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2008 NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT

by Lamar
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We are all back at work and putting the pieces in place to make our Retreat at "Hancock Field Station" West of Fossil, Oregon, become a bigger and better annual event. The timing is the same as last year, starting on Monday September 1, 2008, and ending on Sunday September 7, 2008. The cost to the attendee will be about the same, \$240.00 for room and board, (barring any increase) \$45.00 for workshop fee, and if you desire a guided one day trip to the Fossil Beds, costing you \$35.00. If you take the full package, that will be \$320.00 for a one week vacation. What a deal. You should not miss this.

The Agenda outline looks like this:

- Monday-** Arrive after 3PM, get settled in your temporary home, join a Spaghetti Feed at 6:30.
- Tuesday-** All day in the Workshop of your choice and an evening of star gazing after dinner.
- Wednesday-** Trip to Fossil Beds or Workshop with an evening Swap Session, no selling.
- Thursday-** Workshop activities all day with an evening session called "Stump the Experts".
- Friday-** Workshop activities all day with an evening session on Exhibiting or star gazing.
- Saturday-** Workshops all day with an evening session of feedback from you as to what you want next year. A "Show and Tell" session from the Workshops concluding with an oral auction of donated items.
- Sunday morning-** Have breakfast, clean your cabins and give fond farewells till next year.

Workshops available - based upon signup:

- Lapidary
- Basic Faceting
- Silversmithing
- Basic Intarsia - Minimum of four
- Basic Wire-wrapping
- Beading
- Casting - *New*
- Basic Stone Setting - *New*
- Judge's Training

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COST FOR "RETREAT" REGISTRATION

Registration - Cost includes Breakfast and Evening Dinner with a Sack Lunch, sleeping quarters in an A frame cabin, (Bring your own bedding and pillow) (Mattress provided), or Dry Camping for an RV. No hookups available. Tenting is the same price as RV or A frame.

6 Day Total = \$240.00 *If Camp prices remain the same, meals included.*

If you can't stay the full tim, we can break it down by the day. This would mean \$45.00 per day, plus the Workshop Fee to take advantage of this great program..

Trip to Fossil Bed and Museum - Trip will be in Vans. Cost will be \$35.00 per person. We need at least 15 to make this trip a go. You will get a tour of the Fossil Beds, see the country and visit the new museum. Not available to Judge's Training People.

Workshop Cost: \$45.00 for Workshop - Choose Primary and Secondary

Lapidary - Provide your own rough or purchase ours at nominal fee from instructors.

Faceting - Provide your own rough or purchase ours. Bring your own machine if you want.

Silversmithing - Fee per project to instructor. Provide your own stones if you want.

Wire-wrapping - Cost of Wire. Provide your own stones or purchase from instructor.

Intarsia - Per Project cost provides full kit with materials from instructor.

Beading - Components and kits can be purchased from instructor.

Casting - Covering multiple casting methods and building wax models.

Basic stone setting - Basic information on setting of stones. Two to three hours per day.

Judge's Training - This is a full time session with everything provided.

The Workshop cost is a one time fee even if you participate in more than one. Please mark all workshops you plan to utilize so we can maintain the workshop count.

We must have a minimum of 20 people register to make it all happen with a maximum of 50. Please send registration in as soon as possible because we must let the camp know by June if we have enough to go. That means at least 20. Help us keep this great activity going.

The "Swap Session" is a place to swap materials, arts, crafts, rocks or anything that someone else might want. No money will change hands, just goods.

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Patty Amos
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Hello to all federation members Rockhunting season is on its way. I'm sure a lot of

you have already planned your trips for the next few months. I know that I have a few that I am planning on going on. The Tri Federation trip looks like it will also be a good one. That will be over Memorial week. I will probably see some of you there, unless I am unable take off from work then. I hope to see a lot of you at the Federation show in Ontario, OR. in June. From all of the reports that I have received, it looks like it will be a good show. As most of you who have gone to the shows know, the Federation is in charge of the Silent auction and the Oral auction again this year. We will need rock for both of them so if you have some you would like to donate, please get it to the show. Dick Parks and Keene Clay will be in charge of the auctions and will be putting in their messages for rock in the newsletter themselves also. We are hoping to have as good if not better auctions than we have had other shows. So, plan on attending the show, putting in an exhibit and coming to the auctions.

