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2007 NFMS Mid-Year Meeting April 20 and 21, 2007

The 2007 NFMS Mid-Year Meeting will be held in Kennewick,

Washington in Building #5 at the Benton County Fairgrounds, 1500 S. Oak Street (see page 3 for directions). This is the same location as the 2006 meeting. Once again this weekend happens to coincide with the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Annual Gem and Mineral Show which is held at the same location.

The Executive Board Meeting will be held on Friday following the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club potluck dinner which will be made available for Board members and their families. Please bring a dish to share.

The following day, Saturday, April 21, the mid-year meeting will begin at 10 AM, with registration starting at 9:30 AM. 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 L_Hulstrom@hotmail.com prior to April 7 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. Information about a few of these has been provided below.

The members of the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club would like to 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. In addition to our show there is also another show in Yakima that same weekend, only 90 miles to the west at the Central Washington State Fairgrounds. Come join your fellow rockhounds for a time of fun and fellowship and take in the sites that the area has to offer.

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"There's Gold in Them There Mountains"

Submitted by John Thompson of the Copper King Mansion

Butte's mineral wealth yielded and still reveals treasured reserves of riches in mineral, historical and human wealth. In 1989, (that's right nineteen eighty-nine, we spelled it out so you wouldn't think it was a mistake) the Highland nugget was discovered just south of Butte. You can see the ten thousand foot Highland mountains from any vantage point in town. This eye opening nugget contains 27.5 ounces of gold (this number is also correct). You can view with your own wide eyes when you come to the NFMS annual show hosted by the Butte Mineral & Gem Club in our 10,000 square foot Civic Center. The Highland nugget won't be at the Civic center as it is on permanent display at the Mineral Museum located on the Montana Tech University campus, and it's free to go look at when you are tromping around the hills on your own. The Mineral Museum has over 1,500 mineral specimens on display at any time. That is all the room they have available. This collection started with the purchase of about 130 specimens back in 1900, and today they have over 15,000 specimens from just about every spot on the earth. Much of this astounding display has been donated by Montana Tech alumni and Museum admirers from around the world. The staff at the Mineral Museum will be more than willing to give you ideas and directions to one of the many sites around Butte for discovering and rockhounding, along with the strong recommendation to bring your camera. Their experience has taught them that you are more likely to be sidetracked by the abundant wildlife, fishing, and most of all the magnificent Montana landscape features. The name "Montana" comes from an Indian word meaning "Land of shining Mountains".

Butte started out about the same as any other western gold strike town in the mid 1800's. First it was gold, then it was silver, but copper is what put Butte on the stamped map for about every ethnic group from around the world. Not just a few, they came by the thousands. Not just miners from here or there, but whole families from around the world. The Italians, Serbians, Croatians, French Canadians, Finns, Scandinavians, Lebanese, Chinese, Mexicans, Austrians, Germans, African-Americans and many others came.

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SHOW COORDINATION. Your Federation provides a free service for NFMS members by listing your show in this Newsletter, on the NFMS website, and three magazines (Rocks and Minerals, Rock and Gem, and Lapidary Journal). Please provide the date and time for the show, the club name and show title (if applicable), the location of the show, and most important a contact person with e-mail address, and or phone (e-mail is preferred). Please send your show information four to six months in advance to the **SHOW COORDINATION** Chairperson (printed elsewhere on this page). If you see an error once your show is listed, or if your show is not listed, contact **Newsletter Editor** (printed elsewhere on this page).

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

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Where to send your money:

To NFMS Treasurer for:

1. Dues and supplies
2. Donations for the general fund
3. Donations to Junior Achievement

Send to: Lyle Vogelpohl, see Treasurer this page.

To NFMS Endowment Fund Treasurer for:

1. Donations to Endowment Fund
2. Memorial contributions

Make check payable to NFMS Endowment Fund Endowment Fund Treasurer is an open position. Should ask Edna Nelson who she wants the funds to be sent to.

To NFMS Scholarship Chairperson for:

1. Donations to AFMS Scholarship Fund
2. Memorial contributions

Make check payable to AFMS Scholarship Fund. Send to Ella Cox (see Scholarship this page).

To AFMS Endowment Fund for:

1. Donations to AFMS Endowment
2. Memorials

Send to: To Be Determined

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1. Memberships, new and renewals
2. Donations

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Send to Norman W. Hanschu, ALAA Treasurer, 6607 Sturbridge Ln; Canton, MI 48187-2638

(See this page for address, phone, or e-mail)

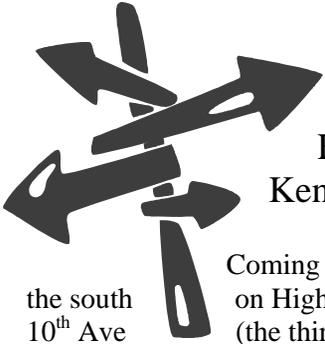
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Ads for the Northwest Newsletter are \$1.50 per square inch.
 Example: 3" x 4" ad = 12 inches
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Do not send ads on colored paper because the background will look gray in the ad. For more information or questions call, e-mail or write the Newsletter Editor (printed elsewhere on this page.)

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Directions to Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick, WA

Coming into the Tri-Cities area from the south on Highway 395 turn right (east) onto 10th Ave (the third stop light coming into town). Follow this about 3 miles. The fairgrounds will be visible on the right side just past and behind a park. Once at the Fairgrounds gate you will see the Show building to the right in Building #1. RV camping will be available near that building or in an adjacent area. Walk over to the show to obtain more specific directions for parking. Ask for the RV Camping Coordinator. The Mid Year Meeting will be held in Building #5 which is about 150 yards from Building #1.

From anywhere else coming into Kennewick it would be best to find your way to Highway 395 and take the turn east onto 10th Avenue and then follow it down to the Fairgrounds.



The following motels are available within 5 miles of the Benton County Fairgrounds. Visit the Tri-cities web page at <http://www.visittri-cities.com/>, or call the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau at 509-735-8486 for more information.

- Best Western Kennewick Inn**
509-586-1332 or 1-800-528-1234
- Laquinta Inn & Suites**
509-736-3326
- Econo Lodge**
509-783-6191 or 1-800-722-8277
- Days Inn**
509-735-9511

Kennewick Inn & Suites Travelodge
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509-735-6385

Butte Copper Mining (cont. from pg 1)

By 1917 Butte's population was just about 100,000 people, and it all got started because, first the available minerals were here, and second because of three men, each with the Midas touch. William Andrews Clark came to Butte in 1873, Marcus Daly arrived in 1876 and then Augustus F. Heinze arrived in 1889. Without a doubt, these three men made, molded, promoted and profited from the copper mining industry. In their association with each other, at times they worked together, at times they tried to destroy each other. This relationship went down in Montana history as "The War of the Copper Kings".



Photos compliments of World Museum of Mining and The Butte-Silver Bow Archives

Several times over the last 125 years of copper production, Butte, Montana was the leading copper producer in the world. It is estimated that there is more copper, gold and other minerals still in the Butte hill ground than all that has already been taken from the ground.

All of those treasures are still in the ground, but the real treasures are those above the ground that you will discover when you attend the NFMS annual show, August 3, 4, & 5, 2007. There are treasures like Our Lady of the Rockies, the World Museum of mining, the Copper King Mansion, The Berkeley Pit, the Gallows frames, the Anselmo mineyard, the Granite Mountain Memorial, the Mother Lode Theater, the Mai Wah building, and many more. We also have some treasures below ground, for you to discover. We will tell you about these and many more in future newsletters. The treasures you won't want to miss are the friendly Butte people and your fellow members of the Northwest Federation who will be attending the show. The point is don't miss out on the NFMS annual show in Butte, Montana, this August.

