



Lake City Rockhound News

NORTH IDAHO MINERAL CLUB

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Meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM

At Post Falls Senior Center, in the Dougall Room— 1215 E. 3rd. St. Post Falls, ID

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INTER-REGIONAL ROCKHOUND RENDEZVOUS by Richard Pankey

The next inter-regional trip is scheduled for May 20-25, hosted by the NFMS and the CFMS. DavisCreek/Lassen Creek is the premier obsidian collecting area with a great variety and supply of beautiful obsidian. Please download the remainder of this complete article by Dick at www.afms.org/nfms and click on newsletters. It is on page 5 of the Feb. 2009 NFMS newsletter, and more will appear later.. The trip flier and other information is posted on the CFMS web site—www.cfmsinc.org in December.

2009 SCHEDULE—ROCKHOUNDS POW WOW CLUB OF AMERICA

April 18 & 19—Near Mattawa, WA. Camping is free-dry camp site. Outhouses furnished. Dig for petrified and picture wood, limb sections and diato opal. Saaat. Evening is potluck dinner, then a small meeting and door prizes. (Donate things you have made, or rocks or slabs). Sunday AM is pancake and sausage breakfast by the club.

July 1 thru 5—Gem and Mineral Show at Jefferson Co Fair Grounds in Madras, OR. Field trips daily to dig for many great things on private land (fee). 75 vendors at the show. Daily activities, with AUCTION on Friday night. Show is free.

Sept. 12 & 13—Teaway Camp by Cle Elum, WA. Free dry camping with outhouses only. Dig for crystals, agates, jasper, jadeite, and maybe blue agate. Sat. PM. Potluck supper. General meeting and door prizes—donated by our members. Sunday morning, breakfast by Club.

Membership is required for field trips—\$7.50/person or \$15.00 per family.

We hope to see you there and be prepared to have a good time.—lots of food and lots of good friends. More info—call Pauline Miller 360-658-8091. paulinem280@aol.com or Rocky McCall 360-629-2515 rm711@tgi.net

Excuse the no frills newsletter, but my scanner or something in this equipment has decided to take a holiday today, of all days!!I have typed every word, so please excuse any errors. Bev Bockman, Editor

North Idaho Mineral Club Meeting on January 15, 2009

Vice-President Warren Price opened the meeting at 6:35. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as they appeared in the bulletin. Treasurers report was made by Susan Rekow, which included dues, last meetings raffle, and show deposits. Three vendors had paid in full by December 31, so were included in the drawing which was held at this time, and the name of Hugh Martin was drawn. (He was notified and is going to provide the grand prize for the show—unknown at this writing. ed.) A donation has been made to the Lakeside Senior Center in the name of Lu Rauch, our friend who passed away in December.

A floral piece was sent in the club's name to member Diane Kay Lee who was hospitalized seriously ill in January at Kootenai Memorial Hospital. (She is home and doing better. ed.)

Field trips will not be occurring till the weather permits, so no report.

Show committee report: Lots of jobs that will need to be done by our members—and volunteers would be welcome. Any that you want to sign up for see Bev—advertising, security during the show, display cases and liners (including loan from Rock Rollers), hospitality, tickets—both admission and Grand Prize, set-up, new liners, silent auction, “kitchen” for refreshments and to head up the potluck.

Old business: DUES are OVERDUE for 2009. (If your name is not on the list of members appearing later in this newsletter, please let Susan Rekow know if you are not planning to renew, as having this information will keep you from being bothered by more questions.) ed.

Warren asked about the postponed gift exchange from the aborted Christmas party, and it was suggested that instead of that we bring cans or boxes of food for the local food bank to the February meeting. This suggestion was approved by the entire membership

Everett is presenting a class in PMC at the Jacklin Arts and Cultural Center (The Old Church in Post Falls) on March 7 from 10 AM till 4 PM. He is now a level 3 certified instructor. The cost is \$180 for the day which includes all materials. The participants will be able to make several pieces including one with dichroic glass. (This is a really good class, and much fun!!!~ Make your own gifts and personal special jewelry pieces.)

