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## FROM THE PREZ

President Jacquie Dabritz

October is a big month for our club. Our Gem show will be Oct. 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> at the Nez Perce County Fair Building. Our theme is "Hidden Treasures" and we are looking to have a 'really big shoow'.

We will be setting up on Thursday, Oct 15<sup>th</sup> and need all hands on deck. If it is at all possible, **PLEASE try to take that day off work to help YOUR club.** We especially need some able bodies that can move tables and our supplies from the storage shed. We usually begin between 8 & 9 AM, meeting at the Fair Building, and it takes most of the day. If everyone will help, we can get done in record time and not just a few will be doing all the work. Show Chairmen Linn Enger and Rick Westerholm will give you more details at the October meeting. On Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, we finish what didn't get done on Thursday and that is the day you can set up your display. The dealers will come in that day to set up their wares.

Friday night, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, will be our potluck for the dealers. We are asking each member to bring a hot dish (crock pots work great) AND either a salad or desert. We begin eating at 6PM sharp, as everyone needs to get to bed and ready for the next day. You will need to take your leftovers home, as we have no way to refrigerate anything there.

Word of mouth is a great way to promote our show so please pass the word. Show hours will be Saturday, Oct 17, 10-6 & Sunday Oct 18 10-5.

The nominating committee; Torch (Verla) Yates, Mel Wilks and Jerry Northrop, may be contacting you to serve our club in the coming year by being an officer or Trustee. Please seriously consider helping our club in this way. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at our October meeting and we will elect new officers in November.

We have arranged for the juniors to meet in the room next to ours. This will allow them to be closer in a more controlled space.

See you at our next meeting, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Keep Rockin', Jacquie

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## MEETING MINUTES

Secretary Mary Teitzel



### GENERAL MEETING SEPT. 11, 2009

Called to order: 7:00

Members in attendance: app. 50

New Members and Guests: Welcome back Aca & Barb, visitors Tim Huntley, John Hamm, Rebecca McCloed, Ivan Winter, Stephen Hain, and Camille Davis.

Federation Report: Rick Westerholm was given an award from the Billings Show.

#### CLUB ELECTION:

Nomination Committee: Verla Yates, Mel Wilks, Jerry Northrop

President:

Past President: Jacquie Dabritz

Secretary: Mary Teitzel

Treasurer: Marilyn Sharp

Trustee:

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INFORMATION: Anyone that knows David Getz from Colfax, he has our first aid kit, and is no longer a member; we need to get it back. Ted Havens will build shelves for the new storage cabinet. Jesse is looking for polished stones for an activity at the Lewiston Care Center.

SHOW INFORMATION: Chairman lists were handed out, discussion about display cases, we have four door prizes left from previous years to use at this show. Rick has a new layout for the silent auction, with chairs for people to watch and rest, to keep people in the building, new stuff for the Kids Corner. Donations for the school case are needed. Rose Alene is available to help on Friday and possibly Saturday morning.

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PROGRAM: Mel Wilks gave demonstration on flint knapping and the tools and safety equipment needed.

Jeans not shorts, shoes not sandals, leather mat, gloves (optional) Band-Aids, safety glasses.

SHOW AND TELL: Jack Edwards had lots of goodies, Torch showed her winnings & some claim crystals, Aca showed Blue forest wood, John Hamm showed his shoe and slabs, Roberta showed her numerous finds from the Gems of Paula, Lily showed her wire wrap tree and other treasures, Rick Westerholm had Wyoming Blue, Jerry Blimka showed his necklace and some slabs.

DOOR PRIZES: Jack Edwards, Lily Northrup, Jack Camm, Joseph King, Jerry Blimka, Roberta, Charlene Edwards, Patty and Jean Kroh won the bag of sand.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

### BOARD MEETING: SEPT. 11, 2009

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jacque Dabritz, Norm Kroh, Jean Kroh, Rick Westerholm, Verla Yates, Mary Teitzel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No minutes in this Boulder Buster

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Sharp gave the balances of our accounts.

Bills Presented: Club Medical Insurance, Supplies for mystery rocks and new keys, Orville Mc Arthur for travel expenses for Billings trip. OK'd

Federation Report:

Show Business: Raise budget for advertising, current budget is \$1500.00 would like it raised to \$2000.00, motion passed.