Building Your Club by Building Your Show.

Mt Hood Rock Club Show, April 14-15, 2007

The follow article will summarize ways we have improved our show and increased show attendance, profit and interest. Our show is always one of the most important events on our club's calendar. Our show is one of the biggest and best single club shows that I am aware of. We hope that you will call some friends and make the trip to share in our offering to the lapidary hobby.

For the Mt Hood Rock Club, the yearly spring show is one of our strengths. Over the last 10 years it has grown from a show with 6 dealers (plus club dealers) to a show with 20 dealers and 6 additional club dealers. Attendance has grown from 700 to approximately 2000. We have been aggressive in making changes and increasing the features and activities available at the show.

In 1996 we moved from a fall show to a spring show due to the conflict in scheduling with the Portland Regional. We also changed locations to a more central and larger school facility. Since then we have moved three additional times due to the needs of our host schools. (Do not be afraid to move to a different location.) We currently have a good working relationship with the Mt Hood Community College where we hold our show in their 25,000 sq. ft. gymnasium.

In 1996 we added the Easter (thunder)egg hunt. Our show is either the week before or after Easter. Through the combined efforts of the club, we collected hundreds of pounds of tumbled egg-sized rock and hundreds of small polished egg halves. We added about 1000 plastic eggs filled with smaller tumbled rock for color and variety. At 2:00 Saturday afternoon the materials are scattered over a large open area and at the signal from the director, the kids that have gathered all rush to pick up as many eggs and rocks as possible. Very little is left in the grass after 2 minutes. This is repeated for age groups of 5 and under, 6 to 8, and 9 to 12 years of age.

We have been very successful in getting media coverage in the newspapers with this unique treasure hunt. It is also one of the features that encourages the local school districts to distribute fliers for us through their "pony services". More on the fliers later.

In 1996 we also added an Oral Auction to the show. We now hold the Oral Auction at 2:00 on Sunday. Throughout the year we take the best of the donated material from estates and ask for member donations. These items are displayed and sold to the highest bidder. Each year we attract a slightly larger crowd of participants. The Oral Auction will generate between \$1000 and \$2000 each year depending on the amount of material.

Most shows have a Silent Auction. Ours is usually well stocked and active. We have increased the table space so that there is plenty of material for people to view. One of the promotions we have tried with some success is to give every one that comes into the show a Silent Auction Buck. This is good for \$1 off any bid of \$2 or more at the silent auction. Each year, prior to the show, we have a rock washing and sorting party. At this work party we sort the junk rock and wash off the slugs and other dirt so that we have a better quality of rock at the show. We usually have several tons of rock to sell. The junk rock is sold at \$3-5 per bucket or donated to the Rice Museum's kids pile. The Silent auction will usually earn over \$2000 during our 2-day show.

The kids' treasure hunt by the scoop is another feature that has been very successful for the kids' area. We mix small tumbled rock, crystals, sunstones and other small items of interest into a batch of plastic pellets. Kids buy the mixture for 50 cents per scoop and they keep what they find. A tarp is set up on the Gym floor to control the mess.

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Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies



67th Annual NFMS Show and Convention
“Richest Hill on Earth” Gem and Mineral Show
Aug 3, 4, & 5, 2007

Hosted by Butte Mineral & Gem Club
Butte Civic Center, 1340 Harrison Avenue, Butte MT 59701

ADVANCE REGISTRATION (Deadline July 15th, 2007)

Please one form per person. Form may be duplicated. Payment may be combined for families.

Name: _____

Address _____
 Street City State zip

E-mail: _____ Club/Federation Affiliation: _____

Please **CIRCLE** all that apply:

NFMS Officer	Past President	Director/Delegate	Alt. Delegate/Dir.
Committee Chr	Position _____	Judge	Clerk
Demonstrator	Comp. Exhibitor	Non-Comp. Exhibit	Other?

SHOW ADMISSION	DAILY RATE	DAYS	3 DAY PASS	TOTAL COST
Adult	\$5.00	_____	\$12.00	\$ _____
Senior (60+)	\$4.00	_____	\$10.00	\$ _____
Student (10-17)	\$3.00	_____	\$7.00	\$ _____
Exhibitor/Spouse/Demo	Free	N/A	Free	Free
Camping (Dry & Dry)	\$10.00	_____	No Elect. Either	\$ _____

Note: All food events (below) require reservations: All meals and meetings will be held at the Headquarters Hotel: Copper King Motel, 4655 Harrison Ave. Butte Montana

If you plan to attend a no cost event please CIRCLE EVENT

FRIDAY: August 3, 2007.

Judges & Clerks Breakfast	8:30 AM	\$10.00	\$ _____
NFMS Annual Meeting	6:00 PM	No cost	

SATURDAY: August 4, 2007

Past President, Officers, Committee Chair Luncheon	12:00 PM	\$10.00	\$ _____
Social Hour before banquet	6:00 PM	No Host	
Awards Banquet	7:00 PM	\$22.00	\$ _____

SUNDAY: August 5, 2007:

Editor's Breakfast	8:30 AM	\$10.00	\$ _____
Editor's Symposium After Breakfast		No cost	

Make check payable to Butte Mineral and Gem Club. Mail with registration form before July 15, 2007

to: **2007 NFMS Show, c/o Betty Luke**
P.O. Box 254
Harrison, MT 59735

You will receive a confirmation of registration VIA mail or E-mail. If there are any questions regarding this registration, direct inquiries to Betty Luke, (406) 685-3694 or rambler@3rivers.net

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Name of Club _____

City, State _____

Club President Signature _____

Club Secretary Signature _____

Date _____

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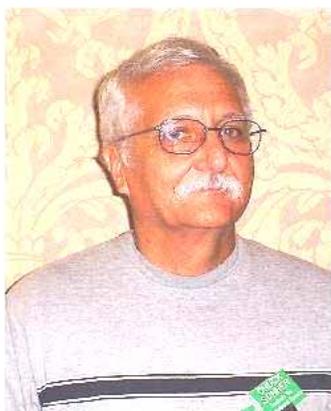
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The NFMS Credentials Committee Chairperson, Tanya Sonner, must receive the names (only) of Club Directors and Delegates **as soon as possible (ASAP)** for planning purposes of the annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held during the Annual Show, August 3-5, 2007, at the Copper King Motel, 4655 Harrison Ave, Butte, Montana

The Credential forms above must be completed by the designated director/delegate, signed by the Club President and Secretary, and **BROUGHT BY THE DIRECTOR AND/OR DELEGATE** to the annual meeting. Or, this should be done by the alternate delegate(s), if necessary. Send the name(s) (not the credentials) to:

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NFMS President.

No Message Submitted



Patty Amos

NFMS 1st V. Pres.

No Message Submitted



Margaret Stallknecht

Education Chair

Well, winter is about over! What have you been doing to keep warm? I have a new job as Board member of the Idaho Museum

of Mining and Geology! It is an all-volunteer, not state-funded geology museum in Boise, Idaho at the Old Penitentiary. Stop in and visit them the next time that you are in Boise! They have a lot of fun, and there is a network of trails that covers the Boise Foothills that start at the Museum!