New Business: By-Laws—changes need to have signatures of President, Vice President And Secretary. The Rock Rollers show is coming up the second weekend in March.

There is a Tri-Federation field trip coming up over Memorial Day weekend. (See article)

The AFMS/NFMS combined show will be in Billings this August. (More info later in newsletter)

Everett has been appointed the Federation Director for this year. Federation Delegate still to be selected.

Gem State license plate proposal is proceeding. (article later in newsletter)

Bev said to go to the ALAA site online to get information about keeping public lands open. The web site is American Lands Access Association—google it. Great information, on what you can do to help. Meeting adjourned at 7 PM
BJ., Secretary.

AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION (from an internet site)

The purpose of the Association is to promote and ensure the rights of amateur fossil and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers.

ALAA—WHO ARE THEY AND WHAT IS THEIR PURPOSE?

In 1991, the Pres. of AFMS appointed a select committee to recommend ways to make the Federation more effectively responsive to the political challenges of increasing regulation and decreasing access to public lands that State and Federal Land Management agencies were imposing on amateur fossil and mineral collectors. The Committee recommended that the AFMS form a separate 501 © (4) organization whose primary purpose would be to promote the amateur collectors' interests in present and proposed policies, rules, regulations and legislation with State and Federal land managers, elected officials and legislators. In compliance with this recommendation, the AFMS directors voted to establish the ALAA in July of 1992.....The Association is a non profit organization, which means that all moneys raised by the association can go toward lobbying activity. Donations and memberships of ALAA are not deductible.

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ALAA has become an organization that is present wherever there are hobbyist and recreational users of our public lands whose interests and concerns are not being heard or are being jeopardized by proposed policy.....

From defeating the Baucus bill in 1992 to coordinating massive public protest to the proposed US Forest rules (withdrawn) and the BLM Revised Statutes 2477 Rights of Way (re-written), the ALAA has earned the respect of public officials from Washington, D.D. to state capitols across the country as the voice of the amateur and recreational users of public lands. The Association has also formed working relationships with many other organizations fighting for private property rights and multiple use of public lands including the Blue Ribbon Coalitions, the Alliance for America as well as treasure hunters, metal detectorists fishing and hunting enthusiasts, and mining and timber interests. With this network of contacts, the Association reaches into every State and into every Congressional District in the country on a national level. That network provides a swift and effective response to issues brought to our attention.

On another level, many members of the ALAA have developed working relationships with people who make the rules—providing immediate access to and an I impact on many [proposals for a changing regulations policy or legislation before they become "set in the concrete of implementation". ALAA is also there when there are confrontations in the field-...when federal ownership of more and more land is proposed....and other attempts to establish other wilderness areas under federal control.

WE MUST HELP TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE TO PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PUBLIC TO WHOM THEY BELONG! JOIN ALAA NOW! \$25.00/ year. If we lose our rights to collect on federally managed public lands and continue to have private lands closed off, we will only be able to collect in our own backyards. Won't that be fun??

(It may be possible to download an application)

DO YOU HAVE YOUR ROCKHOUND STICKER???

From NFMS—Patty Amos

- Promotes and Publicizes rockhounding
- Identifies you to others as a rockhound
- Helps rockhounds meet one another
- Lets everyone know you are interested in collecting rocks, minerals and fossils, and you are willing to talk about collecting.
- An emblem for club members as well as unaffiliated rockhounds
- It does not replace club or federation n badges, it complements them by saying “I am a rockhound”.
- Because of its simple design it can be recognized easily and from a distance.

For your information, these stickers will be available at the March meeting for you to purchase. The large ones for vehicle use are 50 cents each for club members.

There are small ones also to put on mail or other uses. I do not have the cost of those at hand.

We can provide these for sale at our show in June. Thank you Everett for going ahead with this—Bob and I have had one for the truck and one for the RV since the first Tri-Federation Rendezvous—and have met several other rockhounds because of them. Bev B.

Last months meeting ended with a great **show of projects** which the club members have been doing this winter—and I sincerely thank you all for participating. Since I cannot use my scanner properly, I am unable to show you the pictures of the items that were taken by Warren, so will have to describe them.

