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## PRESIDENTIAL PEARLS

By

Ronna Watkins



“Wisdom”

January brings the American Lands Access Association meeting in Quartzsite, Arizona the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are going to be in the area on those dates you can email them or contact me for the particulars. The web address is [amlands.org](http://amlands.org).

March 21-24 is the 2019 American Federation of Mineralogical Societies' Annual Convention in conjunction with the Midwest Federation's show hosted by the Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Show will be held at Hawkeye Downs 4400 6th St. SW, Cedar Rapids IA. The AFMS Convention will be at the Ramada Cedar Rapids. Pre-registration is required for the meetings with meals. I would like to encourage our members to attend the show and take in the annual meeting. I would, also, like to encourage those that have won in NFMS competitions to compete at the AFMS competition level. For more Information contact Ray Anderson [rockdocanderson\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:rockdocanderson@gmail.com), 319-337-2798 or Sharon Sonleitner, [sonnb\(at\)aol.com](mailto:sonnb(at)aol.com), 319-396-4016. The application for competition can be found here: <https://cedarvalleyrockclub.org/Downloads/AFMS/CompExhibit.pdf>.

June 1<sup>st</sup> brings us to our Midyear Meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, hosted by our rockhound friends of the North Idaho Mineral Club. The show and meeting will be at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds 4056 N Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Our meeting will be at 3 pm. We will not be voting on anything, as I had stated in the last newsletter. All voting will be done at our annual meeting in October. But just as important, we will have some old business and some important new business to discuss. I would like to see another good turnout of Directors and Delegates. Our club representatives are doing a great job of attending meetings and getting the information back to their clubs. Your effort does not go unnoticed and it brings cohesiveness to our rockhound community. Thank you!

We will wind up 2019 with our 2019 NFMS Show & Convention October 18-20 in Lewiston, ID. The Hells Canyon Gem Club has a wonderful show planned for us. The NFMS general meeting will be on the 18th. The time of the meeting is still to be determined, but watch for more information coming out soon.

Now that we have our 2019 calendars filled out, I have a couple of announcements:

-I would like to introduce and welcome Darrell Coyle as our new Competitive Exhibits Registrar. You may remember Darrell as one of our judges at our last show in Yakima. We are very pleased to have him as Registrar.

-We still need a host for our 2020 NFMS Show & Convention. It is best for this to be decided by the Midyear Meeting, so please take this up with your members and make a proposal. If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

I would like to build up the bulletin email exchange among editors. I really enjoy getting your club bulletins, but am not receiving many of them. Please put me on your bulletin exchange list. Contact me by email and let me know how you are doing editing your club newsletters. Maybe we could share around some helpful hints. I would love to read your best issues from 2018. Won't you fill my email and mailbox with some good reading for the winter? I would be grateful for it!

This is our last *Northwest Newsletter* until March 2019, but if anything comes up I will be sure and send out emails to your club and post on our Facebook page. If you have not joined the NFMS Facebook group, please do. You can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1/>

Have a joyful, prosperous, and healthy New Year



## TREASURER'S TEKTITES

By

Lyle Vogelpohl



“Wealth with Balance”

A note of appreciation from the Knitted Knockers Group, in which group chairman Robin Churchill says: "We wanted to say thank you for your continual support for the Knitted Knockers Group from (Seattle's) White Center Eagles #2568. To date we have made over 300 pairs of Knockers and helped so many people. We will continue to make them along with joining other local groups who have expressed interest. Thank you again."

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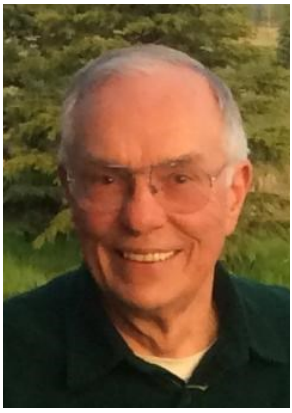
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AFMS Scholarship Foundation  
by  
Lauren Williams President

Time moves forward and there is a change to the Treasurer and Secretary of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. I wish to thank Gene Maggard for taking over as Treasurer of the Foundation, this helped me immensely. I wish to thank Cheri George for her time and efforts spent as the Secretary of the Foundation. The new Treasurer for the Scholarship Foundation is Barbara Ringhiser; 1702 N D Street; Lake Worth, FL 33460; 1-561-379-4307; [bar5678@aol.com](mailto:bar5678@aol.com).