The mid year meeting will be held April 19th 2008 in conjunction with the Lakeside Gem and Mineral club show. So, come to the meeting and plan on going to the show. I do believe the Yakima club show is also that same weekend. So, mark your calendars and plan on being there. If you have stamps you can also bring them if you are unable to attend the show in June. We will make sure they get to Herminie for you.

I saw a few of you at Quartzite, AZ in January while we were there. I am sure that more of you were there but I just didn't see all of you. We tried to hit as many of the shows as we could while we were there. We got to do a little rockhounding but when you go in a car you are limited to what you can do and what you can bring home. The car was loaded on the way home with rock and anything else we could bring back. Dick and I managed to miss most of the bad weather going and coming home. We did hit snow on the way home the other side of Rogue River rest area, and that was 140 miles of snow, which was enough for me. But, we made it home in one piece.

I look forward to seeing each of you either at the midyear meeting or the NFMS annual show.

Suiseki Art Form

by Dick Wendel, Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club

At the March 18 meeting, Daryl Paulson, PhD gave a presentation on Suiseki--a traditional Japanese art form which enjoys naturally formed stones as objects of beauty. Suiseki are stones that suggest mountains, lakes, waterfalls and other natural scenes or that is aesthetically pleasing in shape and texture. If you did not make the meeting, I encourage you to look at the website www.suiseki.com to see what this art form is all about.

Welcome Rock Chucks!



The Northwest Montana Rock Chucks of Kalispell have become the most recent members of the Northwest Federation. The Club is 23 members strong. We welcome you and look forward to getting acquainted with all the Rock Chucks.

I am currently very busy in helping to prepare for our Annual Show in Kennewick, Washington. We started our Show 13 years ago as a way for Club members to meet each other and become involved in Club activities. Our Show is not about making money but is about strengthening the ties amongst our members and also gaining new members. Our Show is not large - small budget, ten or eleven dealers, 48 great displays, a kid's corner, silent auction, a few demonstrations and perhaps a special display.

For three days we work together as a team, we share, we exchange information, we learn about our hobby and about each other. Lasting friendships are formed.

If your Club does not have an annual Show, I challenge you to form a fact-finding committee and see if your Club would benefit from the experience. I believe that Shows are one of the fundamental requirements for a strong, growing Club.

By Evelyn Cataldo
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Margaret
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Hi everyone!

Show reports

Boy! This year is flying by already with only 79 days left till the Ontario Show. I'm trying to get to as many shows as I can. I have bundles of flyers if you would like some sent to you for your show. Our inside dealers building is full so we are working on the out side areas. We received Gary Buhr's request for the

All is good. However, we still need many supplies. The auctions need rocks of all kinds, minerals and fossils. Any arts and crafts would be wonderful to help out in the kids building.

I think that spring is finally coming. It's warming up! All our early rock shows have started. Everyone is starting to return from Arizona. The Boise, Idaho show was awesome, as always. Charlie did a wonderful job with set-up and the weather was nice giving good attendance. With the weather so iffy, Oak Harbor's attendance was down. We will have to try to help them out more next year. I got good reviews about the Everett, Washington show, and next week I will be at the Caldwell, Idaho show, then to Ogden, Utah on the 7-8-9. Hopefully, I will be able to stop in at the Twin Falls, Idaho show on my way back to Idaho. The count down to the Ontario show is on. I hope to see all your smiling faces. Just remember, if you have a problem, a question, or a positive comment, talk with me and I will see that the show board hears it. I hope to see many of you at the Midyear Meeting in April. I will have show packets, T-shirts, and Hats with me. If you have rock-craft stuff, or country store stuff, I would be glad to bring them back as I will have the truck. The Gooding, ID show will be April 5-6. I look forward to seeing a lot of you there. Dixie Reale and I are working really hard with the kids in the area as they are the future rock hounds. We all need to take time to teach them what we already know. The club in King Hill is growing by leaps and bounds. Good job! The Mt. Home, Ontario, Vale, and the Stallknecht Museum clubs all went to the Jensen collection at the College of Idaho as a group trip. It was well attended, and I was glad to see 12 children there. Have a happy St. Pattie's Day and may the luck of the Irish be with you all!



