



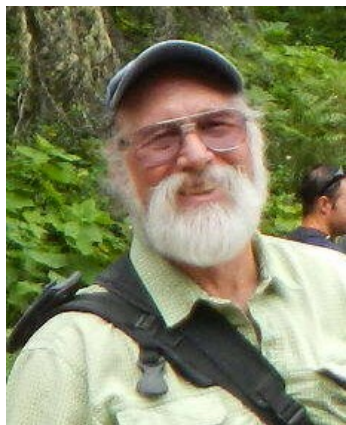
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Jim Bosley President

Greetings from New Orleans and a Happy New Year

Linda and I spent Christmas and New Years with our son in New Orleans. It is a great place with wonderful people, food, entertainment and sites. The down side is no indigenous rock making rock hounding a challenge. The gravel and rock is imported from Arkansas or Northern Alabama and Mississippi. I did find a little red and yellow chert in a parking lot's gravel.

If you are looking to get away from the cold and snow, I suggest a trip to Quartzsite to see the Rockhound Pow-Wow, January 18th-22nd or Tucson for the Gem Show January 28th-February 11th. Both are great fun with fantastic rocks, gems and jewelry. They fit in with my New Year resolution to avoid shoveling snow this year.

The Bitterroot Gem and Mineralogical Society have been working hard to have the NFMS Show in Hamilton, Montana on May 19-21. Please plan to join them for a great time.

Have a great 2017.



Keith Fackrell 1st Vice President

No report submitted



Ronna Watkins 2nd Vice President

No report submitted

2017 ALAA Meeting and ALAA/BLM Clean-Up in Quartzsite, AZ

By Hidemi Kira, ALAA Director

ALAA (American Lands Access Association) will have the following activities at Quartzsite, AZ during the 2017 QIA Show. If you are planning to go to Quartzsite in January, please plan to attend these activities. Especially, the Clean-Up has been contributing to build a strong and great relationship with the BLM, so hope many of you can come.

YE OLD TIMER AUCTION

DATE: January 19 (Thurs), 2017
TIME: 7pm (MST)
PLACE: Quartzsite Senior Citizen Center
40 S Moon Mountain Rd

ALAA OPEN MEETING AT QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA

DATE: January 20 (Fri), 2017
TIME: 7 pm (MST)
PLACE: The new Quartzsite Community Center
Hwy 95 North, Right on Chandler to end of road
465 Plymouth Road

FIFTH ANNUAL ALAA-BLM CLEAN-UP AT QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA

DATE: January 22 (Sun), 2017
TIME: 8 am to 11 am (MST)
PLACE: Gold Nugget Rd. off Ramp (I-10 Exit 26, East of Quartzsite)

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SAVE STAMPS PROGRAM. NFMS members are encouraged to use and save commemorative stamps. The money generated from the sale of these used (cancelled) stamps is then donated to Cancer Research. The collected stamps can be sent to the Stamps Chairman, brought to the NFMS Annual Show or given to your Federation Director in your club.

ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS**Where to send your money**

To NFMS Treasurer for:

1. Dues and supplies
2. Donations for the general fund
3. Donations to Junior Achievement
4. Advertisement in this Newsletter

Send to: Lyle Vogelpohl, see Treasurer this page.

To NFMS Endowment Fund Treasurer for:

1. Donations to Endowment Fund
2. Memorial contributions

Make check payable to NFMS Endowment Fund, send to Endowment Fund Treasurer, 8810 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126-3617

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1. Donations to AFMS Scholarship Fund
2. Memorial contributions to AFMS Scholarship

Make check payable to AFMS Scholarship Fund.

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1. Donations to AFMS Endowment
2. Memorials

Send to: See AFMS Newsletter

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Members, Non-members, clubs, etc. can advertise in the Northwest Newsletter. This service is provided to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and is encouraged by the Federation. The only criteria for the ad is that it be hobby related (e.g. rocks, equipment, grit, shows, etc.).

Ads for the Northwest Newsletter are \$1.50 per square inch.

