Golden Spike Club to Host 2020 NFMS Show & Convention April 10-12

OGDEN in 2020 By Evan Day

Preparations for Gemstone Junction 2020 and the NFMS Convention and Show are just about done. As noted on the application form (page 7), we have a block of rooms set aside at only $89 per night. The Comfort Suites proved to be a great Host Hotel in 2015, and they are glad to have us again for the Saturday Awards Banquet, All Editors’ breakfast and Past Presidents’ lunch. The NFMS Annual Meeting will be in the show site’s Arena Conference Room Friday at 4:00 p.m.

There are plenty of Full-Hookup campsites at the Show site, BUT the Weber County Fairgrounds has asked us to hold off until April 1st to call them for reservations (they are (Continued page 7)

From the PRESIDENT’s Desk... Proposed NEPA Regulations

Important Proposed NEPA Regulation Changes:

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), a Federal Executive Branch agency charged with promulgating regulations for implementing the 1969 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) within all elements/Departments of the Executive Branch, has just published (10 January, 2020) proposed changes to the crucial 1978 CEQ NEPA Regulations and is seeking public comment by 10 March, 2020. The proposed changes and related discussions are outlined in the Federal Register text at:


Broad summary statements about the impact of the proposed changes are available at:


Although a tough read if you are not NEPA-familiar, there are significant process simplifications and timeline contractions being proposed. Please try to have someone within your Club review the proposal, read comments from recreational and access-related groups as they are reported on the internet and at their websites over the next month, and craft comments that reinforce the positions of your individual clubs, based on your experiences with how certain Federal agencies [especially the US Forest Service (part of the Department of Agriculture) and the BLM (part of the Department of Interior)] have implemented the NEPA review process for various local-area recreation-related projects in the past.

Please Plan to Train to Become an AFMS-Certified Judge at the NFMS Show Venue in Ogden, UT April 9-12:

Your Federation is planning to conduct training for AFMS-certified competitive display-case judges during a portion of the April 10-12, 2020 period in Ogden in view of the great need within our Federation (and within other regional Federations as well) for these certified judges. This will be a great opportunity for members to “step up” and become a highly valued judge to help our exhibitors grow and be competitive at the AFMS level. You need not be an expert in all the sub-fields of the hobby/craft; you will be training on applying the AFMS standards and procedures to the judging process.

We still must quickly gauge the level of interest in conducting this training, and A LOT OF DETAILED PLANNING is required. Again, time is short, so we’d appreciate your serious consideration of being trained in this important function. (Continued Page 6)
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For matters related to this newsletter (i.e. content, advertising, etc.) contact the Newsletter Editor.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW
NFMS Club-at-Large: 1st Vice President (see above)

Send to: Treasurer, P.O. Box 635, Tieton, WA 98983, (509) 822-3617, 5th Vice President (see above)

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For matters related to this newsletter (i.e. content, advertising, etc.) contact the Editor. For matters related to this newsletter distribution (new members, address changes, etc.) contact the Circulation Chair.
From the 1st VICE PRESIDENT’s Desk…

Are You Ready?

Are you ready? “Ready for what?”, you say. Ready for the NFMS Annual Meeting, of course. “But we just had an Annual Meeting!” Yes, we did. But sometimes great things happen close together.

The date of the Annual Meeting depends upon the date of the hosting club’s show. Our hosting club is the Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society of Ogden, Utah and their meeting is April 10-12, 2020. Yes, that is Easter weekend, but I encourage you to bring the family and have a fun time.

Golden Spike hosted our show a few years ago and Paul and I attended. It is a fantastic show, one of the best. Well-staged, large, and beautifully done. It is also in a beautiful area with access to the Great Salt Lake, Topaz Mountain, Dugway Geodes, etc.

If you are interested in helping judge display cases, we are planning on holding Judges’ training during the show. Get the inside scoop on what makes an award-winning case to help you do a better job with your case or to assist others in feeling comfortable with what it takes to make a winning display.