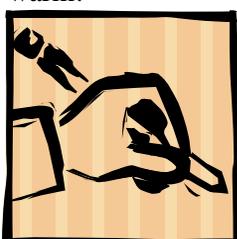
I'm getting all excited for the Gem Show in Everett, Washington. I will be there with the colorful NFMS shirts and hats. I will have the hats and shirts at many of the upcoming shows throughout the West! A big thanks to the Washington clubs who have sold so many!

It is not too soon to be making plans to attend the Butte, Montana NFMS 2007 show this summer. They are planning many exciting events for us rockhounds in a geologically fascinating area. You can't go wrong by attending this show!

We are still recruiting dealers for the Ontario NFMS show next summer in 2008. So, if you would like to display and sell your wares to many happy rockhounds, that's the place to be! Contact me, Margaret, to have a place saved for your business.

1700 people visited the Stallknecht-Morgan Museum in Letha, Idaho this year. We conduct tours for scouts and school groups as well as interested individuals by appointment. We have a website pending, both for the Museum and the 2008 Ontario Show. The Museum has

added 19 new members to its Gem Society and Museum. Well, until next month, keep busy and keep warm!



DARLENE' S DOODLES
NFMS Bulletin Aids

Wow do you count which 'annual' Rock & Gem Show your club is presenting next year? Is it your 22nd, 25th, 31st or 50th? Are you sure? Was the first show 1964? Thus in 2009 you're figuring that will be your club's 45th show. WRONG.

You must count that first show as #1, so if you want the 45th show to be something special, the 2008 show will be the 45th.

Even though ALL of your club Rock & Gem shows are special, a lot of work & you hope they are well attended, when you go to the trouble to have a special numbered show, make sure you are counting correctly. Also, an added thought when you put added work & effort into the 30th, 40th, or 50th annual show, why not also print a very special bulletin commemorating your club's event. It doesn't have to be 10 or 12 pages if you usually print up 4-6 pages. Just list all the past officers, field trips, plus any other events your club presented or took part in, through the years. Even if you don't usually put out a monthly bulletin, please print up one now, OK? Thanks for giving this idea some thought at an upcoming meeting to see how many members will be interested in helping with this bulletin,

NFMS bulletin Aids
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Anacortes WA 98221-4332
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ALL EDITORS? Be sure to make plans to attend the Editors Breakfast at Butte in August.



TERRY L. HAYES

Sept. 11, 1936 – Jan. 13, 2007

The Northwest Federation and Flint Knappers have lost a good friend and supporter.

Terry grew up in Rigby and Montevue, Idaho. He married VeOna in September 1953 in Pocatello. Terry was a farmer and started Hayes Construction Company in 1962, building steel buildings, potato cellars, shops and grain storage units; this became a family business.

Terry was an avid outdoors man. He tied flies and then fished with them. He made bows and arrows and hunted successfully with them. He competed in Archery at the local, state and national levels and is a past President of the Idaho Wildlife Federation.

Terry was a member of the Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society for 20 years and served as President and Show Chairman. Terry and VeOna shared their talents in wire wrapping jewelry, opals, star garnets, silver smithing and demonstrating at schools. For 23 years Flint Knappers have gathered at his home to learn the art. Terry played a major part in the resurgence of Flint Knapping in the Pacific Northwest. At NFMS shows he and his son Greg were busy demonstrating

and showing others how to do Flint Knapping, while VeOna was busy doing NFMS Secretary things.

One of his mottos was, "what goes around, comes around". One of his greatest wishes was that the wisdom and friendship he shared would be passed on. Interment was at the Spencer, Idaho Cemetery. He will be missed!

Submitted by Lauren J. Williams Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society



Keithley-Scott, Juanita Virginia (Age 76)

After battling multiple cancers for four years, Juanita Scott passed away December 3, 2006. She leaves behind her husband of 59 years, Robert, two sons

and a daughter and their families, including four grandchildren, two sisters and several nieces and nephews. Robert and Juanita, printers by trade, shared, among other aspects of rockhounding, a love for petrified wood and plant fossils that spanned several decades. They were instrumental in establishing the rock club in Flagstaff, AZ and constructing the building for it in the early sixties.

Their interest in limbs took them to Wyoming on many wonderful rock trips through the last three decades, where they met and made many good friends.

As long time members of the Spokane Rock Club, their displays at the Spokane Gem and Mineral Show were a treat for all. The Federation Show also enjoyed their displays. Juanita's goal of hosting a seminar on petrified wood was met in September, with special guest Walt Wright.

Juanita, a self taught paleobotanist, shared her love for the field with young and old alike, and will be missed by many.

Submitted by Robert Scott, Rock Rollers of Spokane.



Editor's Corner

Bryan Schroeder

Bev and I will be going camel riding for about 3 weeks in Jordan, Israel, and Egypt (provided that no bonfires develop in the meantime. As a result, the

newsletter may be about a week later than normal next month. Please continue to submit your articles as scheduled on page 2 (March 10th) for the April issue of the newsletter. We will do our best to get it out before the end of March. If you have noticed, I have changed the newsletter schedule slightly. The plan is for the newsletter to reach your doorstep before the following month begins, similar to the way publishers date their magazines. For example, you should have received the February newsletter late in January. P.S. we do not plan on doing any rock collecting; however, we did read where the Palestinians were throwing rocks at a Canadian tour bus.

COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are You an "OLD" Rockhound?

Have you been around since the beginning of the world? Well, maybe not that long but have you checked your attic, closet or garage lately for "old stuff" from the NFMS? We are looking for pictures, write-ups on early shows, NFMS events, and any other memorabilia that you might have squirreled away. If you're just a young whipper-snapper, then you might know someone who is not active in your club anymore, BUT was active many years ago and who just might have that little piece of information that is missing from our Historian's files.

For example: Consider NFMS agendas earlier than 1971. The IRS code says non-profit clubs have to maintain records. Unfortunately, our earlier files were thrown away, so if anyone has anything of this nature, please contact me. You can have someone bring them to the Mid-year Meeting in Kennewick, WA, April 21-22 during the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Show, or at Butte, MT in August during the NFMS Annual Show, or you could mail them to me at: P.O. Box 23, Tendoy, ID 83468.

I am in need of pictures of the convention and show from 2005. If anyone has pictures of the various events, Officers and Chairmen, and award pictures, please identify each with names and send to the above address. Last year at Longview I took some pictures, but if anyone would like to contribute additional pictures, please forward them to me.

Gratefully,

Your NFMS Historian, 2007
Shirley Leeson
beauholland@salmoninternet.com

Urgent - New Fossil Bill Introduced

(From Carolyn Weinberger, AFMS Editor)

Hi all,

Looks like things are heating up again in the US Congress pertaining to our collecting rights.

I've just been sent the following information from Jon Spunaugle, ALAA Executive VP for Legislation. During the last session of Congress we were able to get the House bill "killed" through swift action by a rockhound member. Unfortunately, this will not be possible again this year due to the manner in which the bill was introduced. Let's get the word out and contact our Representatives and Senators sooner rather than later urging a vote AGAINST this legislation. Remember that fossils today could well mean minerals and cutting rough tomorrow. Also do not forget to include a letter to Speaker Pelosi who can determine when this bill is brought out of committee and onto the House floor.

Here's Jon's message:

Fossil Collecting Bill introduced into the US House

On January 18, 2007 a fossil Collecting Bill HR 554 "Paleontological Resources Preservation Act" was introduced into the U. S House of Representatives by

Congressional Representatives McGovern of Massachusetts and Renzi of Arizona. It was sent to the Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture for a period of time to be determined by the Speaker of the House. (This means that regardless of what the committee Chair people do, the Bill can be brought to the floor of the U.S. House for a vote at any time with or without amendment or Committee recommendation).

