and Minerals" and "Rock and Gem") and the on-line calendar from "Lapidary Journal". Please provide the date and time for the show, the club name and show title (if applicable), the location of the show, admission price, and most important a contact person with address, e-mail address and/or phone (e-mail is preferred). Please send your show information four to six months in advance to the Show Coordination Chairperson. If you see an error once your show is listed, or if your show is not listed, contact the Newsletter Chair.

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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.

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Members, Non-members, clubs, etc. can advertise in the Northwest Newsletter. This service is provided to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and is encouraged by the Federation. The only criteria for the ad is that it be hobby related (e.g. rocks, equipment, grit, shows, etc.).

Ads for the Northwest Newsletter are \$1.50 per square inch.

Example: 3" x 4" ad = 12 inches

12 inches x \$1.50 = \$18 per issue of the Newsletter



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

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NFMS 1st Vice President

Lora R. Hall



I have spent the last 2 years serving first as the 2nd Vice President and now as the 1st Vice President, preparing for my term as president and although I won't be taking office for several more months, I am already trying to get my ducks in a row, but something happened in my club recently that made me pause and reflect on what it means to service as a Northwest Federation officer. My club lost its 3rd member in just over a year. One was our Federation Director and a long-time field trip coordinator.

As a club, we have been debating how to honor these individuals beyond donations to an endowment fund, moments of silence at special gatherings, and a memorial display box at our annual show. This is a tough question, but I asked myself, what will we miss the most about each of these individuals? And what came to mind was a long list of little things. One member always made the most amazing cookies for the Christmas party every year and was a master of "puns" that he always interjected to make us laugh right when a meeting was dragging on. Another rarely missed a meeting and while he never signed up to help at our show, he showed up like clockwork every year. The last stood up for members that might have been in the minority and made sure their voices were heard. While these are small things, they are the things that will be missed.

So, maybe the best way to honor folks like this is to take up the gauntlet and be "that person". Yes, every club needs a president, a secretary, a treasurer, but they also need members that just show up and participate in small ways. It is the small things we remember and the small things that hold a club together. I encourage everyone to find a way to serve, even if it is in a small way. If you want to do more, there are plenty of opportunities. Most clubs have more than one vacant position and even the Northwest Federation has at least three. If you don't think you are up to tackling a position on your own, how about sharing a position with a friend as a co-chair. There are so many opportunities to serve and so many ways to participate, big, small, and everything in-between.

Lora Hall
NFMS 1st VP
AFMS Junior Programs Chair



NFMS 2nd Vice President

Michael Rhodes



When I was learning to type one sentence that was common was "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country. This issue I would like to alter that to "Now is the time for all good women and men to come to the aid of their federation!"

In our last newsletter I tried to explain some of the benefits of belonging to your federation. It truly is your federation. The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies was founded by some of your local clubs as a way to share information and to work together to protect access to rock and mineral sites, among other things,

Each club in the federation has two slots on the federation board, a director and a delegate. These individuals are supposed to represent your club's position on important decisions at the annual federation meeting. Do you know who your club's representatives are? Does your club have people appointed to fill these positions? Are they coming to this year's federation show in Hermiston, OR?

Robert B Johnson, an engineering expert said "The world is run by those who show up."

In other words, the decisions regarding issues faced by your federation are made by those who come to the federation show and attend the annual meeting. There have been some complaints that the federation doesn't really do anything, or it doesn't meet the needs of our club. Only those clubs whose director and delegate attend the meeting can help make those changes that you feel are needed.

Another way to get involved is to volunteer to be on one of the several standing committees that help keep the federation moving forward into the 21st century.

If you want to you can find ways to get involved and be among those who run your federation.

I hope to see you at the NFMS Federation Show in Hermiston OR this May 10-12 and we can work on keeping the federation responsive to your needs.

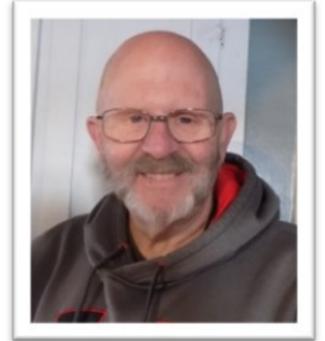
As always. **ROCK ON!**

Michael Rhodes
2nd VP NFMS



Gary Warren, Candidate for NFMS 2nd Vice President for 2024

Gary Warren and wife Sally have been rockhounds for many years. They live in Brigham City, Utah, and have four children, fifteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. They are currently members of the Golden Spike Rock Club in Ogden Utah. They have been members of the Cache Rock and Gem Club in Logan, Utah for 17 years, and Gary has been the president of this club for 14 of those years. Gary enjoys sharing his love of rockhounding with children through school lectures and after-school group demonstrations and activities. Gary now teaches a rock hounding class at Utah State University. Each year, the Cache Rock and Gem Club host a rock show in May and have over 3,000 people attend this show. The club has also incorporated a junior rockhounding program to help teach kids about rocks and encourage them to pursue this hobby. Gary and Sally are semi-retired and enjoy taking time to pursue their passion of travel and rockhounding. This hobby came in handy when Gary was asked to revise the Rockhounding Utah book. Since that was completed and updated, he has also revised the Rockhounding Colorado and Rockhounding Nevada books.