Of course, there will be the Annual Meeting, Awards Presentations, Bulletin Editors’ Breakfast, Juniors’ Cracker Barrel (where leaders of our Juniors share tips and techniques) and other events. And, there will be shopping (my favorite part), displays, demonstrations, etc.

It is not too early to start your planning. Information on camping, hotels, etc. was available in the last issue of the NFMS Newsletter. I hope to see you there.

From the 2nd VICE PRESIDENT’s Desk…

A Little Thought About Advertising

Winter is here! Or at least it is according to the calendar. We have had only a dusting here in the Tri-Cities thus far, but I am sure more is on the way. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the holiday season and is now thinking ahead to 2020 and what rock collecting trips or shows you are planning to attend.

As I begin to think ahead towards the NFMS meeting and show in Ogden, followed the next weekend by our annual show, I can already tell that next spring is going to be a busy time. In my new position as 2nd VP and as the show chairman and advertising lead for our show I would like to reach out to all of the clubs that host annual shows and request that you contact me with ideas and the methods by which you advertise your show. In the transition over the past few years to more and more things being done online and the cost for hard-copy newspapers (and advertising in them) constantly increasing I would like to know how others utilize social media and other media for advertising. If there is something that is working well for you please let me know in the next two months and I will compile it for a future article in the newsletter.

As Ken (Zahn) and others have said in the past, the Federation is only as good as its members, all of whom are volunteers. Help out each other and we all benefit.

From the SECRETARY’S Tablet…

Just like Uncle Sam, We Need You!

As I am sitting here enjoying a rare moment of beautiful winter sunshine in Eastern Oregon, I am thinking about the fact April, spring, and the NFMS Show in Ogden, Utah will be here before we know it. I am looking forward to that! The Golden Spike Club puts on a fabulous local show. Their willingness to again host the NFMS Show and Convention after just five short years from their last hosting gig shows that great spirit of volunteerism.

In reality, I believe they took up the helm because no one else had stepped forward. But, even though members need to put out a bit of extra effort, they know they will be doing something for all the rockhound fans as well as lining their pockets a bit more. Ancient history of a club perhaps having lost money or discussions about all the extra work have caused some members in clubs to negate the idea of hosting a show even though others are in favor of the idea. What a shame!

Recent years have shown an increase in attendance and profits of those hosting a Federation Show. Sure, there is some more work, but things can definitely be aligned with your regular show. You don’t need to change the date: just tag the Federation onto your regular annual show. The additional work predominately lies in providing a site for a banquet and taking receipts for pre-registration. There are a few other items needed such as space for an annual meeting, a Bulletin Aids-Webmaster Breakfast (general attendees around 25-30), and Past Presidents’-Committee Chair luncheon (about the same number of attendees). Displays are always a part of a show anyway, so all you have to do is provide some additional spaces available for the competitive displays.

The NFMS website’s front page has a link on the right side that provides the reader with a comprehensive booklet on “Hosting a Federation Show”. The booklet is long and can make one a bit hesitant, but in reality, all is written out to simply give a guideline. Things don’t have to follow what is written in the book. In fact, I would guess some people have had enough of a part in hosting a Federation Show, they don’t even think twice about what needs to be done: they already know. I have offered before, and I am offering again to act as Registrar or Coordinator for any club willing to take up the challenge of hosting a Federation Show. It doesn’t have to be 2021, it could be 2022 or 2023 so you have plenty of time to plan. So, who is ready to take up the challenge?

Editor’s Note: Please contact Jim Bosley with your proposal at (208) 520-1819, jbosley(at)cableone.net
From the Treasurer’s Ledger...
Thank You Sandy Hansen!
Lyle Vogelpohl

Sandy Hansen continues her volunteer work with the Magic Valley Gem Club and her employer Walmart's "Volunteerism Always Pays" program. For every 30 hours Sandy volunteers with her club, Walmart's program sends the NFMS $250.