Rob Moser brought his first faceted stone—taught by Jack Sexton. Warren has some great star garnets and has set one in a ring. A perfect 4 ray star! He also showed some of his cabs. He is working hard and is improving a great deal. Ev.had some wire wrapped items and some of the things from his advanced certification class in PMC. Erna had some wire wrapped stones as well. Jim Rauch showed some nice pen sets, some lovely clocks and a table top. Yolanda Rosales had some “soft as fur” knitting—scarves and hats in beautiful shades, some amazing photos that she had used Photoshop on to create a scene and then made the mat and frame—one a peacock and another that looked like an old Oriental figure walking in the snow. She also brought a bust done in terra cotta clay of a young woman, and lost wax cast gold hummingbird with a ruby eye. A multi-talented woman!!!~ I had wire wrapped pieces, some stone beads and earrings—sort of the usual. Bob had some picture wood, there was a box of tumbled stones and a batch of Queensland agates. We had lots to look at and talk about. I hope I did not forget anyone!!! Please forgive if I did.

Refreshments were furnished by Erna Headrick and Bev Bockman. Again, I forgot to ask for volunteers for next meeting so will be calling around, unless someone would be kind enough to phone me with an offer to cover this February meeting.

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2009**EXOTIC TERRANE** (27 minute video)

History of the mysterious rocks in the Hells Canyon area on the Oregon-Idaho border

Silent Auction of donated rock during the refreshment break.

Refreshments provided by ? (See above)

Got a letter from Charles Osgood—the fellow on the Gem State Plate Committee. Since I am typing this newsletter in it's entirety and have been doing so for many hours will abbreviate the contents and bring the letter to the meeting. A Senator from District 8 is preparing the bill to present to the 2009 Legislative session, (which is going on now). It may already be too late to help by contacting our representatives and senators but I will bring the information anyway.

CONTINUING ADVENTURES FROM THE ROCKIN ROSE'S

“We have been in Quartzsite, AZ. Since January 7 camping out in the desert, boondocking, at La Posa south unit, about two miles south of Quartzsite.

Our latest adventures have been with Lamar, Merlia and Lamar’s brother Therol, Steve and Edna Nelson—all from Oregon. Lamar coordinates the Rockhound Retreats near Fossil, OR each year. We have been traveling to California west of Blythe then south near the famous Hauser beds (Geodes). We have been collecting spider web porcelain jasper—quite a bit, with a couple of rocks weighing in at 68 pounds and another at 75 pounds. Mike carried them on his shoulder down the rocky and washed landscape. (Pictures when we return) The area is rugged, with washes, lots of loose rocks, dust and roads that go everywhere. There are a few people camping in the desert on BLM land designated as Long Term Visitor Area, with 14 day permit areas as well. The area is part of the “proposed wilderness area” headed to the Senate for approval. It is NOT wilderness by any stretch of the imagination but who am I to say such a thing?”

(This is the Omnibus Land Management bill containing over 2000 different things that was passed by the Senate with barely a murmur and is now before the House which contains the Fossil bill that I mentioned in the article about the ALAA—and has probably been approved by the House by now. No amendments are possible) ed.

“We have seen big horn sheep on the way to the area, by I-10 Freeway. The grasses are beginning to grow on the desert and the cactus are beginning to green up. I think spring will bring lots of flowers but am not sure that we will see them before we head home. Our return depends on the weather at home. Reports now, do not sound like it will be anytime very soon! We are waiting for Bob and Luci Bristow from Chewelah to arrive about Feb. 5 to go rocking with them for a couple of days. Then we will return to Sierra Vista on Feb. 9 for a month to ride ATV with the group we joined over there. If the weather is warmer than when we were there before we may look for some rocks for a couple of days. From there it is up to the weather in N. Idaho when we'll start home.

We are having a great adventure down here and wish that some of you could come and join us.

The temperature today is 74 degrees at 1 PM —s will continue to warm as the day continues. Most days have been in the 80 degree range with lots of sunshine and a soft breeze to keep it pleasant. There have been days with wind and blowing dust, but not that many. See you in the spring!