NFMS RULES CHAIR,
2008
By Dee Holland

Now is the time, while we're waiting for the snow to melt, to get our your 'STUFF' and prepare your competitive exhibits for the NFMS Ontario, Oregon Convention and Show in June. Also, while you're preparing your exhibit, don't forget to fill out your application and send it on to Rocky McCall, our NFMS Registrar. As you know after the snow melts, the weeds grow and the field trips beckon, so don't wait too long. I hope the NFMS can at least beat Eastern Federation who just had their Convention & Show in February and they only had one competitive exhibit. Very sad.

Don't let the Rules Committee down, and if you have a non-competitive exhibit, and would like the judges to help you make it a prize-winning exhibit, let the Rules Team know and we'll find someone with the expertise to help you.

LAPIDARY WORKSHOP

(Plan to bring your own good quality slabs, or purchase from instructors) We will be teaching beginning cabochon making and also advanced cab making to those qualified cabbers who wish to learn how to make free-form cabs or just learn to be a better cabochon cutter. We have multiple workstations utilizing both diamond and carborundum, High Speed Sanders, 18" slab saws, small trim saws, a large flat polisher, and leather with Optical Cerium Oxide polishers. Instructors are Master Cutters.

SILVERSMITHING WORKSHOP

We have tools and room for at least 20 students. All tools and supplies are provided by the Instructor; but, he will charge you for all Silver and any stones that you take from the Instructor's supply. The tools are for your use at no charge. This is a basic class with a lot more information available for those that learn fast.

FACETING WORKSHOP

We are limited to 6 machines for this workshop; therefore 6 students is our limit. Again we are addressing the basic level or novice cutter. The Instructor is a Master Cutter so advanced information is available to those type cutters.

BASICS OF STONE SETTING

This class will explore the properties of the stone which allows it to be set. It will cover a variety of ways to set a stone whether it be cast, fabricated or commercial mounts. This class will run about 2 to 3 hours per day.

WIREWRAPPING WORKSHOP

Again we are addressing the needs of the beginning wrapper but will be covering a large variety of techniques and projects. Instructor will have Wire available for you to buy for your projects as well as stones. It would be nice if you brought your own stones to wrap.

BEADING WORKSHOP

The beading class will be held along with the Wirewrapping so that you can learn various beading techniques and learn how to work them in to blend with Wirewrapping. This is a unique opportunity to develop some new techniques to create a new and different style of jewelry. There will be a variety of techniques explored but not necessarily all of them.

INTARSIA WORKSHOP

The Instructor will have a kit for your first project that you must purchase. If you have brought your own material, you may use it after finishing the first project. If you do not have your own material, the Instructor will have a limited amount available at a reasonable price. There will be enough equipment to handle at least 10 people. This class will last for a maximum of 2 1/2 days so that a second class can be done within the week. "Advanced" would be available if so desired.

JUDGES TRAINING

This is a 5 day, intensive course to teach you about the Rule Book and how to use it, then blending those skills into the art of Judging. We will not teach you the skills of Lapidary or Jewelry making. We expect you to have the skills you intend to judge mastered, when you take part. We will teach you how to work with the clerk and how to fill out the critique sheet so that the experience of competition becomes one of pleasure rather than a nightmare. We will concentrate on the Lapidary functions and Educational displays with other areas being visited if the Trainee's skills support it. There will be classroom work and studies as well as actual judging experience with displays designed specifically for this purpose. About 50% of the time will be in the experience area with actual judging and then reviewing and evaluation of the process.

CASTING

Learning to carve wax to create models. Learning about investments and how to use them. Learning Vacuum, Steam and Centrifugal Casting. Learn Cuttle Bone and Straw Broom Casting. Learning Free Casting including Organic, Rubber Mold and Multiple Casting. All of this will take most of the week, so expect to spend most of your time in this shop.

