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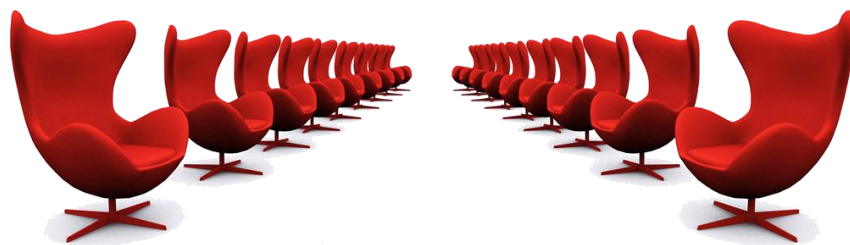
## Don Innes President

This is your organization, not just the officers and committees. Recognition for a job well-done is important, regardless of how large or how small the job is. Turnover of the officers and committees is important to get more members participating. This *is very important*. Each member shares and gets satisfaction from participation. Our leaders need to train new leaders to develop a great club. “The difference between “involvement and Commitment” is like a ham and eggs breakfast “the chicken was involved” the pig was committed”.

We need to keep pace in our area of the country by going to as meetings of the BLM and Forestry Dept we can. “Get Involved”.

2014 appears to be a good year in spite of the confusion in Washington D.C. We are lucky to be in the Northwest and far from Washington. Still the tentacles reach out even to here as I wrote about last month. We are making some headway with the rules and regulations with the older staffs of the Forestry and BLM with the help of ALAA. The new order of Rangers hired by the Bureaus is younger environmentalists and is causing some concerns for our hobby. Most of these new graduates have not been exposed to the wide open spaces in the Northwest. The new Rangers I have met are from the Eastern Schools. We all need to keep pace in our individual areas of the country by going to as many of the BLM and Forestry meetings we can. Sharing this information with fellow rockhounds is extremely important by sending a report to Beth Heesacker to publish. “Get Involved and you will be committed.”

As a side note, I was speaking to a retired Alaskan State Trooper this weekend and he told me the best way to travel Alaska was go to Bremerton Washington, buy a loaf of bread and a jar of peanut butter, put a back pack on and then catch the Ferry to Alaska. It stops along the way so you can get off and see sights and maybe purchase or dig some rocks. You can then get back on the Ferry and travel on. At the first stop call the end of Ferry line and schedule your trip because if you try to schedule in Bremerton it may take up to 3 hours. He stated 100’s of people do this.



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### Warren Rood 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Making sure your Gem and Mineral club is healthy, active and growing year after year is not always

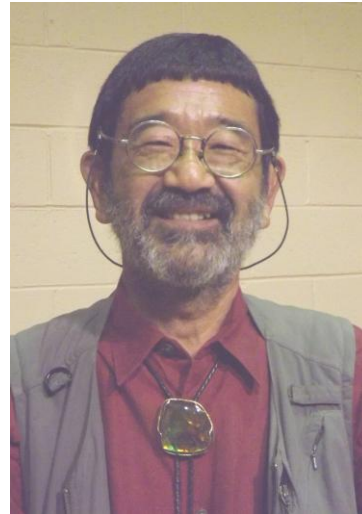
easy. Things happen; people get discouraged; key members pass away or move away. A club can get discouraged and have its ups and downs.

I know our Walla Walla club certainly has gone through the pendulum swing. The club was founded in the early 1950s with a few members. I have talked with longtime club members who joined the club in 1962. Our club was thriving and active with up to 70 members attending meetings. Large groups went on field trips, finding plenty of great material. They were excited about the hobby. In their excitement, they forgot to grow the club with youth. As a result, members aged and the club became smaller through the decades. Then in the 1990s some new blood arrived and the membership started to grow again. However, when I joined our club in 2003, it was considered a good evening if we had 15 members. Now if you attend one of our meetings you will see roughly 50 - 70 members attending. There are many factors that have made a difference in the last 10 years. As a club, we started doing everything that we had been doing **better** by having a vision. In the coming months I will write more about the successful ideas we implemented.

What has your club been doing that is successful? For some time I have been thinking of starting a column in our newsletter written by you sharing successful ideas that your club tried. The ideas could include things you did in your Gem and Mineral show that helped to increase the numbers, or membership enjoyment. They could include things you did to bring in new members, new program ideas, or ways to involve the kids. It could include any idea that was successful.

We can learn from each other. We can learn how to do things better if we share our ideas. Talk it over and appoint somebody in your club to write the article. Write in detail about one or two practices that have really helped. Send them to my email: warrenrood@yahoo.com. Together, we will become stronger and healthier.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY MARCH 17



### Hidemi Kira 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Happy New Year to All! I wish this year will be another great year for the NFMS and for all the fellow rockhounds.

I wrote about the trend of the NFMS membership in the last issue and hoping we can get some information we

can share to grow. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Warren had a similar idea from way before and he will be writing about it in this issue. I am looking forward to know the success stories from our members and hope we can share to grow together.

In this issue, I would like to write some things related to advertising the club through displays in public facilities. Our club has been setting up displays cases at a senior center and local libraries before our show for advertisement. We only had the senior center in the past, but over the years, we have been constantly looking for more places to display and currently have three libraries in addition to the senior center. We usually display our rocks about a month before the show and have our show flyers in the cases. As I wrote in my previous article, we keep track by a questionnaire at the show to see if they have paid attention to the display cases and we are having some positive reactions.

As we are doing the showcases in local libraries, we were thinking if we were able to have a showcase in the Rice NW Museum of Rocks & Minerals in Hillsboro, Oregon. The Mt. Hood Rock Club (Gresham), Tualatin Valley Gem Club (Forest Grove) had their club cases from quite a long time ago and Oregon Agate & Mineral Society (Portland) recently got a place to display in the museum. Last year, finally our club was able to have a space in the museum. We were not able to use their case or display space, but we were lucky enough to have members to donate a case and to modify the case to meet the museum's requirement. I think this is a great way to advertise the club.

I am sure many of the NFMS members know the Rice Museum. It is a wonderful museum we always enjoy. Our club makes a field trip every year and it is always so popular. I have been there multiple times, but always have fun each time I visit. If you have not seen the museum and if you are to plan to come to the area, I strongly recommend you to visit. You can check out their website [www.ricenwmuseum.org](http://www.ricenwmuseum.org) to see the details.

By the time you get this issue some of the shows may be over, but there are several great shows held in Quartzsite, Arizona, which is a very fun place to go. I am sure many of the NFMS members headed out already. I have been there several times in the past and had lots of fun. I had opportunities of seeing many materials I don't see in my local area. Especially the "Not for Sale" items the dealers bring just to brag is usually very interesting. The super high-end stuffs are not affordable to me, but they are usually super good fertilizers for my eyes. There are wide varieties of material and wide price ranges and there are many very reasonable price materials as well. So, this is a good place to purchase material for your club as Door Prizes, Raffle Prizes and others. ALAA meeting is held there during the season, so there are many good reasons to check it out if you haven't.

