



# Grindings

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

2020 is going to be a really exciting year for our club! I am delighted to become the 86th President! Thank you Dana R. for the 4 years you served! New officers are in place with many fresh ideas and improvements. Sandy Blodgett and Greg Sandmeyer are field trip guides prepared to take us on trips to new places -- many overnight trips. Brent has our workshop and ROLE (Recognition of Lapidary Excellence) Program running strong.

The Annual Banquet at Galaxy Event Center was a great success. Thank you Gene and Alice Stewart for providing big Idaho Star Garnets for table favors and decorating, and Sandy and Precious Blodgett for helping me with venue selection. Marge Conley was recognized for her years demonstrating and instructing wirewrap classes and being a vital part of the club. Dana Robinson was given a necklace for her term as President. Idaho Gem Club and AFMS/NFMS presented Linda Barlow and Mike Dome the Rockhound of the Year award for 2019. They traveled 10,000 miles of pure rockhounding, keeping us informed of their discoveries. Linda managed her many Federation Director duties on the road. Mike and Linda represented Idaho rockhounds positively along their tour and we are grateful for being Ambassadors for The Gem State.

The Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show is here! This is the big event of our year. The Idaho Gem Show is one of the best in the U.S. It takes a lot of volunteers! We would appreciate any help to get the show truck loaded at Lockaway Storage on Thursday, February 20th at 1:00 pm. On Friday, February 21, at 8:00 a.m. meet at Expo Idaho in Garden City to unload trucks, set up tables, display cases and blacklight room. From 12-6:00 pm Friday you may install your display case. Saturday the show hours are 10am-6pm and Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm. General meeting on Feb.18th will have all show details and parking passes. We need your help during the show for 2 hour segments and sign up sheets will be at the meeting. We will give display case setup tips as our program. Let's make this a great show by all coming out to help. Volunteers love the Appreciation Pizza Party for helping at the show which we will schedule next month. Let's make 2020 our best Gem Show ever!!

Stay updated on club events by renewing your memberships today. When you don't renew you are dropped from the roster and we cannot reach you!

Please visit [idahogemclub.com](http://idahogemclub.com) and download and print a show flyer to distribute. Let's Rock!

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Deana Ashton,*

*President*

## MEETING AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Introduce Guests  
Door Prizes and Building Fund Raffle  
Juniors Meeting  
Program  
Business Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 21, 2020

Emcee Gene Stewart welcomed everyone and introduced the head table. The blessing was given by Linda Barlow and everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal.

After the meal, Gene introduced the Past Presidents and a moment of silence was held for members who passed during the last year.

**Business Meeting:**

Dana asked for any corrections to the minutes of last month's meeting as printed in the Grindings. Willa made a motion to accept the minutes as printed which was seconded by Deana. Members voted, motion passed.

**Secretary Report** by Christina Anderton: No report

**Treasurer Report** by Teresa Nebeker: Reviewed the monthly finance activity and totals in accounts.

**Federation Report** by Linda Barlow: Linda presented a Year in Review for the NFMS and AFMS.

**ROLE Report** by Brent Stewart: The next ROLE workshop will be on Monday, March 2.

**Workshop Report** by Brent Stewart: Regularly scheduled Thursday workshop will be open from 6 pm to 8:45 pm on Feb. 20th. The next workshop will be on Saturday, March 29.

**Old Business:** No old business

**New Business:** Dana Robinson gave her Reflections of the past year and Gene presented her with a rock hammer with the years of service engraved on it.

Brent presented awards to Fuzzy Smith and Liz Warner for their ROLE accomplishments. Gene awarded Linda Barlow and Mike Dome certificates as Rock Hounds of the Year for AFMS/NFMS. He also presented Fuzzy Smith with the Project of the Year plaque that he won in December. Willa presented an award to Marge Conley for all of the wire-wrapping classes she held for the club. She also presented Dana Robinson with a charoite pendant as thanks for her service as president.