**2008
REGISTRATION
NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT
September 1st thru 7th, 2008**

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(One Registrant per form, Please.)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Are you a member of a related Club? _____ Name of Club: _____

Your E-Mail address: _____

Registration Fee: \$240.00 Fossil Beds Trip: \$35.00 Work Shop Fee: \$45.00

Note: These costs must be paid at registration; Daily Rate: \$45.00

Material costs will be paid to Workshop Instructor.

Do you need a cabin? _____ Do you need an RV Parking Place? _____

If you are in a cabin, is there another registrant you want in the same cabin? Please identify them.

Instructions: On the right, check which activities you wish to _____ X _____ Registration Fee: 240.00

Participate. Place the amount on the line to the _____ Fossil Beds Trip: _____

right. Total the right hand column and send a check _____ Lapidary Shop: _____

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Remember, there are 28 hours of Workshop time,

so you can register for multiples and divide your time

* It has been requested that if you take Faceting that you allot

full time to that effort.

The Judging Seminar is only for those folks who are familiar with the Federation & the disciplines that this requires. This is an intense 5 day course leading to Judging

Certification.

NOTE: If you have any special dietary needs, please note them on entry form so we can get them to the cook.

COMMENTS, THOUGHTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRI-FEDERATION RENDEZVOUS/FIELD TRIP

By Richard Pankey, Inter-Regional Field Trips,
dickpankey@juno.com, 925.439.7509

When you read this in April, it will be just a few short weeks until our **Tri-Federation Rockhound Rendezvous and Field Trip**. We are looking forward to many of you joining us for this fun event. The weather should be just right – springtime, the hills are still green and the wild flowers are in bloom. We are relying on the bulletin editors and field trip chairmen to help get the word out about this unique adventure. The two-page Field Trip flier is available on the AFMS, CFMS, NFMS and RMFMS web page. This flier has all the details about the trip, directions to our campsite and other useful information.

There were two activities mentioned in the flier that I would like to explain in more detail. On Friday and Saturday afternoons we will conduct our Tailgate Displays. We will have rockhounds from all over the western United States that I am sure have collected some unique and interesting material from their home area. Bring along some specimens to show and share at the tailgate display. This will also be a good time to conduct the “map exchange”. Map exchanges are easy – to get a map you have to give a map. Before you leave home, prepare a **good, detailed** map of a good, unique or little known collecting area that you are familiar with. The map should be a detailed hand or computer drawn map with accurate mileages, GPS coordinates are very desirable, and be sure to note collecting site details and campsites where appropriate. Bring along as many maps as you would like to receive. I plan to bring 100 copies of my map. I am sure there will be a lot of informal exchanges of collecting sites, GPS info, and sharing of great places to go and see.

This trip is open to members and guests of the Northwest, Rocky Mountain and California Federations of Mineralogical Societies, and all of the Federations of the AFMS. Everyone who agrees to adhere to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Code of Ethics, abide by the direction of the field trip leaders, and practice safe rockhounding is welcome to attend.

Please notify your respective Federation leader early, but no later than May 16, if you plan to attend; e-mail (or call) if you have questions or need more information. Don't wait – do it now. This will be a great opportunity for rockhounds from all over the west, and all of the Federations of the AFMS, to meet one another, to share stories, and information about collecting in their home areas. Be sure to bring material from your favorite collecting sites to show and share.

Come join us for a great Tri-Federation Rendezvous of collecting, fun and fellowship.

Contact: Dick Parks, Northwest Federation, 360-892-3716 or packrats2@msn.com

Attention

Rock needed for 2008 Federation Show

To all Federation members my name is Dick Parks and I will be in charge of the Silent Auction for the 2008 Federation Show. We are trying to get out word to all of the clubs and their members that we need rock for the auction so that when you are out collecting rock maybe you could pick up a small or large bucket of rock for the auction. You can donate any rock, fossils, minerals, tools etc. that you would like to give to the silent auction. Keene Clay will be in charge of the Oral auction and will also be looking for nice pieces for that auction also.

If you or someone could possibly deliver the rock to the show site on Thursday the 19th, that would be great. If you would like to contact me you can call me at 360-892-3716 or email me at packrats2@msn.com. We will also be needing lots of help working the silent auction so, if you plan on being there, please set aside a time to help us with the auction.

