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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

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Ogden's George S. Eccles Dinosaur Park is an exciting collection of prehistoric creatures.



Ken Zahn

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:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-01-10/pdf/2019-28106.pdf>

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

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/20200109FINAL-FACT-SHEET-v3-1.pdf>

<https://nationallawforum.com/2020/01/13/nepa-overhaul-ceq-proposes-significant-changes-to-federal-environmental-review/>

<https://www.steptoe.com/en/news-publications/ceq-proposes-sweeping-changes-to-nepa-regulations.html>

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 recent 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.

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The **NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER** is the official publication of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) and is published at least 6 times per year. Each member is entitled to receive a mailed copy of this publications with their membership. Please check with your Club membership person to assure you are receiving this means of keeping you informed of the activities and events pertaining to the business and services of the Federation. Club membership points-of-contact are encouraged to forward names and addresses of new club members, soon after they join, to both the Directory Chair and the Circulation Chair, so that Newsletter distribution by mail to them can be started as soon as practicable. The newsletters are also posted to the Federation website electronically and archived there for members to review and/or download.

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.

SHOW COORDINATION. Your Federation provides a free service for NFMS members by listing your show in this Newsletter, on the NFMS website, two magazines (“Rocks and Minerals” and “Rock and Gem”) and the on-line calendar from “Lapidary Journal”. Please provide the date and time for the show, the club name and show title (if applicable), the location of the show, admission price, and most important a contact person with address, 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. If you see an error once your show is listed, or if your show is not listed, contact the Newsletter Editor.

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



ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS

Where to send your money

To NFMS Treasurer for:
1. Membership Dues (new & renewal) and supplies
2. Donations for the general fund
3. Donations to Junior Achievement
4. Advertisement in this Newsletter
Send to: Lyle Vogelpohl, see Treasurer this page.

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(for the desktop/laptop/tablets)
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(for mobile devices like phones)



NFMS NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE ADVERTISEMENT

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

Ads for the Northwest Newsletter are
\$1.50 per square inch.
Example: 3” x 4” ad = 12 inches
12 inches x \$1.50 = \$18 per issue of the Newsletter

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

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

NFMS Dues were due January 10th



**Beth
Heesacker**

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 week-end, 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.



**Larry
Hulstrom**

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.



**Judi
Allison**

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](mailto: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/1Vgfdkt4LdQrzn6hG_42gEEENN1pTkNgJ/view?usp=sharing and here: <http://northwestfederation.org/Juniors.asp>



2020 JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

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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.

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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. ☺



HISTORIAN HIDDENITES

Linda Barlow



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, mineral, 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 educations 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 destructible 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.

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From the PRESIDENT’s Desk...

Plan to Train to Become an AFMS-Certified Judge

Please contact one of our Officers as soon as possible (see page 2 of this Newsletter) if you would be willing to take this training...or Doug True (Billings MT Club), Ronna Watkins (Yakima WA Club), Bob Gibson or Darrell Coyle (Hamilton MT Club), or Lauren Williams (ID Falls Club). Their contact information is in the 2018-2019 NFMS Directory, provided to each club already (see your club’s President or club-designated NFMS Director). Ken Zahn *Editors Note: Find more information and the preregistration form on page 9 of this issue of the NW Newsletter. You may also find the information in the AFMS Newsletter of interest: http://www.amfed.org/news/n2020_03.pdf*

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.

Via AFMS Newsletter Volume 73, Number 2 –March 2020

NFMS Calendar

- March 1 Postmark
- Junior Achievement Entry Deadline
- March 20
- Competitive Display Entry Deadline
- Convention Pre-Registration Deadline
- April 9
- GSG&M Show Display Set-up Day
- April 10-12
- NFMS Annual Convention & Show
- April 10 4 PM
- NFMS Annual Meeting
- April 11
- All Editors Breakfast
- September 7-13
- Northwest Rockhound Retreat
- November 15
- Programs’ Competition Entry Due

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 [cdwalker\(at\)q.com](mailto:cdwalker(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_____

Must be **completed** and **signed** to be seated with voting rights at the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Meeting

NFMS DELEGATE’S CREDENTIALS

Name of Delegate_____

Name of Club_____

City, State_____

Club President Signature_____

Club Secretary Signature_____

Date_____

Must be **completed** and **signed** to be seated with voting rights at the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Meeting

CELEBRATING

72

YEARS

Saturday

March 28

10:00-6:00

Sunday

March 29

10:00-5:00

72nd Annual

RIVER WONDERS: AGATES AND JASPERS

1948 - 2020

SWEET HOME

GEM & MINERAL SHOW

• Raffle

• Displays

• Dealers

• Snack Bar

• Door Prizes

• Demonstrations

• Handicap Parking

Admission 50¢

Children 12 and under - FREE when accompanied by an adult

1641 Long Street, **High School Gym**, Sweet Home OR

For more information call 541-451-1577 ela4rocks@gmail.com or 541-451-2740

Facebook: Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Club

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 on-line 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

Ore-Rock-On DVD Rockhounding Guide NEW Version 7

Covers rock, mineral & fossil collecting locations in all of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Northern California

A comprehensive guide for finding lapidary rock, minerals, and fossils:

◇ Use with any internet browser – mobile, PC, MAC etc.

