



# Grindings

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer heat has blazed into our valley! Our first 100 degree day was spent at Nyssa Thunderegg Days Saturday, July 11. This event was carefully managed by Nyssa Chamber of Commerce and was frequently checked by the Health Department. Everyone observed safe practices with masks, gloves and distancing. The community grateful we attended. A heart-felt Thank You to all who braved the heat and helped make Nyssa Thunderegg Days a success. See pictures inside.

Thank you Phil Neuhoff, Jonathan Barnett, Rick Corbett, Liz Warner, Dana Robinson, Kathy & Jeff Miller, Cheryl Link, Alisha Evans, Robert & Ike Murphey, Carl Woodland, Willa & Doug Renken.

Special rock sales were held recently. Thank you to Greg Sandmeyer for the generous donation of your collection to Idaho Gem Club for education and special auction items and more. You will be missed as you take a break from this hobby. You've contributed greatly to rockhounding in our valley through earth science education and forming a rock club at Timberline High School. Your help at our workshops and gem show has been appreciated! Wishing your family the best health.

Jonathan Barnett offered some rare and unique specimens at his sale, which will be repeated in the future. Thank you, Jonathan, for donating a 5 gal. bucket of beautiful stones, now tumbling. Karol and George Cawthon generously donated their nice petrified wood collection to the club. Many thanks! Patsy Bethel is still creating critters for the Wheel of Fortune at the Gem Show. Jim Witt delivered special buckets of minerals that Coyote will be identifying. Having good materials to use in our new education program for all members at our monthly meetings is of tremendous value. Thank you!

Thank you to Robert Murphey for welcoming our members to join Owyhee Gem Club field trips. You do an excellent job as a guide and we appreciate the chance to visit new places with fellow rockhounds. Your enthusiasm and guidance excites new rockhounds. We hope someone steps up to lead field trips with all you bring the position! Please note some changes to our trip calendar. If you request a trip to a site, we will make it happen! Lots of dates left this year! Use facebook group page to connect with others going places! As you travel, contact some of the local clubs and arrange field days! AFMS(amfed.org) has national directories of rock clubs and endless resources for kids and lapidary!

Willa Renken's silversmith classes are filling up! She is encouraging creativity and builds confidence for new students, who are creating amazing projects! R.O.L.E. Program has new students and rapidly advancing lapidary artists. Our workshops continue, Kids' Day is coming, and special dates for jewelry making at the workshop are on the calendar. I hope you think of a project to start for the Project Of The Year Contest, held in December. As our club grows, we have incoming members experienced in creating museum displays, setting up collections, and we encourage contacting libraries to display and promote Idaho Gem Club. Please ask if you'd like to install a showcase around town as rocks and gem interest is growing. Membership is gaining alot of experienced rockhounds and lapidary artists. Teach each other new techniques! Welcome and encourage newcomers! I have club brochures for you to hand out to interested people. Our new program concept of teaching youth with adults about rocks and minerals monthly will build your confidence in identification and earn merit badges from Federation.

Please be thinking about our annual Gem Show and contribute your ideas, volunteer and participate. You can make small items for the Wheel of Fortune, sew rock collection bags, tumble rocks, or save small gemstones and rocks for the booths. Have ideas for new features/activities? Tell us, please!!

You are encouraged to contact Editor Dana R to place advertising in Grindings for collections, rock sales, promote lapidary businesses, make announcements. We should be ordering rough stock from our regional miners and helping their businesses versus ordering overseas. Next month I will print a directory for member businesses. Let's help each other thrive! Contact me if you want to be included.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Deana Ashton, President*

The deadline for issues is the Friday after each Board Meeting for the current month's edition. To submit articles, please send them through email to Dana Robinson, Editor drobinso@boisestate.edu

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	7 Board Meeting 7 pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Kids' Workshop 10 am-2 pm OGMS Field Trip Pink Plume
19	20	21 Meeting Picnic, 6:30 Municipal Park	22	23 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	24	25
26 Field Trip Succor Creek Meet 8:00 am	27	28	29	30	31	

## OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	6 Board Meeting 7 pm	7	8	9	10 Project of Year Workshop 10 am-2 pm
11	12	13	14 National Fossil Day	15	16	17
18	19	20 General Meeting 7 pm	21	22 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	23	24 OGMS Field Trip Graveyard Pt.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Workshop 10 am-2 pm

## AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
2	3 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	4 Board Meeting 7 pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Meeting Picnic, 6:30 Municipal Park	19	20 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	21	22 Kids' Workshop 10 am-2 pm OGMS Field Trip Wagontown
23 30 Field Trip South Mtn. Meet 8:30 am	24 31	25	26	27	28	29 Workshop 10 am-2 pm

## NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	3 Board Meeting 7 pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Project of Year Workshop 10 am-2 pm
15	16	17 Meeting 7 pm Board Elections	18	19 Thanksgiving	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
29	30					

## SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Board Meeting 7 pm	2	3	4	5
6	7 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Meeting 7 pm	16	17 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	18	19 OGMS Field Trip Blue Egg Claim
20 Field Trip Glass Buttes/ Hampton Butte	21	22	23	24	25	26 Workshop 10 am-2 pm
27	28	29	30			

## DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Board Meeting 7 pm	2	3	4	5 Wire Wrap Workshop 10 am-2 pm
6	7 ROLE Workshop 6-8:45 pm	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Meeting 7 pm Project of Year Contest	16	17 Workshop 6-8:45 pm	18	19 Holiday Party at Workshop 10 am-5 pm
20 Holiday Party at Workshop 10 am-5 pm	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## IDAHO GEM CLUB MEMBER FIELD TRIPS

Our field trip day is the 3rd Sunday of each month with additional trips on other weekends. The 3rd Saturday is the Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society Field Trip day. This year, you may go to OGMS and IGC trips.

July 18	OGMS A.M. Pink Plume Agate Claim P.M. Haystack Butte Petrified Wood & Jasper
JULY 26	SUCCOR CREEK - Thundereggs
Aug 22	OGMS Wagontown - Bog Wood
AUG 23	SOUTH MOUNTAIN - Ilavite/Hedenburgite/ Crystals
Sept 19	OGMS Blue Egg Claim
SEPT 20	GLASS BUTTES and HAMPTON BUTTE with Cathy Parsons
Oct.	BEACON HILL - Date yet to be determined
Oct 24	OGMS Graveyard Point

### Field Trip Leaders Contact Information:

*Greg Sandmeyer has stepped down due to personal obligations. If you are interested in helping lead field trips, please contact Deana Ashton or any board member. Contact information is on page 6.*

Cathy Parsons, 208-957-9938  
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## JULY FIELD TRIP

The field trip for July will be to Succor Creek for thundereggs. We do not have a leader for this trip so it will be a self-led trip. Maps will be available at the general meeting. Feel free to make plans at the meeting if you would like to caravan with others.

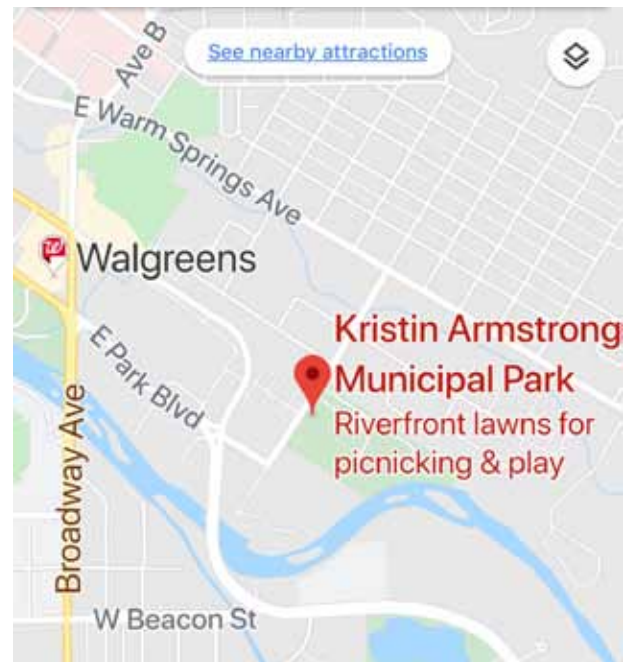
## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Summer Pot Luck Picnic Meetings

It is that time of year again to have outdoor summer picnics for the July and August meetings. There will not be anyone at the church location. Please bring a dish to share along with a serving utensil and your own table service (plate, utensils, etc.). The club provides drinks and ice cream. We will need to spread out a bit more than we usually would and wear masks when not eating. A Silent Auction will follow the dinner and meeting. Please bring a donation item to auction. Auction benefits the annual banquet fund.

It is also recommended that we not exceed 50 in our group. Please stay home if you are sick!