Since November 2016, Sandy has raised $2500.00 for the NFMS Junior Fund to support all NFMS Junior activities. Our gratitude and thanks, Sandy, for all you do.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION
Gayle Butler; NFMS Juniors Chair

Time is short for Junior Rock Hounds to share their accomplishments from the past two years (2018 and 2019); The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies wants to honor you. You must be paid up and listed as a member of your Club and the NFMS. If you won last year (2019) at Lewiston, Idaho you will need to wait until 2021 to enter again UNLESS you move up to the next age category. Your Resume and Application together require a postmark by March 1, 2020. 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 gaylesmail@comcast.net

Editor’s Note: Find more information in the December issue of the Northwest Newsletter https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vgfiks4LdQrzr6hG_42gEEENN1pTkNgJ/view?usp=sharing and here: http://northwestfederation.org/Juniors.asp

A Message From...
Darryl Powell; Diamond Dan Publications

To all Mineral Clubs and Society Leaders:

Remember that with the NFMS provided subscription to "Mini Miners Monthly", you receive permission to use "a significant portion" of this material in your newsletter, on your website, and at programs, shows, etc. Please indicate it is by Diamond Dan Publications and include our website address on each page that you use. Our only request is that you do not post it in total or email it in total to your membership. We trust this will be a very useful resource for your educational activities, especially with the kids.

Please note: If you have not already purchased it, our collection of Mineral Clip Art is available again for the deeply discounted price of $14.95. Go to our homepage, www.diamonddanpublications.net, and the link to purchase it is at the top of the page.

Have a wonderful, safe, successful and happy 2020!
Best wishes,
Darryl
aka Diamond Dan

Editor’s Note: All clubs were contacted electronically asking if they were receiving their "Mini Miners Monthly’s”. It is important that your club please reply and comment to Judi Allison’s email before the annual meeting. If you are the club contact or a club leader and did not get this email, please contact Judi immediately.

[Images and logos]
Dear NFMS members, I am very involved with my local club, Idaho Gem Club, regarding keeping access to our public lands here in Idaho. This responsibility is defined under my responsibilities as Federation Director. Idaho has the Idaho Recreational Council, the only recreational council in 50 states. It is an organization with a board representing the many diversified recreation in Idaho. I was asked to join in 2019 to represent Recreational Rockhounds in the state of Idaho. I am coordinating with our state clubs/societies, NFMS, and ALAA information regarding BLM and Forest Service plans and legislation of the state and nation regarding public land access made available through this council. As you can see by the attached article of February 1987, this is not a new responsibility for NFMS members to keep their rockhounding sites open through responsible rockhounding and PLAC representatives. I encourage you to have a designated position in each club keeping in contact with NFMS PLAC and your local, state, and national representatives, BLM, the Forest Service, and the Public Lands Organization. Our hobby depends on you!

WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS

The NFMS PLAC, established just last August now has at least one representative from each state in the Federation. They are all volunteers, serious, dedicated, and anxious to make their contribution to preserving and enhancing our rights to collect rocks, minerals, fossils, and gemstones on public lands, as amateurs, in pursuit of our hobby. These state PLAC representatives are in touch with their regional BLM and Forest Service offices and will explain our approved land use policies to those agencies and the corresponding state organizations. Their names and addresses are listed in each issue of the Northwest Newsletter, and they are ready and waiting to hear from both clubs and individual federation members about particular land use and access problems.

Through our discussions with many of you, both in person and by letter, and through visits with BLM and Forest Service officials, we now have a clearer and better understanding of how to go about making our views and interests known; and how an appropriate rely to a land use study or environmental impact statement might be prepared. Useful examples of replies have been and will continue to be printed here from time to time, for the information of all our members.

The Northwest Newsletter, which reaches all our members, provides an invaluable means to circulate information and alert the federation to land use and access problems. Some clubs have already established their own PLAC’s and these groups are actively looking into matters in their local areas and contacting the public land managing agencies and their state members of this committee. We are already starting to get feedback by letter and otherwise, that some of the BLM and Forest Service offices and state organizations are beginning to acknowledge that we and our hobby exist and that our recreational interests need to be taken into account in their plans.