Example: 3" x 4" ad = 12 inches
 12 inches x \$1.50 = \$18 per issue of the Newsletter

For an additional 50% of the cost of the Newsletter ad, you can have the same ad placed on the NFMS website for the same length of time. The Newsletter ad must be purchased to receive this additional advertisement.

Do not send ads on colored paper because the back-ground will look gray in the ad. The Editor will send a billing statement to the customer which will include instructions to make payment to the NFMS Treasurer. For more information or questions, call, e-mail or write the **Newsletter Editor**

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

(for the desktop/laptop/tablets)

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

(for mobile devices like phones)





NFMS SHOW !

Hosted by the
Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society

**First Interstate Center
Ravalli Fairgrounds
Hamilton, Montana**

May 19-21, 2017

**Show Times are Friday 10-6
Saturday 10-6
Sunday 10-4**

Speakers at the Federation Show

Dave Trexler, Paleontologist, Two Medicine Center
George Stanley Jr., Professor of Geosciences and the Director of the Paleontology Center at U of M
Ted Antonioli, Consulting Geologist, Member of Montana Mining Association
Bruce Baty, Talk on Glacial Lake Missoula
Lee Filliman, Fossils and Petrified Trees of Yellowstone



Montana



Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies
79th Annual Show and Convention
May 19th, 20th and 21st, 2017
Hosted by Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society
First Interstate Center, 100 Old Corvallis Rd., Hamilton, MT 59840

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM Deadline April 19, 2017

Please use one form per person. Forms may be duplicated. Payments may be combined.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Club Federation Affiliations _____

Please mark all that apply:

Past President NFMS _____ NFMS Officer _____ Committee Chair _____

NFMS Delegate/Director _____ NFMS Alt Delegate _____

Judge _____ Clerk _____ Demonstrator _____ Exhibitor: Competitive _____ Non-Competitive _____

SHOW ADMISSION Daily Rate _____ 3-day pass _____ Total Cost _____

Adult \$3.00 _____ \$8.00 _____ \$ _____

Children 12 and under free with adult _____

Note ALL Food Events REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION with Awards Banquet off site.

Time Cost Mark to attend Total Cost

Friday May 19th

NFMS Annual Meeting 4:00 No cost _____ \$ _____

Saturday May 20th

Officers/Committee Chairs Judges and Past Presidents Lunch

Noon \$15.00 _____ \$ _____

Social Hour (No Host) 5:00 Cash Bar _____

Awards Banquet 6:00 \$32.00 _____ \$ _____

Prime Rib _____ Chicken _____ Dietary Restrictions _____

Sunday May 21st

All Editors Breakfast 8:00 am \$10.00 _____ \$ _____

Total Amount due \$ _____

Camping at Fairgrounds with Electric only \$15.00 per day. Contact Chris at 363-3411 for reservations and Payment, OR Black Rabbit RV Park at 363-3744 OR Anglers Roost at 363-1268 for reservations and Payment.

Make checks payable to: Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society (or BGMS). Before April 19, 2017

Mail application and remittance before April 19, 2017

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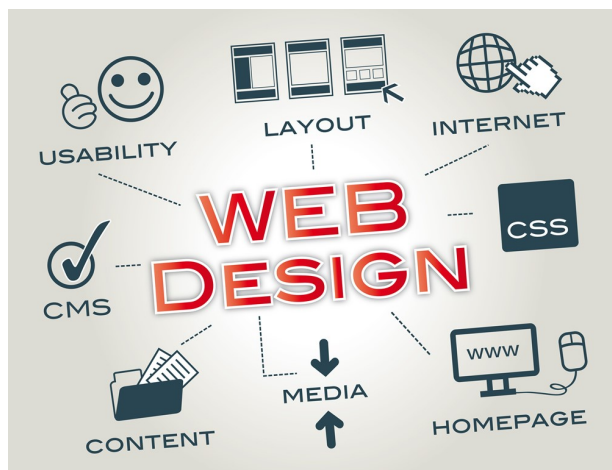
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ROCKHOUNDS OF THE YEAR