*Hope You Are Able Join Us!!*



Map to Picnic Location  
Kristen Armstrong Municipal Park  
500 S. Walnut St., Boise  
Tuesday, July 21, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

## JULY PROGRAM

The July and August meeting programs are Silent Auctions after everyone has enjoyed the picnic. Please bring something you would be interested in donating for this month's auction.

THUNDEREGG DAYS in NYSSA



## FIELD TRIP REPORT

**By Robert Murphey**  
**Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society**

Hello Fellow Rockhounds,

As some know from the last newsletter we visited Texas Springs early on in June and had a fun trip, but got rained out on Saturday. 2 weeks later we visited McDermitt, Nevada, for another exciting campout rockhounding adventure. 13 people joined us over the weekend.



We arrived in McDermitt on Friday to visit with Leanne at the Caldera Rock Shop. Leanne was very excited and willing to show us what the area could provide, as well as giving us some updated rockhounding maps. We were also invited to visit the operation they were working at the former Gary Green location. Several of us purchased some specimens and rough rock and we were off to setup camp.

The sun was shining with occasional clouds that were welcome as the desert was starting to warm in the late afternoons. Bob and Kim were a blessing to have along as they were familiar with the area and passed on a lot of what they knew and good locations to get some Petrified, Opalized, Bog Wood and many other cool rocks. We visited the Sagenite area as well and some took home some interesting specimens. The nights were cool and the scorpions were everywhere which provided some good long wave UV entertainment after the sun went down. There was no moon and clear sky's, leaving one to enjoy the non-polluted starlit night. On Sunday we did one last outing and found the sea life fossil area which provided some interesting specimens.



All in all it was a great trip. I want to give a special thanks to Leanne and her father for the great information and welcome at the rock shop; Deanna Ashton for helping to arrange with Leanne since the shop is mainly closed due to the covid epidemic; as well as to all those that attended and made this a trip to remember for years to come.

Cullen Anderson from the Boise club found a respectively sized limb sticking out of a drainage bank, Dale found the Septarian nodule and fossil area, but Roxanne spotted where the fossils were of great size. Bob and Kim showed others where to get agate pieces large and small but some were big enough to make spheres out of.

I visited the Gary Green excavation. Dale Huett and others welcomed me in and shared information on the future of the property as well as allowing me to choose some newly dug rough for a very reasonable cost (and this stuff was amazing with colors and orbs, too).

Our next outing will be to the clubs Pink Plume claim on July 18th. We will be meeting at the Owyhee Junction, the corner of Hwy 201 and Owyhee Ave. between Adrian and Nyssa at 7:00 am leaving at 7:30 am. Please bring plenty of water and snacks. Sun screen may be necessary and remember, the desert gets hot this time of the year, so please be prepared and I hope to see you all there. We will be optionally going to Haystack Butte in the afternoon for those interested as this is a 2-part outing.

Thank You,  
Robert Murphey



**WORKSHOPS**

We are back to our normal workshop schedule of the Thursday evening after the general meeting, and the Saturday of the following week. Please be sure to bring your mask. The dates are listed on the calendars on page 2.

*\*Experienced lapidary members, please volunteer to help at the workshops. See Brent Stewart.*

**KID'S WORKSHOP**

It is time to have the Kids' Workshops again. The two dates that have been set are Saturday July 18th from 10 am-2 pm and Saturday August 22nd from 10 am-2 pm. Please bring your own masks!

**WORKSHOP LOCATION**

2620 W. Idaho St., Boise, ID  
Next door to Stewart's Gem Shop  
\$5 Fee for each visit (kids free)



**“TRAVELING AMBASSADORS”**

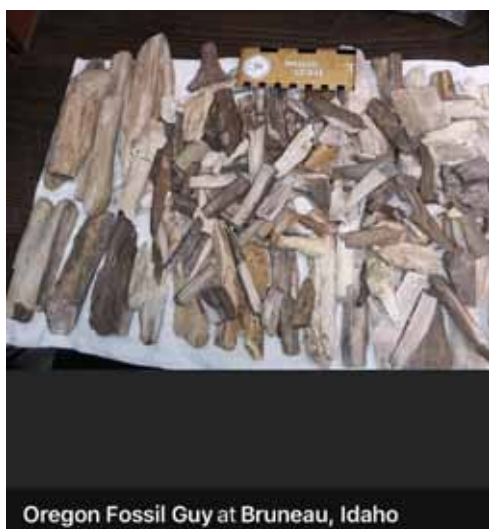
This summer Linda Barlow and Mike Dome have been traveling through the country. They hot-tubbed their way through Idaho, then went on to visit the Wyoming Fossil Beds, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, the Crater of Diamonds park in Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and are currently in Virginia.