Some of the Problems:

The other side of the coin, the more negative aspects, also have to be mentioned and addressed in the year ahead.

First and foremost, is apathy and inaction on the part of the greater majority of our members. When asked, most voice their full support for what our federation and this committee is undertaking. But, only a few of the member clubs and individuals are thus far actually participating in the work and voicing their views. We need to establish local PLAC’s, meet with the land use officials, make our views known and submit letters with our comments on their studies and plans.

Another big negative to be overcome is the way our rockhounding pursuits and activities are viewed by all too many Forest Service, BLM, and state public land officials. We find ourselves having to explain over and over the fact that we are amateur hobbyists pursuing recreational and educational objectives; that we are not commercially motivated miners or prospectors bent on extracting personal profit from the public lands, without following the rules and regulations which require permits for such purposes.

Finally, and perhaps of most importance, is the problem of improving further and correcting the mistaken public perception that rockhounding activities in general are destructive and anti-conservationist in their nature. Those Rockhounds or Rockhogs who ignore and violate our AFMS Code of Ethics are all too often observed and considered by the public land authorities, the private land holders and the public as the norm rather than the exception. That perception must be challenged and changed if we are to have reason to hope that our present opportunities and rights to collect rocks, gemstones, minerals, and fossils on public lands is to survive.

So, in the year ahead there is much to do. Let’s all put our shoulder to the wheel and see how far forward we can go in improving further our organization and increasing our actions on public land use matters and try to make real progress toward solving our problems.

It is a challenging job for all of us! Let’s keep digging!

ROCKHOUNDS OF THE YEAR

Laurie Ellis, ROY Chair

Cascade Mineralogical Society nominates Mark Hohn as Rockhound of the Year.

Mark joined our club in 2014, was new to rock collecting and lapidary work, but jumped in with both feet! He immediately became a very valuable asset to our club.

As Membership Chairman, he created a database and mass club email ability. He rewrote our website, and traffic has since soared. We consistently get new members via the site. He setup the ability to join or renew membership online via credit card, and buy booth space online.

Mark was elected to our Board of Director’s. As Show Chairman, he managed advertising, social media accounts, set-up, and led our club to the production of extremely successful shows. This enabled us to establish 2 annual grants for earth science students at Green River College. He also does woodcarving, and beekeeping!

Good to know NFMS factoid:

All clubs can submit a person (or couple) for “Rockhound of the Year” and a youth for “Junior Rockhound of the Year”. They get your nice recognition writeup in the newsletter and receive a nice certificate.

HISTORIAN HIDDENITES

Linda Barlow

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From the Desk of the AFMS PRESIDENT...

David Wayment; AFMS President

Happy March to all. Hopefully the weather near you is becoming more like spring. I know everyone is anxious to get back outside after winter.

More clubs are getting into show season up north, while show season in Florida is winding down until fall. The different Federations will be having their annual meetings and shows between now and October. Why not make your plans now to attend?

The Eastern Federation will be holding their annual meeting in Hickory, NC, hosted by the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. The dates are March 27-30, 2020.

The Northwest Federation’s annual show is in Ogden, UT this year. The Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society is hosting the show from April 10-12, 2020.

Judges Training is also planned at the NFMS meeting. As I mentioned last month, Leslie and I became involved with the AFMS because of attending a judges training class. This class is a wonderful way to learn how to display a show case, whether for competition or non-competition. I want to encourage ALL members to display a case and exhibit their skills and crafts. This has proven to be an excellent way to introduce show visitors to what a club has to offer. If you do not understand the Uniform Rules book, do not be afraid to contact the Uniform Rules Committee, either for the AFMS or your local region. These are the people who can explain the rules to you and help you understand how to get a display case ready for showing.

From the Desk of the AFMS PRESIDENT...

Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies’ Officer Nominee Docket Announcement

Election of the NFMS Officers for the 2020-21 Term will be held during the 2020 Annual Meeting, presided by President Ken Zahn at 4 pm, Friday, April 10th in the Arena Conference Room, Weber Co. Fairgrounds in Ogden, Utah. On the Docket For:

President: Beth Heesacker
Vice President: Larry Hulstrom
2nd Vice President: Nominations to be taken from the floor.
Executive Secretary: Judi Allison
Treasurer: Lyle Vogelpohl

A REMINDER AND REQUEST FROM THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

CREDENTIALS FOR NFMS ANNUAL MEETING

Clara & Del Walker, Committee Chairpersons, must receive the NFMS Credentials, the NAMES (only) of Club Directors and Delegates, as soon as possible for planning purposes of the meeting. The annual meeting will be held at 4 pm Friday, April 10, Arena Conference Room, Weber Co. Fairgrounds, Ogden, UT. The Credential forms below must be completed by the designated director/delegate, signed by the Club President and Secretary, and BROUGHT BY THE DIRECTOR AND DELEGATE to the annual meeting. Or, this should be done by the alternate delegate(s), if necessary. Give us name(s) of attendees (not credentials forms) at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Call, email, or send to:

Clara & Del Walker
12377 SE Davis Loop
Prineville, OR 97754
Call 503-812-6540 or email to cwalker(at)q.com
(note email address ……. that is a “Q” not a “G”)

NFMS DIRECTOR’S CREDENTIALS

Name of Director ____________________________
Name of Club ______________________________
City, State _________________________________
Club President Signature _____________________
Club Secretary Signature ______________________
Date ____________________

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NFMS DELEGATE’S CREDENTIALS

Name of Delegate ____________________________
Name of Club ______________________________
City, State _________________________________
Club President Signature _____________________
Club Secretary Signature ______________________
Date ____________________

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SHOW NEWS

(Continued from front page)

swamped with other events right now). The NFMS Rules and Awards Committee provided a Competitive Exhibit application form in the December Newsletter [and in this issue] to use, and we encourage you to also participate in NON-Competitive exhibits – just use the online form or the one on page 12. Remember to bring good stuff for the Silent Auction.

We have lined up Utah field trips on Friday and Saturday (weather permitting), and Rockhounding talks by Authors Gary Warren and Rick Dalrymple on Saturday and Sunday afternoons in the Arena Conference Room. On Friday, Paleontologist Tylor Berthisel, an NFMS/AFMS Scholarship recipient, will talk on his research and recent finds by the Natural History Museum of Utah. NHMU is also providing an exhibit of spectacular mineral specimens. Many folks have asked about the beautiful gem & mineral exhibit we had at the Union Station, it is now in the fantastic “Ivan & Liz Rudd Exhibit Hall” of Ogden’s Eccles Dinosaur Park. There will be guided tours on Friday and Saturday, so you can get your Gem, Mineral, and Prehistoric Critter fix all at one time.

In addition to all of this, Golden Spike is simultaneously hosting the AFMS Judges Training Seminar at the Comfort Suites. After two days of classroom work on the Uniform Rules, attendees will come to Gemstone Junction to practice judging on both Competition and Non-comp exhibits. If you would like to participate, contact Margaret Kolaczyk at markolaczyk(at)gmail.com. April is usually a great time to visit Utah, good weather and no crowds. Plan some extra days to see our five National Parks and numerous Monuments. Just North of Ogden is the 1869 Meeting of The Rails Golden Spike Nat. Historic Site. To the East and South are several Ski Resorts, there may even be some of our famous Utah Powder left for you. Hey, go Rockhounding!!!!!
One contest comes to a close and another one begins. I would be really excited to receive an entry from the Northwest. An entry from anybody concerning anything lapidary, geological, field trips, mines, museums, or anything a rockhound might like to look at or that would interest us, as the new contest is open! With all of us having cameras and cell phones that can make movies, I think that we should start getting some of the NW field trips, mines, rocks and minerals on film. Of course, shop techniques and other items of interest concerning our hobby would be good to share, too. The AFMS has a Programs competition every year that anyone can enter. 