Preliminary examination of the actual Bill language suggests that is very similar to the Bills introduced and passed by the U. S. Senate in past years. Casual collecting would be allowed as seen appropriate by the government land managers. Provisions for civil and criminal penalties remain in the Bill as does a rewards section for information on possible violators and other property confiscation including all paleontology resources.

No like Bill has been introduced in the U. S. Senate, but is expected in the next few days.

You can read the full text of HR 554 at <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:H.R.554:> (By the way, if you received Jon's original e-mail, he had the bill number listed incorrectly. The correct Bill is HR 554.

New Forest Road Plans for all National Forests in the US

We attended the 2nd round of Forestry Public Forums on Road Closures in our Salmon/Challis National Forest. The first meetings were last summer, and these meetings, if Blue Ribbon hadn't contacted us, were not published. We found the following: Plans were already underway.

They had huge forest quadrant maps with roads already in red for open (at the moment) and black, proposed closures. and blue, private or county roads.

The Forestry people were friendly and helpful, but cautious. We got lots of printed material. The one for us that was the most important was a paper with the following:

1. For each road, trail, route or area that you would recommend for addition or deletion to the designated system of open motorized use, please provide the following information:

- Forest System Road or Trail # _____
- User-Created Route Description, please give geographical name ie: Deer Creek, and description of beginning and end points. _____
- Why should there be a change in the existing Travel Management Plan? _____
- What is the condition of the road/trail/route that is being proposed for addition or deletion? Would you expect any environmental concerns over this addition or deletion? Please describe _____
- What social conflicts might occur if your proposal is adopted? Will someone else's recreation experience be harmed by this addition or deletion? _____.

Name, Mailing Address and Email at the bottom of the page.

2. For each road or trail, there must be a worksheet made out. Dee is in the process of checking each road and trail.

There will be another meeting in town next Wednesday, and we have alerted a number of people to attend. Again, this wasn't published and when I asked why they said they thought they had enough emails from the first meetings, so didn't bother.... And that's what we're dealing with.

Dee Holland has been sending information from the Blue Ribbon Alert System to all those NFMS members whom we have emails for. Unfortunately, that's not too many. If you are interested in being a part of this National Forest Road Closure process, send us your email and we will alert you to information going on in your area. If you received something from Dee Holland or Shirley Leeson, and you can't attend, please make sure someone will represent rockhounds. We must get the fact that we exist out there to the Forest people.

We will alert you to more when we have it.

Submitted by Shirley Leeson & Dee Holland

Time's a Wasting.....

Let's get started working on competitive cases for the NFMS Show in Butte, August 3-5, 2007. I know you think you have plenty of time, but if you want a trophy you've got to put the case together, leave it up for a few days, come back and check it out, and then do it one last time. Check for spelling, check your background, see the labels are legible and make sure it's pleasing to the eye. And, most importantly, see you are in the right category. **BE SURE YOU HAVE CURRENT AFMS RULES UPDATED TO 2007.** You can get them from the AFMS website: amfed.org.com and can download the rules and instructions. Follow them carefully and if you have any problems, contact Barbara Jacobsen at: bobjake@connpoint.net, Dee Holland at: beauholland@salmoninternet.com and Joe Slouber at: RockHound@in-tch.com.

For those of you who have not exhibited in the past, and you want to put a case in under non-competitive, let one of the above know you'd like to have an evaluation on your case and we'll see a judge talks to you.

As the Judges Chairman, we have plenty of qualified judges to judge your competitive cases. A number of them have been through the AFMS Judges Training Course at Wildacres. Lamar Tilgner, of NFMS Retreat fame, will be teaching a class on judging this year after returning from the Wildacres class.

We are looking forward to having a banner year in competitive exhibits. Make sure you are one of them. Don't forget, in the year 2009 the NFMS will host the American Federation Show. We want to make sure the NFMS is well represented in the competitive exhibit department. Plan Ahead.....

Submitted by Dee Holland, Judging Director

BRAZILIAN ROAD TRIP

(Continued from the February Newsletter)

by Gary Buhr

Our first stop was Mineracao Ze da Estrada (MZE) where we viewed the best quality of the tour to date. Luciano had to negotiate constantly for two hours because there were so many transactions going on. The four mineral dealers on our tour went nuts here, buying many flats that needed to be agreed on price per specimen and then carefully wrapped for continued travel. A few of our stops had shipping available and some merchants kindly offered to bring purchases to the next major show in America where they could be picked up.

When I walked in the display room, a large beautiful red rubellite caught my peripheral vision because of perfect color, lines and termination, so I made note of it and continued looking through the mind-boggling inventory. Two of the dealers wanted to buy it also, but the helpers said it could only be sold with the whole tray of a dozen other less attractive rubellites, which would have been over \$33K USD. Apparently the other two gave up on the situation, so I began negotiating with each of the four employees separately and pointing out that I would only purchase just the one beauty of 150 grams, but not at their asking price of thirty dollars per gram. After none of the four would agree with my offers spoken to them in Portuguese with the help of Luciano I went out to sit in the lobby, prepared to make no purchase. Then one of the Owners, Marcos S.A. Coutinho walked in and I greeted him with a big smile as he walked by. Marcos went briskly into the show room where the four employees gathered around him. After a few minutes Marcos turned around and waved me into the show room. When I met with him he pointed to the superb rubellite and I smiled and nodded, then he gave the "hands down" signal, which means lower price! Could this be a miracle happening? I quickly gave him the two sign and said US dollars. He agreed, I immediately delivered the cash and we shook hands in total agreement. I may never know what it was that made this situation work, but it was the biggest discount of the tour. It pays to be humble, smile and be very respectful of the negotiators. This transaction with the Owner was finalized without more than five words in English, mostly signs and gestures.

We stayed two nights at the Pousada Das Araras (Lodge of the Parrots) in Aracuai. Friday we toured mines in the Coronel Murta area and went by Rubellita where rubellite tourmaline was discovered when grading streets. The local and famous Redondo Mine is now dug out and the owner now operates a gas station where we met another mine representative on his motorcycle. He led our tour bus to the Palmeiras Mine that is owned by a woman named Victoria.



Miners struck 40 kilograms of fine rubellite at just one pocket, which was about 10 cubic feet of hard alluvial soil. The Palmeiras has produced many pockets, but the latter was unusually fertile. We

photographed the dug out pocket where the big strike occurred--what was the fascination anyway? All the rubellite was gone. Miners were working in a deep shaft about 100 feet below the big pocket, following the perceived gem trends. Two very old worn pumps were working to pump water out of the shaft and compressed air into it, plus they had electric lighting run from one of the generators. This was the most highly mechanized mine we visited, but the ore was still loaded into wheel barrows as it exited the deep shaft. The chef invited me into the kitchen and bunk house where he was fixing rice, potatoes, meat and coffee for the mine workers lunch.

The contrasts between the absolute poverty of the majority and the extreme wealth of the minority was apparent nearly everywhere we went. That evening there was a political festival where the theme was "we shall overcome", so there is no denial that Brazil exhibits many of the third world characteristics. Yet, beauty and a simple happiness abounds amongst the people who seem to have very little opportunity to better their economic realities. We wondered if school or an education was mandatory? Literacy was mostly non existent amongst the

garimpeiros who comprise a major "solution" to the prevalent poverty of MG.