Please send all of your Donations to Barbara. The new Scholarship Foundation Secretary is Margaret Kolaczyk; 24551 Shake Ridge Road; Volcano, CA 95689; 1-209-296-5597; [blackwolf@volcano.net](mailto:blackwolf@volcano.net). Barbara is the immediate past president of the Eastern and Margaret is a past president of the California Federation.





# FIRST VICE PRESIDENTIAL VARISCITES

by

**Kenneth Zahn**



“Brings Stability”

"Well, winter is clearly at hand in our Northwestern U.S. and we already miss 2 things: rockhounding trips and warm sunny days. How about combining both those wintertime desires with an educational vacation trip to boot? Consider making a trip to the massive series of Tucson Arizona Gem and Mineral “shows” (fossil, jewelry, beads, and tools/equipment shows, too) sometime between ~January 29th and February 17th, 2019. There are truly thousands of individual dealer rooms and booths to browse and always new material at reasonable prices that surfaces at Tucson each year. A key period for most us mineral hobbyists is Feb 8 - Feb 17th, with the actual Tucson club show (the “Main Show”) in the Convention Center including world-class speaker presentations as well as all the best US and international dealers is scheduled for Feb 14 - 17. There is no way to properly describe what this “Tucson Show” event is really like; you just have to experience it at least once in your “rockhound” lifetime. Having grown up in Tucson starting as a 13-year-old teenager in 1949, I’ve seen it from its inception and marveled at what the local club has developed there and what "The Show" has become internationally. When I wanted to get an emerald for a ring for my wife Carol in the late 1980s, we stopped at a Tucson Show hotel-room vendor shop of a Colombian emerald miner and from the array of faceted Coscuez emeralds he poured onto the table, we picked a very nice one; then went to a jewelry designer vendor at a Main Show booth with a sketch of a ring setting with accent stones and had them make it over the next few months. We attended a California-area show later that Spring at which the designer vendor had a booth, took delivery of the ring, and had the Tucson-purchased emerald set into it on the spot. Great ring, great prices, and great memories!!

Why not try attending this year? For a list of the many individual multi-dealer “shows” and their dates and locations of operation, try accessing the master schedule at website <http://www.tucsongemshows.net/coming.html>. Gas prices are reasonable, and you might even find a “cheapie” airline that services Mesa/Phoenix where you could rent a car, and even drive to Quartzite, AZ, to check those shows, before proceeding to Tucson. I usually drive the 1200 miles from Montana so that I have my 4x4 250,000-mile truck available to both rockhound in the area and to carry materials back to the Club in Bozeman without having to ship them.

Yes, rents can be high in Tucson during the peak period of that show, but we’ve had good luck each year finding reasonable rental rooms on the edge of town, or very reasonable Airbnb rooms — from which we can drive easily to any of the hundreds of event venues. This has to be a MUST for any rockhound’s “bucket list.” Why not this year???

Should you decide not to go this year, don’t pass up attending one of the 2019 shows in a region of our own Northwestern Federation — perhaps a big one in an adjacent State. You’ll find their dates and show-points-of-contact at website <http://www.rockngem.com/ShowDatesFiles/ShowDatesDisplayAll.php?ShowState=ALL> — that is, if the Club’s leaders have notified the Federation and Rock and Gem magazine of its show dates and locations early enough for you to make plans."



## EDITOR’S EMERALDS

By Linda Barlow



“Incites Activity”

While visiting a friend yesterday, she asked me if I know the difference between a “rock” and a “stone”. I thought for a moment and said “No, I guess I don’t”. This lady is retired from the BLM and very knowledgeable about rocks or stones! I wasn’t going to presume to know more than her as my degree is in nursing and as an ordained minister. My knowledge has been acquired from other rock club members and through working with crystals for healing. She acquired her knowledge through research while attaining her geology degree. So the answer:

A Rock is what you throw.

A Stone is mined!

How interesting to define words what most of us use interchangeably!



## SECOND VICE PRESIDENTIAL VERDELITES

By  
Beth Heesacker



“Creativity & Compassion”

**“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” — Mahatma Gandhi**

Ever wonder if you have the ability to do something? How are you going to find out? By trying. And where are you going to find a place to try? Sometimes the opportunity is right there where you are.

Here is an example. Ever wonder if you could write a story? How about writing an article for your club newsletter? Did you take a trip that included a bit of rockhounding? Write up what you experienced and what you collected. Took pictures? Include a couple of the best with the article.