Here is what it is about:
The purpose of this competition is to recognize and reward authors of presentations about the Earth Sciences and Lapidary Arts and to make winning programs available to affiliated clubs across the country.

A $200 cash prize for the highest scoring program scoring 95 and above, and a $100 for a score of 94-90 in Classes 1-4. In addition, winners receive national recognition. A copy of each winning program is given to each AFMS Regional Program Library; thus winning programs are available to clubs across the country. Each program is judged on its own merits. Entrants will receive a composite score sheet with comments / score. Winners may be asked to make some changes based on judges’ comments before the final version is produced for duplication.

Here is what you need to know to enter:
All digital presentations or videos relating to the Earth Sciences and Lapidary Arts are eligible. Submit entries in one of the four amateur classes (See below).

WHO MAY ENTER: Any Club, Society, or members there of, with 2020 dues paid to the AFMS may enter (NFMS members).

The Judging Form and "Tips for Good Programs" are available on the AFMS website (www.amfed.org), or from me.

CLASSES FOR ENTRIES:

- Class I: Educational - About geology, minerals, gems, fossils, etc.
- Class II: Field Collecting - Showing site(s), specimens, with some geology, collecting methods and other aspects of interest.
- Class III: "How To Do It" - Techniques/equipment for fossil preparation, jewelry, metal work, carving, faceting, other lapidary, etc.
- Class IV: Just for Juniors - Any of the above for/by youngsters.

"Excellence in Education" Class For “commercial” Presentations (entries are judged separately).

JUDGING:
Judges look for:

- accuracy of information / educational value
- quality of photographs / visuals completeness of story, but not “too much” information
- narration that moves well from one image to the next
- presentations that explore an area of interest or demonstrate ideas/techniques which viewers may try
- title, credits, and “The End” slides for CD, DVD or VIDEO entries
- For CD, DVD or VIDEO amateur entries, do not send in a DVD format for judging. Submit a copy preferably in PowerPoint or similar format on a flash drive instead of CD, without author’s credits, for anonymity. Entries may be ‘live action’ or ‘static slides’. Integrated audio is preferred but not required for judging (audio will be added for final version). Please include a typed script if there is no audio.
- 35mm SLIDE PRESENTATIONS can be considered (Please contact me before submission).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15, 2020

SEND ENTRIES TO: AFMS Programs Chairman, Darrell Watkins PO Box 635 Tieton WA 98947 509-673-0085 AFMSprograms@gmail.com

AFMS Annual Conventions/Shows
- 2020, Oct. 16-18, Knoxville, TN
- 2021, April 21-25, Sandy, UT
- 2022, Jan. 29 -30, Tyler, TX
Multi-Federation Field Trip in Wyoming 2020
Doug True; AFMS Inter-Regional Field Trip Chair

Blue Forest for petrified wood, dig fish fossils (fee dig), and we’re working on several other trips in the area, June 13-16, all in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Federation Show and Convention being held in Big Piney, Wyoming June 19, 20 and 21. So make it a vacation and visit Wyoming.

For information about this trip, contact Doug True dtruefossils12 (at) yahoo.com. For show and other trip information contact Jim Gray. jimgray (at) wyoming.com. We are looking forward to this great show. Via AFMS Newsletter; December 2019

Editor’s Note: June 19-21—BIG PINEY, WYOMING: Annual show; Sublette County Rock Hounds; Sublette County Fairgrounds, 10937 Hwy 189, Event Center; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; Adults $2, free admission for children; Show also serves as the annual convention of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the annual Wyoming State Mineral and Gem Society show, with dealers selling rough, slabs, supplies, fossils, beads, jewelry; as well as fluorescent mineral display, demonstrations, exhibits, field trips, and activities for children; contact Jim Gray, PO Box 1351, Big Piney, WY 83113; Website: https://www.wsmgs.org/clubs.html

AFMS Training Seminar

This is a great opportunity coming to the Northwest!

