



# THE GEODE

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. (LGMCI)

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**Purpose:** To promote activities of mutual interest for collecting and displaying gems and minerals.

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## GEODE Submission Deadline:

19<sup>th</sup> of each month for member articles & photos

E-mail: [lgmgeode2025@outlook.com](mailto:lgmgeode2025@outlook.com)

**Membership:** Annual dues are due in October. Please pay at the monthly meeting or remit to LGMCI, PO Box 6652, Kennewick, WA. 99336-0603.

**Membership Forms:** Link to form can be found on the club web site.

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## Club Meetings & Upcoming Events

**Club Meetings** are held the first Tuesday of each month. At the Seventh Day Adventist Church, at 7105 W. 10th Ave., in Kennewick. Doors open at 6:30 pm for social. Meetings begin at 7 pm.

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**Nov 4th–** General Club Meeting. 6:30 – gather before meeting 7:00 pm general meeting

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** Junior Club Meeting at the REACH, Columbia Park, 6:30 until 8 pm.

**Nov 17th** Board Meeting. 6:30 pm.

## New Club Secretary

I would like to Welcome Enrique Rosas-Trejo as our new club Secretary.

### A Note from the President . . .

The days are definitely shorter and colder, which tells me outdoor collecting time is starting to close down, so if you're so inclined, it's time to get out before we can't. Looking forward, this next month's meeting program will be a place where we can show the club what we've collected, bought or made this year. There's several categories to show off what we've got and those are published in this month's Geode, so we look forward to seeing what everybody's done. Our December Christmas party is in the planning and if anybody wants to help or if they have an idea of something to do with the party, please contact either Kathy Larson, Sharon Louise or Judy Allison as they are planning and putting that event on. Since we don't have a program director, our meeting programs are being done by the board of directors. If anyone knows of an organization or person who could put on a program at our meeting, please let one of our board members know, and hopefully we can plan on programs for next year's meetings. Take care and we'll see you in November Dave Westland.

### Upcoming Meeting

It's time for the Project of the Year Awards. Now is your time to shine and share what you have done. Find something really cool, discover a fossil, purchase a great find for under \$20, create an assume piece of jewelry, finish an awesome stone, or create a really cool project using stones, gems, or fossil? Now's the time to share with your fellow members, you just may take home the prize. It doesn't matter if you are just beginning, or have been doing it for a while. Everybody's a winner. The categories are Best find, Best Fossil, Silverpicker, Jewelry, Finished Stone, and Project of the Year. All entries must have been completed within this last year. Winners will be chosen by our members. Look for rules and descriptions on page 6.

We're looking for ideas for games for the Christmas party. Club will supply main course, plates, cups and silverware. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish or desert. And remember that we will be taking a club picture At the December meeting. We had some complaints about accesses to parking and noise at the picnic. Does anyone have idea for a different location or possibly a different date that would work better?

## Classes, Gatherings, Field Trips, and Groups

Field trip to: Index 11/8 for Stilpnomelane, Meet at 9:00 am at I-5 exit 240 mini mart, bring hard rock tools

Headed up by: Nique Wicks [nwhoppyfrog41@gmail.com](mailto:nwhoppyfrog41@gmail.com) or (509) 670-0630

### Social / Crafting Gathering Dates (Could change as needed)

This is a great opportunity to get together with friends and work on a project. There is no charge for these gatherings. Class times for all dates are from 1 until 4 PM.

#### 2025 Dates

- Social Crafting Group: Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>
- Social Crafting Group: Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Social Crafting Group: Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>

These classes will be held at Mickee Madden's workshop in Kennewick. To join the fun, call her at 509-438-5798 to sign up or for more information. Look for future classes offered by Sandra Bryant, you can also check out her selection of classes offered at The Downtown Mercantile. **Classes offered by Sandra will be in red.**

### Flat Lap Cabbing Class Dates (Could change as needed)

Flat Lap Cabbing classes are going great guns. Following are the class dates Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays. All Flat Lap Cabbing class times are from 6 until 8 PM.