There are big shows as the Tucson Show to follow Quartzsite and Denver Show in September. I haven't been to these, but someday would like to check it out.

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### Patty Amos Supply Chair

To all Federation members: As the new supply chair I would like to let you know we are having a sale on our Hats and T-Shirts.

Hats will be \$1.50 each we have several colors red, green, blue, dark blue and black.

T-Shirts will be \$5.00 we have several colors in white, cream, bright yellow, orange, red, and blue in sizes from small to X-Large if we can sell these we may be able to get some larger sizes for members who would want them. If you have a juniors club there are a lot of smaller sizes.

A more detailed list of other items for sale to follow.



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### 2014 NFMS Scholarship Honorees

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**By Don Innes**

Beginning in 1965, one student received an AFMS scholarship grant of \$300.00 per year for two years to help achieve an advanced degree in any of the Earth Sciences. This scholarship has increased over time until in 2009-2010 additional funds were raised to allow the educational grants to increase to a single \$4,000 educational grant starting with 12 students selected in the 2009-10 school year.

Each participating Regional Federation selects their own Honorary Award Winner who then selected the school(s) and assisted with the selection of the student, or students, who then received the scholarship grant(s). This year the Northwest Federation's Honorees are Lyle and Audrey Vogelpohl.



Lyle and Audrey Vogelpohl in 1968 went looking for a family hobby and found a hobby and a multitude of like minded friends. To this day they continue being active participants in the West Seattle Rock Club. They added the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies when Lyle was appointed NFMS Treasurer in 1976. He was re-elected 4 times and then continued by being elected Vice-President and then serving as the NFMS President in 1981-1982. During this same time Audrey was NFMS Directory and Advertising Chair.

In 2000 when Toby Cozens resigned as NFMS Treasurer due to poor health, Lyle was again appointed to fill the position. Annually he has been re-elected and continues to handle the NFMS funds. Since 2003 Audrey has chaired various committees of the NFMS - Resolutions, Directory and is currently Juniors Chair.

Lyle and Audrey have attended as participants or teachers at the NFMS Rockhound Retreat since its inception in 2005. They each share their own facet of the hobby as speakers and demonstrators at clubs and shows around the Northwest including being leaders at the Labor Day Family Lapidary Weekend put on by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Central Oregon.

They agree "this is a family hobby which we continue to enjoy in all of its aspects. Thank you for the honor of being able to select the next scholarship recipients looking to complete their graduate studies in the Earth Sciences."

## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### The Multi-Federation Field Trip Terry, Montana July 31, August 1, 2, 3, 2014 By Doug True, NFMS Field Trip Chair

We are having a great response to the Terry Fieldtrip, have been getting lots of questions and signups.

At the time of this printing all of the RV parks in Terry are full (34 spaces) The Hotel/ Motels are full (48 rooms) We have lots of RV dry camping and Tent spaces. But if you want a Motel or RV space you will have to make reservations in Miles City, Mt. about 37 miles away (30 minutes) drive.

Four Full days of fun, 3 days of fieldtrips. The present plans call for 3 trips per day to the Yellowstone River for 3 days, 2 trips to the hunt for cretaceous sea fossils and I am working on one per day to trip for Dinosaur fossils.

Because our trips are during the dry (fire season) we will be using buses for transportation to the gravel bars on the river plus several autos in case someone needs to return to the park.

We will be staggering the trips with 4-5 hours collecting each day. All of our trips will be on a first come first served. Signups will start on Wednesday 30 July and Thursday morning the 31st. If we need to add more trips for the river or Sea fossils we will. The Dino trips might be limited. You will not go back to the same location, Each day is a new spot.

Agate hunting success will depend on three things. The amount of ice on the river this winter, ice jams open up new material and it looks good thus far. Then high water in the spring and summer will wash and sometimes clean the rock. And last but not least your ability to be able to spot them. There is also lots of Petrified Wood, and Jaspers to be collected. I will have 8-10 fieldtrip leaders to help make your trip successful.

As you may have noticed our trips will run between 4-6 hours each day, temperatures in August can run between 85- 95 degrees, sometimes even higher, we don't want anyone getting heat stroke and we want to enjoy all of the fun at the park.

You will be collecting on dry river gravels, sagebrush areas and could encounter a rattlesnake now and then and some time ticks and except for the river always cactus. You need to plan your clothing for the trip. Long pants, Hats, good shoes, sun block and plan to have lots of water. When you get back to camp a pool and showers will be waiting for you, a beautiful park with lots of shade and then things start to happen.

There will be a welcome potluck on Wednesday evening and some live music after. A time to get to know each other. Plans are to have 2 programs each evening Thursday and Friday. This will be announced in future updates, as we currently have more speakers than we have time.

There will be a benefit Barbeque on Saturday evening (money raised will go to the Cameron Gallery). Beef donated by local rancher. This will be held at the park and after that a live band provided by the Terry Chamber of Commerce. Sunday will be an open day, a time for a buy-sell-or-trade day in the park, a good time to see if any of the locals will bring out some of their Montana Agate.

There will be a Junior or kids hunt at the river Sunday morning. Kids will hunt the gravel for specially marked agates and they could win great prizes. The Ye old Timers Rock Club has donated two New Tumblers with kits and H&I lapidary has donated a reconditioned tumbler with new barrels and other prizes still to come. Then we will have a farewell potluck Sunday evening at the park.

This will give you a taste of what will happen in these four days. Watch for future articles for more information and updates.

If you decide to join in on the fun I need to know a few things: names of those attending, where you are from, club affiliated and how you are staying (RV Dry Camp, Tent Camping, RV Park, Motel)

Everything is free, Music, Trips, Potlucks, Programs, Bus rides, etc. We will have a donation bucket to help on our expenses. The Barbeque is a benefit (donations accepted)

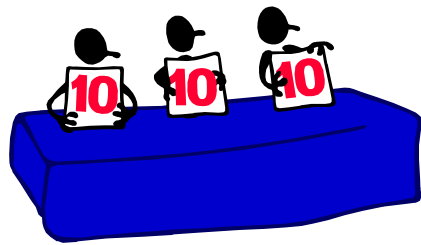
Contact: Doug True [dtruefossils12@yahoo.com](mailto:dtruefossils12@yahoo.com)

### Rockhounds of the Year By Viola Jones



The **Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club** nominates Frank and Mary Lou Omstead as their 2013 Rockhound of the Year. Since 2007, our nominees have housed much of Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club's equipment and supplies in the shop at their residence. There, many Club workshops are offered each year. Four afternoons per month year round, current and prospective Club members meet at this couple's home to work and learn from experts with specialized skills, such as cabochon cutting and flint knapping. Enthusiastic volunteers at virtually every major Club event and activity since they joined in the late 1980's, our nominees have held many Club offices. For example, Mary Lou served as Club Treasurer for four years. Their contributions to renovating our Club display cases for county fair exhibits and our annual rock shows were especially appreciated. Frank and Mary Lou have friendly, gregarious personalities and help new members to the Club feel welcome and involved.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### AFMS JUDGES TRAINING PROGRAM FOR 2014

By Dee Holland, NFMS Rules  
Chair

We are excited to bring you the second “on the road” Judges Training Seminar, beginning Thursday, April 10, 2014 through Sunday, April 13, 2014 in OGDEN, UTAH. This is the last of the authorized seminars to be held. In 2013 there was hope of a seminar but the dates and prices at the location were way out of line for our budget.