Oregon Fossil Guy at Bruneau, Idaho

These photos show recent finds by Guy DiTorrice, the Oregon Fossil Guy. As captioned, they are from the Bruneau Wood Pile, Bruneau, Idaho.



Oregon Fossil Guy at Bruneau, Idaho

## ARIZONA TREASURE FOUND!!

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A bronze chest filled with gold, jewels, and other valuables worth more than \$1 million and hidden a decade ago somewhere in the Rocky Mountain wilderness has been found, according to a famed art and antiques collector who created the treasure hunt.

Forrest Fenn, 89, told the Santa Fe New Mexican on Sunday that a man who did not want his name released — but was from “back East” — located the chest a few days ago and the discovery was confirmed by a photograph the man sent him.

“It was under a canopy of stars in the lush, forested vegetation of the Rocky Mountains and had not moved from the spot where I hid it more than 10 years ago,” Fenn said in a statement on his website Sunday that still did not reveal the exact location. “I do not know the person who found it, but the poem in my book led him to the precise spot.”

Fenn posted clues to the treasure’s whereabouts online and in a 24-line poem that was published in his 2010 autobiography “The Thrill of the Chase.”

Hundreds of thousands have hunted in vain across remote corners of the U.S. West for the bronze chest believed to be filled with gold coins, jewelry and other valuable items. Many quit their jobs to dedicate themselves to the search and others depleted their life savings. At least four people died searching for it.

Fenn, who lives in Santa Fe, said he packed and repacked his treasure chest for more than a decade, sprinkling in gold dust and adding hundreds of rare gold coins and gold nuggets. Pre-Columbian animal figures went in, along with prehistoric “mirrors” of hammered gold, ancient Chinese faces carved from jade and antique jewelry with rubies and emeralds.

He said he hid the treasure as a way to tempt people to get into the wilderness and give them a chance to launch an old-fashioned adventure and expedition for riches.

Fenn told The New Mexican in 2017 that the chest weighs 20 pounds (9 kilograms) and its contents weigh another 22 pounds (10 kilograms). He said he delivered the chest to its hiding place by himself over two separate trips.

Asked how he felt now that the treasure has been found, Fenn said: “I don’t know, I feel halfway kind of glad, halfway kind of sad because the chase is over.”

“I congratulate the thousands of people who participated in the search and hope they will continue to be drawn by the promise of other discoveries,” he said on his website.



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### MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB GENERAL MEETING

**JUNE 18, 2020**

**Evening Program:** The program for this meeting was a Trunk Show and Swap Meet/Sale. Quite a few folks participated and it was nice to have some time to visit after so long.

#### Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm by President Deana Ashton followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

New members and guests were welcomed and introduced themselves. Jason "Fuzzy" Smith was introduced as a new board member to finish Sandy's term.

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

**Secretary Report** by Gia Stewart: There were several member renewals received and Rock & Gem magazines.

**Treasurer Report** by Teresa Nebeker: No report.

**Federation Report:** Linda Barlow has resigned from the Federation Director position to do more traveling. If anyone would be interested in the position, please see Deana Ashton.

**Refreshment Committee Report** by Rick Corbett: The Picnic will be at the regular time -- 6:30 pm -- and held at the Municipal Park covered area off of Walnut St. Auction to follow.

**ROLE Report** by Brent Stewart: There has been good participation in the program and he is doing some grading. The ROLE workshop is the first Monday of each month.

**Field Trip Report** by Willa Renken: The field trip to Texas Springs with the Owyhee Club went well. Nice limbs were found, including a 6-yr-old that found 8"-9" pieces. The trip to Beacon Hill was very rainy. Six cars met and folks walked in to Hogg Creek, but it was too windy and wet. Will try again in October.

We need a new field trip guide. The Club can help with location maps and directions. An enthusiastic member interested in traveling to the various collecting areas is needed.

**Library Report:** The library can be opened. There are lots of books and videos to check out.

**Workshop Report** by Brent Stewart: Regularly scheduled Thursday after meeting workshop will be open from 6:00pm to 8:45pm and on August 1st from 10-2. The Kids' Workshop is July 18th. There will be a tour of the shop and rock yard, then to workshop for a craft, making cabs on genie, and a hot dog lunch.

#### Old Business:

Jason Smith was selected to fill the vacancy on the Board until the next elections in November.