#### 2025 dates

- Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you're interested in learning how to make cabochons please call Mickee at 509-438-5798 to sign up or for more information. For newcomers to cabbing, you are given material to get you started. I am willing to add Wednesday and Friday nights on the same weeks I do our usual weeks classes. For those new members and older members who may be interested. Will bring a sign-up sheet to October meeting for those interested

These classes are for adult club members only. No children please. Please do not bring thunder eggs, geodes or any thick material to cut. An assortment of slabs will be available. Beginners are certainly welcome!

The first visit is \$10. After that, the club charges \$2 an hour, which is to be paid at the end of each class. The fees go to replenishing the materials used for the class. (\$10 fee is an annual fee)

## Information on other Field Trips that are offered by groups outside of our club

Date	Host	Site	Mineral	Meet time/Place	Tools
10/8	<b>MSVL</b>	Blanchard Hill	Stilpnomelane (Dalmation stone)	9:00 @ I-5 exit 240 Mini Mart	Hard rock tools

**Many trips need Discover Pass, Trailhead Pass & Forest Pass. Ask when you inquire about trip**

**ALWAYS contact host for updated info a week before trip !!!**

### HOST CLUB CONTACT INFO

Msvl - Nique Wicks nwhoppyfrog41@gmail.com or (509) 670-0630

Pow Wow -Larry Vess vessel3755@gmail.com or (253)473-3908

Puy1 Nate White (206)349-7054 [nate.white77@gmail.com](mailto:nate.white77@gmail.com)

**Keep updated on <http://www.mineralcouncil.zoho.com> Land management changes, and roads close regularly. There is an area on web page with tool category in pictures and names of tools.**

Always have proper cloths and gear for conditions. Be prepared with safety, first aid, food and drink.

**A week before trips I (Ed Lehman) will have a pdf file with map and info for that trip I can send you on request. I will do the same for trip host.**

Try to be at the meeting site 30 minutes before trip time for details and instructions with a full tank of gas. Use code of ethics, keep our lands open to rockhounding.

For those of you who missed the opportunity to go to the Poka-Dot mine last week, you have until the end of July to visit it before they close it down. Partners have parted ways, so they are closing the mine down.

For those of you looking for a good app to identify public vs private land, owner's info, tracking your location, etc. for rockhounding, check out the following app. Can be found for both apple and android phones: **Onx hunt app**

**For those of us who like the thrill of the hunt and the excitement of the find, there are rules and regulations we must follow on public lands. Yes folks, like private land, public lands to have rules and regulations, not just to protect us, but also the land so that future generations can also enjoy the same . Go to <http://armlands.org>. There you can see how the public land is divided up and who oversees each. There are links to each of these organizations and the rules and regulations that apply to each as to where, when, how, and how much or what you can or cannot collect. If special permits are needed, where and how to obtain them and whether or not you can use a metal detector. Metal detectors are not allowed is some areas. Importantly, Public land does not mean a free for all, they have rules and regulations that we must follow**

## General Club Meeting Minutes October 14–2025

Meeting was called to order by Dave Westland at 7:00 pm

No corrections or additions to last month's minutes – accepted as printed in the Geode

### Old Business

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| Librarian       | We still in need of a club librarian; also looking for new ways that we can make the material in our library more readily and accessible to our members without having to physically carrying the material around and to and from meetings Ideas are welcome. |
| Cabbing classes | Due to the increase in interest, Mickee will cabbing classes starting in January. Please contact Mickee if interested.                                                                                                                                        |

### New Business

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| Membership      | <b>Remember that Membership dues are due in October and must be paid no later than January to remain an active member.</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Localized shop  | Club looking into a shop Confluent in Richland that offer access to metal and wood working equipment to see if there is a possibility of setting up a lapidary space. This could offer an additional option for members looking to learn or improve lapidary skills. Check them out online. |
| Sharing         | Let us know how you think the small tools and equipment sharing went, as well as ways we could improve it.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Christmas Party | Christmas Party is December 2 <sup>nd</sup> and is a pot luck. We are looking for ideas for games and activities for it. Dinner will start at 6:00 and games to follow. Be sure to come to get in the new club photo.                                                                       |