I think you will be pleasantly surprised to find the Ogden Best Western; High Country Inn has been gracious in giving us the best prices around, for the money. \$70 per night for either 2 queens or 1 king, and in addition their ‘on premises’ Jeremiah’s restaurant where the seminars will be held in their conference room will astound you with their meals. They will be providing us with lunch on both Friday and Saturday and that is included in the price of the seminar, \$30. But, if you want to try their ‘best in the west’ pork ribs, or their famous ‘deep dish pies’, feel free. They are also offering to extend your visit on either end of the booking if you want to ‘see the sights’ in the area. Just ask when you make the reservation. **MAKE SURE YOU TELL THEM, “AFMS JUDGES TRAINING”.**

The Weber County Fairgrounds is just down the street and we’ll give you a map, (GPS coordinates take you way out of your way) or send it to you in advance if you want to bring your own exhibit for evaluation. You will have to put the exhibit in on Thursday afternoon as the Golden Spike Club’s show is three days to accommodate the kids on Friday. Everyone in the club and at the hotel/restaurant is excited you are coming and want to make this event memorable.

Our intrepid “TEACHER” Jay Bowman will again teach the class. It will begin Friday morning at 9AM. (Breakfast on your own, but we suggest Jeremiah’s), and end at 4PM. After that you’re on your own to search out other restaurants and then sit around the fire at the hotel. Saturday, Class begins again at 9AM and will end approximately 4PM or sooner, if we are all good. Sunday morning at 9AM at the Fairgrounds we will begin to judges exhibits. On completion, we will evaluate what we have accomplished.

I hope you will all consider attending, it’s uplifting and exciting, we promise. And think what you can take home to your clubs. An interest in competitive exhibits is growing, be part of the solution. **You must have an AFMS RULE BOOK, 2014. Download from AFMS website: amfed.org**

Dee Holland, NFMS Rules Chair,  
[beauholland@centurytel.net](mailto:beauholland@centurytel.net) and or [shirleyleeson@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyleeson@gmail.com)

#### AFMS JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR

Thursday April 10 – Sunday, April 13, 2014  
Ogden, Utah, Best Western High Country Inn  
1335 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Ogden, UT 84404-5417  
PHONE 801-394-9474 FAX 801-392-6589

**DEAD LINE: MARCH 25, 2014**

This program/seminar is for judges and exhibitors, sponsored by the AFMS. This is the last of three authorized seminars to be held in different Regions each year, and set up in conjunction with a local club and their show. In 2014 at the AFMS meeting in Tulsa, I will ask for an extension of this program.

Please fill out the application below and return to:

Dee Holland, AFMS Judges Training Chair  
P.O. Box 23, Tendoy, ID 83468

PLEASE PRINT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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REGIONAL FEDERATION \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB/SOCIETY \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION YOU ARE INTERESTED IN

OPEN \_\_\_\_\_ MINERAL \_\_\_\_\_ LAPIDARY \_\_\_\_\_ JEWELRY \_\_\_\_\_ EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

FOSSIL \_\_\_\_\_ PETRIFIED WOOD \_\_\_\_\_ SCRIMSHAW \_\_\_\_\_ BEADING \_\_\_\_\_ UV \_\_\_\_\_

YOU MUST HAVE AN AFMS RULES BOOK, updated to 2014

CLASS SCHEDULE

Thursday evening, 7PM, Welcome at Hotel, High Country Inn  
Friday & Saturday 9-5 CLASSES (Lunch on Premises at Jeremiah’s)  
Sunday Morning 9AM Weber County Fairgrounds, 100 North 1200 West, Ogden, UT  
Evaluation of exhibits -- Evaluation of the program immediately following

There is a \$30. charge for the class for everyone, this includes lunch Fri & Sat.

Make check out to: Dee Holland and this must accompany the application

**If you are staying at the hotel, YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION**

**Two Queen or One King, \$70, including tax, etc per night.**

Tell hotel it is the AFMS Judges Training Seminar.

**I’m bringing an exhibit for evaluation \_\_\_\_\_**

## FIRST NW ROCKHOUND HONORED

### Once a rockhound, always a rockhound

Gresham Outlook, 10 January 2014

by Cari Hachmann

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**Local rockhounds stumble across collection from one of Oregon's first rockhounds: Klondike Kate**



by: OUTLOOK PHOTO: JIM CLARK - In Latourell Falls, Gorge rockhound Steve Wheeler admires rock collection of early Oregon rockhound Kate Rockwell.

Retired logger Chuck Rollins is holding up a huge chunk of rock in his backyard as it starts to rain in the small, almost hidden town of Latourell Falls in the Columbia River Gorge.

To some it's merely a rock, but for rockhounds like Rollins, it is 100 pounds of moss agate studded with beautiful quartz crystals, and a rare slice of Oregon history.



by: OUTLOOK PHOTO: JIM CLARK - Chuck Rollins, president of the Columbia Gorge Rockhounds and Crown Point Historical Society.

"Oregon is renowned for its minerals," said Rollins, his house an old saloon and museum of rocks he's collected in 50 years he's lived in the Gorge. "Agates, jasper and petrified woods. Almost any stream or gravel bar, you can find them," he said.

As president of the Columbia Gorge Rockhounds, a club formed in 1951 by a group of friends who relish in the search and study of rocks, Rollins is interested in keeping the hobby of rockhounding alive.

This year, the 25-member rock club, which meets every third Friday night at the Corbett Fire Hall, plans to build a "rockhound memorial wall" honoring rockhounds from the past, present and future.

Teaming up on the project with the Crown Point Historical Society, of which Rollins is also president, the organizations plan to install the rock wall on 2.7 acres of property they've purchased across the street from the fire hall. "We are going to use rocks from all over the state to represent what rockhounds went out to collect," Rollins said.