◇ 36 detailed descriptions of 100's of dig sites that have GOOD material

◇ Includes ALL rockhounding sites in 9 recent OR, WA, CA, MT and MT rockhounding guidebooks

◇ 1,053 detailed topo maps to view & print with digs clearly marked

◇ 387 large scale Overview & Land Ownership maps for each collecting area

◇ Waypoint files to upload to your GPS – Over 3,368 in total

◇ A map of regions in each state leads to the maps and detailed site info & photos

◇ Google Earth files – view dig sites on color satellite images with roads etc.

DVD \$45, USB thumb drive \$51, SD Card \$50

\$2.66 Postage - Priority mail \$8

Upgrade from ANY previous version is HALF PRICE.

For more info and to purchase the DVD with Paypal, a Debit or Credit Card, please browse to <http://OreRockOn.com/CD.htm>

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@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 Ntl. 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!!!!

Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Annual Convention & Show

April 10th, 11th & 12th - 2020

Host: Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society

Site: Weber Co. Fairgrounds

Golden Spike Events Center

1000 N 1200 W, Ogden, UT, 84404

Advance Registration Form... One Form Per Person... Payments may be combined

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Club Affiliation: _____

Please mark all that apply:

Past President NFMS _____ NFMS Officer _____ Committee Chair _____ NFMS Delegate/ or Alt _____

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

Show Times: Friday 9:00 - 6:00; Saturday 10:00 - 6:00; Sunday 10:00 - 4:00

SHOW ADMISSION: Adults - \$3 Donation; Children 12-18 - \$2 Donation; Children Under 12 - FREE

Boy Scouts, Webelos, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts in Uniform (including their Leader) FREE

EASTER WEEKEND SPECIAL!

Friday April 10, 2020 only: FAMILIES with children under 12 admitted FREE

ALL FOOD EVENTS REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION

Friday, April 10th: NFMS Annual Meeting: 4PM @ Conference Room @ Fairgrounds _____ No Cost

Saturday April 11th:

All Editors Breakfast: 8AM @ Comfort Suites _____ \$14.00/plate

Officers/Chairs/Judges/Past Presidents Lunch - Noon @ Comfort Suites _____ \$14.00/plate

Social Hour (No Host) 6:30 PM @ Comfort Suites _____ No Cost

Awards Banquet: 7:00 PM Buffet with both Chicken and Beef @ Comfort Suites _____ \$30.00/plate

Total Amount Due _____ \$ _____

SHOW ACCOMMODATIONS

Headquarters Hotel: Comfort Suites, 2250 S 1200 W, Ogden, UT, 84401-0259, 801-621-2545. A SHOW RATE of \$89 Per Night is available if you make your reservation under "NFMS SHOW & CONVENTION". Or, click on this link <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/LH53J3> to make your reservation.

Camping at the Show: Weber Co. Fairgrounds, 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden, UT, 84404, 801-399-8798. We have 30 'full hook-up' spaces reserved. Cost is \$30 Per Day. Reserve by phone, pay when you arrive.

Mail Registration Form and Remittance (checks made out to Golden Spike G&MS)

To: Golden Spike G&MS, PO Box 12835, Ogden, UT, 84412-2835

Submit Registration by March 20th, 2020

NFMS Show Liaison: Evan Day 801-391-2912 - eday@nmission.com

Club Use: _____

Date received _____ : Check # _____ Amount _____ By _____



2021 AFMS Video/Slide PROGRAM CONTEST

Darrell Watkins; AFMS Programs Chair, NFMS Librarian

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

2021 AFMS Video/Slide PROGRAM ENTRY FORM

I / We submit:

(Presentation title)

☐ Class 1

☐ Class 2

☐ Class 3

☐ Class 4

"EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION"

(programs produced "for sale")

Producer Name -include your office if club entry-

Parent (s) (if junior entrant)

Member of:

(Club name)

Address:

Preferred Contact(s)

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Name:

Phone:

Email:

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR SALE? No ☐ Yes ☐

Cost: \$

REPRODUCTION / DUPLICATION

By entering, all winners grant permission for AFMS to duplicate / transfer their entry to DVD format for the Regional Libraries. Flash drives will be returned after duplication. 35mm slides will be scanned, and returned to producer. Non-winners will be returned after AFMS Convention. Reasonable precautions will be taken to protect program while it is in our hands.