As we have a number of new members and a lot of talented members out there, I would again like to suggest forming an additional crafters club within the club. For those of you who may not be able to meet up with Mikee's club. We could meet either at each other's homes or in one of the libraries many meeting rooms. I have a room in my basement I would be willing to meet in. I know that we have a lot of talented people in our club, we could teach other. For those who would like to sell some of what we make, coming together to get a booth or table at one or more of the craft shows that pop up around the holiday season with maybe a small sponsorship from the club and the club banner would be a great way to pool our goods and split the cost of a booth or table at a craft show. Those selling could split the task of manning the table or booth. It will be craft shows and fairs season soon, providing a number of different outlets we could explore. As with our silent auctions, we would donate a portion of our sales to the club. Something to think about. We may also want to discuss possible ways to get together to sell or items made, checking out the local bazars that pop up around the holidays. Ways that we can share the cost to join in them to make it easier, and use the Club banner to advertise the club.

Below is picture of latest project done at Mickees Craft social group.



## End of the Year Projects

Don't forget to bring in the project or projects to the November meeting that you have been working on to enter into the End-of-the-Year project. Share your ideas and talent with your fellow members. Don't be shy, You may even win in your category and get bragging rights with your friends.

The categories in case you for got are:

**Best Find** – The best personal find of the year while out rock hunting. It can be a mineral specimen, gemstone, or rock- either rough or finished. You need to have dug it or found it yourself.

**Best Fossil**- Your fossil can be either found by you or purchased, and can be rough or finished presentation.

**Silver picker of the year** – Bring something (cab, stone, carving, rock, jewelry, etc.) that you have purchased for under \$20 at a rock shop, rock show, yard sale or hobbyist that will impress us.

**Jewelry** – This category includes jewelry made using wire wrap, chain maille, torch on metal, wax or sand casting, Viking weave, or bead weave. It can be a pendant, ring, belt buckle, broach, earrings, or bracelet.

**Finished stone** – cabochon or faceted – Show off your best individual piece or finished stone that you worked on. It can be the perfect tumbled rock, a faceted gemstone, cabochon (including doublets & triplets), Intarsia, carving and more. *Note: if the number of entries warrants, sub-categories may be split off. If the piece has been set, then it must be in category 4.*

**Project of the year** – Show us your flair and skill by entering something that you have made between 10/31/2024 and 11/1/2025 and incorporated rocks in some manner. It can be a sphere, bookends, a gem tree, a carving, an educational exhibit, or ???



## Members of the Month

### Patrick Donohue



Patrick has been a dynamic member since joining LGMC in 2020. Shortly after joining he became a club director and in 2022 was elected president. He served his 2-year term and after 2024, in accordance with club bylaws, he continues to serve on the board and is an integral part of club management.

Patrick has an impressive entrée to the club; he has a bachelor's degree and PHD in Geology. He grew up in New York State and achieved his BS from the State University of New York. His PHD is from Notre Dame adjacent to South Bend, Indiana. Here he met his wife, Morgan, who also was a student, in the field of Civil Engineering and Microbiology.

Family influences played a large part of Patrick's interest in geology; his mom had a rock shop, and his grandfather and grandmother were rockhounds. Patrick is a stay-at-home dad, father to Nathan, 5 months, and Rachel 3 ½. Additionally, he

makes YouTube videos about geology and lapidary education and skill building. In 2021 he went to Mike Zinski's workshop and learned faceting. This prompted him to purchase his own faceting equipment, and he now creates and sells faceted lab and natural gemstones. His preferred designs are variations on the "brilliant" design. One of his favorite materials to facet is NdYag, a crystal used as a medium for lasers, typically in eye surgery. He sells his faceted stones on Etsy.com. Patrick's wish for the club is for it to become flexible with more participation and input from members on club's activities, field trips, classes and future growth.