Saturday morning we headed out for the long drive to Diamantina, which started with a 100 kilometer stretch of dirt road followed by 300 kilometers of asphalt. The scenery was arid jungle where the night is filled with jaguar and cougar cats, wolves and poisonous snakes. Lauro said you never want to go in these jungles at night because even some of the insect bites are fatal, so we were glad to pass through in the daylight. In the distance there were rocky batholiths, striated mountains and plateaus covered with palm, mango and arid looking scrub trees. There were millions of acres containing orchards or actually forests of eucalyptus trees that are harvested to extract oil and burn trunks into charcoal, which is their primary heating fuel. The eucalyptus stumps are cut off about twelve inches above the ground and the tree grows again to maturity in about five years. Removal of the stumps and replanting is needed about every ten to fifteen years. Brazil is now the prime source of eucalyptus, but Australia still has a monopoly on koalas.

Cresting over the last hill we pulled over to savor the awesome sight of Diamantina, a sprawling, historical and romantic city built into the hillsides. Every large town we came through had about 100,000 population. Diamantina is about 4300 feet above sea level so most of us had plugged ears except for Ted who lives near Denver, CO. The prime of this city was 1724 to about 1775 when it was the world source of diamonds, which are still sporadically discovered.

We went to a premier quartz merchant, Comercio de Cristais, owned by three brothers, Tiao, Vicente and Josafa, who had the largest inventory we enjoyed. Their compound included three big buildings, open courtyard warehouses and multiple huge show rooms of jewelry, carvings, all kinds of lapidary creations and quality specimens of quartz or amethyst from hand-size to forklift-size. Their huge staff was mostly family, why not keep the profits at home? It was at this business site that we declared seeing our millionth specimen of quartz on tour. We stayed two nights in Diamantina at the Diamante Palace Hotel which was elegant and comfortable. Just appreciating the architecture and craftsmanship of exotic Brazilian woods, stone, marble and onyx at our hotels could have been a fabulous tour with its own merits.



Sunday morning we drove to a quartz mine owned by the three brothers. Tiao was the guide for our guide Lauro who interpreted Tiao's rapid fire Portuguese. About five miles of asphalt, then we dropped onto a 4x4 type road with the tour bus, which only

got stuck once during the two miles of rocky road, but our driver Tiano "sailed" through the sand trap successfully on the way out, so he was ebullient from our cheers and applause. Going in we arrived at a garimpeiros village of a dozen shacks made from logs, branches, metal roofs and dirt floors, which was housing for the quartz mine workers. The geology was alluvial sediment and white sands around the open pit mine. There were two shafts that dropped down in steps at about fifty to seventy degrees from ground level. The digging was very basic, pick, shovel, ropes to excavate buckets of dirt and the dependable wheel barrow. The shaft was extremely dusty so we only poked our heads in, no lighting system, they used oil lamps. When do they run out of oxygen while working deep in those shafts? There was one grave site on the trail between the village and the mine. We constantly could sense the danger as we observed the mining situations. The real costs are something to ponder next time you invest in a Brazilian mineral specimen.

The majority of ore containing crystals is transported by wheel barrow and the large specimens are extracted with a case by case technique. We heard and felt a dynamite blast about two blocks away where the miners were opening up a new shaft site. This quartz mine is called a Portuguese name that means "eats-a-lot" because the workers eat so much food, but the guide could not spell the name. Imagine how many calories the miners burn in a shift; the gringos were the only overweight bodies on that hill. Tiao invited us to keep any specimens we found at this mine, so our pockets filled with quartz points and John found an excellent amethyst scepter that was flawless. We were amazed that the miners had a soccer field with goal posts set up on a sandy level area; they still had energy for the national sport of Brazil.

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67th Annual NFMS Show & Convention
"Richest Hill on Earth" Gem & Mineral Show
August 3-5, 2007

Hosted by Butte Mineral & Gem Club
Butte Civic Center, 1340 Harrison Avenue, Butte Montana 59701

NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT APPLICATION

(One application per exhibit please)

Name _____ Phone # _____

Spouse _____ (Free entry to exhibitor & Spouse)

Address _____
Street City/State zip

Club Affiliation _____

Brief Description of Exhibit

CASES: I have a Federation Style case: 4' ___ 6' ___ 8' ___ I need a loaner case 4' ___
[There will be some loaner cases available but none have liners or risers].

LIGHTING: Limitations are as follows: 150 watts per 4' case, 225 watts per 6' case.
Per regulation cases may be examined and could be removed from the show if over their limits

LIABILITY: It is mutually agreed that the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Butte Mineral & Gem Club shall not be liable to any Exhibitor in whole or in part. This includes the property of the Exhibitor, or injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submitting this signed application for entry constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

Signature of Exhibitor _____

Deadline Date: July 15th, 2007

SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO:

Bill Luke, Non-Competitive Exhibits Chairman
P.O. Box 254
Harrison, MT 59735
406.685.3694

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Name _____ Phone # _____

Spouse _____ (Free entry to exhibitor & Spouse)

Address _____
Street City/State zip

Member of: _____
Club or Society City/State

Competing in: Div. _____ Class: _____ Jr. Only: Date of Birth _____

Cases will be judged per the current edition of AFMS Uniform Rules, the latest "Gem List", the latest "Mineral Classification List", and the latest "AFMS Fossil List".

Exhibitor Gp: _____ Master _____ Advanced _____ Novice _____ Junior _____ Society _____ Jr. Soc.

Your Case Dimensions: _____ width _____ height _____ depth
Do you need to borrow a case ___ Yes ___ No Loaner cases are available (4' x 2' x 2'). None have risers or liners

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Competitive exhibitors must sign the following statement, except those entering Division E (Educational): I certify that all materials exhibited in competition are my personal property, and that all workmanship exhibited in competition was done by me as required by the "AFMS Uniform Rules".

Signature of Exhibitor _____

Officer Certification: I am an officer of _____ and I certify this exhibitor is a member in good standing of this NFMS Society.

Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Send your application to: Joe Slouber, NFMS Exhibits Registrar
P.O. Box 427
Butte, MT 59703
Phone no. 406.494.3034

DEADLINE DATE: JULY 15, 2007

NFMS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

Updated November, 2006 by Gary Buhr

A.) The NFMS Juniors Committee Chairman shall promote this Award, including the past and present winners, throughout the entire year at every appropriate opportunity.

- Official announcement of the upcoming contest along with the rules and application will be published during February and March in the Northwest Newsletter and on the NFMS Website Juniors Page. The rules and application will remain all year on the NFMS Website Juniors Page and applications can be downloaded.
- Completed applications and resumes will be due each year with a postmark deadline on the first day of April. This will be the same date each annual cycle.
- After receiving the applications and resumes, the Juniors Committee Chairman shall make copies and send with score sheets to the NFMS President, 1st VP, and 2nd VP, to be judged and returned by April 15. The Juniors Committee Chairman shall also judge each application. After all judged applications are returned, the scores will be tallied and winners determined by the Juniors Committee Chairman.
- Juniors Committee Chairman will notify the Junior Achievement Award Winners and their parents/guardians by the first day of May. This will be the same date each annual cycle. Thence allowing time to plan for the Awards Banquet at the NFMS Annual Show and Convention where the Awards are to be presented.
- Junior Achievement Award Winners and their families can attend the Awards portion of the Banquet without dining and buying a Banquet ticket or they can purchase Banquet tickets in advance like other Award Winners of the evening and enjoy the full evening of dining and Awards. If the Winners do not attend, the Juniors Committee Chairman will make sure they receive their Awards.