Are you confused about the difference between agate and jasper? Research the subject on the internet or in a book. Write up what you find out. If you are unsure about the topic, others might be also. You would be helping them out. Make sure that you credit the sources so you do not violate copyright and crediting them can also give others a place to go to find out more information.

Check with your newsletter editor to see how much they are willing to help write the article. Some editors might take your notes and go from there. Others might be willing to proofread and give you comments for how you can improve the writeup.

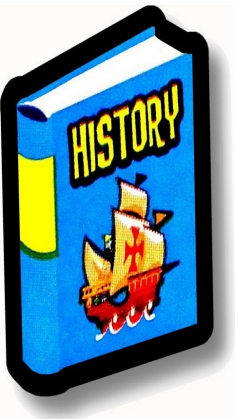
Find out if you have the desire and talent for writing by serving others through your writing. Maybe you will find out that you enjoy it so much that you end up wanting to edit you club newsletter.

Another example. Do you have a hard time identifying where Thundereggs, certain jaspers or agates come from? If your club has a rock show, volunteer to help in a department that prices the club’s silent auction items. The experts usually work in an area like that and you can “rub shoulders” with them and some of their knowledge will “rub off” on you.

Improve your knowledge level and help others too. Research opens the mind to new possibilities and writing about them helps to solidify them and can lead to new questions.

A third example. Need a new friend? Help in the set-up or tear-down of your club’s show. The work is relatively easy, and the company is great. Lots of interactions with other likeminded people and friendships are formed.

Find yourself in your work with, and for, others. Find a new talent, expand your knowledge, and discovery new friendships. Volunteer!



## HISTORIAN HIDDENITES

By Linda Barlow

President’s Message, January 1976

Dear Friends,

The Bicentennial Year has arrived! Two hundred years of history behind us made up by contributions from every race, creed, & color, the big, the small, the young, & the old.



“Connection with Knowledge”

The originators of our hobby & those who have followed in their path have made many important contributions of new discoveries, new materials, & techniques for working these materials.

Where do we go from here? I am sure that as long as Rockhounds continue to chisel & pick & grub, there will continue to be the new discoveries, but this is becoming a lessening part of our activities as digging areas are closed or restricted, s we must channel our efforts in other directions.

Education is possibly the next most rewarding area we can work in. As we have learned from others & by practice, we can pass on this knowledge to others, through programs in the schools for our young people, in institutions for those less fortunate who need some type of program, & with our Senior Citizens who need an outlet for their talents.

Every club should have one or more projects of this type which members can become involved in, & have the satisfaction of making a contribution to the community & its people.

In connection with this, don’t forget the ALL American Club contest. Fill out the Application now & send it in, I am sure there are many more clubs than have applied in the past who qualify.

It might help if some of the clubs that have participated in the All American Club program in the past would write an article for the Northwest Newsletter, describing some of the projects they have been involved in & some of the results. It might provide some new ideas for other clubs.

Lets make the Spirit of ’76 come alive in our hobby this year.

Sincerely Ed Wilponen, NFMS President





## SECRETARY'S SAPPHIRES

by  
**Judi Allison**

### Hi Ho Hi Ho High Hopes



“Record Keeper”

The title of my article is derived from *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*, as “off to work” they go; because what I am asking is work. And, yes, I have high hopes. That is what I have for a club to step forward and take on the 2020 NFMS Show and Convention. If a club wishes to have sufficient time to prepare, a year is about as short a time as would be prudent. I realize the extra work can seem like a great burden, but it can also be a way to help bring a club closer together. Remember that you can write a proposal that includes guidelines for financial split (to assure your club does not end up with a financial burden), keeping the show on your regular dates, maintaining your regular venue, etc.

The main pieces that are needed for a Federation Show include: a place for a meeting that would hold up to 100 people; room for a dozen or so (hopefully more) competitive displays, a small private area for judges to meet and a banquet area for up to 100 people.

True, you take on the job of organizing such things as procuring a room and making arrangements for the banquet, etc. But, you do all this planning with the idea of having your costs covered by your dealer fees (perhaps you can charge a bit more since it would be a Federation Show), entrance fees and charge for the banquet. Things don't have to cost a great deal of money. I have seen many creative people in clubs who can come up with spectacular centerpieces and favors, as well as great ideas for logistics and advertising with little or no cost.