The **Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club** 2016 Rockhound of the Year is **John Slay**. John has been an amazing prospector and collector for many years. He has shared discoveries of amethyst and other mineral locations with the Club, and has taken many collecting trips to Montana, Utah, Arizona, and Wyoming, sharing his collected material with club members and through fund-raising auctions. A quiet but dedicated volunteer, he also personally constructed a sturdy footbridge to allow safe crossing of a Montana stream at a private-ranch collecting-site used by area clubs, and replaced old ranch gates for safer access to the site. Since the passing of long-time Club member Chuck Borland, he has voluntarily assisted Chuck's daughter to continue the family's mineral-sales business. John's unselfish and tireless volunteerism has been his hallmark for many years, and stands as a beacon for all NFMS clubs.

Martin Casto has been proclaimed the **Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club** of Kennewick, Washington's 2016 AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. Marty has been a member of the club for approximately 25 years. He has served in numerous club positions throughout the years. Marty always shows up to help with any project the club has going and every year puts an outstanding display into the annual show. Last year, Marty spearheaded the effort to build an easier fluorescent display set-up for our annual show. Marty continually works to provide materials for the monthly silent auction that benefits the Club. Thank you Marty for all you do to make our Club succeed.



"ATTENTION NFMS WEBMASTERS!!"

"It's That time again, time to polish up your websites! The NFMS/AFMS Website Contest is up and running and ready to accept entries for the 2017 year. We had a fair showing in 2016, but I am hoping to see more entries this year. There are some changes in the rules, please review them by going to the AFMS Website and downloading the rules along with the current form for your entry. Please contact me if you have any questions and I will endeavor to assist you. I hope to see you in Hamilton, Montana, May 19-21. it looks to be a great time in Big Sky Country!!

Cheri George
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From the Editor's Rockpile

By Beth Heesacker

I hope some of you have thawed out in your areas. We have been so cold and have had more snow than normal. I hope that enough of the passes clear out that we can head south for a while. We have some rockhound friends that were supposed to leave last week and meet us in Quartzsite and they are still snowed in. They do not know if they will be able to meet us down there or not.

All the rocks in the Pacific Northwest (and many other parts of the country) are covered in snow and ice. Even the rocks we have for sale in our backyard are frozen together. That did not stop a very intrepid person from coming and digging around in them and purchase a few. I really felt sorry for him but he seemed to be very happy, though a bit chilled.

Very few field trips going on in the Pacific Northwest, again for obvious reasons. Our club has one planned for next month but it is to our local rock and mineral museum, the Rice Museum. This museum was started by Helen and Richard Rice. Their beautiful house was designed around the collection of rocks, minerals, petrified wood and fossils. All the rooms have been given over to displays of these beautiful specimens. The museum has been given various awards and is now affiliated with the Smithsonian. I recommend a trip to see this beautiful "gem" just outside Hillsboro, Oregon. Their website is <https://ricenorthwestmuseum.org/>.

With all of our traveling we want to do before we are too old to do it, the NFMS Newsletter will not be published in April and some of the other issues will come out at odd times. I hope to meet some of you at the mineral meetings and shows around the country. Just look for the gray haired lady looking through a jeweler's loop at micro sized minerals with a bored looking hubby standing alongside. :-)

Keep warm and safe!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please submit all membership and address changes to Tom Burchard, Circulation Chair, and to Carol Willey, Directory Chair.

Their contact information can be found on the second page of this newsletter.

Please submit all show information (including admission charge) to Pat Lambert, Show Coordinator.

Her information can also be found on the second page of this newsletter.

Thank you.



Bulletin Editors' Contest Deadline February 18, 2017

By Jim Landon,
NFMS Bulletin Editors Advisory Chairperson

Happy winter solstice to all of you who are members of the Northwest Federation clubs. My name is Jim Landon and I have assumed the position of bulletin aid from Ronna Watkins. She left big shoes to fill and I am in a mad scramble to learn the ropes and get everything organized for the 2017 NFMS and AFMS club bulletin competitions.