B.) The NFMS Junior Achievement Award Trust Fund was established in 1989 for the purpose of providing at least one monetary award to the Junior whose submitted resume/outline rates highest in the opinion of the judges. Your age determines whether you enter the age 12 and under category or the age 13 to 18 category. The applicant must not have had an eighteenth birthday prior to the date of application, because then the applicant would no longer be defined as a Junior, but the applicant can turn 18 between application and presentation of the Awards. The judging panel consists of the NFMS President, NFMS 1st VP, NFMS 2nd VP and the Juniors Committee Chairman. Judging is based on the judges' subjective interpretations of the relevant quality of the applicant's resume/outline. The Award is presented to a Junior applicant who is a member in good standing with a Rock Club affiliated with the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The Junior applicant should be active in our hobby, education & school, community and work related achievements. The primary Award Winner will receive a certificate, a check, a pen set and his/her name on the legendary plaque. More than one Award Winner is possible, depending on the entries and ages of participants. Each participating Junior MUST personally author their written resume/outline. Your application, score sheet and resume/outline MUST BE POSTMARKED by the first day of April.

C.) Here are your three EZ steps:

1. Write or type a short summary (resume/outline) about what your achievements are, regarding Sections I, II, III & IV from the SCORE SHEET below.
2. Photocopy the SCORE SHEET and APPLICATION from the Northwest Newsletter or download them from the NFMS Website Juniors Page. Fill out the APPLICATION and have your Rock Club representatives sign their spaces.
3. Mail your summary (resume/outline), the SCORE SHEET and completed APPLICATION to the NFMS Juniors Committee Chairman, postmarked by April first to the following address:

Gary Buhr, Junior Chairman
1242 State Ave., PMB 157,#1
Marysville, WA 98270-3672

D.) SCORE SHEET (judges fill this out)

Section I. HOBBY RELATED (45 Points)

Club involvement (field trips, committees, show participation)
20 points possible _____

Hobby Craft involvement (faceting, lapidary, metals, collecting)
20 points possible _____

Competitive involvement (display, articles, promotion, awards)
5 points possible _____

Section II. EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (25 Points)

Scholastic (honor roll, advanced classes, improvement of grades)
15 points possible _____

Extracurricular (sports, drama, debate, drill team, music)
10 points possible _____

Section III. COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT (20 Points)

Events involvement (charity, volunteer, donation programs)
10 points possible _____

Scouts, Campfire, 4H-Club, Other community groups
10 points possible _____

Section IV. WORK RELATED (10 Points)

Employment, Home Chores, Neighborhood Work, Business
10 points possible _____

TOTAL SCORE SHEET POINTS _____

E.) APPLICATION--Junior Achievement Award (confidential info)
Applicant Name _____

Rock Club Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone or Email _____

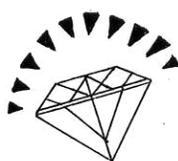
Your Federation Director Name _____

Federation Director Signature _____

Your Rock Club President Name _____

Club President Signature _____

Applicant Signature _____


2007


GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Presented by:

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club

Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick Washington

Saturday, April 21 - 10 am to 5pm
Sunday, April 22 - 10 am to 4 pm
(tailgating - Sunday - 9 am to noon)

EVENT WILL HOST:

- *MINERALS, FOSSILS, JEWELRY DEALERS
- *COLLECTORS EXHIBITS
- *GEM FACETING DEMONSTRATIONS
- *SPHERE MAKING DEMONSTRATIONS
- *GOLD PANNING DEMONSTRATIONS
- *BEAUTIFUL FLUORESCENT DISPLAY
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- *KID'S KORNER - GAMES AND FUN
- *GREAT DOOR PRIZES



Adults-\$3.00 (ages 14 and under FREE if accompanied by an adult), good for both days.

NFMS JUNIOR ROCKHOUNDS

"News Flash March"

**Juniors
Chairman**

Gary Buhr



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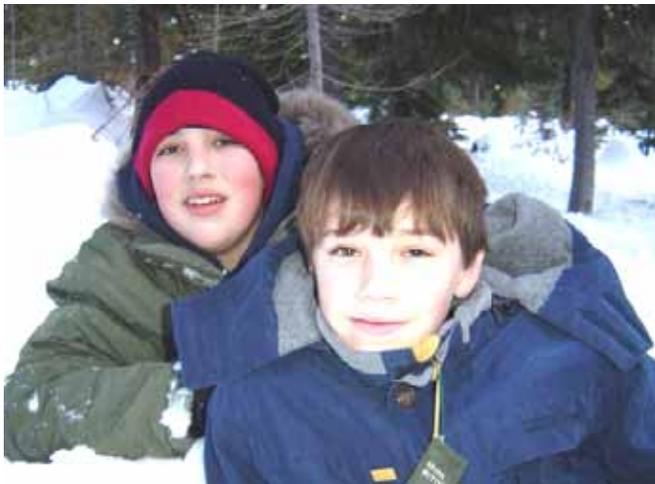
Achievement Award Program published last month in your Northwest Newsletter and on your Website?

Every year we encourage NFMS Junior Rockhounds who are super achievers to enter and share their fame with the Northwest. The Junior Achievement Program is again published in this edition, so please review and consider submitting your Application and Resume that needs to be postmarked by April first for the 2007 Awards.

The NFMS Junior Achievement Award is designed to celebrate, honor and reward the successes of NFMS Juniors who excel in our hobby, school & scholastic activities, community service and work related activities. The program is published February and March in the Northwest Newsletter and is on the NFMS Website Juniors Page 24/7/365, which can be downloaded at your convenience.

Will a Junior from Montana enter this year? Your 2007 Annual NFMS Show and Convention is in Butte, MT (August 3,4,5) where the Awards will be presented. JESSICA JONES now 18 of the Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club is honored as a 2004 NFMS Junior Achievement Award Winner. Let's celebrate Montana again this year!

Historically, there have been four sets of siblings who are famous recipients of the Junior Achievement Award. Their participation brings added value to us all, so next time you see a Junior Achievement Award Winner, please give them kudos and congratulations because they are the leaders of our future. How many can you recognize in the following photos?



JASON ROOD (back left in photo) now 14 is 2006 Junior Achievement Award Winner, 2nd Place and JEREMY ROOD (front right in photo) now 12 is 2006 Junior Achievement Award Winner, 1st Place (12 & under category). The brothers are members of Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society, Walla Walla, WA.



COLIN ROWE (left in photo) now 14 is 2005 Junior Achievement Award Winner, 2nd Place and SEAN "Ace" ROWE now 16 is 2003 Junior Achievement Award Winner, 1st Place. The brothers are members of Everett Rock & Gem Club and Everett Rookie Rockhounds, Everett, WA.



LUCAS CIMOLINO (left in photo) now 11 is 2005 Junior Achievement Award Winner, 1st Place (12 & under category) and LAURA CIMOLINO (right in photo) now 14 is 2005 Junior Achievement Award Winner, 1st Place. The brother and sister are members of Everett Rock & Gem Club, Marysville Rock & Gem Club and Everett Rookie Rockhounds, Everett and Marysville, WA.



NATHAN SHACKMANN (left in photo) now 17 is 2004 Junior Achievement Award Winner, 2nd Place, plus 2006 Junior Achievement Award Winner, 1st Place and SHANE SHACKMANN (right in photo) now 20 is 2004 Junior Achievement Award Winner, 1st Place. The brothers are members of Kitsap Mineral & Gem Society, Bremerton, WA.