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More From Meet Your People

Lyle Vogelpohl, NFMS Endowment Fund Treasurer
Audrey Vogelpohl, NFMS Resolutions Chair

I think I have always been a rockhound. I was born in Mandan, North Dakota in 1933 and started accumulating my first rock collection by picking agates out of the gravel my dad had put in the basement window wens and digging sheets of mica out of the hill next to our house.

Audrey was born in Tacoma, Washington in 1935. She is the 3rd generation of her family born in Tacoma as her great grandfather settled in Tacoma prior to Washington becoming a state.

Audrey became interested in genealogy while she was in junior high school - an interest that continues today. Our later cross-country trips included many stops at cemeteries and court houses for researching family history (hers and mine).

Audrey and I met in the Summer of 1952 when she was attending a YMCA Summer Camp, one week as a camper and the second week as a Junior Leader. I was the dishwasher and Assistant Crafts Person. She often beat me playing horseshoes. We married on March 27, 1954, while I was serving in the Army, and stationed in San Antonio, Texas, during the Korean War.

We did not get involved in the rock hobby until our daughter's fifth/sixth grade teacher included geology and rocks in her class lessons. We joined the West Seattle Rock Club in 1968 and are still active members today- 56 years later.

Interest in the NFMS began when we started attending mid-year and annual meetings. We met people who were working on many projects for the AFMS/NFMS - Scholarship Fund, Sunstone Collecting area in Oregon, and more.

Our active involvement in the NFMS began when the NFMS Treasurer, a member of West Seattle Rock Club, passed away in the Fall of 1975. I have a background in accounting and volunteered to fill in until the next Annual Meeting. I was told they had someone else to take over the Treasurer's duties. In the Spring of 1976, I got a call from the NFMS President to see if my offer was still an option. I said yes. At the Annual Meeting in Coos Bay, Oregon that Fall, I was elected and installed as NFMS Treasurer. I served as Treasurer from 1976 to 1980, Vice- President 1980-1981 and President 1981-1982.

During this time Audrey chose to become more involved, and chaired the NFMS Directory Advertising Committee, and then Directory Chair. We did not become active in the NFMS again until the year 2000 when I was asked to pick up the duties from Toby Cozens due to her health problems. Little did I think I would continue in that office for the next 20 years.

Audrey's reasoning was that "if Lyle was volunteering in the NFMS" she would, too - therefore she continued working in many committee jobs and chairs - including NFMS By-Law Update, Resolution Chair, Directory Chair and Juniors' Chair.

Audrey and I were privileged to serve as instructors at the NFMS Rockbound Retreat, at OMSI's Camp Hancock, for 15 years. During our involvement in the NFMS, we have been so greatly blessed to have met so many people who have shared their talents and knowledge. Many have become lifelong friends. Thank you for allowing us to serve.

P.S. - I still wash the dishes.



NEW AND IMPROVED!

The AFMS Uniform Rules, 9th Edition, for 2024

The past year has seen a concerted effort to update and clarify the Uniform Rules. The Uniform Rules are now available on-line on the AFMS Website under the Downloads Tab (<https://www.amfed.org/downloads.htm>) as Section I and individual Division files. Exhibitors interested in a specific Division, such as Lapidary, can go directly to that Division to find what they need. Exhibitors should also read Section I, which contains general information that all exhibitors need to know and must comply with. Supplemental information such as the Mineral Classification List, the Lapidary Material Names List, the Fossil List, and the Judging Worksheets have also been updated and will be found at the same location. Historically, the Rules grew and grew over more than 40 years, but little was ever revisited. The revisions of 2023 are the result of examining the complete text and editing it to fit the needs of today’s exhibitors and judges. The decision to present information in individual Division form was in response to the cry that the Rules were too big, and too intimidating to read. Exhibitors still need to carefully read all sections pertaining to entering their exhibits in shows. Quality exhibits draw the attention of visitors, sparking interest in our hobby. It is hoped the simplification of the Rules will encourage more to try their hand at exhibiting in shows, and perhaps for some, to learn how to judge those exhibits.

Next, on the list of items to bring into this century are updates to “Guidelines for Exhibitors” and “Guidelines for Judges”. The goal is to post these documents on the AFMS website, sometime in 2024. The original works are excellent guides and should be read by all interested parties.

Larry Hulstrom, AFMS Uniform Rules Chair for 2023 and
Lee Whitebay, RMFMS regional representative



NFMS Annual Show May 10 – 12 in Hermiston Oregon

Hello NFMS - we have started a new year and it’s time to think about competitive display cases. The Hermiston show will be here soon. We are still looking for more volunteers for the roles of Judging registrar, Judging director and Rules Chair.