Thanks for your support
Dick Parks



Darlene's Doodles

NFMS Bulletin Aids Chair

ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS IN ALL CLUBS: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah and Washington. Have you made up a POEM or written an ARTICLE for your club Bulletin? If not, WHY NOT? Anyone can do either - JUST TRY.

ALSO: ALL Junior Members up thru Age 17: What's your first or best rock, or Rock digging? Write it down & give it to your club Editor. They will love getting them for the Monthly Bulletin.

In addition – when is your club's 25th, 40th or 50th show? Start planning now. Let's have a contest. Which club will put out a SPECIAL ISSUE??? You or YOU? You, your club & the bulletin will receive a “special” award for doing this. COME ON, YOU CAN DO IT!

See you all in Ontario, Oregon June 21st & put your thinking caps on for Poems & Articles.

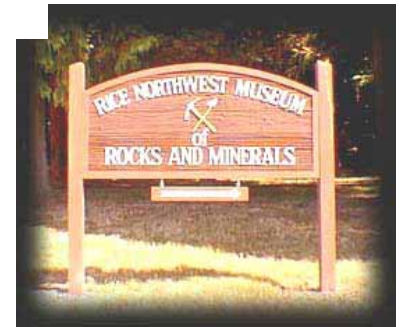
NFMS BULLETIN AIDS: Darlene Denton, 5830
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Northwest Fossil of the Month

By Betty McLin Hare, Idaho Gem Club member

Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks & Minerals

Today we're going to visit a museum in the Great Northwest that has something for everybody - rockhound, geologist, and fossil collector! And, best of all, we can do this during the winter! The **Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals** is just outside the city, in Hillsboro, Oregon near Portland, Ore. It's all about some of the most spectacular geological specimens of the Northwest and the planet: minerals (emeralds, obsidian, rubies, rhodochrosite, rutilated quartz, lapis lazuli, meteorites and more. Oh, don't forget the thundereggs—the state rock of Oregon that's like a geode born of volcanos.



Additionally, large cut and polished sections of petrified wood, fossil palm, and cycad are displayed. Other fossils include a 2-foot-long Psittacosaurus baby dinosaur and a 25-million-year-old petrified white oak!

The **Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals** is at 26385 NW Groveland Drive, Hillsboro, Oregon 97124-9315 Phone: 503-647-2418. Email: info@ricenwmuseum.org . It is open to visitors: 1:00-5:00 P.M. Wed-Sun, Group tours are by appointment only. Admission: Adult - \$7.00, Senior(60+) - \$6.00, Student(5-17) - \$5.00, Under 5 – Free. Directions: West of Portland, Oregon Off Hwy 26 West, Exit 61 North. Take first turn West on to Groveland Drive.

Rocks and Minerals are an important part of the earth we share as well as the environment and economy we enjoy. The Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals was founded by Richard L. and Helen M. Rice in 1996 for the express purpose of passing on to present and future generations the opportunity to obtain knowledge and pleasure from these beautiful wonders of nature.

Claim a chunk of Earth history—perhaps an opal or a carnelian agate—with an 80-cents-per-pound specimen from the museum's rock pile. The museum collection and reference materials are available for viewing, study and research to all who are interested in the earth sciences.

NFMS JUNIOR ROCKHOUNDS

"News Flash April 2008"



**Juniors
Chairman**

Gary Buhr

Notice that 2008 is rolling along like a fast moving railroad train; will you be a passenger on the "Spirit of '08" or just watch another train go by? Hopefully you will choose to get aboard, get involved and PARTICIPATE! The Oregon Coast Agate Club have been great participants with the leadership of President Guy DiTorrice by making a very generous cash gift into the NFMS Junior Achievement Award Trust Fund. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Donations fuel the fire of Juniors Activities, especially this year at the 2008 KIDS CORNER in Ontario, OR. We will need lots of polished stones, small, loose crystals or specimens for prizes on the Spinner Wheel of Fortune. We need lots of tiny polished stones/gems for dry sand gem panning. Also we will need about 25 quality prizes for the Junior Achievement Trust Raffle, such as quality specimens, lapidary work, books, jewelry/beads, or even prospecting tools. This is our major fund raiser for the year for the Juniors Committee, and last year in Butte, MT we "sold out" all of our donated supplies so please send donations to Gary Buhr, bring them to the Mid-Year Meeting or bring them to the KIDS CORNER in June. In advance, thank you kindly for your consideration and generosity in whatever you can donate.

