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PRESIDENTIAL PEARLS

By

Ronna Watkins



“Wisdom”

Winter Greetings!

Wow...winter in the Northwest started out slowly, but then as you know came on in full force this February. Valentine's Day in Tieton brought more snow and we had an accumulation of over two feet. I would have much rather been in Tucson! I hear it was a great show and have seen many beautiful pictures shared by my friends.

Just a short message this month.

I need to let you know:

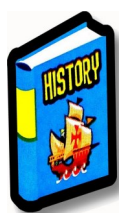
First, we are still looking for a new newsletter editor as Linda has a full schedule of exciting adventures ahead of her starting this spring. We can't thank her enough for covering this position while we search for someone to fill it. Please consider helping the NFMS by taking this opportunity. Please call me if you are considering this and have any questions about it.

We are, also, looking for a Bulletin Editor Aides Chair. This is a fun chairmanship that runs a contest and hosts an annual awards ceremony once a year. I really had a great time when I was the NFMS BEAC. Our societies' club editors are amazing, talented, and all around great people to work with.

Secondly, the month of March brings the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies' Annual Meeting in Iowa. I am honored to be able to go to represent the NFMS. There will be a lot of meetings and I am looking forward to spending time with those committed to serving their fellow rockhounds as leaders. One of the things that happens at the beginning of the Annual Meeting is that we honor our club members that have passed away during the year. If your club has lost a member or members, please let me know so they can be memorialized. Thank you. I would like to thank the NFMS editors that have sent me their bulletins. They are wonderful publications and I am excited to know that your clubs are healthy and bringing a lot of exciting programs and activities to your members. They certainly make me want to join your clubs!

I will have a lot to write about in our next issue, so I will close with this: Enjoy your hobby and your club. May the first bring you joy and the latter bring you fun!

Have a safe winter and I will see you at the Midyear Meeting,



HISTORIAN HIDDENITES

By Linda Barlow

**April 2002: Mid-Year Meetings: Hillsboro, OR, April 6th
Boise, ID, April 20th, Butte, MT, April 27th**

This was a time when we were still holding meetings around the Northwest Federation and not consolidated.

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“Connection
with Knowledge”

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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, 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.

To NFMS Endowment Fund Treasurer for:

1. Donations to Endowment Fund
2. Memorial contributions

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1. Donations to AFMS Endowment
2. Memorials

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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**

See the NFMS on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>
(for the desktop/laptop/tablets)
<https://m.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>
(for mobile devices like phones)





FIRST VICE PRESIDENTIAL VARISCITES

by

Kenneth Zahn



“Brings Stability”

As I had occasion to be reading up on Cosquez emeralds recently, I thought I’d share three enjoyable summaries of the Colombian location (1917, 1986, and 2017)— ‘though there is a lot more in the technical literature. I especially liked the 1986 Gems and Gemology summary, ‘though a bit dated. Enjoy.

- 1917 reprint online: file:///Users/ken/Desktop/The%20Emerald%20Deposits%20of%20Muzo,%20Colombia%20—%20Pala%20international.webarchive
- 1986 GIA summary: <https://www.gia.edu/doc/The-Coscuez-Mine-A-Major-Source-of-Colombian-Emeralds.pdf>
- 2017 Geologist’s report related to a Fura Gems’ Emerald “license” : <http://www.furagems.com/uploads/Colombia-Technical-Report-by-Competent-Person.pdf>

“BUT I DON’T HAVE ANTHING NEW TO SAY”

By Sue Webb, BEAC

One of the most challenging tasks an editor faces is getting folks to send in articles for you to publish in the newsletter—at least, it is for me. One comment I hear often is, “Well, I really don’t know anything to write about” or “I don’t have anything new to say. My response to that is “Of course you do!” Members have lots to write about if they just think about it, and no two people have the same perspective on anything, not even on rocks.