Gene installed the 2020 Idaho Gem Club Officers:

Deana Ashton, President

Willa Renken, 1st Vice President

Brent Stewart, 2nd Vice President

Teresa Nebeker, Treasurer

Gia Stewart, Secretary

Cheryl Lawson, Librarian

Cheryl Peterson, Historian

Board Members: Sandy Blodgett, Ed Moser, Cheryl Link,

Rick Corbett, and Cullen Anderson

A reminder that the Gem Show is coming up and the Sign-Up Sheets for volunteers are on the back table.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Gia Stewart, Secretary*

## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2020

Deana Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

**Present:** Deana Ashton, Willa Renken, Sandy Blodgett, Ed Moser, Teresa Nebeker, Cheryl Peterson, Linda Barlow, Cheryl Link, and Gia Stewart

**Guests:** Dana Robinson, Mike Dome, Deanna Moser

**Absent:** Rick Corbett, Brent Stewart, Cullen Anderson

Deana asked for any corrections to the minutes of last meeting as printed in the Grindings. Willa made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Grindings, which was seconded by Ed. Board members voted, motion passed.

**Secretary Report** by Gia Stewart: No report.

**Treasurer Report** by Teresa Nebeker: Teresa reported on the account balances and deposits. She also submitted a report on the final Banquet cost and went over the bills that have been paid.

**Federation Report** by Linda Barlow: Linda reviewed the NFMS and AFMS news and information from the IRC meeting on January 11. Details are in the Federation Director's report.

**Program Report** by Deana Ashton: The February program will be on case set-up for the upcoming show.

**Juniors Report** by Cheryl Link: Cheryl reported that she has started reading through the AFMS Badge Program information. She will need help when she gets into the projects.

**Refreshments Report** by Rick Corbett: No report.

**Field Trip Report** by Sandy Blodgett: Sandy went over the upcoming Rock Shows in our area. They will listed on the Activity Calendar. The February field trip is the Annual Gem Show at Expo Idaho. The March field trip will be to the Queenstone and Whangdoodle claims. More information will be available in the March newsletter.

Sandy also went over several upcoming months' field trips. A formal list will be in the newsletter after it has been finalized.

**Workshop Report** by Brent Stewart: Brent is in Arizona at this time. The dates for the next workshops were in the last newsletter and are on the calendar as well. The ROLE Workshop date is March 2 from 6-8:45 pm. The regular workshops will be Thursdays Feb. 20 and Mar. 19 from 6-8:45 pm. The Saturday dates are Feb. 29 and March 28 from 10 am-2 pm.

### **Old Business:**

Willa ordered the case favors and they will be here this week.

### **New Business:**

For Show business, Teresa reported that Rochelle doesn't have the postcards and we should look in the storage unit. Deana and Dana will do that this week so they can get in the mail. Dana will also send Teresa a copy of the show recap sheet.

Dana brought the name badges for the entire roster for Cheryl to complete with ribbons. She also will get the new postcards printed.

There is still a question of whether or not we will have the treasure dig this year. We need to see if it will fit in the floor plan.

Security was discussed and suggestions were made to have at least two security people, possibly police that have more authority.

Sandy suggested putting the fence signs up a week in advance for extra advertising.

The newsletter needs a Community Outreach area. Let president know if you or someone you know has done a program, etc. As the year goes on activities will be listed in this area.

Four new member applications were reviewed. Ed made a motion to accept the applications, Willa seconded, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Gia Stewart, Secretary*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David Dore & Arlene Puscher  
Clifford & Marta Miller

Bret Lane  
Lee Unterseher



## 2020 GEM CLUB BANQUET



*The Galaxy Event Center*



*Willa Renken presents Dana Robinson with gift in appreciation for her service as president.*



*Brent Stewart presents Fuzzy Smith with ROLE Certificate.*



*Brent Stewart presents Liz Warner with ROLE Certificate.*



*Willa Renken presents Marge Conley with gift in appreciation for her wire-wrapping classes.*



*Mike Dome and Linda Barlow, Rockhounds of the Year*



### *2020 Idaho Gem Club Board of Directors*

*l to r: Deana Ashton, President; Willa Renken, 1st Vice President; Brent Stewart, 2nd Vice President; Gia Stewart, Secretary; Teresa Nebeker, Treasurer; Linda Barlow, Federation Director; Cheryl Peterson, Historian/Board Member; Cheryl Lawson, Librarian; Sandy Blodgett, Board Member; Ed Moser, Board Member; Rick Corbett, Board Member*



## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b> Workshop 10 am-2 pm
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	<b>4</b> Board Meeting 7 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> General Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Show Load-up 1 pm-Lockaway Workshop 6-8:45 pm	<b>21</b> Gem Show Setup-8 am Expo Idaho	<b>22</b> Gem Show 10 am-6 pm
<b>23</b> Gem Show 10 am-5 pm Take Down 5 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Workshop 10 am-2 pm

## MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	<b>3</b> Board Meeting 7 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> OGMS Show Caldwell 10 am-6 pm
<b>8</b> OGMS Show Caldwell 10 am-5 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Magic Valley Gem Show Filer, 10 am-5 pm
<b>15</b> Magic Valley Gem Show Filer, 10 am-4 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> General Meeting 7 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Workshop 6-8:45 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Field Trip Whangdoodle 8:30 am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Workshop 10 am-2 pm
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

## APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	<b>7</b> Board Meeting 7 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> NFMS Annual Meeting, Ogden 9am-6pm	<b>11</b> NFMS Annual Meeting, Ogden 10am-6pm
<b>12</b> NFMS Annual Meeting, Ogden 10am-4pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> General Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Workshop 6-8:45 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Field Trip Meet 8:30 am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

## WORKSHOP LOCATION

2620 W. Idaho St., Boise, ID  
Next door to Stewart's Gem Shop

\$5 Fee for each visit (kids free)



## Truck Load-Up for Gem Show Thursday, Feb. 20th at 1 pm

### Lockaway Storage

5246 W. Chinden Blvd., Garden City, ID  
(close to Expo Idaho)



## IDAHO GEM CLUB MEMBER FIELD TRIPS

### 2020 FIELD TRIPS

The field trip for February is the Annual Gem & Mineral Show at Expo Idaho. Volunteers needed!

The field trip for March will tentatively be on Sunday, March 22nd. It will be to our Whangdoodle Opal and Queenstone Jasper claims. We will meet at the Ion station at the intersection of Highways 55 and 95 outside of Marsing, ID, at 8:30 am, leaving at 9 am.

A complete list of the 2020 Field Trips will be available at the Gem Show.

If you have any suggestions about areas you would like to visit on field trips, please contact Sandy Blodgett at 208-859-4080 or Greg Sandmeyer at 208-345-1997.

FIELD TRIP SUPPLIES	
Rock Hammer	Water
Chisel, Pick, Pry Bar	Sunscreen and a Hat
Shovels	Knee Pads
Buckets or	Gloves
Collecting Sacks	Safety Glasses
Screening Box	First Aid Kit
Map or GPS	
Good boots or hiking shoes	
Rain Coat (Dress in Layers for Cooler Mornings)	
Lunch/Dinner/Snack Foods /Camping supplies	

## REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

CONTACT RICK CORBETT  
at 208-890-2599

Rick will have monthly sign-up sheets

RESPONSIBILITIES include: Come 1/2 hour early to set up meeting hall. Remain after meeting to clean up. Provide: Door Prizes, Beverages & Cookies/Snacks.

DOOR PRIZES include: One small wrapped item (cab, slab, other)

10 PRIZES FOR YOUTH and 10 PRIZES FOR ADULT

BEVERAGES include: juice, punch, tea, other

COOKIES/SNACKS include: cookies, bars, breads, veggies

THANKS TO  
ALL VOLUNTEERS FROM 2019!!