We can make this 2008 NFMS Annual Show and Convention an historical event by entering TEN Juniors Competition Display cases for the Judges to evaluate. My goal is to have 2 or 3 Everett Rookie Rockhounds with Competition Displays, at the Ontario, OR Show. If one or more from your Juniors Rock Club also enters a Competition Display we could keep the Judges busy, learn lots and win! Your rewards are way beyond what can be imagined, so let's get it done and become famous in Ontario, OR this June.

The West Seattle Rock Club is going through a renewal of their Juniors Members. Their current WSRC President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer have all become members during the last two years because of their child wanting to join the Juniors Program in that Rock Club. That is clear and present growth or "rejuvenescence". Bringing in New Members is what keeps your Rock Club vital and the future bright.



At the 2008 West Seattle Rock Show pictured is Lyle Vogelpohl teaching MILES DURNWIRTH age 8

cabochon making. This goldstone cab is MILES' third production, but his major mode now is collecting rocks from all the U.S. States; already he has acquired over thirty. MILES says that it takes some time to visit all the States and his mother agrees.



Also at the 2008 West Seattle Rock Show pictured is CRYSTAL WATERS (left) age 13 and a member for one year. CRYSTAL ran the Spinner Wheel of Fortune at their Annual February Show. Also in photo is Everett "rocker" KELLY AVILA (right) who was winning prizes. Juniors were given a paper with eight questions about the Show Displays. After the Junior answered the questions correctly, they received a FREE spin and prize at the Wheel of Fortune.



WSRC Juniors Advisor Audrey Vogelpohl put in a display case (in photo) about the AFMS Merit Badge Program which has recently been expanded by six new areas to study for badges. The display includes one project example from each Merit Badge group. The West Seattle Rock Club is using the Merit Badge Program to attract New Junior Members and it works!



Next photo is MERLIN TOSH with his display case full of treasures at the WSRC Show in February. They now have six Junior Members which is clearly a net gain over the past two years. Congratulations!

Everett Rock and Gem Club enjoyed their 55th Annual Gem and Jewelry Show with over 3000 Guests attending. KIDS CORNER action picture of Everett Rookie Rockhound JILLIAN BERG, 2003 NFMS



Junior Achievement Award FIRST PLACE Winner SEAN "Ace" ROWE and our favorite Mardi Gras Clown all helped keep the KIDS CORNER an exciting destination for young Rockhounds. At the KIDS CORNER Life Member Derek Whitmarsh operated a very popular Kid's Silent Auction with high quality specimens to bid on. Life Member Amy Whitmarsh sold hundreds of Grab Bags full of polished rocks and a few special gold painted ones for extra prizes. Amy and Derek have been "spark plugs" for the Everett KIDS CORNER for nearly 20 years! We had two Spinner Wheels of Fortune running constantly and the Critter Making table was perpetually packed, even some adults had "Critter Therapy". Mineral Mogul Lorna Goebel entertained many kids with her FREE Mineral Bingo Game and they won a mineral prize when someone yelled "Bingo!". There were over 70 club volunteers to make our 2008 ERGC Show a success and 17 Juniors volunteered to keep the KIDS CORNER abuzz. Most remarkable was our side-by-side row of twelve Juniors Displays (most better than some adult displays) for the public to enjoy. Each Juniors case had a gold medallion with a red, white and blue ribbon as their participation "favor". Hopefully this will spawn some new Juniors Competition Displays at the Annual NFMS Show and Convention in Ontario, Oregon this June.

Lets go for the REAL "gold", which is winning in Competition Displays and being honored at the Annual Awards Banquet. You will also be famous in your Northwest Newsletter and NFMS Website so you can show your friends some of your talents beyond school, like our favorite hobby--Rockhounding!

CRYSTALS
THEME FOR 2008 SHOW

53rd Annual
River of Gems



Presented by:
Willamette Agate & Mineral Society, Inc.
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Mt Hood Rock Club ROCK AND GEM SHOW

Free admission-Plan a trip and bring your friends!