With that being said, I am offering to talk to your club about putting on a show; and I am also going to “stick my neck out” and offer to act as registrar for any club that decides they could put on a show. The registrar is responsible for all the pre-registration. I am also willing to offer any guidance you may need as you proceed. So, make my “high hopes” come to fruition and put in a bid for the 2020 Show. .or for 2021, or 2022!!!



## NFMS RULES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

By

**BOB GIBSON**



As Rules and Awards Chair of the Competitive Exhibits Committee, I am pleased to introduce Darrell Coyle, our new Registrar.

Darrell Coyle has been a member of the Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society since 2007. He has held several positions with the BGMS: Vice President 2013; President 2014-2015; Board member 2016–2018, and Board Chair 2017-2018. He played a key role in the 2017 Federation show that was sponsored by the BGMS and held in Hamilton, Montana. He just completed his eighth year as a member of the club's annual show committee. He is the BGMS Northwest Federation Delegate and at the 2018 Federation show in Yakima, Washington, Darrell served as a competitive exhibit judge.

Our new Registrar has picked agate, dug garnets, crystals, and fossils since childhood, but he took up rockhounding and lapidary as serious hobbies in 2007. By “serious”, we are talking about a garage full of machines and several tons of old stock materials acquired from several estates in the Northwest. It seems that every trip Darrell takes, he brings back a bag or bucket of jasper, wood, or agates that he has adopted from the wild.

After a 23-year career in the Army and Army Guard, he worked for the Montana State Parks Department and for the Stevensville School District. In search of a quiet retirement, Darrell has yet to find it. Every day seems to be busy. In addition to his activities with the Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society, Darrell is the long-time Treasurer of the Montana Gold Prospectors and a Founding Member and Sergeant-at-Arms of Corvallis Post 91 American Legion Riders. Darrell is active in his community and he has supported local youth education by working with libraries, museums, Cub Scouts, and 4H.

Bringing Darrell on board is just the first step in insuring the long-term viability of the Competitive Exhibits Committee. We still need member support and additional volunteers to make the committee a strong resource for the NFMS in the years to come.

## ALAA AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION



The ALAA is a 501(c)(4) organization. Its purpose is promoting and ensuring the right of the amateur hobby collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers. Contributions to the ALAA are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Tax Purposes.

(Annual Membership Fees:

**Clubs and Societies \$50.00 -Individual/Family \$25.00)**

***Annual Membership Fees are due on or before January 1st of each year.  
Membership not renewed becomes delinquent on February 15th of each year.***

Lauren Williams, ALAA Vice President  
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ALAA has a problem and you are it. Doug True resigned to be AFMS President, so we need a ALAA President. My elected term as vice-president ends November 1, 2019; I will not run again, so ALAA also needs a new Vice-President. At my club meeting after explaining what is happening to another club member, he said, you have the same people just roaming around from one position to the next. I agree with that statement.

This leads to the problem of we do not get any new people into the system, with new fresh ideas. We need one or two of you to step up and volunteer for the position of President and Vice-President. The job is not hard. You just have to write an article or two twice a year. There are plenty of people who will help you. Our Executive Board meeting is in Quartzsite in the middle of January and our Annual Meeting is wherever the AFMS has their Show and Convention; this year it is in the middle of March at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. And oh yes, to digress from this subject.

The AFMS Scholarship Foundation needs a new President for the same reason cited above. I am 78 years old and I would like to have a couple of years for my bucket list. My biggest fear is dying at some rest stop in the middle of Nebraska! - Lauren

### QUATZSITE 2019

#### Dates and things to Remember

QIA Pow Wow - Gems, minerals & jewelry Show  
January 16 - January 20, 2019

Ye Old Timers Auction  
January 17, 2019 - 7:00 PM MST  
Quartzsite Senior Center - Moon Mountain Road

ALAA 7th Annual Rockhound-BLM Clean Up  
January 20, 2019 - 09:30 am MST  
Location Dome Rock Road - West of Quartzsite on I-10

### Idaho News Hells Canyon Gem Club Annual Show October 20, 2018 Lewiston, Idaho

Lauren Williams, ALAA 1st Vice President  
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Having gone to Lewiston, Idaho for the Hells Canyon Gem Club Show and after depositing ALAA's tri-fold folders on one of the information tables I wandered around and saw the show while waiting for the 2:00 NFMS Organizational meeting to start. The one dealer space that should interest all of us was the IDAHO GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, based at the University of Idaho in Moscow. The Idaho Geological Survey has a large data base on many of the Geological facets of the State of Idaho. The one that interested me most was the Mining Claims. Reed Lewis who was at the table said that the Idaho Geological Survey had an interactive map of all the mining claims in the state in their data base along with who applied for the claim, the GPS coordinates to pin point the location of the claim, and a whole lot of other stuff about the claim such as what the material that they were mining for. Anyway, you could spend hours going through the material in the Idaho Geological Survey data base this winter while you are waiting for the snow to melt and the mud to dry out so that you can get out and play in the dirt next spring. The email address below works, at least it did October 22 on my computer.