The judging registrar collects registration forms and verifies eligibility for the show. The Judging director organizes and invites judges to the annual show, and the Rules Chair oversees and has final word on any issues that may arise. See the NFMS Bylaws for a more complete description of the duties for this committee under Operating Procedures Committee-2 Rules and Awards Committee. The Bylaws can be found on the NFMS website as a tab to the far right on the website.

If you are interested in participating on this committee please contact me as soon as possible.

Josh Hulstrom
NFMS Rules Committee Chair



UMPQUA GEM & MINERAL CLUB



“Just One More Rock”

Saturday, May 4, 2024 – 9am to 5pm

Sunday, May 5, 2024 – 10am to 4pm

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Sun: 1pm • 3pm



AFMS/CFMS Gem & Mineral Show & Convention in Ventura

NFMS Newsletters

Are you getting your NFMS Newsletter? Six copies (up to ten) are generally printed and sent out in hard copy. At the NFMS Annual meeting in Montana in August after a long discussion, a vote was taken for clubs to opt to receive the newsletter electronically. It was not really decided how this would be accomplished, but it is something the executive committee has been working on to figure out an equitable way that all folks are served equally and receive the newsletter. Individual clubs might need to create a method for distribution.



For a small club, it would be quite simple to pass it on to everyone. The key, of course, is getting it to those responsible in individual clubs for sending it out. Perhaps the individual clubs already use electronic means to deliver their own newsletters. The newsletter is also housed on our NFMS website (northwestfederation.org) so it could be accessed there.

One of the main reasons for switching to an electronic version is the cost of printing and mailing a copy to each household in the Federation. The cost for just one issue can run up to \$2500.

If we can figure this out; and if we get people involved in taking advantage of the opportunities the Federation offers, perhaps we can offer more possibilities for our membership. Although this seems like a simple issue, it can become complicated. The whole process brings up passionate arguments on both sides.

The NFMS is the only Federation (of the seven Federations that make up the American Federation) that provides a hard copy to every household.

There are some who believe that doing away with the physical missive would be detrimental to the communication and future of the Federation. Others see an electronic version as a door to the future and a cost effective savings. Some may think the whole argument is silly and should not be fraught with such emotions, but the fact is that it is an issue that needs to be resolved in a manner that will serve the Federation the best way we can.

We want to "get this right" so we can continue to serve our membership and provide opportunities for all.

Submitted by Judi Allison
NFMS Secretary



NORTHWEST FEDERATION ROY NOMINEE



Name of honoree: **Hope Derting**
Year: **2024 Junior Rockhound**
Club: **Hells Canyon Gem Club**
Submitted by: Executive Committee

Hells Canyon Gem Club would like to announce **Hope Derting** as their **2024 Junior Rockhound of the Year**. Hope is a great younger member of our club and is always ready to help anyone in the club. She has brought her own rocks to sell on days when the club lets members sell. Her knowledge of rocks and minerals is endless. She has helped at our annual club show in both the silent auction and kids' corner. This year, with no adult club leader available, she took over the kids' corner and ran it professionally. She found her own workers, set up and tore down the area at the end of our show. Hope has also entered showcases at our annual show. Hope always has a smiling face and a willingness to help. We are fortunate to have such a willing teen available for our club. We are proud of you, Hope! Keep up the good work!

by Executive Committee

NORTHWEST FEDERATION ROY NOMINEE



Name of honoree: **Teresa Stephenson**
Year: **2024**
Club: **Hells Canyon Gem Club**
Submitted by: Executive Committee

Hells Canyon Gem Club would like to announce **Teresa Stephenson** as their **2024 Rockhound of the Year**. Teresa has been a member of Hells Canyon Gem Club for many years. She is always ready to help show another member how to do something or tell members about her latest find or cab she has made. She has attended the Rockhound Retreat for the last few years and brings back great things to tell and show the club. Teresa organizes and runs the raffle at our annual gem show. This year she also brought her genie and demonstrated how to make cabs. She has spent hours organizing and showing other members how to use our rock equipment at the Grange. Teresa attends field trips and likes to share her crystals she has dug. All and all, she is great member to represent Hells Canyon Gem Club for this honor. Great work Teresa!

by Executive Committee

IMPORTANT!!!

Following is a proposal that will be brought up at the Annual Meeting in Hermiston. Please share it with your membership so they can make a decision and let your director know how to vote on the subject.

RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR MORE TIMELY, CLEARER COMMUNICATION WITHIN The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) BY-LAWS AND OPERATION PROCEDURES

Given the modern day ability to reach the membership rapidly and efficiently through electronic means and having become aware of many gaps in communication, Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society proposes to amend the by-laws and operation procedures to streamline the process of communication with NFMS Membership.

Proposal: Combine Standing Committees: Circulation and Directory. Rewrite Operation Procedures to reflect current times and utilization of modern technology.

Current Bylaws: Article X Committees Section 2. Standing Committees (a)

Standing Committees shall be: Budget, Bulletin Aids, Circulation, Credentials, Custodian, Directory. . .