The club will have a booth at the Nyssa Thunderegg Days July 11, 12 and 13. Please, contact Deana Ashton to volunteer and help man the booth. Donations of slabs or rough material are needed for the club to sell and offset the booth cost.

**New Business:** Don't forget the July meeting is the first of our two potluck picnic meetings and will be held this year at the Municipal Park on Walnut Street.

Several members will be offering workshops: Robert Coggins plans a faceting workshop; Rick Corbett will start wire wrap classes again; Marge Conley is offering private one-on-one wire wrapping lessons, contact her



at 208-375-8935; Willa Renken is offering silversmith classes, her contact information is in this newsletter. Stay tuned for dates and times for the others.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm for cake to celebrate Ed and Deanna Moser's 62nd Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations!!

*Respectfully submitted, Gia Stewart, Secretary*

## MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB BOARD MEETING

**JULY 7, 2020**

Deana Ashton called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm.

**Present:** Deana Ashton, Willa Renken, Brent Stewart, Teresa Nebeker, Cheryl Peterson, Cheryl Link, Jason Smith, Rick Corbett, and Gia Stewart

**Guests:** Dana Robinson

**Absent:** Cullen Anderson

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

**Secretary Report** by Gia Stewart: There were two new magazines (Rock & Gems) and BLM forms. Rochelle returned club items.

**Treasurer Report** by Teresa Nebeker: Teresa went over the financial statement of payments and new member dues.

**Federation Report:** No report.

**Program Report** by Brent Stewart: The July program will be an auction after the picnic. For the picnic there will be gloves for everyone to use for serving themselves. Kids should stay seated and have parents serve them. Masks will be required except when eating.

Kids' Day is July 18 from 10-2. There are five families signed up.

**Juniors Report** by Janelle Wintersteen: No report.

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

**Field Trip Report:** The field trip for July is to Succor Creek for thundereggs. As of now there is not a leader for this trip.

**Workshop Report** by Brent Stewart: Brent went over the dates for the next workshops. The next ROLE Workshop date is Aug. 3 from 6-8:45 pm. Gary Moore has joined the program. The regular workshops will be Thursday July 23 from 6-8:45 pm. The Saturday date is Aug. 1 from 10 am-2 pm. The next Kids' Workshop will be Saturday, August 22nd. Both will be from 10 am-2pm. **BRING YOUR OWN MASK FOR ALL WORKSHOPS.**

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:**

The CD that is currently at Wells Fargo will be moved after maturity to D. L. Evans bank.

Greg Sandmeyer donated the remainder of his collection to the club to be used for education and other club activities.

Willa made a motion to purchase power cords, a tote and other necessary items for the Thunderegg Days show in Nyssa. Jason Smith seconded, the board voted and the motion passed.

Seven new applications were reviewed. Willa made a motion to accept the new members, Cheryl seconded, the board voted and the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Gia Stewart, Secretary*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jeff Almond

Susie Cox

Farnsworth/Schmid Family

Hoyd Family

Candace Gundersen

Sergio Botto

Barrientos Family

Homa Family

## REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

CONTACT RICK CORBETT

at 208-890-2599

Due to the COVID-19 issues around social distancing, we will not have refreshments at our meetings until further notice. Please bring your own beverage. We will still be having the door prize drawings.

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

10 PRIZES FOR YOUTH and 10 PRIZES FOR ADULT

THANKS FOR  
YOUR UNDERSTANDING  
AS WE NAVIGATE THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

### THE GRINDINGS

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## FEDERATION NEWS JULY 2020

### AFMS NEWS ([www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org))

AFMS encourages subscriptions to *Rock & Gem Magazine*. We are offered a discount on 12 issues for \$24 using code RG24. The magazine features information on show listings, a club directory, lapidary ideas, kids' projects, and is the official magazine of AFMS. Go to [www.rockandgem.com](http://www.rockandgem.com) to order. For more information contact [talvarez@beckett.com](mailto:talvarez@beckett.com).

**AFMS Youth Programs:** If you have children, consider joining the Pebble Pups with the AFMS. Look at [www.teachjunkie.com/sciences/rock-4-kids-15-fun-activities](http://www.teachjunkie.com/sciences/rock-4-kids-15-fun-activities). You will find many science related activities for the kids to do.