[www.idahogeology.org/webmap](http://www.idahogeology.org/webmap) It takes a couple of minutes to open up because it is a really large file. You can look and you can buy on this website.

## California Federation of Mineralogical Societies Public Lands Advisory Committee

John Martin  
[john.martin@amlands.org](mailto:john.martin@amlands.org)

This year CFMS has submitted several letters to the BLM and USFS on preserving Recreational Rockhounding as a Recreational Activity in the Southern California Deserts including the Western Mojave Management Plan (WEMO), Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) and the Sequoia National Forest where over 17,000 acres of public lands are being proposed for closure to access for any recreational activities.

### News from Oregon Lenora Smith

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I constantly send out info from Western Caucus to our Oregon Council of Rock and Mineral Clubs. And any information I receive from Shirley Leeson concerning our Federal Lands and Recreational Rockhounding. I also sent in an Objection Letter to Washington DC concerning the Huge Plans for the Blue Mountain Forest in Washington and Oregon State (Mostly the forests are in Oregon). I am also registered to attend the Objection Meeting in Pendleton, OR Nov. 28, which is still about the Blue Mountain Forest! I also send emails to our Senators and Representative of Oregon. ...

### News from Utah Jack Johnston

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UTAH UPDATE - 11-18-2018

BY: Jack Johnston, UAR, U4WDA, ALAA, RMFMS

Over 6500 miles of roads have been closed in the State of Utah. We do not need more roads closed to give young healthy hikers a playground and shut out the rock hounds, four Wheeler's, old, young and handicapped people.

### News from Texas

HERE'S A THOUGHT....

Shirley Leeson, ALAA Director,  
[ambassador@amlands.org](mailto:ambassador@amlands.org)

How many of you have visited Washington, DC and visited your Congressman or Senator's office? I can say, I'm among those who have never had the opportunity of visiting my Congressman or Senator's Washington office. But, those same Congressmen and Senators have offices and staff in your area....so much closer for a visit. So, here's my thought..... Why not set up a visit to either your Congressman

or Senators local office and get to know the staff members there.

Let them know you're a 'Recreational Rockhound' and explain what 9+1 is and what it means to you. Bring a small gift with you...something a staff member can display on their desk, something you found, cut and polished with a note on where it came from....especially if it came from public lands within the Congressman's district. If this isn't possible, make sure the staff knows where the material came from....public lands, designated as multiuse public lands. You might even bring a gift of a piece of material that can no longer be collected because of special interest restrictions. Show the staff what it's like to know beautiful material is 'out there' but now unavailable because

of restrictions. Those restrictions could be the fact that vehicles can no longer go on the roads and trails they once traveled because of 'wilderness' restrictions, or material that can no longer be gathered because you can't penetrate the earth to reach your objective in restrictive areas.

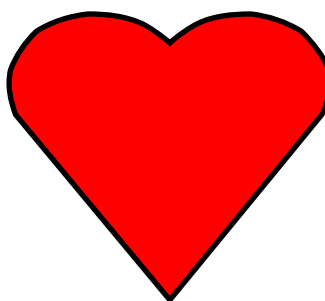
Offer help to the staff ....Volunteer your time and expertise. Let them know you are there for them; they can count on you for help. Find out if your Congressman is on the Natural Resources Committee and if so, offer to do research for the staff members on current projects.