Proposal: Combine wording of Circulation and Directory with a slash, to read as shown: **Circulation/Directory**

Current Operation Procedures: Under OP COMMITTEE

Circulation Shall:

- *Manage list of member households
- *Provide data for "mailing labels" to the firm who mails the Northwest Newsletter.
- *Update mailing information from annual club membership lists from Directory Chair.
- *Update by deleting and adding members' information received from the individual clubs during the calendar year.
- *As needed, use a service to obtain correct address data when US Postal Service sends a "not deliverable as addressed".
- *Submit a financial report to the NFMS Treasurer.

Directory shall:

- *Under the direction of the Executive Secretary, Publish the annual NFMS Membership Directory, to be available by Mid-Year Meetings, listing NFMS Membership names, addresses, and telephone numbers as of January 1st of that year.
- *Under the direction of the treasurer, request of each membership Society, by November 20th each year, a list of the names, addresses and phone numbers of the officers and members, said list to be of paid up members as of December 31st. The list to be mailed to the NFMS Treasurer by January 10th of the following year.
- *Maintain the official, complete list of the NFMS memberships.
- *Coordinate with the Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter and such others as might have need of the list of the NFMS members.
- *Under the direction of the Executive Secretary, maintain the official copy of the By-Laws and Operating Procedures, which are officially published in the NFMS Membership Directory.
- *Submit a financial report to the Treasurer.
- *Distribution of the Directories shall be under the direction of the Supplies Chairman.

Change to Read: CIRCULATION/DIRECTORY

- Shall With coordination from the Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter and such others as might have need manage and maintain a current membership list for each member society.
- With coordination from the Treasurer and Secretary, request of each member Society, by November 20th of each year, a current list of members, including contact information for all officers and a viable, stable electronic contact for each club. (This contact to be used for dissemination of information relative to all business of the Federation) Share the list with the NFMS Treasurer to be used in requesting yearly Federation Dues.
- From such list, update and maintain an official, complete list of the NFMS memberships.
- Maintain a household mailing list of members in clubs that opt to receive the Newsletter via hard copy.
- Maintain data for "mailing labels" of households in clubs that opt to receive the Newsletter via hard copy, to be provided to the firm that mails the hard copies of the Newsletter.
- As needed, use a service to obtain correct address data when US Postal Service sends a "not deliverable as addressed."
- From the membership information gathered, create an Annual NFMS Membership Directory via Word Doc to be delivered electronically to each NFMS Member Club by April 30th. With coordination from Secretary and Treasurer, assure that copies are sent to each Member Society. (Hard copies can be provided upon request, if needed.)
- Directory will include Society name, meeting information, mailing address, stable electronic contact address, names and contacts for all officers and a listing of all members. (Current By-laws and Slide/Video Library can be found on the NFMS Website and are updated and maintained by the Secretary and Library Chairperson.)
- Submit a financial report to the Treasurer.

Prepared and Submitted by Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society

President: Doug Gill

Secretary: Jessica Millard

Date: 1.31.24

Douglas C. Gill
Jessica Millard

Head to Hermiston

Our little berg of Hermiston will be hosting the **Northwest Federation Show, Natures Treasures Under Foot, May 10-12th**. Even though our show may be smaller than some, we offer a variety of dealers and activities in a well-lit, air conditioned space. Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center (**EOTEC**) offers a large exhibitor hall and plenty of free parking. Our kids' corner is always abuzz with a variety of activities such as sand painting, PLINKO and spin-the-wheel. The silent auction is a good place to pick up some of Oregon's state rocks; the thundereggs-a surprise party in a rock. We will have demonstrators on hand to perhaps give you some new ideas and techniques for your hobbyactivities. Check out what hobbyists in our neck of the woods do by viewing our display cases. Since our show falls on Mother's Day, we always offer a special door prize just for Mothers on Sunday. And you can catch a fun ride and geocaching experience through our local wildlife refuge on the Monday following the show. To learn more about the show and our little club, go to our website, **Hatrockhounds.org**. There you can find information, as well as, the advance registration form. We would love to see you! **And we have Great News! We have just learned that there will be camping available on site:** with water and electricity for \$30 per night. You can make reservations by calling EOTEC directly at 541-289-9800.

Northeastern Oregon is known for its agriculture. Although they will only be a hope in the farmers' fields at show time, our Hermiston watermelons help us stand out on the map. Our friendly attitude also adds to our appeal. You will find a variety of activities and sights within a small area. With the Columbia River just a few miles north, one can enjoy **fishing, hiking and camping** along the river. Both Umatilla and Boardman have lovely marina parks that accommodate a camper or motorhome. There are also trails along the river. Hermiston, too, has a **nice walking trail** that traverses the Riverfront Park.