So how to find something to write about? Journalist have long used the questions *Who, What, When, Where, and How* to stimulate what they can say about a subject. Your members can, too. Here are some ways that you might help them go about exploring a topic and so encourage articles to flood in—well, maybe not “flood,” but at least “trickle.” Feel free to appropriate whatever you find useful here. It’s fairly common knowledge, and it’s very likely a technique you’ve used yourself a number of times.

WHO did something your members should know about—good things, interesting things, etc. WHO is a great member? WHO taught you something? WHO led—or went on—a field trip, not only for your group, but maybe some other organization or maybe a private trip??? WHAT do you like to do in your club? WHAT did you do? WHAT do you want to know about our hobby? WHAT is a certain rock or mineral? You can build an article around any of these questions---or plenty more that focus on WHAT something is, WHAT you or somebody did or will do or should do, WHAT happened in the world that your members might find interesting, and so on.

WHEN is something going to happen? Is there some event happening soon members should know about? WHEN did something happen that you participated in or thought was important?

WHERE is there a great exhibit of minerals? WHERE can you find certain rocks or minerals? WHERE did that great field trip go? WHERE was there a great show?

WHY should you wear closed toe shoes in the shop? Tie back your hair? Tuck in your shirt? Bring certain kinds of tools on a field trip? Stay out of abandoned mines? And so on.

HOW do you get the best polish on a cab? HOW do you slder a bail on a rough rock? HOW do you slab a fairly small but oddly shaped rock? Make a bracelet out of tiny little beads? Make a cage for those cabs some new members just finished?

Answers to any of these questions can get a member started and, you know, getting started is the hardest part!

NFMS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

by Gayle Butler, NFMS Juniors Chair

It is time for Junior Rockhounds to share their accomplishments from the past 2 years (2017 and 2018);

The Northwest Federation wants to honor you. You must be paid up and listed as a member of your Club and the NFMS.

- Age Group 1: ages up to 7 years
- Age Group 2: ages 8 through 11
- Age Group 3: ages 12 through 15
- Age Group 4: ages 16 through 18.

Your age as of December 31, 2018 determines the age category. If you won last year at Yakima, Washington you will need to wait until 2019 to enter again UNLESS you move up to the next age category.

Your Resume and Application together require a postmark by May 31, 2019. Winners will be notified a month later, after the NFMS Judges vote on each candidate’s Summary.

If any of this sounds too complicated or if you have any questions just contact me at nfmsjunior@comcast.net OR ask your Juniors Advisor, a parent or the Federation Director of your Rock Club. Everyone will be delighted to help you in the quest of achieving fame.

Monetary awards will be presented at the NFMS Annual Meeting at Lewiston, Idaho on Friday, October 18, 2019.

Here are your three EZ steps:

1. Write or type a short summary (resume/outline) about what your achievements are for the past 2 years (2017 and 2018), following Sections I, II, III & IV from the GUIDELINE below.
2. Photocopy the APPLICATION from the Northwest Newsletter. Fill out the APPLICATION and have your Rock Club representatives sign their spaces.
3. Mail with a postmark by May 31, 2019, your summary (resume/outline), and completed APPLICATION to the NFMS Junior Committee Chair – Gayle Butler, 8821 SW Equestrian Place, Crooked River Ranch, OR 97760

Guidelines for Junior Achievement Award

Section I. HOBBY RELATED (Possible 45 points) Club involvement (field trips, committees, show participation) Hobby Craft involvement (faceting, lapidary, metals, collecting) Competitive involvement (display, articles, promotion, awards)

Section II. EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (Possible 25 points) Scholastic (honor roll, advanced classes, improvement of grades) 5 Extracurricular (sports, drama, debate, drill team, music)

Section III. COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT (Possible 20 points) Events involvement (charity, volunteer, donation programs) Scouts, Camp-fire, 4H-Club, Other community groups.