SAT/SUN, April 5 & 6, 2008, 10 am to 5 pm

Mt Hood Community College Gym
26000 SE Stark, Gresham, Or.
(Watch for signs)

26 DEALERS, DEMOS, DOOR PRIZES, Raffle,
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2:00 Saturday—800 lbs. of free polished rock
Kids 1-12

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USED EQUIPMENT SALE and SILENT AUCTION:
(Buy it now-Sat and Sun, auction closes at 4:30 Sun.)
For auction lists contact odroc@comcast.net

Guest Cases welcome/for information contact
Gail Bumala: 503-637-5165

2008

GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Presented by:

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club

Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick Washington



Saturday, April 19 - 10 am to 5pm
Sunday, April 20 - 10 am to 4 pm
(tailgating - Sunday - 9 am to noon)

EVENT WILL HOST:

- *MINERALS, FOSSILS, JEWELRY DEALERS
- *COLLECTORS EXHIBITS
- *GEM FACETING DEMONSTRATIONS
- *SPHERE MAKING DEMONSTRATIONS
- *BEAUTIFUL FLUORESCENT DISPLAYS
- *SILENT AUCTIONS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN
- *KID'S KORNER - GAMES AND FUN
- *GREAT DOOR PRIZES



CHILDREN FREE WITH PAID ADULT. Adult admission - \$3.00 (good for both days)



2008 Gem & Mineral Show Calendar

Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
Mar 28-29 Fri ??? Sat ???	Panorama Gem & Mineral 8th Annual Show	Fort Colville Grange Hall Colville, WA	Johnie Pitman 509 684-8887 jgpitman@earthlink.net
Mar 29-30 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society (60th annual show)	1641 Long St. Sweet Home, Or.	Dee David (541) 367-4895 ced@centurytel.net
Apr 5-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Mount Hood Rock Club Rock Gem and Craft Show	Mt Hood Community College Gym 26000 SE Stark, Gresham OR	Gail Bumala P.O.B 1180, Sandy OR 97005 boomart@cascadeaccess.com
Apr 5-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Southeast Idaho Gem and Mineral Society 51 st Annual Show	Bannock Co. Fairgrounds Commercial Building Pocatello, Idaho	Marty Rakatansky (208) 233- 2538 or Robert Murphy rcmurphy@highstream.net
Apr 12-13 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Mt. Baker Rock & Gem, 47 th annual show Bellingham, WA	Bloedel-Donovan Park Multi-purpose Building 2214 Electric Ave	Richard Evans 360-714-8139 evansrj1@cs.com
Apr 12-13 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society, Annual Show	City Recreation Center (Memorial and B St.) Idaho Falls, Idaho.	Sharon Nicklas 208-522-7336 or Bill Thielbahr, 208-524- 0139
Apr 18-20 Fri 9-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4:30	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society - 53 rd Annual River of Gems- Crystals Theme	Polk Co. Fairgrounds Rickreall, OR	Cathy Fisher rockhuntinggem@comcast.net 503-851-1837 Also see: www.wamsi.org
Apr 19-20 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Yakima Rock and Mineral Club Parade of Gems (70 Years)	Central Wash.State Fair- grounds, Fair Ave. & E. Nob Hill Blvd., Yakima, WA	Marti Sondgeroth 509-248-6401 marthas@nwinfo.net
Apr 19-20 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show	Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds, Bldg #1, Kennewick WA	Dave Westland (509) 735-9678
May 10-11 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club - 49th Annual Show	Gallatin Co. Fairgrounds Black & Tamarack St. [Exit 1-90 @ N. 7th St	Dan Carter 406.586.4552 or Doug Ellis (406) 266-4452 opalcrusher@hotmail.com
May 17-18 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Hatrockhounds Annual Gem and Mineral Show	Hermiston Convention Center, 4155 Hwy 395, Hermiston, Oregon	Mike Filarski, PO Box 502, Irrigon, OR 97844 stonemortin1@netscape.net
May 24-25 Sat 9-6 Sun 9-5	Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society, Mineral & Fossil Show	Hamilton Senior Center 820 N. Fourth & Adirondac Hamilton, MT	Steve Vieth 1-406-363-2632, stevevieth@msn.com
June 6-8 Fri 12-5 Sat 10-6 Sun 11-4	Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show	Fruitland Grange Hall 112th and 86th Avenue East Puyallup, WA	Bob Bockman 208 773-5384. Bockbb@aol.com.
June 7-8 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4	North Idaho Mineral Club Annual Gem Jewelry and Mineral Show	Kootenai County Fairgrounds. Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	Juli Dahl, 541-563-7495 jdahl2@casco.net. PO Box 2439 Waldport, OR 97394
June 13-15 Fri 10-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4:30	Oregon Coast Agate Club Gem and Mine, 46th Annual Gem and Mineral Show	Lincoln Co.Fairgrounds, 633 NE 3 rd St., Newport, Oregon Directions: http://www.co. lincoln.or.us/fair/index.html	
June 14-15 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Butte Mineral and Gem Club Show	Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Ave Butte MT	Pete Knudsen 406-496-4395
June 20-22 Fri 10-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	68 th Annual NFMS Show & Convention	Ontario Fairgrounds Ontario Oregon	Margaret Stallknecht 208-365-1653 mestallknecht@yahoo.com