As you may or may not know there are five states and part of another that make up our federation. They are Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and part of Utah, for a total of 60 active clubs. That is pretty amazing. Each of these clubs has someone in charge of keeping the membership informed about club activities, meeting, show information, and tidbits they feel may be of interest to their membership. These are the individuals I am reaching out to with this article. I would like to encourage you to showcase what your club is doing by submitting entries to the bulletin editors competition for 2017.

Information on what and how to enter submissions can be found on the AFMS website at amfed.org/downloads.htm. When you get to that webpage click on the AFMS Bulletin Editors Contest option which will get you to the section that lists the nine categories for entries. Each category has a specific fillable score sheet that needs to be submitted with your entry. To submit entries to the competition you will need to do the following: Send a hard copy of your entry along with a completed fillable score sheet for the category of your entry that you can download from the AFMS website. Submit your entries via snail mail to **Jim Landon 401 Livengood Rd. Cowiche, WA 98923**. Just make sure to include the fillable score sheet that is appropriate for the category of your entry.

There will be a 1-3 place award for each of the categories. The entries of first place winners will be forwarded to the AMFS where they will be judged for national recognition. Awards for our competition (NWFS) will be handed out at the bulletin editors breakfast on Sunday May 20 at the federation show in Hamilton Montana which runs from May 19-21, 2017. I would like to say that the first place winners in each category get an all expense paid trip to hunt precious opals in the outback of Australia, but alas that isn't going to happen. In order for me to complete all I need to do I will need your submissions by no later than **February 18, 2017**. If you have any questions feel free to contact me via my email address.

Obtaining Info on the 2017 AFMS-CFMS Show & Convention June 9-11, 2017

By Jim Brace-Thompson, 2017 Show Publicity Chair



Members of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society are honored to invite rockhounds from across America to our hometown of Ventura, California to participate in the 2017 National AFMS-CFMS Show & Convention taking place June 9-11. At the 2016 California Federation Fall Directors Meeting, we performed a "Surfin' USA" skit to kick off show promotions, and we distributed packets filled with info about the Show and about Ventura—how to get here, hotels and RV parks, basic show info, and things to do and see beyond the Show while on the southern California coast.

Rockhounds in all seven regional federations can get this info and more! To get the Advance Registration Form, competitive and noncompetitive Exhibitor Application Forms, and everything else that was included in the packet, please direct your members to our Show Website: <http://2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com>. You and your members can also contact VGMS directly at (805) 312-VGMS (8467) or at info@vgms.org. We invite and encourage newsletter editors of each and every AFMS-affiliated club and society to help us spread the word with a brief article directing your club's members to the website and inviting their participation. The National Show comes but once every seven years to California. Here's an opportunity to compete at the national level with an exhibit, to meet fellow rockhounds from all across the USA, and—in general—to have fun in the California sun! See you in June!



Seeking Lapidary & Jewelry-Making Articles for *Rock & Gem* Magazine By Jim Brace-Thompson, R&G Contributing Author

Lynn Varon, Managing Editor of *Rock & Gem*, needs your assistance! *Rock & Gem* is the officially endorsed hobby magazine of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. That means it's *our* magazine! In order to better serve their lapidary readers, *Rock & Gem* intends to increase the number of articles devoted to the lapidary arts and jewelry making.



Members of AFMS-affiliated clubs may wish to share their expertise in cabochon cutting and polishing, gemstone carving, soapstone carving, rock sculpture in general, beading of all kinds, intarsia, inlay and mosaics, sphere making, bead making and drilling, flat-lapping, scrimshaw, wire-wrapping, chain maille, fused glass, polymer clay and PMC, silver- and goldsmithing, lost wax casting, faceting, and other techniques that are of interest to today's lapidary hobbyist. Lynn would value article submissions and/or recommendations of experts whom she could approach to contribute articles.

To read *Rock & Gem*'s writers' guidelines, visit www.rockngem.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/2017-RG-guidelines.pdf. For further info about contributing, contact Lynn directly at editor@rockngem.com.