Copies of show schedule available, need more display case entries.

Programs: Sept. Mel Wilks Flint Knapping, Oct. Show preparations, Show 'n' Tell, November?

Miscellaneous: It was decided that there would be no refreshments for the time being, we can change it later if we choose to.

Rick W. now has explicit directions to the claim, with GPS numbers.

Dave needs help with the Juniors, we have a new storage cabinet, it needs shelves, Carolyn Hook has more books for the library.

## FEDERATION REPORT

October, 2009

Did I ever tell you, dear people, that my brain holds numbers about as well as sieve holds water? When I look up a phone number in the directory I can easily forget it before I dial. So I REALLY put my foot in my mouth at the last meeting when I stood up and happily reported that the AFMS Faceted Stone Auction had raised someplace around forty thousand dollars for the Scholarship fund....they still had to deduct the price of the gold put into the settings. No written information in front of me, just what I remembered from an e mail two weeks before!!

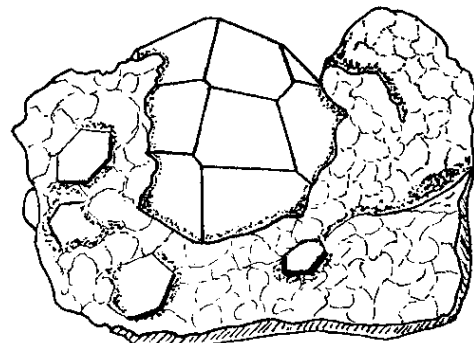
What Dee Holland actually wrote in the e-mail was:

*The 2010 students who receive \$2000 for one year could receive additional money. **The live stone auction netted \$13,250 and Doc Bob netted \$1000.** So if the clubs and/or individuals were to donate more money (\$9,750) we could give the 2010 students the full \$4000. If we don't come up with the extra money, we divide what we have between the 2010 students.*

Gulp! That means I was off by \$26,750. Please accept my humble apologies. If you will turn page 4 of your NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER, September issue, page 4, You can read the whole scoop on the scholarship fund as submitted by Dee Holland, AFMS Scholarship Foundation President.

On another subject, since this is the "Golden Anniversary" of the Northwest Newsletter, There is a reprint in the newsletter from 1954 titled "The Blue Lake Rhino" It makes fascinating reading. Perhaps one of us will discover another animal "cast" in the Columbia Basalt pillow lavas!

Rose Alene McArthur, Federation Director



Garnet in matrix

## SHOW SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, Oct. 15 – 9am – Set-up

Friday, Oct. 16 – 9am – Dealers arrive and set up. Also, you can set up your display case. We will be washing and sorting rock for the Silent Auction (this is an excellent way to learn rock identification). At 6pm we have a potluck dinner for all members and our show dealers. We are asking each member to bring a hot dish AND either a salad or dessert. Please have your food there BEFORE 6 o'clock as we will begin eating at 6pm. You will need to take your leftovers and dishes home as we do not have refrigeration available.

Saturday – the show opens at 10am and closes at 6pm.

Sunday – The show opens at 10am and closes at 5pm.

After the doors are closed, we begin the set-up process in reverse.

## SALMON RIVER FIELD TRIP

On a sunny Sunday in September, Jody Favre and I decided to see if we could find Ruby Rapids based on the directions given by Rick Westerholm and the books *Roadside Geology of Idaho* and *Idaho Minerals*. We managed to force ourselves out of warm beds early. After a not-so-brief stop at Flying J for food and gas, we headed east. During the drive we discussed, what else, rocks and geology and the island arc attachments to the North American continent. As we neared Lucille we made a spur of the moment decision to stop and collect some Lucille slate. From there we headed to Riggins, oohing and aahing as we recognized some of the geologic features mentioned in our books. At Riggins we left the highway and crossed the Salmon River and headed upriver. We actually did find Ruby Rapids. We took a look at how we would access the river and came to the conclusion that we could make it down the bank but there was no way either one of us getting back up! Mountain goats we are not!!!

Soooo.....we looked along the roadside for anything of interest. Then traveled a few miles further to where we found access to a rocky beach we could drive to. We spent time looking for garnets and anything else of interest.

At this point we decided to start heading back to Lewiston. As we left Riggins, we made a stop at Guff Bridge, aka Time Zone Bridge where we picked up some green rock that we are still trying to identify.