While researching some of Oregon's earliest rockhounds, Rollins said he was surprised to learn one of the first documented was not only a woman but a young vaudeville actress and dancer who rose to fame during Alaska's Yukon gold rush.



by: CONTRIBUTED PHOTO: MUSEUM OF HISTORY & INDUSTRY, SEATTLE - Klondike Kate as a young entertainer.

The charismatic 28-year-old redhead Kate Rockwell captured the hearts of miners as a stage performer in Dawson City and earned the name "Klondike Kate," queen of the Yukon. But after losing her fortune in an unlucky love affair, Kate eventually found her way to central Oregon, where she could find peace of mind, Rollins said.

In 1914, Kate built a cabin in the Oregon high desert and homesteaded more than 320 acres of her land claim near Brothers. The former darling, who humored miners as they serenaded her with songs and paid her in gold nuggets that they tossed onstage, began picking up rocks. First on foot or horseback, then driving a beat-up old Model T around the desert, she searched for them.

"She had a passion for rock hunting and picked them up every chance she could, saying they were pieces of the earth that held secrets, wonder and knowledge," Rollins said. Over the years, Kate acquired a magnificent collection of petrified woods, huge agates, geodes, jasper, thunder eggs, obsidian and multi-colored semiprecious stones.

by: CONTRIBUTED PHOTO: MCMENAMINS EDGEFIELD - Kate Rockwell, or Klondike Kate, in front of her rock chimney in Bend.



Eventually Kate sold her homestead and moved to Bend, where she built herself a porch and a chimney out of her rock collection. Staying active in the community, she became known as "Aunt Kate" to locals. "Many believe she was one of Oregon's first rockhounds," Rollins said. Twenty years after she died, her chimney was torn down, and the rocks were allegedly split up between three contractors. Interestingly enough, a large portion of Klondike Kate's chimney has found its way to Corbett to be included in the rockhound memorial wall.

Fellow Columbia Gorge rockhound Steve Wheeler tells the rest of the story. Wheeler, a Corbett resident, said he's been a rockhound

## FIRST NW ROCKHOUND HONORED (cont.) & COMMITTEE REPORTS

his whole life, starting as a little kid when he would go hunting for rocks with his dad in parts of Oregon and Washington. "It's exciting to find something beautiful," Wheeler said. "You find a big crystal or agate and nobody else has ever seen it. Then maybe you can turn it into something."

One day in October, Wheeler was on Craigslist looking up petrified wood when he saw an ad: Klondike Kate's chimney for sale. A man was charging \$2,000 or best offer. Wheeler told Rollins — both were familiar with Kate's story — and the club president said he'd be thrilled to include her collection in the rockhound memorial wall. Rollins ask a friend in Bend to go check it out. He gave the man some cash, and the rest was donated.

Soon after, three Gorge rockhounds were hauling 700 pounds of "some of the finest and most interesting rocks in Oregon" by trailer back to Latourell Falls, where it lies spread out in Rollins' backyard.



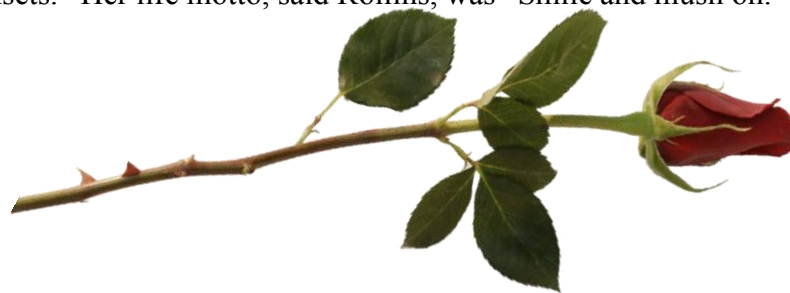
by: OUTLOOK PHOTO: JIM CLARK - Petrified wood, agates and jasper that Kate Rockwell found in the early 1910s in the high desert of central Oregon.

The giant moss agate with crystals is one of Kate's finds. He picks up another. It is agate limb cast, created long ago with the help of a volcano. "You really have to work hard to find stuff like that now," Rollins said. "Back then you could just pick it off the ground." Volcanic ash burned a hollow cavity in the log, which filled with liquid rock or silica, and pressure crystallized the middle into agate and other rock forms. "It takes millions of years," Rollins said.

Agate colors come from different elements in the soils — green from copper, red from iron, blues, pinks and yellows. "The more colors the better (and more valuable)," Rollins said. Searching for the most beautiful ones is part of the addiction for rockhounds. Kate's rocks will join those collected by Gorge rockhounds, including agates from the Columbia River and petrified woods from local creek beds, in the wall.

To fund its construction, Rollins plans to sell \$100 memorial bricks to people who would like to contribute to remembering Oregon's early rockhounds. Rollins said it's a hobby that's been enjoyed by Oregon families for more than 100 years. He also hopes to reach out to other rock clubs to include in the project.

The wall will be approximately 20 feet long, up to 5 feet high and 3 feet wide, Rollins said. "There will be a bench at the end of the wall where you can sit and watch sunsets," he said. "Kate loved sunsets." Her life motto, said Rollins, was "Smile and mush on."



## NFMS Mid Year Meeting

2014 NFMS Mid-Year Meeting  
April 26, 2014

Can you believe that another year has gone by already?? The 2014 NFMS Mid-Year Meeting will be held in Kennewick Washington in Building #16 at the Benton County Fairgrounds, 1500 S. Oak Street This is the same location as the past eight years and coincides with the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Annual Gem and Mineral Show which is held at the same location.

On Saturday April 26 the mid-year meeting will begin at **1:00 PM**, with registration starting at **12:30 PM**. (NOTE THE TIME CHANGE). There will also be an ALAA meeting for those that are interested beginning at 9:00 AM that morning. There will be a food vendor available for lunch and dinner that day in conjunction with the ongoing Show. Hours for the Show on Saturday are from 10 AM to 5 PM and on Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM.

RV camping is available at the Fairgrounds with electricity and water available for \$10/night. If you plan to use these facilities please send an email to Larry Hulstrom at [larryhulstrom@live.com](mailto:larryhulstrom@live.com) prior to April 12 indicating date of arrival and duration of stay so an accurate count can be kept and space can be planned. Payment will be collected upon arrival at the Fairgrounds. There are a number of motels throughout the immediate area in Kennewick.

The members of the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club would like extend a warm invitation to join us for the NFMS Mid-Year meeting and encourage you to stay over on Sunday to attend our show. In addition to 12 dealers, we will have about 50 displays, a fluorescent mineral display, a silent auction, a Kid's Corner, demonstrations, and door prizes. On Sunday morning from 9 AM to noon there will also be tailgating outside the show building for anyone interested. Come join your fellow rockhounds for a weekend of fun and fellowship and take in the sites that the area has to offer.