## MORE 2020 SHOWS

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society Show — March 7-8, 2020, O'Connor Field House, Caldwell

Magic Valley Gem Show — March 14-15, 2020

Twin Falls Co. Fairgrounds, Filer

Missoula, MT, Show — March 21-22, 2020

Field Trips

Sandy, UT, Show — March 27-29, 2020

Field Trips

Southeast Idaho Gem & Mineral Society Show — March 28-29, 2020, Pocatello

NFMS Show, Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Club — April 10-12, 2020, Ogden, UT, Field Trips

Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society Show — April 18-19, 2020, Recreation Center, 520 Memorial Dr., Idaho Falls

Rocky Mountain Federation Show and Convention — June 19-21, 2020, Multi-Federation Field Trip, Blue Forest, petrified wood and fish fossils (fee), Big Piney, WY

## Another Huge Diamond Find!

The Canadian firm that cannot stop finding huge diamonds has found another huge diamond. This week, Lucara, the mining company led by Eira Thomas, announced the discovery of a 549 carat ice-white stone at its Botswanan mine, Karowe. It's the fourth-heaviest diamond ever recovered at Karowe, and may be the prettiest. Karowe has been in operation for just seven years, but it has already found three of the ten largest rough diamonds in history.

Lucara has pioneered the use of X-ray transmission technology, known as XRT, which functions much "like an airport baggage scanner." This reduces the chance that miners will damage diamonds while trying to discover them. The XRT machines allow Lucara to recover more large diamonds unbroken because the ore does not need to be crushed so many times before it is sorted.

[Excerpted from The New Yorker article  
"The Woman Shaking Up the Diamond  
Industry Finds Yet Another Huge Gem,"  
by Ed Caesar]



photo www.mining.com

## SPECIAL EVENTS

## Gem, Mineral &amp; Fossil Show

We are quickly running out of time to get volunteers signed up for our upcoming show. The sign-up sheets are looking very bare. Remember that it takes all of working together to make this show the great success it is. The general meeting on February 18 is only a few days before the show. Please come and sign up to help for a couple of hours at an event.

We will meet at Lock Away Storage (see page 6) to load trucks for the show. That will be at 1 pm and usually lasts a couple of hours. Then we need all hands to meet at the Expo Idaho to set everything up for the show. If you are signed up for a case, you can start setting up at 1 pm. The building will be open until 8 pm for any setup you need to do. We will open on Saturday at 10 am sharp and the fun begins! I am looking forward to seeing everyone for another great show.

**Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show****February 22 & 23, 2020**at **Expo Idaho**

5610 Glenwood Ave., Boise, Idaho



**Exhibits:** fluorescent minerals booth, Idaho gems, educational displays, rockhounding in Idaho information, Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology, Basket Raffle, and a silent auction table

**Dealers:** jewelry, gems, minerals, crystals, beads, tools and findings, chains, carvings, and more!

**Lapidary and Jewelry-Making****Demonstrations:**

Cabochon cutting, faceting, arrowhead knapping, beading, silversmithing, wirewrapping, opal jewelry creation



**Children's activities:** Idaho Garnet Dig, Wheel of Fortune and a variety of crafts

**Saturday 10:00** am to **6:00** pm**Kids** 12 and under **FREE****Sunday 10:00** am to **5:00** pm**Adults \$4****Bring the Family!**



## BRAD'S BENCH TIPS

by Brad Smith

## CUTTING MOLDS

Cutting molds is easier and more precise with a sharp blade. A new Xacto blade is sufficient for cutting RTV molds, but is usually not sharp enough for vulcanized rubber. For that it's best to use scalpel blades available from most jewelry supply companies. The #11 blade is triangle shaped, and the #12 is hawksbill shaped. I find the hawksbill is particularly nice for cutting the registration keys of the mold.

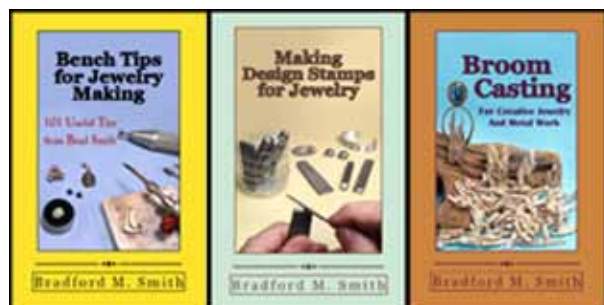


## USING YOUR THUMB

When using multiple bits in a Foredom, we often have to deal with different shaft sizes – the usual 3/32 inch burs, the larger 1/8 inch shaft sizes and of course the many different sizes of twist drills. For some reason I really dislike having to turn the key multiple times to open or close the jaws of the handpiece chuck.