More thoughts from our NFMS Poet-Laureate



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A Rock-Hound's Box From the Journal of Bert Kae-Je'

Every Rock-Hound needs a Box, A Rock-Box,
Sometimes, it's a tiny one for the carbon of DeBeers,
Sometimes, it's gigantuous for the Lime Cornerstone,
Sometimes it's just the right size for THE collection.
I MUST have, I must have a box, a Rock-Box!

I wandered into the thrift shop and there....
Was a tin box----just the right size, maybe?
Sculpted with a pineapple, a bit unsightly,
But I could paint it.....maybe make it more beautiful.

Boxes-- big, small and huge boxes, lots of boxes,
Every Rock-Hound must have a box,
Cardboard, plastic, metal, wooden crate or case.
But how long will this box hold the rocks, my gems?

Boxes, help us organize, make decisions,
What to keep, and that which we must release.
Is it rare, is it precious or from far away?
Will my rock fit in the box, or do I need to---
Rent a 10 x 12' climate controlled?

Rooms and basements are filled with ROCKS,
Lawn mowers, cars, and boats are parked outside,
Rocks, hard to part with as they whisper ... "keep me,"
Every Rock-Hound needs a box, a Rock-box,

Perchance Rock-Hound, you could tell me about your box?

Just a Passin' Thru From the Journal of Bert Kae-Je'

So much to learn, just listen to the old man,
Quiet, listen to what you wish you had not missed,
Rare, like a four leaf clover, they are there,
Like a library that will not always be,
Old Rock-Hounds in the club and along the way.

Away I went on "Vacation", WA, OR, NV, CA.
Going to see the relatives, Ahuh,
But all along the way just a looking for.....
All the Rock-Shops, the REAL rock Shops.

Glamor and glitz and large overhead,
The price will be reflected in the purchase.
Do you want rough, polished, local or imported?
Varicite, Turquoise, Carnelian, Obsidian, Plume Agate?
Picture Jasper, set in silver or ready for the saw?

Well, will it win me the Club contest?
Is its Mohs amenable to sculpting?
Is it fractured, will it take a good polish?
Is it a good price, a rare beauty, unusual?

It's my favorite place, just out of town,
In the West Central Nevada desert,
Nearby, old truck and trailer stands,
The yard filled with *rocks*, scarcely a place to stand,

Decade of dust, old, almost abandoned sheds.
One with great gem expertise, kindness, frail and aged,
A Rock-Hound with Fire Agate, Varicite, Warrior Turquoise,
A Rock Hound Soul, kind human being, and Friend is found,
Generous but not someone of whom to take advantage.

Rocks, more rocks, I wish I wasn't just passing thru.
My heart has been warmed by this kind soul,
My heart saddens, this old Rock-Hound is frail and worn,
My soul has been touched as I see him once again,
This "Sunny," Old Rock-Hound---what a giftlisten.

My Rock Box 9/2016



Bert (left) and
her new friend

The rock shop



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NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule

Feb. 11 & 12 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun - 9 – 4	Whidbey Island Gem Club	Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE Jerome Oak Harbor WA	Keith Ludemann 360 675 1837 rock9@whidbey.net
Feb. 24, 25, & 26 Fri – 9:00 – 5:00 Sat – 9:00 – 5:00 Sun – 9:00 – 5:00	Oregon Agate and Mineral Society	OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry) 1945 SE Water Avenue Portland OR	Sonia Watt justonemoreroock@yahoo.com 2372 SE 46 th Avenue, Portland OR 97215
February 25 & 26 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Idaho Gem Club	Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood Boise ID 83714	Brent Stewart 208 342 1151 rocks-bybrent@gmail.com
March 4 & 5 Sat – 10 - 6 Sun – 10 - 5.	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society	O'Conner Field House 2200 Blaine Caldwell, Idaho	Darell Ehlers 208-674-1213 ddehlers@fmtc.com
March 10, 11, & 12 Fri – 9 – 5 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Tualatin Valley Rock and Gem Club	Washington County Fair Complex, 873 NE 34 th Ave Hillsboro, OR	Rose Jackson, info@tvrgec.org PO Box 641, Forest Grove, OR 97116, tvrgec.org
March 11 & 12 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Magic Valley Gem Club	Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, 215 Fair Avenue, File, ID	Shirley or Rocky Metts, 208 423 4827 rmetts@magicvalleygemclub.org
March 11 & 12 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 9 – 5	NW Montana Rock-Chucks	Northwest Montana Frgrnds, 265 North Meridian Road, Kalispell MT	Lloyd Fager oldgrayelf@sbcglobal.net 608 436 0780
March 11 & 12 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 9:30 – 4	Rock and Arrowhead Club	Klamath Co. Fairgrounds 3531 South 6 th Street Klamath Falls OR	Marv Stump 541 882 8341 POB 1803 Klamath Falls OR 97601 Or Garwin Carlson 541 882 8276
March 17 & 18 Fri – 8:30 – 6 Sat – 9 – 5	Panorama Gem and Mineral Club	Colville Fairground, Colville Ag and Trade Center, 317 West Astor Colville WA	Bill Allen 509 936 2446 sagostore2@charter.net
March 17 - 19, Fri – 10 – 7 Sat – 10 – 7 Sun – 10 – 5	Timpanogos Gem and Mineral Society	Spanish Fork Fair Grounds 475 South Main Street Spanish Fork, UT	Karl Powell 801 766 8705 karlp@hotmail.com
March 18 & 19 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Hellgate Mineral Society	Hilton Garden Inn 3720 North Reserve St. Missoula MT	Bob Riggs 406 543 3667 robert.riggs3@gmail.com
March 25 & 26 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Club	Bloedel Donovan Community Center 2214 Electric Avenue Bellingham WA	Lori Nettles, 360 961 7873 lorin-hardy@yahoo.com Club website – www.mtbakerrockclub.org
March 24 - 26 Fri – 10 – 6 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun 10 – 4	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA	Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, N.604 Havana at Broadway Spokane WA	Vonnie Dillon, 509 951 8173 showchair@rockrollers.org
April 1 & 2 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Sweet Home Rock and Mineral Society	Sweet Home High School Gym 1641 Long Street Sweet Home OR	– Joe Cota 541 451 2740 or Ed Anderson 541 944 2124 ela4rocks@gmail.com PO Box 2279 Lebanon OR 97355
April 7, 8, & 9 Fri – 9-6 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4	Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society	Golden Spike Event Center Weber County Fairgrounds 1000 N 1200 W Ogden UT 88440	Deborah Blake 385 205 9187 gemshow@goldenspikegem.org
April 8 & 9 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 6	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins, 206 714 3922 collma1@comcast.net
April 8 & 9 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	South East Idaho Gem and Mineral Society (SEIGMS)	North Bannock County Fairgrounds 10588 Fairground Dr. Pocatello ID 83201	Larry Manhart 208 705 7273 841 South Arthur Avenue Pocatello ID 83204
April 22 & 23 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4	Yakima Rock and Mineral Club	Central Washington State Fair Grounds Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima WA 98901	Marti Sondgeroth, 2013 S 41st Ave., Ya- kima, WA 98903, Phone evenings 509-248- 6401 leave a message, Cell daytime 509- 910-3484, marthams@q.com
April 22 & 23 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA	Mary Lou Omstead, 509 783 2798 PO Box 6652 Kennewick WA 99336
April 22 & 23 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society	Idaho Falls Recreation Center, Corner of Memorial Drive and B Street, Idaho Falls, ID	Nicole Strong 208 768 7953 nicolek_hansen@hotmail.com or Gerry Gibeault 208 589 0736 PO Box 2362 Idaho Falls ID 83403
April 28 - 30 Fri – 10 – 5 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Mt Hood Rock Club	Jackson Armory 6255 NE Cornfoot Road Portland OR 97218	Wayne King mhrcdc@gmail.com 503 284 7195 www.mthoodrockclub.com
April 29 & 30 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40 th Avenue SW Seattle WA	Diane Christensen diane@purns.org 206 582 2267 www.westseattlerockclub.org
April 29 & 30 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Grays Harbor Gem and Geology Society	Grays Harbor Fairgrounds 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma WA	Gary Emberley 624 Fairmont Place Aberdeen, WA 98520 360 533 6196 melissa624@hotmail.com