2014  
GEM  
SHOW

Hosted By Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – 10 am to 5 pm  
Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – 10 am to 4 pm

Benton County Fairgrounds  
1500 S. Oak St., Kennewick, WA

Adult Admission \$5 (good for both days)  
Children 14 and under FREE  
with paid adult admission



**Events & Activities Include:**  
Collectors' Exhibits  
Great Door Prizes  
Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Dealers  
Fluorescent Displays  
Kid's Corner – Games & Crafts  
Silent Auctions  
Geode Cracking

**Demonstrations Include:**  
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**NFMS Junior Achievement Award**  
 by Audrey Vogelpohl, NFMS Juniors Chair

It is time for Junior Rockhounds to consider being famous this year, and win money. You must be paid up and listed as a member of your Club and the NFMS. **NOTE: There is a change from previous years in the age categories in order to align with the age groups in the AFMS Badge Program.**

- Age Group 1: ages up to 7 years
- Age Group 2: ages 8 through 11
- Age Group 3: ages 12 through 15
- Age Group 4: ages 12 through 18.

Your age as of December 31, 2013 determines the age category. If you won last year at Butte, Montana you will need to wait until 2015 to enter again UNLESS you move up to the next age category.

Your Resume and Application together require a postmark by April 1, 2014. Winners will be notified a month later, after the NFMS Judges vote on each candidate's Summary. If any of this sounds too complicated or if you have any questions just contact me at [nfmsjunior@comcast.net](mailto:nfmsjunior@comcast.net) OR ask your Juniors Advisor, parent or the Federation Director of your Rock Club, everyone will be delighted to help you in the quest of achieving fame. Monetary awards will be presented at the NFMS Awards Banquet at Hermiston, Oregon on August 16, 2014.

Here are your three EZ steps:

1. Write or type a short summary (resume/outline) about what your achievements are for the past 2 years (2012 and 2013), following Sections I, II, III & IV from the GUIDELINE below.
2. Photocopy the APPLICATION from the Northwest Newsletter. Fill out the APPLICATION and have your Rock Club representatives sign their spaces.
3. Mail with a postmark by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, your summary (resume/outline), and completed APPLICATION to the NFMS Junior Committee Chair,  
 Audrey Vogelpohl, 8810 - 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126  
 NFMS is looking forward to giving out some money awards this year.

**Guidelines for Junior Achievement Award**

**Section I. HOBBY RELATED (Possible 45 points)**

- Club involvement (field trips, committees, show participation)
- Hobby Craft involvement (faceting, lapidary, metals, collecting)
- Competitive involvement (display, articles, promotion, awards)

**Section II. EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (Possible 25 points)**

- Scholastic (honor roll, advanced classes, improvement of grades)
- Extracurricular (sports, drama, debate, drill team, music)

**Section III. COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT (Possible 20 points)**

- Events involvement (charity, volunteer, donation programs)
- Scouts, Campfire, 4H-Club, Other community groups

**Section IV. WORK RELATED (Possible 10 points)**

- Employment, Home Chores, Neighborhood Work, Business

**APPLICATION--Junior Achievement Award (confidential info)**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # and Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant's Signature X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rock Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Junior Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

The following Club Officials attest to the applicant being a paid up member of the Club and NFMS

Federation Director's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federation Director Signature X \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club President's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 President Signature X \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your SUMMARY (resume/outline), & APPLICATION to:  
 Audrey Vogelpohl, NFMS Juniors Chair  
 8810 - 37<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126-3617  
 (Please be sure to postmark by APRIL 1st --Thank You!)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### One Way to Get Our Youth Involved in Rockhounding

By Jim Brain

Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society

Most clubs are always looking for ways to get younger children interested in Rocks and Rockhounding. To promote their annual gem and mineral show and increase interest amongst grade school aged youth, the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society of Walla Walla, borrowing an idea from the Hells Canyon Gem Club, created a competition between the various grade schools in the local area.

After getting approval from the school district, Lisa Stearns, co-chair of the club's gem and mineral show, we distributed flyers promoting our show through the schools. As an

incentive for the kids to be involved, the school which had the highest percentage of their students attend the show would receive a permanent display case containing a variety of rock and mineral specimens for use in classes as they saw fit. The idea was to get the kids to encourage their parents to take them to the show in hopes that their school would win the display case.

During the two day show 260 grade school aged students filled out tickets with their name and school to record their attendance. We are not able to specifically quantify how effective the program was in getting parents to the show but we do know that our overall show attendance was up as was the participation in the youth activities at the show.

The club considers the program a success and hope to make it an annual event. The only change we need to make for next year is to find a way to recognize the home schooled students who attend the show.

Berney Elementary was the winner this year. The display case was presented to the school at an assembly in early October. In addition a fish fossil was awarded to a student whose name was randomly drawn from all the Berney Elementary students who attended the show. The winner was 9 year old Nova Garner, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student at the school.



### NFMS Annual Meeting Hermiston, Oregon August 15-17, 2014

### Circle-Up Your Wagons

Come On Down To Hermiston and The Biggest Little Show in Town



Since the 2014 Federation Show will be in our little Eastern Oregon berg, we thought we would like to introduce you with a brief history. On July 10, 1907, the town of Hermiston was incorporated. Between 1906 and 1908, the federal government built the first part of the Umatilla Irrigation Project funded by the 1902 Reclamation Act. The project resulted in a large-scale development to divert water from the Umatilla River to farmers' fields in northern Umatilla County. By 1920, there were 20,000 acres of irrigated land that produced crops of grains, peas and potatoes that were shipped by rail and river to Portland markets.

In 1941, the U. S. Army acquired nearly 100,000 acres of land near Hermiston where workers built the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. As many as 7,000 workers moved to the area to construct and work at the depot. In 1962, the army began to store chemical weapons at the depot. The depot is now closed, weapons have been safely disposed of and complete dismantling is taking place. The land will revert to multipurpose use in the future.

In 1947, the Army Corps of Engineers erected McNary Dam on the Columbia River. Congress awarded the first contract for construction in April, 1947. By 1950, part of the lock, fishway and spillway rose above ground on the Washington shore. A year later barges headed upriver. Construction was completed in 1954, with all power units in operation by February 1957.

In the 1970's a widespread development in the agricultural industry took place with construction of large potato processing plants such as Lamb-Weston and J. R. Simplot. As Hermiston grew, businesses invested in the area. Some major contributions to the area's growth were Union Pacific Railroad's development of Hinkle Terminal, Marlette Homes, Inc. manufacturing plant, and a Wal-Mart Distribution Center. Two Rivers Prison nearby has also provided growth and jobs for the area.

From modest beginnings, Hermiston has become a modern, progressive city as the largest city in Eastern Oregon with a little over 17,000 people. As our new Logo reads, Hermiston, You Can Grow Here.

[On the next page is the Advanced Registration Form. The Competitive and Non-Competitive forms will be in the April issue.]