So I have two ways to speed up that task. For opening up the jaws, I just remember “four,” the number of turns I have to make to open the chuck just enough from the 3/32 bur shaft size to the larger 1/8 bur shaft size.

For closing the jaws around a smaller shaft, there's a neat trick. Hold the new bit in the center of the open jaws of the chuck, put your thumb lightly onto the outer toothed collar of the chuck, and gently start up the Foredom. As the chuck turns, it will naturally tighten the jaws around the bur shaft or the drill bit. Then all you have to do is a final tightening with the key.



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## FEDERATION DIRECTOR REPORT

### JANUARY 21, 2020

By Linda Barlow  
IGC Federation Director

#### YEAR IN REVIEW:

Idaho Gem Club was represented at three NFMS meetings by myself or a delegate:

1. Planning Meeting in Lewiston, Idaho
2. Mid-Year Meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, June 2019
3. Annual Meeting in Lewiston, Idaho, October 2019

Idaho Gem Club and all of Idaho Recreational Rockhounds were represented at three Idaho Recreational Council meetings this year. I reported to Idaho Gem Club via email and the *Grindings* newsletter the national and state legislation pending and passed related to Public Lands Access. I also reported the successes and failures to keep land open in the West and Northwest. For example, the success of the Region I policy changes to comply with federal Forest Service law related to Restricted Wilderness Areas not being treated like Wilderness Areas. There is still work ahead because each area in the Region must be entered into Collaboration with individual Forest Supervisors for the policy change needing our support. The first meeting needing our support is regarding the Nez Perce Clearwater area. It will be February 5th at Boise Airport Holiday Inn at 5pm. You don't have to speak, your presence speaks for itself.

**NFMS 2020 Annual Meeting & Show is April 10-12, 2020** in Ogden, Utah, hosted by Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Club.

See the NFMS on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>  
(for the desktop/laptop/tablets)  
<https://m.facebook.com/grups/NFMS1>

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR STAMPS  
TO THE GENERAL MEETING  
TO HELP FIGHT CANCER.  
MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO  
HAVE CONTRIUTED.

**AFMS Annual Meeting & Show will be October 16-18, 2020** in Knoxville, TN, hosted by Southern Federation.

**On a Personal Note:** Mike and I have represented Idaho Gem Club and NFMS as traveling Recreational Rockhounds to Idaho, Montana, Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon, Alaska, Washington, and Oregon. We educated the public via Facebook on the state of Alaska and the great rockhounding adventures available in that state. We included the museums representing gems, stones, and fossils of Alaska. Now we have learned The Chugach Gem & Mineral Society of Anchorage is beginning to plan for hosting a NFMS Annual Meeting.

I look forward to representing you in 2020 and keeping you posted regarding NFMS, AFMS, ALAA, and IRC (Idaho Recreational Council) so we can continue to "ROCK ON".

**Two links  
for additional newsletters we  
receive as members of the rock club.**

NFMS—Newsletter available at:

<http://northwestfederation.org>

AFMS—Newsletter available at:

<http://amfed.org/news/default.htm>

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## FEDERATION DIRECTOR REPORT

FEBRUARY 4, 2020

By Linda Barlow  
IGC Federation Director

## IDAHO RECREATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 11, 2020

### 1. Meeting Review:

- a. Payette Land Allocation: Animal report was reviewed related to mountain goats and wolverines. Payette Land covers Donnelly to Salmon River north to Warren, 300-400,000 acres, is proposed designated Wilderness. IRC advocates no more wilderness with year round access. This is where our ALAA Reports would be useful showing rockhounding use of the area.
- b. IDPR Registration Update
- c. IDL Update
- d. Hells Canyon Collaborative (Oregon and Idaho area)
- e. Western Legislature Caucus was reviewed (previously sent to Idaho Gem Club members).
- f. Reviewed IRC By-Laws.
- g. Loss of access to Great Burn in Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest Policy: Unwritten regional policy was created and transmitted to the Region's Forest Supervisors requiring them to manage all of their RWAs (Restricted Wilderness Areas) with the same restrictions to public use that apply to congressionally designated Wilderness Areas (WA). (Officially ended in 2019) In other words, no motorized or mechanized recreation. The current nationwide Forest Service policy requires that all RWAs be managed in a way that will not impair their future qualification for wilderness, but doesn't specifically exclude all historic motorized and mechanized access.