As we approached White Bird, we made the unanimous decision to stop and collect fossil specimens. Neither of us found anything exciting.

Our total collection for the day included pegmatite, schist, Lucille slate, agate, jasper, and the green rock. No garnets...or so we thought. After cleaning our specimens I decided to take a look at them with a jeweler's loupe. I found garnets! Some of the specimens contain just a few and some contained a considerable amount. So we can now say we have found garnet in situ!

I will bring some of our finds to the next meeting. Perhaps someone can identify our green rocks!

Caren Fowler

## JUNIORS

We had 5 juniors attend our last meeting. They made "Mystery Rocks" so sell at the club show Oct 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>.

What's a Mystery Rock, you ask? Well, you start with flour & salt, add sand & water to make a gooey mess. Roll the concoction into a ball shape then poke the mystery or surprise into the center and seal it all up. Then let the balls air dry. It takes weeks to get all the moisture out, turning the balls daily. To open the mystery rock, take a hammer and split or crush them open. The item placed inside will then pop out.

Some juniors appreciated this activity (getting hands good and messy) more than others. The girls made the most mystery rocks. Good going, girls!!!

At our next meeting we will be planning our juniors' rock display case for the rock show. Also setting up sign-up sheets for juniors to help in the juniors' Booth at the show. Juniors, PLEASE bring any rock items you wish to display in our case at the show. Items we've made at our meetings would also be suitable for showing. It will help to have the items ahead of time so we can better arrange our display.

Can you guess the mineral for this month? The clues are:  
Looks like pearly colored glass  
Is a combination of silica and water  
The most prized ones have 'fire'

A prize will be awarded to each junior at the meeting that can identify this mineral.

See you October 9<sup>th</sup> in our 'new' digs, next to the adult meeting room.

David Dabritz

**MEMBER PROFILE: AMIL CALLAHAN**

I was born in Lewiston Idaho on June 4th 1939 in the house I grew up in at 1729 3rd St. I went to Webster Elementary and Lewiston High. In the 7th grade I went to Canada to be with my Dad and his family. Kemano BC was so remote that there were only about 20 kids and NO 7th grade. I took a year off from school just to live there with my Dad. He worked for Morrison Knutson Construction Co, so I traveled with him a lot. I went to New Zealand with the family in 1957, as M.K. was building a Power House on the Waikato River. I met Sue, my future wife there, she was only 15 1/2 yrs old, and her Policeman father would not let her come back to the States at that age!!!!!!So, I came home to supposedly to get my Army out of the way, but because I'd been in the National Guard Reserves, I didn't have to serve. I went to work at Potlatch Corp, and saved enough money to fly back to New Zealand. We married on April 15, 1961 and came back to the States in April 1962. I have been married 48 1/2 years and have two sons, and six grandchildren. We have just moved back to town after living on Webb Ridge for 28 1/2 years, hence the license plates on our car and pickup. Bk2town and NOMOSNO. Ha Ha. I am an avid Gold Prospector and love the history of how the Cliffs and Rocks have evolved over the millions of years. I really am enjoying being a "Rock Hound"

Amil Callahan

**JULY'S "MEETING"**



**ORVILLE & ROSE ALENE MCARTHUR**



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Trustee: 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Linn Enger	
Trustee: 1 <sup>st</sup> year	Rick Westerholm	
Trustee: 1 <sup>st</sup> year	Jean Kroh	

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Library:	Verla Yates
Membership:	Faith Heitman
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Program:	<b>**OPEN**</b>
Refreshments:	
Show Chairman:	Linn Enger and Rick Westerholm
Show and Tell:	Tim Knapp and Kevin Kline
Sunshine:	Roberta Simonsen
Webmaster:	Rick Westerholm

## NORTHWEST FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVES

Federation Director:	Rose Alene McArthur
Federation Delegate:	Orville McArthur

## AFFILIATIONS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS): <http://www.amfed.org>  
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## MEMBERSHIP DUES:

**Adult: \$15.00**

**Junior: Free with adult membership**

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**DON'T FORGET**

**Board Meeting - 6:15 pm**

**Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm**

**Juniors Meeting - 6:30 pm**

**Meetings are held in Room MLH 130, in the Meriwether Hall, LCSC campus on the second Friday of the month.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Friday, October 9, 2009**

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