Section IV. WORK RELATED (Possible 10 points)



SECOND VICE PRESIDENTIAL VERDELITES

By
Beth Heesacker



“Creativity & Compassion”

Volunteering Is a Long-Lived and Wide-Ranging Virtue

What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.
Aristotle, 384-322 BC, Greece

Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves.
Horace Mann, 1796-1859, USA

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.
Winston Churchill, 1854-1965, United Kingdom

When you give yourself, you receive more than you give.
Antoine de Saint-Exupery, 1900-1944, France

Three keys to more abundant living: caring about others, daring for others, sharing with others.
William Arthur Ward, 1921-1994, USA

Research has shown that people who volunteer often live longer.
Allen Klein, 1931-2009, USA

The virtue of volunteering has been with us for a very long time as the quotes above show. It is not something new (Aristotle recognized its value) and as the quotes show it is still alive today. And also, as the quotes show, it is not just confined to one area of the world.

The one word that I noticed that is in most of the quotes is some form of the word “life”; life’s essence, the making of life, abundant life, longer life. What more can we ask for in this life? It really sounds like the chances to volunteer are an essential part of living a good life.

You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.
John Bunyan, 1628-1688, United Kingdom

I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy.
Kahlil Gibran, 1883-1921, Ottoman Empire

The National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame Last Call for 2019 Nominations!

It is time for submitting the nominations for the National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame (Hall of Fame). As I wrote in the NFMS 2018 September Issue Newsletter, vote of the Board of Consultants from the each Federation under the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) will happen usually in the spring. I urge you to look around your club, NFMS and submit the nominations by end of March or either very early April.

As wrote in the previous Newsletter, the Hall of Fame is to recognize excellence in the earth sciences by inducting one or more persons each year in six categories: Minerals, Fossils, Metal Craft, Lapidary, Education and Tribute (Deceased). In order to be considered for inclusion in the Hall of Fame, nominees should be well recognized for their contributions and should have been involved in the earth sciences or lapidary arts for at least fifteen (15) years. Nominations submitted should be signed by the individual making the nomination or, in the case of a club, by the club president. All nominations are to be sent to the Chairman of the Board of Consultants (Steve Weinberger at cscrystals2@gmail.com). No self-nominations will be considered. To make a nomination for a candidate in one of the six categories, you'll need to give as much information about the accomplishments of the nominee in the field of his/her expertise/interest. We'll also need to have contact information for both the nominee (or family) and the person or club submitting the nomination. You can find all the information in the website <http://www.rockhoundandlapidaryhalloffame.org>, so please visit the site and see all the details. You can also find the “Criteria and Nomination Form” in the above website. To get an idea of what should be included in the nomination, check the inductees in the website. As of 2014 to current, you can click on the name and find what they have accomplished. It is a summary, so make sure you include all the information and use extra sheets if needed when filling in the form. Multiple nominations and supporting letters from a well-known person in the rockhound world seem to work well to be considered.

As also wrote previously, there has been nobody from the NFMS inducted since 2008, so would like to see someone from the NFMS for 2019. There are many great members in the NFMS, so please check around and submit as soon as you can. If you have any question, contact me at htkira@gmail.com or the Chairman, Steve Weinberger (also represents the Eastern Federation) at cscrystals2@gmail.com.

Hidemi Kira
National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame, Board of Consultant, NFMS



“Incites Activity”

EDITOR’S EMERALDS By Linda Barlow Response to Editorial by Marvin Spencer Barger

It's not quite that simple. All stones are rocks, but all rocks are not stones. There is one exception that I know. A Peach stone. Why is it not a seed or a pit? There are certainly a lot of rock that you do not throw or mine. Of course they can be mined, but don't have to be. Some are moved by glaciers, by wind, by water, by earthquakes, by eruptions, by dropping by the solar system. Some rocks are not normally recognized as rocks. Dust, Sand, Silt, Cobble, Pebble, Pea Gravel, Marble, Granite, Obsidian flows. Then of course Sun Stones and Moon Stones. Then of course there are fields full of Basalt.