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

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.

☆☆☆AWARDS☆☆☆

A \$200 cash prize for the highest scoring program scoring 95 and above, and a \$100 for a score of 94-90 points 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:

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| 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

DIRECT QUESTIONS AND ENTRIES TO: AFMS Programs Chairman, Darrell Watkins 509-673-0085, PO Box 635, Tieton WA 98947 [afmsprograms\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:afmsprograms(at)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 Kolaszyk, 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

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 _____ Scrimshaw _____ Beading _____ UV _____
I’m bringing an exhibit for evaluation _____

YOU MUST BRING AN AFMS UNIFORM RULES BOOK, UPDATED TO 2018.
This can be download 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 - (check one): 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/MO72N3>. 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 is March 20th, 2020.
Hotel Contact: Maria Nightingale cateringsuiterm@aol.com

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



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

UMPQUA GEM & MINERAL CLUB



“50th Rock Extravaganza”

Saturday, May 2, 2020 – 9am to 5pm
Sunday, May 3, 2020 – 10am to 4pm
Douglas County Fairgrounds
I-5 exit 123 • Roseburg, OR
FREE Admission – donations appreciated
Food Concessions by IdleYld Lodge

DON'T MISS THE FUN!

- Gem and Mineral Displays
- Rock and Jewelry Dealers
- Demonstrators • Door Prizes
- Silent Auction • Raffle Prizes
- FREE Kids’ Activities**
- Rock Hunts: Sat: 11am • 1pm • 3pm
Sun: 1pm • 3pm
- Wheel of Fortune • Klinko
- Rock Painting with *Michael’s*