WHEN: 9 am - 5 pm Friday, April 10th & Saturday, April 11; Sunday, April 12th 2020 Judging Practice

WHERE: Comfort Suites, 2250S 1200 W, Ogden, UT, 84401, 801-621-2545

Please fill out the application and return with the $40 Registration Fee includes lunches (payable to):

To: Margaret Kolaczyk, Registrar, 24551 Shake Ridge Road, Volcano, CA 95689

Registration Deadline: March 20, 2020

Taking this certification class does not obligate you to Judge, it educates and only opens up the opportunity to be a Judge.

Ronna Watkins

2020 GEM SHOW
Hosted By Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club
24th Annual Show
Saturday, April 18th – 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, April 19th – 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:
- 40+ Collectors Exhibits
- Great Door Prizes
- Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Dealers
- Fluorescent Displays
- Kid’s Korner – Games & Crafts
- Silent Auctions
- Geode Cracking
- Tailgating – Sunday 8:00am to Noon

Demonstrations Include:
- Cabochon Fashioning
- Gemstone Faceting
- Gem Trees
- Sphere Making
- Silversmithing
- Wire Wrapping
- Jewelry Fabrication

JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR REGISTRATION APRIL 10-12, 2020
Return to Margaret Kolaczyk 24551 Shake Ridge RD, Volcano, CA 95689-9629

Please Print
Name ________________________________
Address _________________________________
E-Mail _________________________________
Regional Federation __________________________
Club/Society ____________________________

Division you are interested in:
- Open
- Minerals
- Lapidary
- Jewelry
- Education
- Meteorites
- Fossils
- Petrified Wood
- Gems
- Smaltshay
- Reading
- UV

I’m bringing an exhibit for evaluation __________________________

YOU MUST BRING AN AFMS UNIFORM RULES BOOK, UPDATED TO 2018
This can be downloaded on the AFMS website. Bring a pen and notepaper with you. There is $40 Registration Fee per person which includes a lunch on Friday & Saturday.

Checks should be made payable to Margaret Kolaczyk and must accompany the application.

Lunch = choice: Carnivorous ___ or Vegetarian ___

CLASS SCHEDULE
Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at Comfort Suites.

Evaluation of Exhibits begins on Sunday, April 12th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Golden Spike Events Center-Exhibition Hall, Weber Co. Fairgrounds, 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden, UT, 84404

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION
You must make your reservation under the name, AFMS Judging Seminar. Or, follow this link to make the reservation online: https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/NO7225. The rate for the Seminar is $89 per night. Complimentary parking for anyone staying at the hotel, and for attendees at the seminar.

Free Breakfast Daily from 7-10 AM, for those staying at the hotel.

Above Rates will apply three days prior to, and three days after the seminar.

The deadline to make your reservation to stay at the inn in March 26th, 2020.

Hotel Contact: Maria Nightingale catering@tierm@aol.com

For more information contact, Margaret Kolaczyk: markkolaczyk@gmail.com or phone: 209-296-5597

UMPOQA GEM & MINERAL CLUB

“50th Rock Extravaganza”
Saturday, May 2, 2020 – 9am to 5pm
Douglas County Fairgrounds
I-5 exit 123 • Roseburg, OR
FREE Admission – don’t miss!”
“DO NOT MISS THE FUN!”
Gems & Mineral Displays
Rock & Jewelry Dealers
Demonstrators • Door Prizes
Silent Auction • Raffle Prizes
FREE Kids’ Activities!
Rock Hunts: Sat: 11am • 1pm • 3pm
Wheel of Fortune • Klinko
Rock Painting with Michael’s
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NAME______________________________________________________________

ADDRESS___________________________________________________________

PHONE______________________EMAIL_________________________________

SOCIETY________________________________________________________

EXHIBITOR GROUP: MASTER___ ADVANCED___ NOVICE___JUNIOR___

EXHIBIT DIVISION______ EXHIBIT/CLASS_______

CERTIFICATION FOR EXHIBITORS

I hereby certify that all material in competition by me is my own personal property. I have read the stated classification according to the AFMS Rules.

Signature____________________________ Title_____________________________

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