Hermiston offers a variety of eating establishments with choices from Mexican to Thai to typical fast food fare. Both **La Palma** and **Ixtapa** offer some delicious Mexican food. We have two **Thai** places to choose from plus a number of **Chinese** restaurants. If you are looking for something a bit different, you can find some choices at **Nookies, The Bistro or OMG Burgers**. If you are in need of a cup of coffee, there are seven different choices. You won't have a problem finding a place to stay. There are plenty of hotel/motels in town. And our host hotel, the Oxford Inn, is offering a discount with preregistration. (You will find the information on the registration form.)

Many folks who visit the area enjoy a trip to the **Wildhorse Resort and Casino** located about forty miles from Hermiston on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. There you will find modern hotel accommodations, a bowling alley, theater, restaurants, golf and Tamastlikt Cultural Institute dedicated to the culture of the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla tribes of Native Americans. The **Sustainable Agriculture and Energy Center (SAGE Center)** in Boardman gives visitors an overview of how agriculture and technology have shaped the region. The simulated, hands-on learning experiences include a hot air balloon ride over the region, a view of a potato plant, a try at driving a tractor or milking a cow. The gift shop offers scoops of delicious **Tillamook ice cream**. Perhaps you would enjoy a tour of wine country. There are many **wineries** nearby in southeastern Washington. One can choose to explore independently or search for a wine tour of the region.

As you can see, a trip to Hermiston to take in the Northwest Federation Show and Convention can be a worthwhile vacation and learning experience. We would love to have you! And we'll give you a warm welcome when you arrive.

Judi Allison



Thursday, May 9

8:00 am Set up begins

12:00 pm Dealers may begin their setup

Display cases may be filled from noon on Thursday through 9:30 am Friday

5:00 pm Potluck dinner for dealers, workers and NFMS guests.

Club will furnish Cowboy beans, rolls and water

Friday, May 10

9:00 am Competitive judging begins

10:00 am Show opens

11:00 am Executive Meeting EOTEC Meeting Room

12:30 pm Registration for meeting begins

1:00-4:00 pm NFMS Annual Meeting, Meeting room EOTEC

4:30-6:00 pm Endowment Fund Committee Meeting room EOTEC

6:00 pm Show closes

Saturday, May 11

10:00 am Show Opens

8:30-10:00 am –Editors Breakfast – Walleye Room, Oxford Inn, 1050 N 1st ST (Highway 395)

10:30-12:00 pm Junior Leaders Meeting, Meeting room EOTEC

1:00-2:00 pm Speaker **George Last** (Ice Age Floods) Meeting room EOTEC

2:15-3:15 pm Speaker **Bill Hamel** (Mineral Identification and maintaining a collection) Meeting room EOTEC

3:30-4:30 pm Speaker **Warren Rood** (Possibly Choosing material for the creative process?) Meeting room EOTEC

5:00 pm Show closes

6:00-9:00 pm Awards Banquet, First Christian Church Social Hall, 775 W. Highland Ave.

Sunday, May 12

10:00 am Show opens

10:00-11:30 am ALAA Meeting, Meeting room EOTEC

12:00-1:30 pm Past Presidents, Committee Folk Luncheon, EOTEC

2:30 pm Live Auction, Meeting room EOTEC

4:00 pm Show closes

Daily Schedule HRH/NFMS Show



Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Show
Natures Treasures Under Foot
May 10-12, 2024 Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center (EOTEC)
1705 East Airport Road, Hermiston, Oregon 97838
ADVANCE REGISTRATION Deadline: April 20, 2024



NAME _____ EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

Federation and Club Affiliation: Please check all that apply: NFMS Officer ___ Past President ___
 Judge ___ Demonstrator ___ AFMS Officer ___ Competitive Exhibitor ___ Noncompetitive Exhibitor ___

SHOW ADMISSION - DAILY RATE X DAYS - 3 DAY PASS (12 and under free with paid adult)
 TOTALS \$5.00 x 2 _____ \$12.00 \$ _____

All meals require Advance Registration

Saturday May 11, 2024

Editors/Webmasters Breakfast 8:30-10:00 (Oxford Inn, Walleye Room-if you are a hotel guest, no charge)
 Continental Breakfast: Pastries, Muffins, Bagels, Fruits, Coffee, Teas and Juices \$18.00 \$ _____

Awards Banquet Buffet (First Christian Church Social Hall) 6:00-9:00 pm
 Chicken Breast, Ham, Potatoes, Broccoli Salad, Assorted Breads, Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea, \$28.00 \$ _____

Sunday, May 12, 2024, 12:00-1:30 pm
 Officers/Committee Chairs, Judges/Clerks, Past Presidents Luncheon *Complementary* # _____

Monday, May 13, 2024, 10:00-2:30
 Wagon Ride/Geocaching Experience through the Wildlife Refuge \$20.00 \$ _____
 Enjoy a team driven ride with stops within the refuge to experience some geocaching adventures.

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to: Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society.