The National Park Service and National Fossil Day partners are sponsoring an art contest to celebrate the 11th annual National Fossil Day. The 2020 National Fossil Day celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2020, during Earth Science Week. The theme for this year's art contest is: "Life of the Paleozoic Oceans!" For this theme we would like contest participants to depict aquatic organisms from the Paleozoic oceans, particularly those found in the United States of America. The Paleozoic era (541 to 250 million years ago) was the earliest of the three geologic eras with diverse life, and is subdivided into six geologic periods: the Cambrian, Ordovician, Silurian, Devonian, Carboniferous, and Permian. The 2020 National Fossil Day logo features a wide variety of sea creatures that formed and lived within a 270 million year old Permian Reef from Glass Mountains and Guadalupe Mountains of Texas and New Mexico. Please see [www.nps.gov/subjects/fossilday/art-contest-2020](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/fossilday/art-contest-2020) for contest rules and requirements and an entry form.

The AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program has a couple of activities for youth to earn two badges from home. One is the "Rocking on the Computer" badge and the other is the "Collecting" badge. Home schooling is encouraged. For more information see [www.amfed.org/fra/fra\\_badge.htm](http://www.amfed.org/fra/fra_badge.htm).

### AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind — fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material — matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes, which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks or any other water supply.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and public image of rockhounds everywhere.

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

**See the NFMS on Facebook**

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

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>

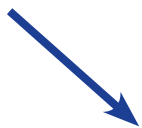
## ROCKSLIDE CLOSES HWY 95

Highway 95 is closed from milepost 161 at New Meadows to milepost 188 five miles south of Riggins for the foreseeable future. The Forest Service advises that French Creek Road is not a recommended, nor an official, detour for the area. Watch local media for detour and reopening information.

If you see dust and rocks trickling down a steep slope, clear the area as quickly as possible. Things happen in seconds in some of our steeper areas.



Note the falling dirt just before the big event.



The knob of rock above the arrow all fell into the road below.



## WIRE WORKING TIPS

from the website [www.how-to-make-jewelry.com](http://www.how-to-make-jewelry.com)

**Practice Wire:** New to wire work? Sterling silver wire is lovely to work with, but unless you're made of money, don't use it to practice with. Use inexpensive craft wire or copper wire from the hardware store instead.

**Ugly, Misshapen Loops?** Practice makes perfect! The first time you try to make loops using round-nosed pliers your work will probably be ugly and misshapen.

Everyone makes ugly misshapen things at first. Don't get discouraged. Just keep practicing.

**Here are some more loop-making tips:**

- Use cheapie wire like copper or craft wire to practice with. You do not want to waste your expensive sterling until you become good at rounding the loops properly.
- Always remember to use a light touch when gripping the wire with your round-nosed pliers so you don't mar it too much.

**Tip for tucking down little end pieces of wire:**

If you have crimping pliers, they are perfect for squooshing down the little bend of wire when making a super basic wire headpin or pressing down the end of a wire after making a wrapped eyepin or beadlink.

**Wire Bending Super Tip:** This is the best tip ever. If you follow this rule, your work will improve by leaps and bounds:

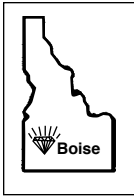
- Always bend the wire by using your FINGERS (usually the thumb) to press the wires against the or around the jaw of the pliers, rather than bend with the pliers. Why? If you use the pliers to do your bending, you'll get more plier-jaw shaped dents than are necessary. Try to keep the pliers as stationary as possible and you'll get better results. This is true not just for making loops, but for manipulating the wire in any way.

**Opening and Closing Loops, Links, and Jumpings -**

Always use a twisting motion with your plier holding hand (like twisting a doorknob) to open links, loops, and jump rings. If you pull the loop "out", you'll never be able to twist it back into shape.

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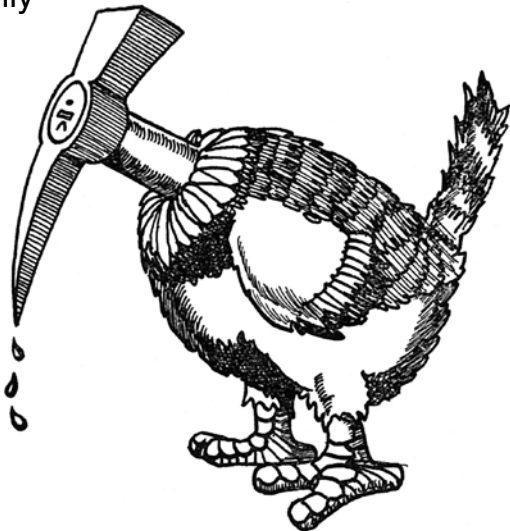
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