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Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
Jul 26-27 Sat 9-6 Sun 9-5	WA Agate & Min. Soc. (WAMS) & Tenino Rock Cruisers, 14th Annual and Gem Show	Parkside Elementary School, Stage Street, Tenino, OR	Daniel De Boer (360) 866-3940 keylock@comcast.net
Aug 2-3 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Far West Lapidary's Rock and Gem Show	North Bend Community Ctr. 2222 Broadway North Bend Oregon	Don Innes, 541-396-5722 Carol Leaton 541-269-0542
Aug 16-17 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	The Nisqually Valley Rockhound Society's Annual Show	Yelm Middle School Hwy 510 Yelm, WA	Mike Smith 360-458-8747 msmith2012@ywave.com
Aug 30-31 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Stallknecht-Morgan Museum Gem & Mineral, Letha Gem Show	West Idaho Boulevard at the Park, Letha, ID	Margaret Stallknecht 208-365-1653
Sep 6-7 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4:30	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club, Annual Show "Rocks Under Foot"	Douglas County Fairgrounds Douglas Hall (1-5, Exit 123) Roseburg, OR	Dave Snyder 541-679-7553 dwilliams@mesi.net
Sep 19-21 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Far West Lapidary's Rock and Gem Society South Coast Rock and Gem Fest 2008	4 th St. Parking Lot, Across from Outdoor-In Family Restaurant, Coos Bay Oregon	Don Innes 541-396-5722
Sep 20-21 Sat 10-6 Sun: 10-5	Hellgate Mineral Soc. 14th Annual, "Rockhounding In The Rockies"	Ruby's Inn & Conv Center 4825 N. Reserve Missoula, MT	Bob Riggs, 14 Holiday Lane, Missoula, MT 59801 (406) 543-3667
Oct 10-12 Fri 10-8 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Billings Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show	Billings Hotel and Convention Center 1223 Mullowney Lane Billings Montana.	Vern Watson 2511 Olson Dr Billings MT. 59102 (406) 652 5958
Oct 18-19 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Hells Canyon Gem Club, Inc. Annual Show	Nez Perce County Fair Grounds, Lewiston, ID	Jack Edwards 509-529-3673 edwardsj@wwics.com
Oct 25-26 Sat 9-6 Sun 10-5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club, Earth's Hidden Treasures 2008	Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4 th Ave Canby, Or	Rick Mauer (509) 691-6395 tallerricardo@juno.com
Oct 25-26 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Bellevue Rock Club Rock, Gem & Jewelry Show	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish Blvd SE Bellevue, WA	Marjorie McKinley, POB 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009-1851 bellevuerockclub@comcast.net

2009 Gem & Mineral Show Calendar

Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
Jul 31-Aug 2 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun: 10-5	NFMS/AFMS Combined Show hosted by Billings Gem & Mineral Club	Holiday Inn Grand Montana 5500 Midland Rd Billings MT	Doug True 406-670-0506 dtruefossils@yahoo.com