SECRETARY’S SAPPHIRES

by
Judi Allison



“Record Keeper”

Know Your Federation

I developed a “Rock Jeopardy” game for our local club. The category they found most difficult to answer was “Federation”. So I started a “Federation 101” tutorial in our newsletter. It occurred to me that my members may not be the only group remiss in some of the fundamentals of the Federation, thus, I decided to share a bit here. The “answers” I used in the game were all related to the listings on the “Committees” page. (page 2 NFMS Newsletter)

I am going to start by addressing “Credentials” here. This committee (currently Clara and Del Walker) is in charge of being certain that each club’s directors/delegates have sent in their names and carry credentials for the annual meetings. These credentials allow them to vote at the meeting: the only assemblage during the year where voting takes place. That is why it is important to send your club’s representative to the meetings. That is one of the main ways your club has a say in what happens in the Federation. Of course, your directors/delegates need to communicate to the club the Federation business in order for this to happen.

CREDENTIALS *Credentials shall: *Publish instructions to Federation Directors or Alternate Delegate, for intent to attend meetings, and Credentials Forms in the Northwest Newsletter-. *Accept the Credentials of all Directors and Delegates prior to the Annual Meeting in keeping with the By-Laws. *See that only authorized persons are admitted to the Annual Business Meeting as Directors & Delegates. *Certify that the Credentials are in order for all Directors and Delegates present at any Annual Meeting. *Report to the Assembly at the Annual Meeting number of Delegates and Clubs represented at that meeting*

If you have paid attention to the list of shows at the end of your Northwest Newsletter, thank the Show Coordinator for their appearance. This person (who at present is Pat Lambert) receives information from the clubs about their shows then sends it on to, not only the newsletter, but other publications she has found to help advertise our individual shows. If a club doesn’t send in their information to the show coordinator, they have lost out on a free, painless process of advertising for the show.

SHOW COORDINATION *Show Coordination shall: *Accept from the various Member Societies information regarding shows sponsored by them and to register the same on the Show Calendar. *Advise Societies of conflict with prior registrations and to suggest alternate dates. *Send this information to the various gem & mineral publications which carry a show calendar, prior to their regular closing and publication dates. The information so requested shall include the following: date of show, name(s) of the Societies sponsoring the show, title of show, site of show, city and state. *Notify the AFMS Show Coordinator as soon as a bid for a Federation Show is accepted.*

The final Committee I chose to highlight in this publication is Stamps. What do stamps have to do with rockhounding, you say? Well, as a nonprofit, we need to be an educational and helping entity. Many years ago, some people with the idea of helping with some aspect of cancer research started this committee. They had members from all the different clubs save the stamps off their letters, then turn them in to them. They in turn, went through the stamps and sold them to a broker for stamp collectors. The money gained was given to cancer research. The process has changed a bit over the years, but still goes toward something related to cancer. Chuck Sonner, who is now chairman, has devised a bit different approach. He sells the stamps through EBay and is able to receive a bit more for them. A couple of years ago the Assembly of Directors voted to donate the funds to a group in the Seattle area called “Knitted Knockers”. This group knits breast pads for mastectomy patients and gives them free of charge to the recipients. So, by saving your stamps, you can also contribute to this worthy cause.

STAMPS *Stamps shall: *Arrange for the collection of such postage stamps as may be of value in contributing to cancer research, or other charitable use (amended 1995). *Arrange for disposal (sale) of stamps to convert to dollars. *Forward receipts to the NFMS Treasurer. *Report annual activity and receipts at the Mid-Year and Annual Meetings and through articles submitted to the Northwest Newsletter*

Every club has at least one copy of the NFMS Directory. In it you will find the Operating Procedures. A portion of these outline the committees and the specific duties if you would like to do some additional research on your own.