NFMS Clubs’ Show Schedule 2020

February 22 & 23 Sat. 10 - 6 Sun. 10 - 5	Annual Idaho Gem Club Rock and Gem Show Idaho Gem Club	Expo Idaho Building (Fairgrounds) 5610 Glenwood Boise ID 83714	Brent Stewart 208 342 1151 rocksbybrent (at) gmail.com
February 28, 29 & March 1 Fri . 9 -5 Sat . 9 - 5 Sun. 9 - 5	Oregon Agate and Mineral Society Annual Show “Treasures Beneath Our Feet”	OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry) Auditorium 1945 SE Water Avenue Portland OR	Ken Thistle kthistle815 (at) gmail.com
March 6, 7 & 8 Fri. 10-5 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	62nd Annual Rock and Mineral Show Tualatin Valley Gem Club	Forest Grove National Guard Amory 2950 Taylor Way Forest Grove OR	Rose Jackson 1jeweledrose (at) gmail.com 503 349 7418 Website: www.tvgc.org
March 7 & 8 Sat . 10 - 6 Sun. 10 - 5	66th Annual Rock and Gem Show Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society	O'Conner Field House 2200 Blaine Caldwell ID	Darell Ehlers 208-674-1213 ddehlers (at) fmtc.com www.OwyheeRocks.com
March 13 & 14 Fri. 8:30 - 6 Sat. 9 - 5	Annual Rock Show Panorama Gem and Mineral Club	Colville Fairground Colville Ag and Trade Center 317 West Astor. Colville WA	Sheila Stratton 509 207 8506 skstratton@hotmail.com
March 14 & 15 Sat . 10 - 5 Sun. 10 - 4	70th Annual Rock, Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show Magic Valley Gem Club	Twin Falls County Fairgrounds 215 Fair Avenue Filer ID	Chris Funk 208 539 5369 Rmetts (at) magicvalleygemclub.org Magic Valley Gem Club PO Box 725 Twin Falls ID 83303
March 14 & 15 Sat. 9 - 6 Sun. 10 - 5	Northwest Montana Rock Chucks Gold, Gem, & Mineral Show	Flathead County Fairgrounds, Expo Building, 265 North Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT	Lloyd Fager oldgrayelf (at) sbcglobal.net 608-436-0780
March 21 & 22 Sat. 9 – 6 Sun. 10 – 5	Missoula MT 26th Gem and Mineral Show Hellgate Mineral Society	Hilton Garden Inn 3720 North Reserve St. Missoula MT	Neil Maier nam56 (at) yahoo.com 406 546 6013
March 20, 21 & 22 Fri. 10-7 Sat. 10-7 Sun. 10-5	Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society Annual Rock., Gem & Mineral Show	Spanish Fork Fair Grounds 475 South Main Street Spanish Fork UT	Keith Fackrell at 801-592-0410 Krfackrell(at)gmail.com or Jerry Davis 801 830 9228
March 27, 28 & 29 Fri. 10-6 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-4	61st Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA	Spokane County Fair & Expo Center N.404 Havana at Broadway Spokane Valley WA	Randy Sadberry 509-589-1301 rksadberry@gmail.com www.rockrollers.org
March 28 & 29 Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-5	64th Annual Rock and Gem Show South East Idaho Gem and Mineral Society (SEIGMS)	Bannock County Fairgrounds 10588 Fairground Dr. Pocatello ID 83201	Val Wuthrich 208 720 8239 valwuthrich(at)gmail.com Joe Rodriquez joe.rodriquez(at)itd.idaho.gov. 208 237 6941
March 28 & 29 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	59th Annual Rock & Gem Show Mt. Baker Rock & Mineral	Bloedel Donovan Community Center 2214 Electric Avenue Bellingham WA	Wes Gannaway 360 384 4209 debnwes(at)comcast.net Club website – www.mtbakerrockclub.org
March 28 & 29 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	72nd Annual Gem & Mineral Show Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Soc.	Sweet Home High School Gym 1641 Long Street Sweet Home OR	Joe Cota 541 451 2740 or 541 451 1577 Ela4rocks(at)gmail.com
April 4 & 5 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-3	63nd Annual Rock & Mineral Show Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club	Willamalane Adult Activity Center 215 W C Street Springfield OR	:Dean Burkhart 541 744 1919 burkhaks(at)aol.com
April 4 & 5 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club 5th Annual Spring Sale Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196th ST SW Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collma1(at) comcast.net
April 10, 11 & 12 Fri. 9-6 Sat. 10-6 Sun 10-4	Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society 69th Gemstone Junction & NFMS Show	Golden Spike Event Center Weber County Fairgrounds 1000 N 1200 W Ogden UT	Margie Miller 385 205-9187 Gemshow (at) goldenspikegem.org www.goldenspikegem.org
April 17, 18 & 19 Fri. 9 - 5 Sat. 9 - 5 Sun. 10 - 4	66th Annual Rock & Gem Show Willamette Agate & Mineral Society	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S Pacific Hwy W Rickreall, OR	Mimi Surgeon 503 602 9405 Rockclubnewsletter (at) gmail.com www.WAMSI.net
April 18 & 19 Sat. 10 - 5 Sun. 10 - 4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Annual Rock, Gem & Mineral Show	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA	Larry Hulstrom rockhound132 (at) charter.net 509 308 8312
April 18 & 19 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	56th Annual Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Show Idaho Falls Gem/Mineral Society	City Recreation Center Corner of Memorial Drive and B Street Idaho Falls ID	Nicole Strong 208 768 7953 nicolek_hansen(at)hotmail.com http://ifrockhounds.com
April 24, 25 & 26 Fri. 10 - 4 Sat. 10 - 5 Sun. 10 - 4	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club, Inc. 59th Parade of Gems “A Blast from the Past” 40 years After Mt. St. Helens Blew	Central Washington State Fair Park Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima WA	Marti Sondgeroth evening 509 248 6401; daytime cell 509 910 3484 marthams(at)q.com www.yakimarockclub.com www.facebook.com/YakimaRockndMineralClub
April 25 & 26 Sat. 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	West Seattle Rock Club Rock Show	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40th Avenue SW Seattle WA	Annette Nelson or Sue Fox wsrc.show (at) gmail.com www.westseattlerockclub.org
April 25 & 26 Sat. 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	52nd Annual Rock and Gem Show Grays Harbor Gem and Geology Society	Grays Harbor County Fair and Event Center 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma WA	Gary Emberley 624 Fairmont Place Aberdeen, WA 98520 360 533 6196 Melissa624 (at) hotmail.com
May 2 & 3 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-4	Gem and Fossil Show Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium 1125 Broadwater Avenue Billings MT	Doug True 406.670.0506 dtruefossils12(at)yahoo.com BillingsGemClub.com Facebook.com/BillingsRockClub
May 2 & 3 Sat 10-6 Sun. 10-5	67th Annual Gem, Jewelry, & Mineral Show Everett Rock and Gem Club	Everett Community College Walt Price Student Fitness Center 2206 Tower Street, Everett WA	Fritz Mack 425 232 0809 www.everettrockclub.com

them for hosting. All of the details for the AFMS Judge Certification Class have been finalized and that information, also, is in this issue. The Northwest Rockhound Retreat has secured Hancock Station in a contract with OMSI and registrations will be mailed out soon. All NFMS rockhound recognition programs have either concluded or are in full swing. Kudos to our Chairs and their committees for taking on these tasks to be ready for awards this April. The ALAA had a successful 2020 Annual Meeting and Clean Up in Quartzsite, and are busy helping to keep access open. Find out more in their bulletin. The NFMS has several opportunities for you to get involved. Find these openings on page two of this newsletter. Thank you for your participation and interest, Ronna Watkins; NFMS Past President 2018-19