Brazilian Road Trip
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Returning to Diamantina we enjoyed a gourmet lunch of fresh fruits, cooked vegetables and fresh cooked pork, chicken and beef. Each meal on the tour was at least 400% more than I usually eat and yes, gained more waist because we did way more bus riding than hiking on this tour. Brazilian chefs are fantastic leaders in setting out world-class culinary arts, which was usually displayed cafeteria style in the restaurants or sometimes we could order from a menu. The food flavors matched the colorful beauty on the plates, so we all indulged.

After lunch we went back to Tiao's show rooms to view some recently mined diamond crystals and a spectacular quartz point containing an inclusion that had been identified as a diamond crystal. This quartz point was offered at \$50K USD, but we did not see the value in this 20 cm crystal with a diamond, yet did indeed realize the rarity. Late afternoon was a town tour appreciating the historic buildings and stone streets built about 1715, just before the "diamond rush" of 1724, which lasted about fifty years.

Monday we drove to Corinto where we stayed at Hotel Sofia, another remarkable building with marble floors, granite stairs and tile bathrooms. We visited three quality mineral merchants with prices mostly from five dollars to one hundred dollars per kilogram for the tables and tables of quartz specimens. The last merchant had one magnificent quartz cluster that was a 360 degree spray about 2 feet by 2 feet of clear rock crystals offered at \$300 USD per kilogram and weighing in at 34.7 kilograms. Truly a museum piece, it was indeed the best quartz I saw during our travels. The tour was now over because the next morning we drove 350 kilometers to Belo Horizonte where we said our farewells, flew to Sao Paulo, then the Boeing 777 flight overnight to Miami, FL for customs and immigration paperwork. Then I boarded a Boeing 737-900 for Seattle. Overall, we were like a nomadic family for the ten day road trip that completed 2300 km while appreciating all the hard work of the Brazilian miners, mineral merchants and driver Tiano, guide Lucaino and the most fantastic guide in the world, Lauro.

B.C. Gem Show
"Minerals of the Pacific Rim"
April 13,14,15 2007

AGemOIA Show

- ◆ dealers
- ◆ jewellery
- ◆ rocks
- ◆ displays
- ◆ crystals

Ag-Rec Bldg. CFV Fairgrounds
32470 - Haida Dr., Abbotsford, B.C.
Fri. 10am-8pm, Sat. & Sun. 10am-6pm

◆ Adults \$6.00 ◆ Students \$2.00 ◆ Child (under 6) Free

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Building Better Shows (cont. from page 3)

We often have a waiting line for scoops and space on the tarp. The kids area also has critters, grab bags, spinning wheels for winning prizes and other creative games to keep the kids occupied. The kids area contributes about \$800 each year to the show income.

Our raffle also tried a new feature last year. We created an adults display case and a kids display case of donated materials. The contents of the cases were all given to the winner of the raffle as a single prize. We also have a variety of jewelry, clocks and other prizes at the raffle table.

We have up to 72 display cases. Our club offers 50 loaner cases for anyone that needs them to set up a display. We have 5 or 6 demonstrators and welcome demonstrators from other clubs.

Our dealers all give a door prize and we have the usual guessing games.

Our show is one of the few that allow members to be dealers. We give member dealers a discounted rate and require them to help in the setup and tear down of the show, and they are required to put in a case display. Member dealers are restricted to active members of the club. This has been a feature that creates a chance for interested members to show and sell some of their wares and to give them a place to find out what it is like to be a dealer.

Last year our show tried a table for consignment sales of used equipment. The owner of the equipment receives 70 % and the club keeps 30% of the sales. Each piece of equipment has a "buy it now" price and a minimum bid price with the bids closing at 4:30 on Sunday. Members are encouraged to clean out their unused equipment and make it available to anyone that is interested. We plan to do it again this year and see if it will continue to grow.

The most successful publicity feature of our show is the distribution of fliers through the public school system. Our club is a non profit and the show is free. We have many activities that support the school earth sciences goals and curriculum. We make a request to the school district main office for distribution of the fliers. We promise that the fliers will be packaged in bundles of approximately 30 for easy distribution to the classes and they are counted out to match the census for each individual school building. Each bundle is wrapped in a single sheet letter to the teacher thanking them for their help and hoping that they will also attend. We request that they distribute the fliers from kindergarten through 6th grade. The fliers are delivered to the school district main office on Friday, one week before the show. We send home 30,000 or more fliers through 4 local school districts in this manner.

Our other marketing relies on paid adds in the East Metro Oregonian and in the Gresham Outlook as well as the Gorge connection and this paper. We also work very hard to get some sort of article about the show in the local paper. This is up to the discretion of the editor and is not always successful. We find it helpful to send a teaser to the editor with article ideas about 4 to 6 weeks before the show and then contact them directly about 3 weeks before the show at the same time you are finalizing your paid adds.

We try to contact other clubs and encourage their members to come to the show and to put in cases. (Consider yourselves invited to come and to display.) Remember that shows are much more fun when you can sit and talk to friends and watch everyone else do the work.

Our Show is April 14 (10-6) and April 15, (10 to 5). Come and share the fun.

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THEME FOR 2007 SHOW

52nd Annual
River of Gems

AGATE & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
WILLAMETTE
SALEM, OREGON

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Willamette Agate & Mineral Society, Inc.
A Non-Profit Educational Organization
Donation \$1.00 (Under 12 year - FREE)

FRIDAY APRIL 27 9 am - 6 pm	SATURDAY APRIL 28 10 am - 6 pm	SUNDAY APRIL 29 10 am - 4:30 pm
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Dealers and Exhibits of Rocks, Gems and Minerals from around the World!
Precious Gems and Jewelry, Lapidary and Faceting Materials
Silver, Crystals, Minerals, Fossils, Beads, and much more!

Fossil Displays & Demonstrations ♦ Display Cases
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Silent Auction ♦ Free Door Prizes ♦ Grab Bags

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Sat. - 1:00 pm (Kids Under 12)

New KID'S CORNER
Games • Educational • Fun
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Ask the Expert - Bring Your Rocks

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MT HOOD ROCK CLUB ROCK AND GEM SHOW

(Free admission-bring your friends)

SAT/SUN, April 14 & 15, 2007, 10 am to 6/5 pm

**WHERE: Mt Hood Community College Gym
26000 SE Stark, Gresham, OR (watch for signs)**

**26 DLRS, DEMOS, DOOR PRIZES & RAFFLE
EASTER (THUNDER) EGG HUNT FOR KIDS
2:00 Sat--800 lbs. of free polished rock (Kids 1-12)**

**ORAL AUCTION: Sun. @ 2:00 p.m. (Quality Mat'l)
USED EQUIPMENT SALE & SILENT
AUCTION:**

Buy it now-Sat and Sun, Low bid closes at 4:30 Sun.
(for auction lists contact odroc@comcast.net)