That's my thought....what's yours? [ambassador@amlands.org](mailto:ambassador@amlands.org)

## News from Nevada

Daniel (Webb) Varum  
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The 2018 nugget shoot was a roaring success 100 prizes given away including 10 top rate detector 6hr of pleasure. Looking forward to 2019 National Park



### A Rockhounds Home

Rocks on the lawn, rocks in the shed  
Shovels and hammers under the bed  
Boots and knapsacks by the front door  
Clay and grit all over the floor  
Slabs and specimens on the chairs  
Boxes of crystals on the stairs  
A Rockhounds home is such a disgrace  
But, oh, it's such a happy place  
Digger Purdy

*"Dust from the Diggings", December 2018, Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society*



NFMS Clubs’ Show Schedule

<b>February 9 &amp; 10</b> Sat. 9 – 5 Sun. 9 – 4	Whidbey Island Gem Club 54th Annual “Sweetheart of Gem’s” Show	Oak Harbor Senior Center, 51 SE Jerome, Oak Harbor WA	Keith Ludemann 360 675 1837, <a href="mailto:rock9@whidbey.net">rock9@whidbey.net</a>
<b>February 22, 23, 24</b> Fri. 9:30-5:30 Sat. 9:30-5:30 Sun. 9:30-5:30	Oregon Agate & Mineral Society Annual Show	OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science & Industry) Auditorium 1945 SE Water Avenue Portland OR	Ken Thistle 360 891 8088 <a href="mailto:kthistle815@gmail.com">kthistle815@gmail.com</a>
<b>February 23 &amp; 24</b> Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Idaho Gem Club Annual Rock and Gem Show	Expo Idaho Building (Fairgrounds) 5610 Glenwood Boise, ID 83714	Brent Stewart 2088639336 <a href="mailto:rocksbybrent@gmail.com">rocksbybrent@gmail.com</a>
<b>March 2 &amp; 3</b> Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	East KingCo Rock Club  2019 Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show	Pickering Barn  1730 10th Avenue NW  Issaquah, WA	Cindy Smith  206 953 3456  <a href="mailto:showchair@eastkingco.org">showchair@eastkingco.org</a>
<b>March 2 &amp; 3</b> Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society  65th Annual Gem & Mineral Show	O’Conner Field House 2200 Blaine Caldwell, Idaho	Darrell Ehlers 208 674 1213 <a href="mailto:ddehlers@fmtc.com">ddehlers@fmtc.com</a>
<b>March 8 &amp; 9</b> Fri. 8:30-6 Sat. 9-5	Panorama Gem & Mineral Club	Colville Fairground Colville Ag & Trade Center 317 West Astor Colville WA	Johnie Pitman 509 684 8887
<b>March 8, 9 &amp; 10</b> Fri. 10-5 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	Tualatin Valley Gem Club 61st Annual Rock & Mineral Show	Forest Grove National Guard Amory 2950 Taylor Way Forest Grove OR	Rose Jackson 503 349 7418 <a href="mailto:ljeweledrose@gmail.com">ljeweledrose@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.tvrqc.org">www.tvrqc.org</a>
<b>March 9 &amp; 10</b> Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	Rock and Arrowhead Club  Annual Show	Klamath Co. Fairgrounds 3531 South 6th St. Klamath Falls OR	Laura Limb 541 281 8058 <a href="mailto:redlimb@charter.net">redlimb@charter.net</a> or Kristin Sayles 541 539 1452 <a href="mailto:kristinsayles@hotmail.com">kristinsayles@hotmail.com</a>
<b>March 9 &amp; 10</b> Sat. 9-5 Sun 10-5	Northwest Montana Rock Chucks	Flathead County Fairgrounds Expo Building (next to grandstands) 265 North Meridian Road Kalispell, MT	Lloyd Fager 608 436 0780 <a href="mailto:oldgrayelf@sbcglobal.net">oldgrayelf@sbcglobal.net</a>
<b>March 9 &amp; 10</b> Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	Magic Valley Gem Club 69th Annual Rock, Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show	Twin Falls County Fairgrounds 215 Fair Avenue Filer ID	Chris Funk 208 539 5369 <a href="mailto:rmetts@cableone.net">rmetts@cableone.net</a> Magic Valley Gem Club, PO Box 725, Twin Falls ID 83303
<b>March 15, 16, &amp; 17</b> Fri. 10-7 Sat. 10-7 Sun. 10-5	Timpanogos Gem and Mineral Society “Parade of Gems”	Spanish Fork Fair Grounds 475 South Main Street Spanish Fork, UT	Keith Fackrell 801 592 0410 <a href="mailto:krfackrell@gmail.com">krfackrell@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://timprocks.weebly.com">timprocks.weebly.com</a>