Please Join the ALAA
Hidemi Kira, ALAA Vice President 2019

At the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) Board Meeting in Quartzsite, AZ in January, Shirley Leeson was elected to be the President of the ALAA again after serving few years as the Director. I am very pleased that Shirley has come back as the President. I was elected to be the Vice President replacing Lauren Williams. I thank Lauren very much for all the work he has done especially when the President position was vacant.

Here is a little story of how I got involved in the ALAA. I have always been concerned about the public land closures for recreational rockhounding after entering the world of “Rockhounding” with my wife Tomoko in 2002. Right after we joined a local club, we have heard many stories from the old club members that many rockhounding sites have been closed and no longer available for collecting rocks. We were concerned about the further closures and regretted that we started this hobby too late, but didn’t think much about ways to prevent the closures. One year when we went to Quartzsite, there was an ALAA Public meeting and decided to see what it is all about. Then President Shirley was there and there were a huge number of people including the Off Road people gathering at a church and we had to stand in the far back. From that point, I woke up and started to attend the ALAA meetings whenever I was able to do so. I have been serving as a Director for these several years and attended the BLM/ALAA Clean Up of the public lands from the 2nd Clean Up. When I served as an officer for the NFMS, I was trying to increase the NFMS members in order to increase the volume of the voice to be heard for protecting the public land hopefully working together with the ALAA. I was concerned that the numbers of attendance to the ALAA meetings and Clean Ups for the public lands were decreasing in these few years, but I am sure it will be strong again with help of many of the rockhounds in the country.

If you have not renewed your ALAA membership or have not been a member, please consider joining. There are memberships for Clubs or Societies (Annual Dues \$50) and for the Individual or Couple (Annual Dues \$25). Please visit www.amlands.org to find the Application Form on the left “Membership” under the “Home”. You will find the Interactive Membership Form (PDF) and the instructions. And please check out all about the ALAA in the above website. The voices to protect our rights for recreational rockhounding in public lands will be louder and will be more heard with more members! I am sure most of the members know what the ALAA is. For the newer members, here is a portion from the History of the ALAA: *AFMS directors voted to establish the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) in July 1992 at their convention in Brunswick, Ohio. The association is a 501 (c)(4) (non-profit) organization which means that all moneys raised by the association can go toward lobbying activity. Donations and memberships to ALAA are not tax-deductible.*

The purpose of the association is to promote and ensure the rights of amateur fossil and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers.

APPLICATION--Junior Achievement Award (confidential info)

Applicant Name_____

Your Date of Birth_____ Age_____

Mailing Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

Phone # _____

Email_____

Applicant’s Signature
X_____ Date_____

Rock Club Name_____

Name of Junior Advisor_____

The following Club Officials attest to the
Applicant being a paid-up member of the Club and NFMS:

Federation Director's Name _____
Federation Director Signature
X_____

Club President's Name _____
President Signature
X_____

Mail your SUMMARY (resume/outline), & APPLICATION to:
Gayle Butler 8821 SW Equestrian Place, Crooked River Ranch, OR 97760

(Please be sure to postmark by May 31, 2019, Thank You

Greetings from Tieton!

Our friends in Lewiston are moving right along with our annual convention arrangements (being held in October), with most of the important pieces in place. The banquet will be held at the hotel. Other meetings will be at the fairgrounds (Subject to change but probably won’t since there is the red barn there.) . There is shuttle to the fairgrounds from the hotel. I will be staying at the hotel. Camping is available at the fairgrounds.

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Please step up and volunteer to help at the show if you can.

Show Chairs:

Mary Lou Northrup: (208) 743-6944, email: mlandjl@yahoo.com
Randy Squires: (208) 413-1806, email: rlsquires@cablone.net

Find more information on Facebook and our NFMS website.

Thank you, Ronna Watkins; NFMS President, 509-673-0085

From the Stamp Desk;

I want to thank all the clubs and individuals that donated stamps. 2018 was a very good year. The Federation raised over \$760. Most of the bulk stamps were sold. I am working on a few albums and sets.