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**Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies**  
 Annual Show: Hosted by: Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Societ  
 "Hatrockhound Happenin'"  
 August 15-17, 2014



**ADVANCE REGISTRATION**  
 Deadline: July 15, 2014

(Please Print) One form per person. OK to combine payment per family. Form may be duplicated.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip)  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Federation & Local Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

NFMS Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Past President: \_\_\_\_\_ Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Editor: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrator: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Competitive Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Noncompetitive Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

SHOW ADMISSION (Please check)	DAILY RATE	DAYS	3 DAY PASS	TOTAL COST
Adult	\$3.50	_____	\$9.00	\$ _____
Children under 12 free, with paid adult				

Note: All food events require reservations

FRIDAY August 15, 2014

NFMS Annual Meeting

SATURDAY August 16, 2014

All Editors Breakfast

Social Hour (at Hermiston Eagles Lodge)

Awards Banquet Buffet (at Eagles Lodge)

Ham or Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Coleslaw,

Rolls, Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Vegetarians (simply minus the meat) (deduct \$2.00 [\$16.00])

SUNDAY August 17, 2014

Officers/Committee Chairman, Judges and Clerks, and Past Presidents Lunch

(paid spouses and guests are also welcome) 12 Noon - 1:00PM \$10.50

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

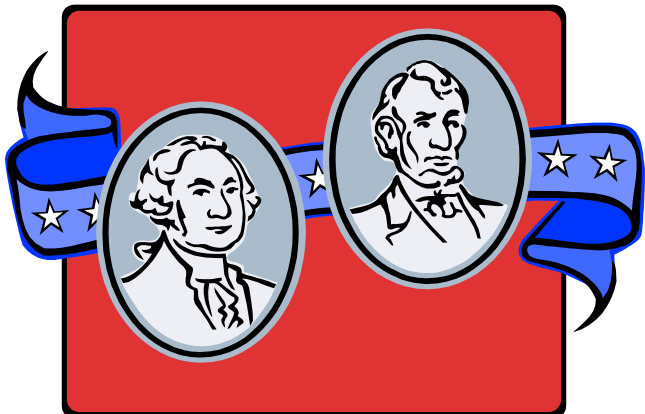
Make check payable to: Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society

Mail application and remittance before July 15, 2014 to:

Judi Allison  
 1701 NW 11th ST  
 Hermiston, OR 97838

Show Co-Chairman: Mike Filarski, 541-571-2593 email: stonemorlin1@netscape.net

Show Co-Chairman: Judi Allison, 541-720-4950 email: jall@eotnet.net



**PRESIDENT'S DAY**  
**FEBRUARY 17**

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## 2014 NFMS CALENDAR ITEMS

NFMS Mid-Year Meeting  
Tri-Cities, WA  
April 26-27, 2014

The Multi-Federation Field Trip:  
Terry, Montana  
July 31, August 1, 2, 3, 2014

For more information contact Doug True, Fieldtrip Chair,  
(406) 670-0506, or email [dtruefossils12@yahoo.com](mailto:dtruefossils12@yahoo.com)

NFMS Annual Meeting  
Hermiston, Oregon  
August 15-17, 2014

For more information contact Mike Filarski  
[stonemorlin1@netscape.net](mailto:stonemorlin1@netscape.net) or Judi Allison [jall@eotnet.net](mailto:jall@eotnet.net)



## Ground Hog's Day, February 2nd



## From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

Is everyone thawed out yet in our Northwest Federation? I know Alaska is still cold but from what I saw on the weather reports, they were warmer than some parts of the USA so far this winter. In Oregon it is still too cold and wet to do much rockhounding but I am making progress in sorting and cataloging my micro-minerals since they are inside our nice warm, dry house.

We are looking forward to the April NFMS Mid-Year meeting in Tri-Cities, Washington and I am also starting our planning for the NFMS Multi-Federation Field Trip in August. Since I am interested in geology the research needed takes quite awhile. We live in Oregon I do not want to go that far away and miss something along the way. It looks like we will be heading east and up through Glacier National Park and down through Helena to hit the highway over to Terry (unless during my research I find a northern route through Montana that looks interesting).

After the Multi-Federation Field trip we do not want to go all the way back home before the NFMS Annual meeting in Hermiston so we hope to head south to the southeast corner of Oregon and traverse the Steens Mountains then west to collect some sunstones near Lakeview. Finally we will head up the center of Oregon to Hermiston for the NFMS Annual Meeting. All of this takes some research into various rockhounding, geology and map books. Just right up my alley. ☺ I think "research" is my middle name.

I am also the new show chairperson for our club, the Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club. It is a steep learning curve to come on board for this but our club starts very early in its planning for our October show which helps spread the responsibilities. We have a wonderful group of volunteers that chair various areas and a broad foundation of many members that support them in various duties before, during and after the show. It is a marvelous club to be a member of and to serve.

So much to do. And a WHOLE year to do it in.

And many hugs to all my fellow rockhounds for Valentine's Day!



**COMMITTEE REPORTS**



**REGULATION NATION – Our Public Lands**

**By Andy Johnson**

In his book, “Public Lands – Public Debates” (OSU Press/2012), Author Char Miller points to a November 2006 memorandum of understanding that the BLM and the Forest Service signed in partnership with the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Parks Service. This pact committed the four agencies “to carry out shared joint management activities to achieve mutually beneficial resource management goals”.

This is now all playing out and unfolding as the Federal land management agencies promote the implementation of their Travel Management Plans (FS), Resource Management Plans (BLM), and the Endangered Species Act (USFWS) throughout the country. These agencies have lost their capacity to listen to the American people and address their varied concerns regarding the nature of public lands management.

As I have written before, it has become increasingly clear to me that the underlying intent and mission of our federal land management agencies is to restrict and limit the recreating public's ability to use and enjoy the public lands in a multitude of ways. As we begin this new year, let me say again that the future of our Public Lands and the access and use we enjoy on them are more threatened and in danger than at any time in the past.

No relief is in sight from the onslaught of regulations which are being proposed to guide and govern our Public Lands over the next 15-20 years. With a congress that is stagnated and fiscally corrupted one can only hope that common sense, honesty and integrity will someday return to the American scene. However, until that happens, which is unlikely, rock hounds, recreationalists and the public in general will continue to get the short end of the stick.

On a more positive note, the Bureau of Land Management in conjunction with other agencies within the Department of the Interior will waive recreation related fees for visitors to the National System of Public Lands for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Jan 20), Presidents Day weekend (Feb 15-17), National Public Lands Day (Set 27), and Veterans Day (Nov 11) in 2014.

BLM Deputy Director Linda Lance said, “I’m pleased to announce the fee-free days for 2014 and I invite people to take full advantage of these opportunities to explore and enjoy their public lands. BLM-managed lands offer more diverse recreational opportunities than any other federal agency.”