Patrick is asking if any member of the club wants to work on star garnets for someone to reach out to him if interested. [phdonohue@gmail.com](mailto:phdonohue@gmail.com)

## 2025 Selected NFMS Club Shows - Schedule

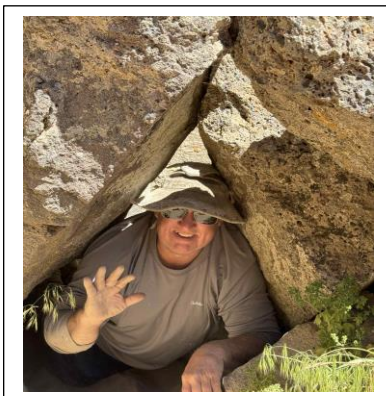
The Shows listed below are a subset of the complete list of club shows provided in the Northwest Federation Newsletter. More complete and specific information can be found in the NFMS Newsletter or online at:

[The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Society welcomes a new President, Give a big welcome to Michael Rhodes](#)

Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>  Sat 10-5  Sun 10-5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Show	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196 <sup>th</sup> St. SW Edmonds, W 98026	Michele McGraw <a href="mailto:Shows.maplewoodrockngem@gmail.com">Shows.maplewoodrockngem@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:info@maplewoodrockclub.com">info@maplewoodrockclub.com</a>
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>  Sat 10-5  Sun 10-5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Show	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196 <sup>th</sup> St. SW Edmonds, WA 98026	Michaels McGraw <a href="mailto:Shows.maplewoodrockngem@gmail.co">Shows.maplewoodrockngem@gmail.co</a> <a href="mailto:info@maplewoodrodkclub.com">info@maplewoodrodkclub.com</a>

**Lakesides Gem and Mineral Clubs Rock Hounder of the Year Nominee is:**

**Mike Mineer**



The Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club recognizes Mike Mineer as our 2025 Rockhound of the Year. Mike only joined in 2024], but his passion for rockhounding was quickly evident. Seemingly indefatigable when it comes to rocks, this year Mike has made well over a dozen trips to find agates and petrified wood in Central Washington. Red Top is a frequent haunt of his. It's no small feat considering he was out of commission for over a month due to a complicated heart surgery that was touch and go for a while. But Mike quickly rebounded and was back on the mountainside. As the LGMC field trip leader, Mike opens his trips up to interested members and has also led a Junior Club field trip this year. We're all looking forward to many more adventures with Mike in the coming years.



## **Club Board Meeting Minutes October 20, 2025**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

Present: Dave, Sharon, Linda, Patrick, Bert, Wayne, Larry, Debbie, Pauline, and Vickie

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's report: Solvent –Preparing for annual audit with Linda. Almost completed Picnic auctions –We only owe 20or 3 people money.

Membership – 199 Members – 79 paid for Fiscal Year 2026, 18 Juniors ½ have paid dues.

### **Old Business**

Upcoming Programs: November- Annual projects, December – Christmas Party, games & Food Coordinations needed, January – Rock Bingo, February – Presentation by Rhea Bowerly, our 2025 Retreat winner.

Update Inventory of Club equipment and Materials, etc. Will address at November meeting.

Still waiting on additional quotes for two-sided sign/banner for April Show: Demonstrators and SilentAuction.

### **NEW Business**

Approved funds torepair the Titan Cabbng Machine.

We will issue certificates this year for our year end projects.

On as last note, if any of you had any adventures, or created something over the summer that you took pictures of that you would like to share, please send them to:

[lmggeode2025@outlook.com](mailto:lmggeode2025@outlook.com) along with a short description about it. We will post in Geode, Some of the best adventures, are those shared amongst friends.