Mike and Diane

<p>OFFICERS FOR 2009</p> <p>Mike Rose—President</p> <p>Warren Price—V.P.</p> <p>Secretary - Bill Johnson</p> <p>Treasurer — Susan Rekow</p> <p>Federation director—Everett Headrick</p> <p>Federation Delegate—open</p> <p>WSMC Delegate—Open</p>	<p>Committees for 2009</p> <p>Hospitality - Bertha McPherson</p> <p>Field Trips—Mike and Diane Rose</p> <p>Membership-Susan Rekow</p> <p>Show Chairman-Bev Bockman and Steve Livingstone</p> <p>Newsletter Editor—Bev Bockman</p> <p>Program Chairman-Bev Bockman <u>AND CLUB MEMBERS</u></p>
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PRECIOUS METAL CLAY CLASS (PMC)

10 am to 4 pm

March 7, 2009

The Jacklin Arts and Cultural Center

Post Falls, ID 208-457-8950

Instructor—Everett Headrick

The object of this introductory/intermediate class will be provision of information and skills, providing a basis for continuing exploration and work in this area by class participants. Students will learn basics including rolling shaping, cutting, texturing, joining, dry working, and kiln firing their work.

Three projects will be completed during this session: a basic flat pendant, a fold over pendant and a PMC/dichroic glass pendant. The glass must cool in the kiln overnight, so class members will be able to pick up their dichroic pieces during the next week. Time and individual progress permitting, other projects will be undertaken.

Materials provided for students: informational handouts, a dichroic cabochon, a 25 Gm. and a 9 Gm. packet of PMC3 clay, a PMC3 syringe and a jar of PMC3 paste.

Class size limited to 8-10 participants.

The Spokane Rock Rollers

show is the second weekend of March. Lets get some real team spirit and car-pool to the show. The grand prize this year is a gold nugget, as the theme is GOLD—the 50th anniversary of the organization. **March 13-15.**

Bob and I and James Finckbone and Steve Livingstone will be there already as we are all also members of that club. So we'll be watching for you!!

Maybe you can pick up some ideas for our club of what to do or not do at our show, and if you want to volunteer to help at the show just let me know. You will not be charged admission—but you will have to arrange for an I.D. badge and choose a place to put in a few hours of work., such as helping with the grab bag sales, the treasure hunt or the Kid's corner or the silent Auction. (that is my personal favorite!) BB

Following are the names of those club members who have paid their dues for 2009. If your name is not here and your dues have been paid since September 1 of 2008, please let Susan Rekow or Bev Bockman know at the meeting or call.

Bev and Bob Bockman

Mike and Diane Rose

Warren Price and Melissa and boys

Norman Sheard

Dennis and Pamela Hicks

Joan Gundlach

Susan and George Rekow

Bill and Andi Johnson

Michael Burton

Sharlyn and Boyd Merkley

Jenny Fogelsong

Joan Smith

Current club members 2009 (con't)

Gale and Catherine Diener

Tiffany McPherson

Yolanda Rosales and George Lyles

Steve Livingstone

James Finckbone

Bertha McPherson (life member)

Ruth Brooks (life member)

Kelly and Valerie Hanson

If you have neglected to pay your dues by March 2009 your name will be dropped from the mailing list. We need and want our members to renew, but if you are not pleased with the organization of our little club you have not said what we could do to improve. So speak up!! .

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2009 Rock and Gem Shows in WA., OR. , ID. & MT

Feb. 22-23—Everett Rock and Gem Show—Everett, WA

Feb. 28-Mar. 1—Idaho Gem Club Annual Show—Boise, ID

Mar. 7-8 Owyhee gem and Mineral Soc. Caldwell, ID.

Mar. 7-8 Rock and Arrowhead Club—Klamath Falls, OR

March 13-15 Spokane Rock Rollers — Spokane, WA.

March 13-15 Tualatin Valley Gem club— Hillsboro, OR

NORTHWEST GOLD PROSPECTORS—Idaho National Guard Armory—Post Falls

MARCH 28 & 29

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