More details about fee-free days and activities on BLM-managed public lands are available at: [http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/Recreation/BLM\\_Fee\\_Free\\_Days.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/Recreation/BLM_Fee_Free_Days.html)

**DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS  
time  
MARCH 9TH**



**BC GEM SHOW  
APRIL 11, 12 & 13, 2014**

**PETRIFIED - LOCKED IN  
TIME**

FRIDAY: 10:00AM - 8:00PM  
SATURDAY: 10:00AM - 6:00PM  
SUNDAY: 10:00AM - 5:00PM

MANY CLUB DISPLAYS, DEMONSTRATIONS, GRAB BAGS, CHILDREN'S CREATIVE WORKSHOP, GOLD PANNING & DOOR PRIZES.

ADULTS - \$6.00 STUDENTS (6 - 17) - \$2.00  
UNDER 6 (ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT) - FREE  
3 DAY PASS - \$12.00

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CENTRAL FRASER VALLEY  
FAIRGROUNDS  
32470 HAIDA DRIVE, ABBOTSFORD, BC

## AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

### 2014 Endowment Drawing Kickoff by Donna Moore, Endowment Fund Chair

Greetings from Cuba, Illinois. In case you aren't familiar with Cuba, we are located just about 25 miles north of Havana (Illinois) in West Central Illinois. I am the AFMS Endowment Fund Chairman for this year. My husband and I were sitting at breakfast during the AFMS Convention in Jacksonville, Florida, and we were joined by Richard Jaeger. I didn't realize he still had chairmanships to fill. Since my husband, J.C. Moore, is Third Vice-President, we will be going to the convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma, next year, so I agreed to give the endowment chairmanship my best effort.

Most of the representatives from the various federations have agreed to again sell tickets for the AFMS Endowment drawing and try to locate some donations for the prizes. I have urged them to get helpers throughout their federations so more of our territory can be covered. I am looking for someone to sell tickets in the Rocky Mountain Federation. The ones who have agreed to sell tickets so far include:

California Federation  
Colleen McGann  
P.O. Box 224, Santa Clara, CA 95052  
Colleen.mcgann@hds.com

Eastern Federation  
Carolyn Weinberger  
P.O. Box 302, Glyndon, MD 21071-0302  
editor@amfed.org

Midwest Federation  
J.C. Moore  
25235 N. State Route 97, Cuba, IL 61427  
jcmoore3rd@gmail.com

Northwest Federation  
Chris Blickfeldt  
236 Tollgate Rd., Boise, ID 83716  
grumpies@q.com

South Central  
Catherine E. Rouchon  
5845 Winchester Lane, Clinton, LA 70722  
rouchonc@starband.net

Southeast Federation  
Jerri Heer  
7301 N. Howard Ave., Tampa, FL 33604-5224  
jheerx6@aol.com

So far, these are the donations that have been made for the 2014 drawing:

#1. A framed Fossil Fish. The framed piece measures approximately 12" x 12". Donated by AFMS President Richard Jaeger, it has an estimated value of \$100. (RMFMS).



#2. A Mosasar Tooth from Khouribga, Morocco donated by MWF immediate past president Dennis Westman. This was obtained on his recent trip to Morocco. The tooth has an estimated value of \$50. (MWF)



#3. A page of mineral stamps donated by Barbara Sky, MWF Uniform Rules Chairman. The estimated value of this page is \$40. (MWF)



#4. A Montana Agate that is also a limb cast. This specimen was donated by Jim and Sharon Marburger, Vice President and Newsletter Editor of the MWF. It has an estimated value of \$75. (MWF)

#5. A calcite cluster. This specimen was donated by Jim and Sharon Marburger, MWF. It has an estimated value of \$20. (MWF)



#6. Two 2 pound Float Coppers, a metal tag from the last operating copper mine in the UP and a stock certificate. Donated by Pam Hecht, MWF Past President and former AFMS Endowment Chairman. The donation has an estimated value of \$65. (MWF).

There are promises for a few more donations, but I could really use even more to make the pot for the drawing bigger. The list will be updated as I receive items or photos. If you would be interested in donating an item for the drawing, please contact your federation representative or me. We

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will need a good photo of the item so it can be shown in the AFMS Newsletter and on the website. The item can then be sent to me or brought to the AFMS Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Tickets will be drawn before the banquet on July 12, 2014. Winners will be announced at the banquet.

Please support the people who will be selling tickets in your federation. This money goes toward the AFMS Endowment Fund. The interest from monies raised from the Endowment Fund is used for AFMS special projects --- the juniors badges, prizes for the program contest copies of which are sent to each federation at no charge, the judges training program, digitizing the old slide programs etc. ALL seven federations participate in this.

Anyone who has an item to donate can mail it to me at Donna Moore, 25235 N. State Route 97, Cuba, IL 61427. Questions can be directed to my e-mail at <mwfsecretary@gmail.com> or my phone 309-789-6501.