### **Outcome of the Votes**

Treasurer – Debbie Muller

Secretary – Enrique RosaTrejo

Director – Wayne Larson

Change to the Bi-Laws to hold meeting in July when it doesn't fall on the 4<sup>th</sup>. – Approved

Watch for the Members survey to come out in January. Be sure to pick up you survey at the general meeting. Please and complete as soon as possible, this is your opportunity to let us know what we are getting right and where we need to improve. This is your club and your chance to let us know what you think.

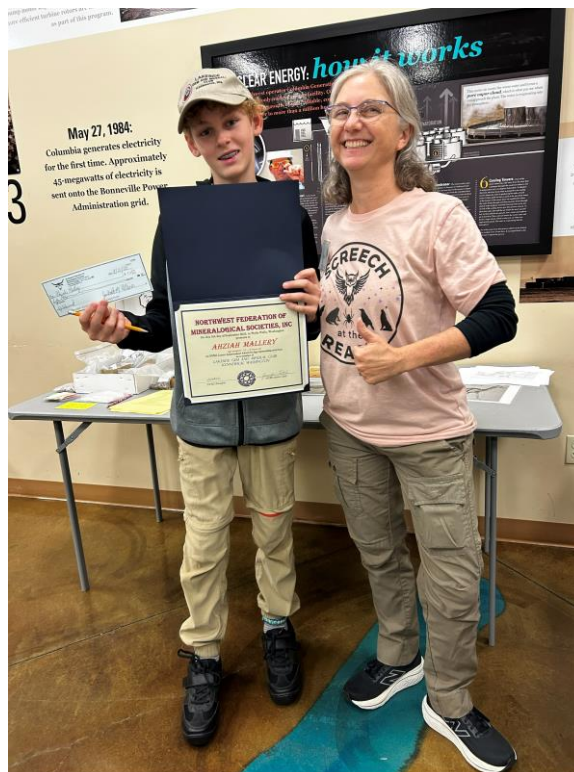
Next year's Federation show will be held in Missolua, Montana, March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22

## Jr. Club Report – October 14th 2025

At our October meeting, the juniors explored the collection of fossils at the REACH Museum, including bones and teeth from a *Mega onyx* giant ground sloth, *Teleoceras* short-legged rhinoceros, and a Miocene camel. These vertebrate fossils were found in the Ringgold Formation in the White Bluffs area of the Hanford Reach National Monument. We will be holding officer elections at the November meeting, along with learning about the Pacific Northwest's volcanoes and the variety of igneous rocks they produced.

I had the honor of presenting the current Junior Club President Ahziah Mallery with the 2025 Junior Achievement Award from the Northwest Federation, along with a cash prize. Ahziah is one of our longest-involved juniors and has contributed his skills and enthusiasm to the club along the way. Congratulations, Ahziah!

Applications are available for the 2026 Junior Achievement Award, contact me for details: [pauschafer@hotmail.com](mailto:pauschafer@hotmail.com).



## Classifieds

**Mike Zinski's Workshop** is available for any and all lapidary arts. Contact Mike at: [gemmakermz@gmail.com](mailto:gemmakermz@gmail.com) or at 509-783-9337. (The email address for Mike is new, old one no longer good)

**Tumbling Grit** is available to Club members through Mickee Madden and is sold in 2 pound bags only. Please have exact change at pick-up. Club members can contact Mickee at 509-438-5798.

- 60/80 grit \$5.25
- 220 grit \$6.55
- 600 grit \$8.00
- Cerium oxide polish powder \$18.30

NOTE: For every ten pounds of tumbled rock you donate to the club, you receive a 2-pound bag of 80/90 grit or 220 grit. Please, no river rock. Thank you.