<b>March 16 &amp; 17</b> Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Hellsgate Mineral Society	Hilton Garden Inn 3720 North Reserve St. Missoula MT	Neil Maier <a href="mailto:atttoodz@yahoo.com">atttoodz@yahoo.com</a> 406 240 1079
<b>March 29, 30, &amp; 31</b> Fri – 10 – 6 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun 10 – 4	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA	Spokane County Fair & Expo Center N.404 Havana at Broadway Spokane WA	Mike Shaw , 509 251 1574 <a href="mailto:showchair@rockrollers.org">showchair@rockrollers.org</a>
<b>March 30 &amp; 31</b> Sat. 10 – 6 Sun. 10 – 5	Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club 58th Annual Rock and Gem Show	Bloedel-Donovan Community Center, 2214 Electric Ave., Bellingham WA	Dick Carr, 360 398 7914 <a href="mailto:rjcarr@juno.com">rjcarr@juno.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.mtbakerrockclub.org">www.mtbakerrockclub.org</a>
<b>March 30 &amp; 31</b> Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	South East Idaho Gem and Mineral Society (SEIGMS) 63rd Annual Rock and Gem Show	North Bannock County Fairgrounds 10588 Fairground Dr. Pocatello ID 83201	or Larry Manhart 208 705 7273 <a href="mailto:mlarry13@msn.com">mlarry13@msn.com</a> Joe Rodriquez 208 237 6941 <a href="mailto:joe.rodriquez@itd.idaho.gov">joe.rodriquez@itd.idaho.gov</a>
<b>March 30 &amp; 31</b> Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Soci- ety, 71st Annual Gem & Mineral Show “Petrified Wood”	Sweet Home High School Gym 1641 Long Street Sweet Home OR	Ed Anderson 541 451 1577 <a href="mailto:ela4rocks@gmail.com">ela4rocks@gmail.com</a> or Joe Cota 541 451 2740
<b>April 6 &amp; 7</b> Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-3	Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club	Willamalane Adult Activity Center 215 W C Street Springfield, Or 97477	Dean Burkhart 541 744 1919 <a href="mailto:burkhaks@aol.com">burkhaks@aol.com</a>
<b>April 12, 13, &amp; 14</b> Fri. 9-6 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-4	Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society  68th Gemstone Junction	Golden Spike Event Center Weber County Fairgrounds 1000 N 1200 W Ogden UT 88440	Margie Miller 385 205 9187 <a href="mailto:gemshow@goldenspikegem.org">gemshow@goldenspikegem.org</a>
<b>April 13 &amp; 14</b> Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society 55th Annual Show	Idaho Falls Recreation Center Corner of Memorial Drive & B Street Idaho Fall ID	Tom Strong 337 384 6820 <a href="mailto:knappingtom@hotmail.com">knappingtom@hotmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://ifrockhounds.com">http://ifrockhounds.com</a>
<b>April 13 &amp; 14</b> Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Annual Rock, Gem, and Mineral Show	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA	Larry Hulstrom 509 308 8312 <a href="mailto:rockhound132@charter.net">rockhound132@charter.net</a>
<b>April 13 &amp; 14</b> Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - April Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 <sup>th</sup> ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins, 206 714 3922 <a href="mailto:collmal@comcast.net">collmal@comcast.net</a>
<b>April 19, 20, &amp; 21</b> Fri. 9-5 Sat. 9-5 Sun 10-4	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society 65th Annual Rock & Gem Show- River of Gems “The Strange, Odd, and Curious	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S. Pacific Hwy. W. Rickreall, OR 97371	Mimi Surgeon 503-602-9405 <a href="mailto:wams.riverofgems@gmail.com">wams.riverofgems@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.WAMSI.net">www.WAMSI.net</a>
<b>April 27 &amp; 28</b> Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 West 40th SW Seattle, WA	Annette Nelson, <a href="mailto:wsrc.show@gmail.com">wsrc.show@gmail.com</a>