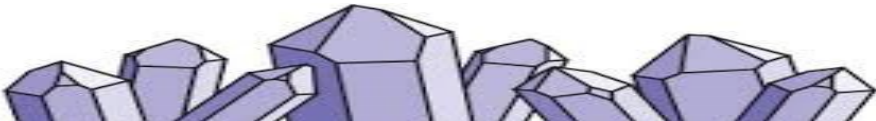
I am looking forward to this year’s donation. Again, I want to thank all the clubs and individuals for their hard work.

Chuck Sonner, Stamp Chair

National Park Service
Announces 2019 Fee Free Days

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

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



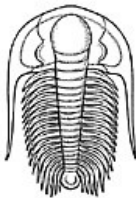
2019 GEM SHOW
Hosted By Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club
23rd Annual Show

Saturday, April 13th – 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, April 14th – 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



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| 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 |
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MARCH/APRIL HOLIDAYS

March 8th: International Women’s Day

March 10th: Daylight Saving Begins

March 17th: St. Patrick’s Day

March 20th: Spring Equinox

April 1st: April Fool’s Day

April 20-27: Passover

April 21st: Easter

Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club

49th Annual Rock & Gem Show

Saturday, May 4, 2019 – 9am to 5pm
Sunday, May 5, 2019 – 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
Rock Painting with *Michael’s*