**Saw Oil** is once again available to Club members. Cost is \$15 per gallon (bring your own container). Contact James McLean via Text at 509-989-1087 to schedule an appointment for pick-up on Wednesdays and weekends only. A limited number of small containers will be available for transfer at the General Club meetings

**WANTED:** inexpensive slabs for sale. They can be seconds, any size or material, cast offs, pieces that didn't turn out as expected, unpolished, etc. I want to use them for rock wrapping, so mostly I am looking for a goodly quantity of them at a reasonable price. Are there members of your group who would have such things available, even if they aren't normally what they might sell? Contact: Peggy Hamilton (509-521-0199) or [hamgarn@gmail.com](mailto:hamgarn@gmail.com)

**Reminder: Club Membership forms are available online at:**

<https://www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com/officers---new-members-info.html>

New American Federation of Mineralogical societies Website.

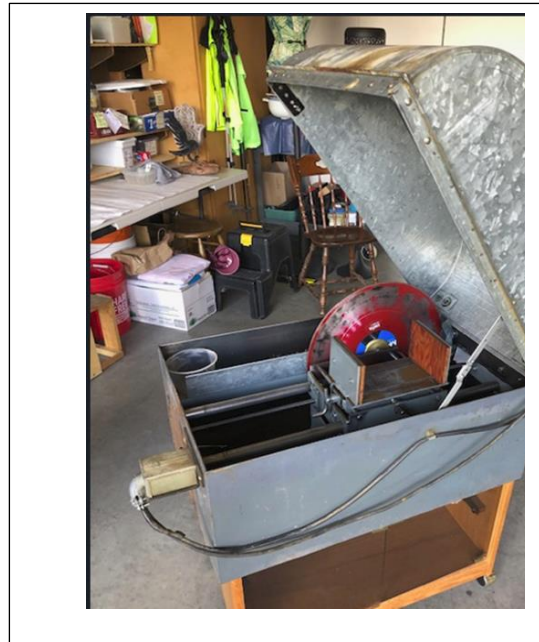
The AFMS has updated its website. It has a new look and is very usable. Check it out at: <https://www.amfed.org/>.

- ***You might be a rockhound if*** . . . You describe your vacations by the rocks you brought home.

Columbia Basin College is looking for a long term adjunct position for an Introductory Geology course. Master's or Doctorate in geology preferred. They can contact me ([phdonohue@gmail.com](mailto:phdonohue@gmail.com)) or the science department at CBC for more information.

-Patrick

FOR SALE: Used 16 inch Royal Slab Saw. Made by Jenkins Lapidary in Portland. Very clean. Auto drive and shut off. Runs great. Will sell for \$600 to a club member. \$700 for non-club member. Contact: Randy LaBarge, 509-551-8886.



## Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Officers and Committee Chairs

Officers Email: [lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com](mailto:lakesidegemandmineral@yahoo.com)

President	Dave Westland	Director(*)	Wayne Larson
Vice-President	Sharon Louise	Director(y)	Bert Kae Je'
Secretary	Debbie Muller	Federation Rep.	Larry Hulstrom
Treasurer	Debbie Muller	Junior Club Leader	Pauline Schafer
Past President	Patrick Donohue	Bulletin Editor	Vickie Elkins
Program Director	<b>Vacant</b>	Librarian	Denise Williams
Membership	Lisa Noland	Webmaster	John Wenskovitch
Sunshine	<b>Vacant</b>	Historian	Mickee Madden

By-Laws specify two year elected terms for Board Members, beginning in November. President, Vice-President and

One Director begin terms in even(y) numbered years. Secretary, Treasurer, and a Second Director begin terms in odd(x) numbered years. The Federation Representative, Junior Club Leader, Bulletin Editor and Committee Chairs are Board- approved volunteers. By-laws can be found at: [www.lakesidegemandmineral.com](http://www.lakesidegemandmineral.com).

## Rockhound Legislative Advocate

When notified by the AFMS, the NFMS, ALAA or club members about legislative issues that will affect rockhounding activities, we will forward that information to club members via email lists.



### Club Affiliations:

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)  
Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS)  
American Lands Access Association (ALAA)

<http://www.amfed.org>  
<http://www.amfed.org/nfms>  
<http://www.amlands.org>



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