Guest Cases wanted

Contact Patty at packrats2000@yahoo.com

2007 Gem & Mineral Show Calendar

Show Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person	Show Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
Feb 24-25 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Everett Rock & Gem Club, 54 th Annual Gem, Jewelry & Min. Show	Wash. National Guard Armory, 2730 Oakes Ave. Everett, WA	John Peterson, PO Box 1615, Everett, WA 98206 425-402-9227	Apr 27-29 Fri 9-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4:30	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society – “52 nd Annual River of Gems	Polk Co. Fairgrounds Rickreall, OR	Cathy Fisher catlfish@comcast.net 503-851-1837
Feb 24-25 Sat 10-7 Sun 10-5	Idaho Gem Club Annual Jewelry, Gem, Fossil, Mineral Show	Expo Idaho (formerly W. Idaho Fairgrounds) Glenwood and Chinden	Charlie Smith, PO Box 1264. Riggins, ID 83549 208-628-4002	Apr 28-29 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Grays Harbor Geology and Gem Society “Earth’s Treasure”.	Elma Fairgrounds, 43 Elma McCleary Rd. Elma, Wa.	Gary Emberly 360.533-6196, 624 Fairmont Place Aberdeen, Wa. 98520
Mar 3-4 Sat: 10-6 Sun: 10-5	East Kingco Annual Rock & Gem Show Issaquah, WA	Pickering Barn. 1730 10 th Ave NW (across from Costco)	Norma Kikkert 19809 Filbert Rd Bothell, WA 98012	Apr 28-29 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society, Mineral & Fossil Show	Hamilton Senior Center 400 N. 4 th & Adirondac Hamilton, MT	Harvey & Margaret Sharp 406-363-1590 Sharp_margaret@msn.com
Mar 3-4 Sat: 10-6 Sun: 10-5	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society, Annual Show.	O'Connor Field House 2200 Blaine Caldwell, ID	Tom Rogers, 6508 E. Lewis Ln., Nampa, ID, 208-465-5529 LMR_TMR@SAFELINK.NET	May 12-13 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club - 48th Annual Show	Gallatin Co. Fairgrounds Black & Tamarack St. [Exit I-90 @ N. 7th St.]	Dan Carter (406) 763-5034 or Doug Ellis (406) 266-4452 opalcrusher@hotmail.com
Mar 9 -11 Fri 9-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Golden Spike Gem & Min. Soc. 56th annual Show Gemstone Junction 2007	Union Station 25 th & Wall Ave. Ogden, Utah	Tom @ 801-791-2828 Richard @ 801-540-0478 Les @ 801-782-5664	June 1-3 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show	Fruitland Grange Hall 112th and 86th Avenue East Puyallup, WA	Greg Nielsen (425) 806-2928 or PVGMC, P. O. Box 134 Puyallup, WA 98371 Web: puyallupgemclub.org
Mar 9-11 Fri. 9-5 Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-5	Tualatin Valley Gem Club Rock Heaven 2007	Washington County Fairgrounds Hillsboro, Oregon	Rose Jackson 503-359-3723 jeweledrose@comcast.net	June 2-3 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Hatrockhounds Annual Gem and Mineral Show Hermiston, Oregon	Hermiston Conference Center, 4155 Hwy 395, Hermiston, Oregon	Mike Filarski, PO Box 502, Irrigon, OR 97844 stonemorlin1@netscape.net
Mar 9 -11 Fri 9-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Rock Rollers 48TH Annual Show ROCKS AND MINERALS OF THE NORTHWEST	Spokane Fair and Expo Center, Broadway and Havana	Randy Anderson (509) 467-1991 or Dee Schwendiman (509) 892-1621	Jun 2-3 Sat 9-5 Sun: 10-4	North Idaho Mineral Club Annual Show	Kootenai Co. Fairgrounds at Gov't Way and Kathleen Coeur d' Alene, ID	Mike Rose (208) 667 8591 rockinroses2@msn.com
Mar 10-11 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Magic Valley Gem Club, Rock and Gem Show	Boys & Girls Club , 999 Frontier Road, just East of C.S.I., Twin Falls, ID	Julia McLinn, (208) 733-2444, flykid@cableone.net or Mickey Tanner	Jun 15-17 Fri 10-6 Sat 10-6 Sun: 10-4:30	Oregon Coast Agate Club Gem and Mineral Show	Lincoln Co. Fairgrounds, 633 NE 3 rd St., Newport, Oregon Directions: http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/fair/index.html	Juli Dahl 541-563-7495 jdahl2@casco.net.
Mar 10-11 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4	Rock and Arrowhead Club Show “Oregon Territory Treasures”	Klamath County Fairgrounds, 3531 S. 6 th St. Klamath Falls, OR	Mark Winters 541.850-3733 G. Carlson 541.882-8276 Marv Stump 541. 882-8341	Aug 3-5 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Butte Min & Gem Club NFMS 67 th Annual “Richest Hill on Earth”	Civic Center 1340 Harrison Ave (I-90, exit Harrison Ave, turn north), Butte MT	Pete Knudsen (406) 723-8524
Mar 30-31 Fri 8:30-6 Sat 9-5	Panorama Gem & Min. Club, 7th annual show- "OBSIDIAN" featured.	Fort Colville Grange Hall, one mile east of Colville. WA on Highway 20	Johnie Pitman (509) 684 8882	Aug 4-5 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Far West Lapidary & Gem Soc., Annual Indoor Show	North Bend Community Center, 2222 Broadway North Bend, Oregon	Carolyn DeMetz 541-267-5008 czdemetz@earthlink.net
Mar 31-Apr 1 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Southeast Idaho Gem and Mineral Society 51 st Annual Show	Bannock Co. Fairground Commercial Building Pocatello, Idaho	Kathy or Marty Rakatansky (208) 233-2538 rak80@cableone.net	Sep 8-9 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4:30	Umpqua Gem & Min. I Club Annual Show "Wonders of the West"	Douglas county Fairgrounds 15 Exit 123 Roseburg, Oregon	Dave Snyder (541) 679-7553 deyoung1953@msn.com
Mar 31-Apr 1 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society (59th annual show)	1641 Long St. Sweet Home, Or.	Dee David (541) 367-4895 ced@centurytel.net	Sep 8-9 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Hellgate Mineral Society "Rockhounding Around Missoula	Ruby's Inn and Convention Center, 4825 North Reserve St., Missoula, MT 59801	Bob Riggs, 14 Holiday Lane, Missoula, MT 59801 (406) 543-3667
Apr 14-15 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society, Annual Show	Idaho Falls Recreation Center (Memorial and B St.) Idaho Falls, Idaho.	Terry Hayes P.O. Box 423 Ririe ID 83443, 208-538-5644. spsfore@yahoo.com	Sep 14-16 Fri 10-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Far West Lapidary & Gem Society, So. Coast Rock & Gem Fest 2007 Dealers & Tailgaters	4 th Street Parking Lot across Family Restaurant Coos Bay, Oregon	Carolyn DeMetz 541-267-5008 czdemetz@earthlink.net
Apr 14-15 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Mt. Baker Rock & Gem, 46 th annual show Bellingham, WA	Bloedel-Donovan Park Multi-purpose Building 2214 Electric Ave	Dick Fleharty, 360-332-8767, dickfl938@earthlink.net.	Sep 15-16 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Soc. 38th Annual Show	Walla Walla Co. Fairgrounds, Comm. Ctr. Bldg., 9th St & Orchard	Jack Edwards 509-529-3673 edwardsj@wwics.com
Apr 14-15 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Mount Hood Rock Club Rock Gem and Craft Show	Mount Hood Community College Gymnasium 26000 SE Stark	Contact: Gail Bumala (503)637-5165 boomart@cascadeaccess.com				
Apr 21-22 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show	Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds, Kennewick WA	Dave Westland (509) 735-9678				
Apr 21-22 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Yakima Rock and Mineral Club Parade of Gems (70 Years)	Central Wash.State Fairgrounds, Modern Living Bldg, Fair Ave. & E. Nob Hill Blvd., Yakima, WA	Marti Sondgeroth 55 W. Washington Ave. #89 Yakima, Wa. 98903 509-248-6401 evening				