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May 6 & 7 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Everett Rock and Gem Club	Everett Community College Walt Price Student Fitness Center, 2206 Tower Street Everett WA	Fritz Mack 425 232 0809 PO Box 1615 Everett WA 98206 Website: www.everetrockclub.com
May 6 & 7 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds, I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg OR	Sue Woodman 541 672 3486 rocksandhorses3@gmail.com
May 6 & 7 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium 1125 Broadwater Avenue Billings MT	Doug True dtruefossils12@yahoo.com 406 670 0506
May 13 & 14 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society	Hermiston Conference Center, 415 Highway 395 South, Hermiston OR	Mike Filarski, 541 571 2593 stonemorlin1@netscape.net
May 13 & 14 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds Building #1, 901 North Black Bozeman MT	Jerry Hancock jaegers@bresnan.net PO Box 11001 Bozeman MT 59719
May 19 - 21 2017 NFMS Show Fri, Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4	Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society	First Interstate Center Ravalli County Fairgrounds 100 Old Corvallis Road Hamilton MT	Steve Vieth, 406 381 7597 viethsteve88@gmail.com
October 13, 14, & 15 Fri – 10 – 6 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Association	Washington County Fair Complex 873 NE 34 th Avenue Hillsboro OR 97124	Linda Harvey lindaharvey2010@gmail.com Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Association PO Box 5401 Portland OR 97228
October 28 - 29 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4 th Ave, Canby, OR	Beth Heesacker, heesacker@coho.net , 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116
October 28 & 29 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Bellevue Rock Club	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish PKWY SE Bellevue WA 98008	Bruce Himko PO Box 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009 bellevuerockclub@comcast.net

Rockhound Soapbox – Rockhounding on Public Lands

by John Martin, Conservation & Legislation Chair <afmsolo@antelecom.net>

Recreational Rockhounding is defined as the Non-Commercial collecting of Rocks, Minerals and Fossils, according to established laws, rules and regulations, for personal and educational use, see:

Part 8365 of Title 43 CFR [Code of Federal Regulations], which provides for the collecting of "reasonable quantities" of rocks, minerals, semiprecious gemstones, and invertebrate and plant fossils of non-scientific importance, for personal use.

Legal Definition of Recreational Rockhounding as defined in Title 43 CFR.....

§ 8365.1-5 Property and resources.

(a) On all **public lands**, unless otherwise authorized, **no person shall**;

- (1) Willfully deface, disturb, remove or destroy any personal property, or structures, or any scientific, cultural, archaeological or historic resource, natural object or area;
- (2) Willfully deface, remove or destroy plants or their parts, soil, rocks or minerals, or cave resources, except as **permitted** under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph; or
- (3) Use on the **public lands** explosive, motorized or mechanical devices, except metal detectors, to aid in the collection of specimens **permitted** under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph.

(b) Except on **developed recreation sites and areas**, or where otherwise prohibited and posted, it is permissible to collect from the **public lands** reasonable amounts of the following for noncommercial purposes:

- (1) Commonly available renewable resources such as flowers, berries, nuts, seeds, cones and leaves;
- (2) **Nonrenewable resources such as rock and mineral specimens, common invertebrate and common plant fossils, and semiprecious gemstones;**
- (3) **Petrified wood as provided under subpart 3622 of this title;**
- (4) **Mineral materials as provided under subpart 3604; and**
- (5) Forest products for use in **campfires** on the **public lands**. Other collection of forest products shall be in accordance with the provisions of Group 5500 of this title.

(c) The collection of renewable or nonrenewable resources from the **public lands for sale or barter to commercial dealers may be done only after obtaining a contract or permit from an authorized officer** in accordance with part 3600 or 5400 of this chapter.

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Source: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/43/8365.1-5>

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"Happy Rockhounding and Enjoy Your Public Lands"

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