Mail application and remittance before **April 20, 2024** to:
Judi Allison
1701 NW 11th ST
Hermiston, OR 97838
Show Co-Chairman: Mike Filarski, 541-571-2593 email: stonemorlin1 at netscape.net
Show Co-Chairman: Judi Allison, 541-720-4950 email: jms46 at outlook.com

Our host hotel will be the Oxford Inn. There is a block of 15 rooms on reserve until April 24, 2024. If you call, the number is 541-564-8000 (Let them know you are booking for the Gem and Mineral Show) Or you can book online with this: It will take you directly to the information for the special rate.
<https://reservations.travelclick.com/106566?groupID=3976004>

There are a number of RV parks in the area. Pioneer RV Park, Panelview RV Park, Hatrock Campground, Tom Able Farms RV Park, The Umatilla Marina RV Park. One can find them all online.

Hatrockhounds Host
NFMS Show and Convention
May 10-12, 2024



Natures Treasures Under Foot
 Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center (EOTEC)
 1705 Airport Road, Hermiston, Oregon
 Admission \$5 per day or \$12 for 3 days
 Displays, Dealers, Demonstrators, Silent Auction, Kids' Corner
 Special Door Prize Drawing for Mothers on Sunday
 Hatrockhounds.org



KID'S CORNER

The NFMS would like to congratulate Hope Derting on being chosen as the Hells Canyon Gem Club's 2024 Junior Rockhound of the Year! Here is a word from that club:

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Great job, Hope!

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 to see their accomplishments! They have worked hard, they deserve the notoriety!

Congratulations to all who have earned their badges! Those with a ★ are earning their 2nd badge after earning all 20 merit badges.



Earth in Space
Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club
Jameson Harper Danica Ahziah Juni Mara



Fossils
Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club
Jameson Harper Danica Ahziah Juni Mara
Oregon Agate and Mineral Society
Victor J. Cem O. Clackamette Gem and Mineral Club
Dustin P. Emily P. Aaron S. Henry B. Will B. Jacob F.



Fluorescent Minerals
Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club
Jameson Harper Danica Ahziah Juni Mara
Oregon Agate and Mineral Society
Victor J. Cem O. Clackamette Gem and Mineral Club
Dustin P. Emily P. Aaron S. Henry B. Will B. Jacob F.



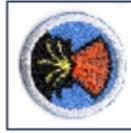
Field Trips
Hellgate Mineral Society
Karis G. Milo S. Isabella W. Sawyer Y. Oregon Agate and Mineral Society
Victor J. Cem O.



Rocks and Minerals
Hellgate Mineral Society
Hudson B. Sofia W. Oregon Agate and Mineral Society
Victor J. Cem O. Clackamette Gem and Mineral Club
Dustin P. Emily P. Aaron S. Henry B. Will B. Jacob F.



Collecting
Oregon Agate and Mineral Society
Victor J. Cem O. Clackamette Gem and Mineral Club
Dustin P. Emily P. Aaron S. Henry B. Will B. Jacob F.



Earth Processes
Oregon Agate and Mineral Society
Victor J. Cem O. Clackamette Gem and Mineral Club
Dustin P. Emily P. Aaron S. Henry B. Will B. Jacob F.



Gemstone Lore and Legend
Hellgate Mineral Society
Hudson B. Micky C. Evelyn C. Karis G. Corbin H. Gabe M. Thor O. Tempe O. Arthur S. Sawyer Y. Elissa F.



Special Effects
Oregon Agate and Mineral Society
Victor J. Cem O. Clackamette Gem and Mineral Club
Dustin P. Emily P. Aaron S. Henry B. Will B. Jacob F.



Junior club leaders and volunteers...would you like to connect with each other on Facebook? Pauline Schaefer from the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club created a group for this purpose! It is called **Junior Rock Club Leaders**. This group is for volunteers who work with junior rock collecting clubs affiliated with the AFMS. This group helps us share ideas and address challenges for the betterment of the youth in our clubs and the hobby of rock collecting.

Anyone on Facebook who wants to join can follow this link where they will find a button that allows them to request to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1314478372586952>

You will have to answer one question (Which club are you associated with?). If you have any questions, contact Pauline at pauschaefer@hotmail.com

We also wish to recognize our newest young members! These kiddos are getting a patch that recognizes them as members.



Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club
Jameson Ahziah Harper Juni Danica Mara

Marysville Rock and Gem Club
Maknzie Kaysie Christiana Elysia Anna Christian Adrina Baron Logan

Hat rocks Gem and Mineral Society
Lilly M. Wesley O. Callie O.



NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule -- 2024

<p>March 1st 2nd & 3rd 2024 Fri & Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5</p>	Tualatin Valley Gem Club	<p>Forest Grove National Guard Armory 2950 Taylor Way Forest Grove OR 97116</p>	<p>William Harvey Jr WLHARVEYJR@msn.com https://tvgc.org/annual-rock-show-events</p>
<p>March 2nd & 3rd 2024 Sat 10 - 7 Sun 12 - 6</p>	Chugach Gem & Mineral Society	<p>Midtown Mall 600 East Northern Lights Blvd Anchorage AK 99514</p>	<p>Paul Burger cavemonpaul@hotmail.com</p>
<p>March 2nd & 3rd 2024 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5</p>	East KingCo Rock & Gem Show	<p>Pickering Barn 1730 10th Ave NW Issaquah WA 98027</p>	<p>Kim Villines (425) 828-3872 eastkingco@gmail.com</p>
<p>March 2nd & 3rd 2024 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5</p>	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society	<p>O'Connor Field House 2207 Blaine St Caldwell ID 83605</p>	<p>Paul Deveau (208)994-8025 devidaho66@outlook.com</p>
<p>March 9th & 10th 2024 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 9 - 5</p>	Panorama Gem & Mineral Club	<p>NE Washington Fairgrounds 317 W Aster St Colville WA 99114</p>	<p>Johnie Pitman (509) 684-8887 Jgpitman@outlook.com</p>
<p>March 9th & 10th 2024 Sat 9 - 6 Sun 10 - 4</p>	Rock Chucks Gold Gem & Mineral	<p>Flathead County Fairgrounds 265 N Meridian Rd Kalispell MT 59901</p>	<p>Lloyd Fager (608) 436-0400 oldgrayelf@sbcglobal.net nfmsrockchucks@gmail.com</p>
<p>March 15th - 17th 2024 Fri & Sat 10 - 7 Sun 10 - 5</p>	Timpanagos Gem & Mineral Society	<p>Spanish Fork Fairgrounds 475 South Main St Spanish Fork UT 84660</p>	<p>Jerry Davis (801) 830-9228 carpetman405@gmail.com</p>
<p>March 16th & 17th 2024 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4</p>	Clallam County Gem & Mineral Assoc	<p>Vern Burton Community Center 308 East 4th Street Port Angeles WA 98292</p>	<p>Kelly Hagood kmhagood@gmail.com www.sequimrocks.org</p>
<p>March 16th & 17th 2024 Sat 9 - 6 Sun 10 - 5</p>	Hellgate Mineral Society	<p>Hilton Garden Inn 3720 North Reserve St Missoula MT 59801</p>	<p>Neil A. Maier (406) 546-6013 nam56@yahoo.com</p>
<p>Mar 23rd & 24th 2024 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5</p>	Mount Baker Rock & Gem Club	<p>Ferndale Pavilion 2007 Cherry Street Fernale WA 98248</p>	<p>Wes Gannaway debnwes@comcast.net</p>
<p>Mar 23rd & 24th 2024 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5</p>	Southeast Idaho Gem & Mineral Society (SEIGMS)	<p>Bannock County Event Center 10588 Fairgrounds Pocatello ID 83201</p>	<p>Joe Rodriguez rodrider4@msn.com</p>
<p>Mar 30th & 31st 2024 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5</p>	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society	<p>Sweet Home High School Gym 1641 Long Street Sweet Home OR 97116</p>	<p>Joe Cota (541) 451-2740 Ed Anderson (541) 451-1577 ela4rocks@gmail.com</p>
<p>Apr 6th & 7th 2024 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5</p>	Maplewood Rock & Gem Club	<p>Maplewood Rock & Gem Clubhouse 8802 196th St SW Edmonds WA</p>	<p>Linda Willemarck info@maplewoodrockclub.com www.maplewoodrockclub.com</p>
<p>Apr 12th 13th & 14th 2024 Fri 9 - 6 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4</p>	Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society	<p>Golden Spike Event Center Weber County Fairgrounds 1000 N. 1200 W Ogden UT 84401</p>	<p>(385) 205-9187 goldenspikegem.org on Facebook: Golden Spike & Mineral Society</p>
<p>Apr 19th 20th & 21st 2024 Fri 9 - 6 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4</p>	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society	<p>WAMS River of Gems 67th annual show Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S Pacific Hwy Rickreall OR</p>	<p>Ken Stubenrauch wamsriverofgems@gmail.com</p>
<p>Apr 20th & 21st 2024 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4</p>	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club	<p>27th Annual Rock Gem and Mineral Show Benton Co. Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak St, Kennewick WA</p>	<p>Larry Hulstrom (509) 308-8312 rockhound132@charter.net</p>
<p>Apr 26th 27th & 28th 2024 Fri 10 - 4 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4</p>	Yakima Gem & Mineral Club	<p>Modern Living Building @ Central WA State Fairgrounds & Event Center 1301 South Fair Ave Yakima WA 98901</p>	<p>Marti Sondgeroth (509) 910-3484 marthams@q.com</p>
<p>Apr 27th & 28th 2024 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4</p>	Grays Harbor Rock & Gem Club	<p>Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma WA 98541</p>	<p>Gary Emberley (360) 533-6196 missyemberley@gmail.com</p>
<p>Apr 27th & 28th 2024 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5</p>	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society	<p>Bonneville County Fairgrounds 1542 E 73rd South Idaho Falls ID 83404</p>	<p>Nicole Strong wildlandlapidary@gmail.com www.ifrockhounds.com</p>
<p>Apr 27th & 28th 2024 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5</p>	West Seattle Rock Club	<p>Alki Masonic Temple (West Seattle) 4736 40th Avenue SW West Seattle WA</p>	<p>Annette Nelson show@westseattlerockclub.org www.westseattlerockclub.org</p>
<p>May 4th & 5th 2024 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5</p>	Everett Rock & Gem Club	<p>Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Weikel Event Center 18359 Cascade View Dr, near Monroe WA Use East Entrance & watch for signs</p>	<p>Jon Elmgren everettrockclub@hotmail.com</p>