Contact: Sue Woodman, 541-672-3486
rocksandhorses3@gmail.com

NFMS Clubs’ Show Schedule

March 2 & 3 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	East KingCo Rock Club 2019 Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show	Pickering Barn 1730 10th Avenue NW Issaquah, WA	Cindy Smith 206 953 3456 showchair@eastkingco.org
March 2 & 3 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society 65th Annual Gem & Mineral Show	O’Conner Field House 2200 Blaine Caldwell, Idaho	Darrell Ehlers 208 674 1213 ddehlers@fmtc.com
March 8 & 9 Fri. 8:30-6 Sat. 9-5	Panorama Gem & Mineral Club	Colville Fairground Colville Ag & Trade Center 317 West Astor Colville WA	Johnie Pitman 509 684 8887
March 8, 9 & 10 Fri. 10-5 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	Tualatin Valley Gem Club 61st Annual Rock & Mineral Show	Forest Grove National Guard Amory 2950 Taylor Way Forest Grove OR	Rose Jackson 503 349 7418 1jeweledrose@gmail.com Website: www.tvrqc.org
March 9 & 10 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	Rock and Arrowhead Club Annual Show	Klamath Co. Fairgrounds 3531 South 6th St. Klamath Falls OR	Laura Limb 541 281 8058 redlimb@charter.net or Kristin Sayles 541 539 1452 kristinsayles@hotmail.com
March 9 & 10 Sat. 9-5 Sun 10-5	Northwest Montana Rock Chucks	Flathead County Fairgrounds Expo Building (next to grandstands) 265 North Meridian Road Kalispell, MT	Lloyd Fager 608 436 0780 oldgrayelf@sbcglobal.net
March 9 & 10 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	Magic Valley Gem Club 69th Annual Rock, Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show	Twin Falls County Fairgrounds 215 Fair Avenue Filer ID	Chris Funk 208 539 5369 rmetts@cableone.net Magic Valley Gem Club, PO Box 725, Twin Falls ID 83303
March 15, 16, & 17 Fri. 10-7 Sat. 10-7 Sun. 10-5	Timpanogos Gem and Mineral Society “Parade of Gems”	Spanish Fork Fair Grounds 475 South Main Street Spanish Fork, UT	Keith Fackrell 801 592 0410 krfackrell@gmail.com Website: timprocks.weebly.com
March 16 & 17 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Hellsgate Mineral Society	Hilton Garden Inn 3720 North Reserve St. Missoula MT	Neil Maier atttoodz@yahoo.com 406 240 1079
March 29, 30, & 31 Fri – 10 – 6 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun 10 – 4	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA	Spokane County Fair & Expo Center N.404 Havana at Broadway Spokane WA	Mike Shaw , 509 251 1574 showchair@rockrollers.org
March 30 & 31 Sat. 10 – 6 Sun. 10 – 5	Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club 58th Annual Rock and Gem Show	Bloedel-Donovan Community Center, 2214 Electric Ave., Bellingham WA	Dick Carr, 360 398 7914 rjcarr@juno.com Website: www.mtbakerrockclub.org
March 30 & 31 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	South East Idaho Gem and Mineral Society (SEIGMS) 63rd Annual Rock and Gem Show	North Bannock County Fairgrounds 10588 Fairground Dr. Pocatello ID 83201	or Larry Manhart 208 705 7273 mlarry13@msn.com Joe Rodriquez 208 237 6941 joe.rodriquez@itd.idaho.gov
March 30 & 31 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Soci- ety, 71st Annual Gem & Mineral Show “Petrified Wood”	Sweet Home High School Gym 1641 Long Street Sweet Home OR	Ed Anderson 541 451 1577 ela4rocks@gmail.com or Joe Cota 541 451 2740
April 6 & 7 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-3	Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club	Willamalane Adult Activity Center 215 W C Street Springfield, Or 97477	Dean Burkhart 541 744 1919 burkhaks@aol.com
April 12, 13, & 14 Fri. 9-6 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-4	Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society 68th Gemstone Junction	Golden Spike Event Center Weber County Fairgrounds 1000 N 1200 W Ogden UT 88440	Margie Miller 385 205 9187 gemshow@goldenspikegem.org
April 13 & 14 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society 55th Annual Show	Idaho Falls Recreation Center Corner of Memorial Drive & B Street Idaho Fall ID	Tom Strong 337 384 6820 knappingtom@hotmail.com Website: http://ifrockhounds.com
April 13 & 14 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Annual Rock, Gem, and Mineral Show	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA	Larry Hulstrom 509 308 8312 rockhound132@charter.net
April 13 & 14 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - April Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins, 206 714 3922 collmal@comcast.net
April 19, 20, & 21 Fri. 9-5 Sat. 9-5 Sun 10-4	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society 65th Annual Rock & Gem Show- River of Gems “The Strange, Odd, and Curious	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S. Pacific Hwy. W. Rickreall, OR 97371	Mimi Surgeon 503-602-9405 wams.riverofgems@gmail.com www.WAMSI.net
April 27 & 28 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 West 40th SW Seattle, WA	Annette Nelson, wsrc.show@gmail.com
April 26, 27, & 28 Fri. 9-5 Sat. 10-6 Sun 10-4	Yakima Rock and Mineral Club	Central Washington State Fair Park Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima WA 98901	Marti Sondgeroth 598-248-6401 marthams@q.com www.yakimacrockclub.com www.facebook.com/YakimaRockndMneraClub
April 27 & 29 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4:30	Grays Harbor Gem and Geology Society 51st Annual Gem & Geology Show Earth’s Treasures	Grays Harbor County Fair & Event Center 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma, WA	Gary Emberley 360-533-6196 624 Fairmont Place Aberdeen, WA 98520 melisa624@hotmail.com
May 4 & 5 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium 1125 Broadwater Avenue Billings MT	Doug True 406-670-0566 dtruefossils12@yahoo.com

NFMS Clubs’ Show Schedule (continued)