## NFMS MEMBER CLUBS' SHOW SCHEDULE

<b>Feb 8 &amp; 9</b> Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 9 - 4	Whidbey Island Gem Club	Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE Jerome Street, Oak Harbor WA	Keith Ludemann 360 675 1837 <a href="mailto:rock9@whidbey.net">rock9@whidbey.net</a>
<b>Feb 14-16</b> Fri, Sat, Sun 9:30-5:30	Oregon Agate and Mineral Society	OMSI 1945 SE Water Ave. Portland OR 97214	Sonia Watt <a href="mailto:soniawatt@yahoo.com">soniawatt@yahoo.com</a> or Jim Urbaniak <a href="mailto:nygiants1931@yahoo.com">nygiants1931@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Feb 22 - 23</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Idaho Gem Club	Expo Idaho, 5610 Glenwood Boise ID	Brent Smith 208 342 1151 <a href="mailto:rocksbybrent@gmail.com">rocksbybrent@gmail.com</a>
<b>March 1 &amp; 2</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	East KingCo Rock Club	Pickering Barn, 1730 - 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Issaquah WA 98027, (across from Costco)	Robin Feiner 206 579 8448 PO Box 2203 Redmond WA 98073
<b>March 1 &amp; 2</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society	O'Conner Field House 2200 Blaine, Caldwell ID	Susan Beattie 208 466 6184 <a href="mailto:susan71061@aol.com">susan71061@aol.com</a>
<b>Mar 7, 8 &amp; 9</b> Fri 9-5, Sat 9-5 Sun 10-5	Tualatin Valley Rock and Gem Club	Washington Co. FairPlex 873 NE 34 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Hillsboro OR	Mitch Metcalf 503 726 9168 <a href="mailto:president@tvrgec.org">president@tvrgec.org</a> <a href="http://www.tvrgec.org">www.tvrgec.org</a>
<b>March 8 &amp; 9</b> Sat 9-5, Sun 9-5	Magic Valley Gem Club	Twin Falls County Fgnds., East of Filer, ID on U.S. Highway 30, 215 Fair Avenue, Filer ID	Jon Cromer 208 308 3364 or Tony Griffin 208 467 9286 <a href="mailto:rmetts@magicvalleygemclub.org">rmetts@magicvalleygemclub.org</a>
<b>Mar 14 - 16</b> Fri 10-7, Sat 10-7 Sun - 10 - 5	Timpanogos Gem and Mineral Society	Indoor Tennis Court 475 South Main Street Spanish Fork, UT	Keith Fackrell 801 592 0410 <a href="mailto:timprocks@gmail.com">timprocks@gmail.com</a> , 2295 East 700 S, Springville UT 84663
<b>March 15 &amp; 16</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Northwest Montana Rock Chucks	Flathead County Fgnds., Grandstand Bldg., 265 North Meridian Road, Kalispell MT	Joe Berg 406 844 3560 PO Box 5541 Kalispell MT 59903
<b>Mar 28 - 30</b> Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA	Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, N.604 Havana Spokane WA	Contact: David Rapp 509 891 6533 <a href="mailto:showchair@rockrollers.org">showchair@rockrollers.org</a>
<b>Mar 29 &amp; 30</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society	Sweet Home High School Activity Gym, 1641 Long Street, Sweet Home OR	Joe Cota 541 451 2740 PO Box 2279 Lebanon OR 97355
<b>April 5 &amp; 6</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	South East Idaho Gem and Mineral Society	Bannock County Fairgrounds, 10558 Ifft Road, Pocatello ID 83201	Anna Capell 208 221 9458 <a href="mailto:gazecape62@hotmail.com">gazecape62@hotmail.com</a>
<b>April 11 - 13</b> Fri 9-6, Sat 10-6	Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society	Golden Spike Event Center Weber County Fairgrounds 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden UT	Richard Gabel 385 205 9187 <a href="mailto:gemshow@goldenspikegem.org">gemshow@goldenspikegem.org</a>
<b>April 11 - 13</b> Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Mt Hood Rock Club	National Guard Armory 10000 NE 33 <sup>rd</sup> Drive Portland OR 97211	L.F. Smith <a href="mailto:mhrshow@gmail.com">mhrshow@gmail.com</a> 15523 NE 215 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brush Prairie, WA 98606
<b>April 12 &amp; 13</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club	Washington National Guard Armory, 2501 Airport Lane, Yakima WA	Marti Sondgeroth <a href="mailto:marthams@q.com">marthams@q.com</a> 509 248 6401 evenings
<b>April 12 &amp; 13</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-6	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society	Idaho Falls Recreation Center, B Street, Idaho Falls, ID	Gary Hayes 208 754 0403; Kevin Landon 208 589 0146; or Jim Bosley 208 520 1819

## NFMS MEMBER CLUBS' SHOW SCHEDULE (cont.)

<b>April 18, 19, &amp; 20</b> Fri 9-6, Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4:30	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall OR 97371	Etheleen Flippo 503 623 4247 <a href="mailto:reflippoo@hotmail.com">reflippoo@hotmail.com</a>
<b>April 26 &amp; 27</b> Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Society - <b>NFMS Mid Year Meeting</b>	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Street Kennewick WA	Mary Lou Omstead 509 783 2798 PO Box 6652 Kennewick WA 99336
<b>April 26 &amp; 27</b> Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40 <sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Seattle WA	Lyle Vogelpohl 206 932 3292 PO Box 16145 Seattle WA 98116
<b>April 26 &amp; 27</b> Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4	Grays Harbor Geology and Gem Society	Grays Harbor Fair Grounds 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma WA	Gary Emberley 360 533 6196 <a href="mailto:Melissa624@hotmail.com">Melissa624@hotmail.com</a> , 624 Fairmont Place, Aberdeen WA 98520
<b>May 3 &amp; 4</b> Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5	Everett Rock & Gem Club	Everett Comm. College Student Fitness Center, 2206 Tower Street, Everett WA	Fritz Mack PO Box 1615 Everett WA 98206 425 232 0809
<b>May 3 &amp; 4</b> Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4	Umpqua Gem and Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds, I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg OR	Janet Stringfellow <a href="mailto:soldbyjanets@yahoo.com">soldbyjanets@yahoo.com</a> PO Box 1264 Roseburg OR 97470
<b>May 10 &amp; 11</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds Building #1, 901 North Black, Bozeman MT	Jerry Hancock <a href="mailto:jaegers@bresnan.net">jaegers@bresnan.net</a> PO Box 11001 Bozeman MT 59715
<b>June 6, 7, &amp; 8</b> Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club	Swiss Park 9205 198 <sup>th</sup> Avenue East Bonney Lake, WA 98390	Nancy LeMay <a href="mailto:bees2knees@att.net">bees2knees@att.net</a> 253 952 6216, PVGMC c/o Club Show, PO Box 134 Puyallup WA 98371 <a href="mailto:info@puyallupgemclub.org">info@puyallupgemclub.org</a>
<b>August 8 - 10</b> Fri 10-4, Sat 10-4 Sun 10-4	Far West Lapidary & Gem Society	North Bend Community Center, 2222 North Broadway, North Bend OR	Don Innes 541 396 5722 <a href="mailto:doninnes.innes20@gmail.com">doninnes.innes20@gmail.com</a>
<b>August 15 - 17</b> Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society - <b>NFMS Annual Meeting</b>	Hermiston Conference Center, 415 South Highway 395, Hermiston OR	Judi Allison <a href="mailto:jall@eotnet.net">jall@eotnet.net</a> 541 720 4950, Or Mike Filarski <a href="mailto:stonemorlin1@netscape.net">stonemorlin1@netscape.net</a> 541 571 2593 222.hatrockhounds.org
<b>September 13 &amp; 14</b> Sat 9-6 Sun 9-4	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association	Vern Burton Community Hall, 308 East 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Port Angeles WA	Jennie Bourassa 360 681 0372 or Kathy Schreiner 360 681 3811 PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382
<b>September 20 &amp; 21</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Southern Wash. Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fair Grounds 120 Fair Lane, Castle Rock WA	Diann Thurston 503 728 4274 (after 5pm) PO Box 704 Longview WA 98632
<b>October 25-26</b> Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 Ne. 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013	Beth Heesacker, <a href="mailto:heesacker@coho.net">heesacker@coho.net</a> , 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116



Clubs, please note that any **SHOW INFORMATION** should go to Pat Lambert, Show Coordinator. She will then send the information out to the rock magazines, websites and to this newsletter.

All **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**, including new members so they can receive this newsletter as soon as possible, should go to Tom Burchard, Circulation Chair and to Carol Willey, Directory Chair.

See the second page of this newsletter for address information for these Chairmen and Chairwomen.

**Thank you!**