### 2. Items sent to club members include:

- a. USDAFS Regional Intermountain Newsletter: Region 4 is hiring 250 positions; Caribou-Targhee National Forest seeking comments to increase Aspen regeneration; Yankee Fork Gold Dredge in South Central Idaho tributary of Salmon River.
- b. FFRC (Federal Forest Resource Coalition): Waters of US Rule Repealed which scales back Federal Regulation (WOTUS Rule) to perennial or intermittent streams and bodies of water.
- c. Intermountain Farm & Ranch: Westside Ranger District of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest has grant application to fund two new bridges over trail along West Fork of Mink Creek. Also will fund trail maintenance, new signs, new motorcycles, and mountain bikes for bike patrols.
- d. Washington Newsletter, December 2019: Fuel study for Recreational Trails Program (RTP) passed HR; Minnesota to create Outdoor Recreation Task Force; National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) partners with BLM, Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife (CPW), and Colorado OHVCC to improve recreational opportunities on Colorado Public Lands.
- e. PNWA (Pacific North West Association) study shows loss of dams in lower Snake River would increase carbon emissions and impact fragile communities costing US \$2.3 billion. Find complete study at <https://www.pwa.net/energy-salmon/>.

### AFMS

Multi-Federation Field Trip: Blue Forest for petrified wood, dig fish fossils (fee) and other trips in conjunction with Rocky Mountain Federation Show and Convention being held in Big Piney, WY, June 19, 20, 21, 2020. For field trip information contact Doug True, [dtruefossils12@yahoo.com](mailto:dtruefossils12@yahoo.com). For show and other trip information contact Jim Gray, [jimgray@wyoming.com](mailto:jimgray@wyoming.com).

AFMS President David Wayment: Judging Classes in Ogden, UT, on April 9-12, 2020, and Knoxville, TN, on October 16-18, 2020.

Beth Heesacker, NFMS 1st VP: Small fee for lunch associated with Judging Classes. Personal travel costs vary and room costs are not finalized at this time. Interested persons should contact Beth at [heesacker@coho.net](mailto:heesacker@coho.net).

Cheryl Neary, AFMS Endowment Fund Chair: Reviewed the Endowment fund defining it and reviewed donations and tickets (I reviewed these in last month's *Grindings*).

Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS Junior Program Chair: AFMS Junior Program is free to participants with 20 badges they can earn plus a Membership patch, a Rockhound patch, and a Rock Star pin. Over 16 years this has cost the AFMS \$20,000—totally funded by Endowment Fund. Now, where to display these patches: club vests, sashes, baseball caps, and canvas bags, depending on the individual club's choice. AFMS wants to make this program available and accessible to all clubs, parents and kids.

Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian: Asking for rockhounding pictures of club members early in rockhounding history.

Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair: Reminded all of us to beware of scammers. The usual scam appears from our rock club officers or board members whose names appear on the bulletins and asks you to purchase gift cards and send them to needy charities. BEWARE and know none of us would ask you to do this.

Jack Johnston, RMFMS-AFMS Conservation & Legislation Committee: Over 7,000 roads closed in Utah including Angels Arch, Paria Canyon, and Cannan Mountain roads. There are no wilderness or wilderness study areas in the state of Utah if you follow the law. There are too many roads, mines, claims, mineral collecting areas, fences, construction sites, two-track traces, etc., to qualify! Too many jurisdictions overlap! Native Americans are forced to walk or ride horseback to complete their ceremonies on public land and some on their own reservation.

Cheryl Neary, Central Office Administrator: Suggests you review the AFMS and Regional Federation Uniform Rules before displaying at local and federation shows.

Don Shurtz, AFMS Website Contest Chair: NFMS Regional Website Contest Chair is Cheri George, [cherig1946@yahoo.com](mailto:cherig1946@yahoo.com) with contest date for this year of Jan. 15, 2020.





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