May 4 & 5 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Everett Rock and Gem Club 66th Annual Gem, Jewelry, & Mineral Show	Everett Community College Walt Price Student Fitness Center 2206 Tower Street Everett, WA	Fritz Mack 425-232-0809 www.everettrockclub.com
May 4 & 5 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club 49th Annual Show “Rocks to Gems”	Douglas County Fairgrounds 2110 Frear Avenue I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg ,OR	Janet Stringfellow rjstringfellow@gmail.com or Sue Woodman rocksandhorses3@gmail.com
May 11 & 12 Sat. 10-6 Sun 10-4	Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds 901 North Black Bozeman MT	Brad Somers 406 548 1776 or Linda Johnson 406 580 3419 bgmcmnt@gmail.com
May 11 & 12 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society	Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center (EOTEC) 1785 East Airport Road Hermiston, OR 97838	Mike Filarski 541057102593 stonemorlin1@netscape.net
May 17, 18, & 19 Fri. 10-5 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	Mt. Hood Rock Club’s Rock & Gem Show	Jackson Armory 6255 NE Cornfoot Road (Take NE Alderwood Rd from NE Columbia Blvd—just south of PDX) Portland OR 97218	Wayne King 503 284 7195 mhrdc@gmail.com Website: www.mthoodrockclub.com
May 18 & 19 Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-4	Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society Rock & Gem Show	Ravalli County Fairground 100 Old Corvallis Road Hamilton, MT	Deb Sttickland 406 363 3194 mtpiper@qci.net
May 31, June 1 & 2 Fri. 10-5 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show	Swiss Park 9205 198th Avenue East Bonney Lake WA 98390	Jim Christian 253 987 6751 pygame@gmail.com puyallupgemclub.org
June 1 & 2 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	North Idaho Mineral Club Rock, Mineral, Gem, & Jewelry Show NFMS mid-year meeting	Kootenai County Fairgrounds Jacklin Building 4056 North Government Way (Kathleen & Gov’t Way) Coeur d’Alene, ID	Mike Rose NIMCshowchairman@gmail.com
June 14, 15, & 16 Fri. 10-5 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society Annual Rock & Gem Show	Reedsport Community Building 451 Winchester Avenue Reedsport OR	Bill Hendrickson 541 271 6816 agatelicker44@outlook.com Website: ReedsportRockandGemShow.com
June 15 & 16 Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-5	Butte Mineral and Gem Club Annual Rock and Gem Show	Butte Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Avenue Butte, MT	Pete Knudsen 406-490-5828
August 10 & 11 Sat. 9 – 5 Sun. 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - Rock and Mineral Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins, 206 714 3922 collma1@comcast.net
September 7 & 8 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society 50th Annual Gem & Mineral Show	Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Community Center Building 363 Orchard St. Walla Walla, WA	Jack L. Edwards Cell: 509 520 1182 jcedwards1475@hotmail.com
September 7&8 Sat. 9-5 Sun 10-4	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association	Vern Burton Community Center 308 East 4th Street Port Angeles WA	Kathy Schreiner 360 681 3811 or Scott Thornhill 360 912 2987 PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382
October 5 & 6 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club 45th Annual “Rocktobefest”	Totem Middle School Gymnasium 605 7th Street NE 7th Street and State Avenue Marysville, WA	Brian Murril 425 346 9313 bmurril@aol.com http://www.marysvillerockclub.com
October 18, 19, & 20 Fri. 10-6 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fair Building 1229 Burrell Avenue Lewiston, ID 83501	Mary Lou Northrup 208 743 6944 mlandjl@yahoo.com
October 26 & 27 Sat. 9-6 Sun. 10-5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club 55th Annual Rock & Mineral Show—Nature’s Art	Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4th Ave Canby, OR 97013	Karen McAllister 503 656 2527 gmaktmc@aol.com www.clackamettegem.org
October 26 & 27 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-5	Bellevue Rock Club “Octoberfest of Gems”	Vasa Park 3560 West Lake Sammamsh PKWY SE Bellevue, WA 98008 www.vasaparkresort.org	Bruce Himko PO Box 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009 bellevuerockclub@comcast.net Website: http://www.bellevuerockclub.org
November 9 & 10 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - Show	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collma1@comcast.net
December 7 & 8 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - Rock and Mineral Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collma1@comcast.net