NFMS Clubs’ Show Schedule (continued)

<b>April 26, 27, &amp; 28</b> Fri. 9-5 Sat. 10-6 Sun 10-4	Yakima Rock and Mineral Club	Central Washington State Fair Park Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima WA 98901	Marti Sondgeroth 598-248-6401 <a href="mailto:marthams@q.com">marthams@q.com</a> <a href="http://www.yakimacrockclub.com">www.yakimacrockclub.com</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/YakimaRockndMneraClub">www.facebook.com/YakimaRockndMneraClub</a>
<b>April 27 &amp; 29</b> Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4:30	Grays Harbor Gem and Geology Society  51st Annual Gem & Geology Show Earth’s Treasures	Grays Harbor County Fair & Event Center 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma, WA	Gary Emberley 360-533-6196 624 Fairmont Place Aberdeen, WA 98520 <a href="mailto:melisa624@hotmail.com">melisa624@hotmail.com</a>
<b>May 4 &amp; 5</b> Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium 1125 Broadwater Avenue Billings MT	Doug True 406-670-0566 <a href="mailto:dtruefossils12@yahoo.com">dtruefossils12@yahoo.com</a>
<b>May 4 &amp; 5</b> Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Everett Rock and Gem Club  66th Annual Gem, Jewelry, & Mineral Show	Everett Community College Walt Price Student Fitness Center 2206 Tower Street Everett, WA	Fritz Mack 425-232-0809 <a href="http://www.everettrockclub.com">www.everettrockclub.com</a>
<b>May 4 &amp; 5</b> Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club 49th Annual Show “Rocks to Gems”	Douglas County Fairgrounds 2110 Frear Avenue I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg ,OR	Janet Stringfellow <a href="mailto:rjstringfellow@gmail.com">rjstringfellow@gmail.com</a> or Sue Woodman <a href="mailto:rocksandhorses3@gmail.com">rocksandhorses3@gmail.com</a>
<b>May 11 &amp; 12</b> Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society	Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center (EOTEC) 1785 East Airport Road Hermiston, OR 97838	Mike Filarski 541057102593 <a href="mailto:stonemorlin1@netscape.net">stonemorlin1@netscape.net</a>
<b>May 17, 18, &amp; 19</b> Fri. 10-5 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	Mt. Hood Rock Club’s Rock & Gem Show	Jackson Armory 6255 NE Cornfoot Road (Take NE Alderwood Rd from NE Columbia Blvd—just south of PDX) Portland OR 97218	Wayne King 503 284 7195 <a href="mailto:mhrdc@gmail.com">mhrdc@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.mthoodrockclub.com">www.mthoodrockclub.com</a>
<b>May 18 &amp; 19</b> Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-4	Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society  Rock & Gem Show	Ravalli County Fairground  100 Old Corvallis Road  Hamilton, MT	Deb Stickland  406 363 3194  <a href="mailto:mtpiper@qci.net">mtpiper@qci.net</a>
<b>May 31, June 1 &amp; 2</b> Fri. 10-5 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show	Swiss Park 9205 198th Avenue East Bonney Lake WA 98390	Jim Christian 253 987 6751 <a href="mailto:pygame@gmail.com">pygame@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://puyallupgemclub.org">puyallupgemclub.org</a>
<b>June 14, 15, &amp; 16</b> Fri. 10-5 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society  Annual Rock & Gem Show	Reedsport Community Building 451 Winchester Avenue Reedsport OR	Bill Hendrickson 541 271 6816 <a href="mailto:agatelicker44@outlook.com">agatelicker44@outlook.com</a> Website: <a href="http://ReedsportRockandGemShow.com">ReedsportRockandGemShow.com</a>
<b>June 15 &amp; 16</b> Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-5	Butte Mineral and Gem Club  Annual Rock and Gem Show	Butte Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Avenue Butte, MT	Pete Knudsen 406-490-5828
<b>August 10 &amp; 11</b> Sat. 9 – 5 Sun. 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - Rock and Mineral Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 <sup>th</sup> ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins,  714 3922 <a href="mailto:collmal1@comcast.net">collmal1@comcast.net</a>
<b>November 9 &amp; 10</b> Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - Show	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 <sup>th</sup> ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 <a href="mailto:collmal1@comcast.net">collmal1@comcast.net</a>
<b>December 7 &amp; 8</b> Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - Rock and Mineral Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 <sup>th</sup> ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 <a href="mailto:collmal1@comcast.net">collmal1@comcast.net</a>



“Total Awareness”

LIBRARIAN’S LAPIS LAZULI

By

DARRELL WATKINS

Wishing Darrell

a speedy recovery from surgery

National Park Service  
Announces 2019 Fee Free Days

The five entrance fee-free days for 2019 will be:

Monday, January 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Saturday, April 20 – First Day of National Park Week/  
National Junior Ranger Day  
Sunday, August 25 – National Park Service Anniversary  
Saturday, September 28–National Public Lands Day  
Monday, November 11 – Veterans Day  
<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/11-19-2018-fee-free-days.htm>

JANUARY/FEBRUARY  
HOLIDAYS

Jan. 01: New Year’s Day

Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Day

Feb. 02: Brigid’s Day

Feb. 02: Ground Hog Day

Feb. 12: Lincoln’s Birthday

Feb. 14: Valentine’s Day

Feb. 18: President’s Day &

Feb. 18: Washington’s Birthday