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Washington Pass Clean-up and Collecting A Success

by Aaron Wieting

Once again, PNWFM members converged on Washington Pass, Washington to perform our annual public service event. This year's Clean-Up event was the 14th annual and was held the weekend of August 8th - 10th.

The group based out of Klipchuck Campground, as usual. Unfortunately, due to the dry season, tales had to be told around the propane lantern since campfires were prohibited. Also, helicopters were seen flying overhead periodically, carrying water to a small fire approximately 10 miles northeast of the campground.

Saturday morning, Werner, the campground host at Klipchuck Campground, provided a variety of tasks for members to perform around the campground. These included putting in 8x8 guard posts, installing sign posts, inspecting picnic tables to determine which needed to be repaired or replaced, and distributing log rounds to

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2003 Symposium
Minerals of China



September 26th - 28th, 2003

Red Lion Hotel, Kelso, Washington
(40 minutes north of Portland, Oregon)

Here are just a few reminders and last pieces of information in preparation for this year's Symposium . . . See you there!

Auction: Please remember that the auction is our primary fund raiser and its' success depends on kind donations from members and dealers. Please bring a specimen, collecting memorabilia, or useful item that you would like to donate to the auction and give it to Karen Hinderman before 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Contests: Be sure and bring your specimens for the Contests! Enter your best Self-Collected Specimen and/or your best Chinese Mineral Specimen. The self-collected specimen must have been field collected by the contestant in 2002 or 2003. Either specimen can be put in the contest case or as one of several specimens in a display of specimens (for the latter, a card describing specimen and the case it is displayed in must be placed in the contest case). Each specimen must be accompanied by a label identifying the mineral(s) and the locality.

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Washington Pass Clean-up

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campsites for use as stools. Members noted that brush and debris was starting to get thick again at Klipchuck Campground after only three years -- a possible task for next year . . .

Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, members collected various unusual minerals from several of the many known collecting spots in the

Washington Pass area, including the Silver Star slide, MP164, and the prehnite boulders.

Thanks again to all who attended and we hope to see everyone again next year!



Zircon stack, 1 cm, collected on 2003 Washington Pass trip.

PNWFM Ballot

The following candidates, recommended by the nomination committee, have agreed to run for office.

Please mail this ballot by September 22 to: Karen Hinderman, 1255 Maralee Lane, Bellingham, WA 98226. **Or, hand deliver to Karen no later than 6:00 p.m., Saturday, September 27th, at the annual symposium.**

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