Continued - NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule -- 2024

May 4 th & 5 th 2024 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Umpqua Gem and Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds 2110 Frear Ave Roseburg, OR 97470	Jay Thomas (503) 400-2090 jrthoms2@gmail.com Dustin Hall (541) 817-3729
May 10 th 11 th & 12 th 2024 Fri 10 - 6 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Hatrockhound Gem & Mineral Society	2024 NFMS Show Eastern OR Trade & Event Center 1705 East Airport Rd Hermiston OR 97838	Show Chair Mike Filarski (541) 571-2593 stonemorlin1@netscape.net
May 10 th 11 th & 12 th 2024 Fri & Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 3	Mt Hood Rock Club	Kliever Memorial Armory 10000 NE 33rd Drive Portland OR 97211	Sane Gerrard mhrcdc@gmail.com www.mthoodrockclub.com
May 11 th & 12 th 2024 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Bozeman Mineral & Gem Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds 901 North Black, Bldg 1 Bozeman MT 59715	Linda Johnson bgmcm@gmail.com bozemangemandmineralclub.com www.facebook.com/Bozeman-Gem-and-Mineral-Club-371591339519
May 18 th & 19 th 2024 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Butte Mineral & Gem Club	Butte Civic Center Main Arena 1340 Harrison Ave Butte MT 59701	Jerry D'Arcy (406) 491-2054 jkdudding@gmail.com
May 24 th - 26 th 2024 Fri & Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	AFMS/CFMS Gem & Mineral Show & Convention	Ventura County Fairgrounds 10 W Harbor Blvd Ventura CA 93001	(805) 312-8467 info@vgms.org https://2024cfms-afms.com
May 25 th - 26 th 2024 Sat 9 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Clackamette Mineral & Gem Corp	Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4th Ave Canby OR 97013	Andrew Wulfhorst (503)753-2905 ajwulfhorst@gmail.com
Jun 13 th thru 16 th 2024 Thur, Fri, Sat 9-5 Sun 9 - 4	Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow	Cook County Fairgrounds 120 S Main Street Prineville OR	Jim McCoy phone/text (530) 999-8045 www.prineville.rocks
Jun 14 th 15 th & 16 th 2024 Fri 10 - 5 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Lower Umpqua Gem & Mineral Society	In memory of Bill Hendrickson Reedsport Community Center 451 Winchester Ave Reedsport OR 97467	Bambi Darling (541) 420-8014 100 River Bend Rd Sp 68 Reedsport OR 97467 reedsportrockshow@gmail.com
Jun 22 th & 23 rd 2024 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society	Ravalli County Fairgrounds 100 Old Corvallis Rd Hamilton MT 59840	Faith Farley (406)961-3347 Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Soc on FB bitterrootgemandmineral.org
Jun 28 th 29 th & 30 th 2024 Fri & Sat 10-5 Sun 10 - 3	Mt Hood Rock Club	Kliever Memorial Armory 10000 NE 33rd Drive Portland OR 97211	Shane Gerrard mhrcdc@gmail.com www.mthoodrockclub.com
Jun 29 th & 30 th 2024 Sat 10-5 Sun 10 - 5	Cascade Mineralogical Society	Kent Commons 525 4th Ave. N Kent WA 98032	Kat Koch (425) 765-5408 vendorchair@cascademineralogicalsociety.org
Aug 16 th 17 th & 18 th 2024 Fri & Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S Pacific Hwy Rickreall OR	Ken Stubenrauch wamsriverofgems@gmail.com
Sept 21 st & 22 nd 2024 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Clallam County Gem & Mineral Assoc	Vern Burton Community Center 308 East 4th Street Port Angeles WA 98292	Kelly Hagood kmhagood@gmail.com www.sequimrocks.org

**Message From Our Show Chair About
 Club Shows Advertizing**

Hello everyone,
 I'm new to the Show Coordinator position and would like to educate the clubs on the advertising process. Explaining
 Lead Time: The NFMS sends it's newsletter out every other month, the deadline is the month prior on the 10th and
 goes to printing by the 25th. I need your club show information a minimum of **six to four months** in advance to make
 sure it's in one publication prior to the month you hold your show. I will always send an email in verification informing
 you I received your show information within a week. If you don't receive an email, you are welcome to Call me at:
 406-961-3347. Thank you!

NEW EMAIL: earthmother169@gmail.com

Faith Farley
 Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies
 Show Coordinator