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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.

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<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newslet2.htm>
and click on the month you want to see.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



Judi Allison President

Wow! It's almost time for the Annual Show and Convention hosted by the Lakeside Club in Kennewick, Washington! I know it's going to be a busy time. There

are lots of speakers and activities in store for attendees, so be sure to get your registrations in. There is a nice form on the Lakeside club website: <http://www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com> that can be completed and printed out in completed format. I don't know about you, but my handwriting is such that being able to print the information makes for a much more readable copy. And it's so convenient.

The annual meeting will be held at 4:00 on Friday. You don't have to be a director or delegate to attend (and you don't have to fill out a registration form, just come). It's a great way to learn more about your hobby and the inner workings of the Federation.

Also, remember that anyone can attend the annual awards banquet to be held on Saturday evening. Just be sure to fill out the registration form, so that the proper number of meals can be ordered.

On the same note, I want to remind folks of the special opportunities for the AFMS Endowment Fund Drawing. All the information about the endowment fund and the complete list of prizes to date for the drawing can be found on the AFMS website. Just go to: <http://www.amfed.org/endow2012.htm> and you will find descriptions and colored pictures. Drawing #1 includes the four pieces of lapidary equipment donated by Inland Lapidary. You need to indicate which piece you are bidding for on your tickets. Drawing #2 will be for other prizes that can be viewed on the AFMS website. I guess I need to make sure Chris Blickfeldt, our NFMS Chair for the Endowment Fund, has plenty of tickets. He will have them for sale at the Annual Meeting, and you can also purchase them from him at other times.

Members of my club have already indicated they want multiple tickets to add to the equipment drawing. Remember, it can also be a good way for your club to win a chance by having the club purchase some tickets. So, you might want to discuss it with your club before you come to the show. The drawing will be held at the AFMS Show and Convention in Minnetonka, Minnesota the end of July, so you have some time to make your purchases.

I think spring is right around the corner, so it must be about time to gather up the family and head out to your favorite "hounding site". In the meantime, get those registrations filled out for Kennewick. We'll be seeing you there!



ROCKHOUDS OF THE YEAR

By Vi Jones

The **Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society** of Ogden, Utah nominates **JOAN & EVAN DAY** of Brigham City, as 2012 Rockhounds of the Year. The Days joined Golden Spike at the AFMS show in Ogden in 1976. They have served as Club Presidents (Evan in 1988-1989 and Joan in 1994-95). Evan has served as Show Chairman for many years, plus several more as Chair of the Dealer sub-committee. They have demonstrated and displayed their fish collection and their silver and beaded jewelry at many club and NFMS shows. Evan has led many field trips for fossil fish. In 1995 he received the NFMS and AFMS trophies for personally collected fossils. Joan is currently on the Golden Spike Board, in addition to being Executive Secretary of the NFMS since 2001.

Evan has served on several NFMS and AFMS committees, as Golden Spike's Delegate to NFMS meetings (when not acting as NFMS Parliamentarian) and is currently on the Board of Directors of ALAA.

The **Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society** of Hermiston, Oregon choose **LAVONNA AND DELBERT GRIFFIN** as our 2012 Rockhounds of the Year. LaVonna has served as Newsletter Editor, helped at our shows, the Christmas Party along with any other thing she is able to do. Even though it has been difficult for Delbert to display the last few years, we could count on him for not just one display, but sometimes two or three. His wealth of knowledge is enough to make him a gem in his own right. They are now also honorary lifetime members.

The **North Puget Sound Faceting Guild** of Mount Vernon, Washington honors **VERNER AND LEONA TOVREA** as our 2012 Rockhounds of the year. Vern and Leona are charter members of our club. For over twenty years they have devoted countless hours as officers, teachers, demonstrators, displayers, show coordinators and other multiple tasks in nurturing a fledgling club. Their combined skills in running our organization have been priceless. Vern's keen interest and expertise in crystal formation resulted in many interesting programs and a series of articles for a booklet. Although Vern has retired as a community college professor—his teaching skills are put to use in faceting classes given in his home. Vern's generous sharing of his skills benefits not only our club but serves as a legacy for the hobby. Vern and Leona have been the primary source of information for club members and while modest about their knowledge—always have the answers. As a team, they have always helped accomplish our goals and kept the club viable. Thank you Vern and Leona for your dedication, organization, knowledge and passion for our rock hounding hobby—we couldn't have done it without you!



NFMS SHOW AND MEETING



SNEAK PEEK!

Rock'n The Country

The cast has been selected and the stage is being prepared for the line-up of talent waiting to entertain and educate you, the members of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, at the 2012 Annual Show and Meeting in Kennewick, Washington.

Program and lecture presentations will occur on Friday, Saturday and conclude on Sunday. There will be a variety of lapidary demonstrations throughout the Show also. The 2012 Show Committee is excited to bring you a fine group of diverse speakers, a few of which we are proud to present below:

#1 **GARRET ROMAINE** – an award winning journalist and technical writer from Portland, Oregon. Best know for his published books *Gem Trails of Oregon*, *Gem Trails of Washington* and his *Guide to Rockhounding Idaho*.

#2 **BOB JACKSON** – a retired geologist from Woodinville, WA and owner of Geology Adventures. Bob is a known collector of minerals and fossils. Bob is the owner of the Spruce Ridge Mine in Washington and the Rock Candy Mine in B.C. Bob is sure to be a crowd pleaser with his program of adventure, travel and geological discoveries.

#3 **DICK PUGH** – an internationally renowned scientist with the Cascade Meteorite Laboratory at Portland State University. Dick's Powerpoint program showing meteorites and recent findings is not to be missed. Anyone with a rock that is suspected of being a meteorite is encouraged to bring it to the program for identification.

#4 **TOM CRIMMINS** – ALAA guest speaker. Tom is retired from the U.S. Forest Service after 32 years of public service and is currently a trail management consultant.

#5 **BRUCE BJORNSTAD** - geologist and senior research scientist for the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory will deliver a presentation title "*Exploring the Ice Age Floods*". Bruce has published two books on the Ice Age (Missoula) floods and will autograph copies of his books after the program.

#6 **DR. PAUL BYBEE** – professor of biology at Utah Valley University. Dr. Bybee works with some of the best scientists in the field of dinosaur paleontology. Many of his projects include work on dinosaur bone histology. Dr. Bybee is also a consultant to the BBC's "Walking with Dinosaurs" and has appeared in some of the episodes.

In addition to the special guest speakers, you will have an opportunity to participate in several rock collecting field trips throughout the time of the Federation Show. One trip to collect picture jasper is being planned by the Washington State Mineral Council to the China Hollow claim that was featured in the January issue of *Rock & Gem*. Watch for information on how to register for this field trip. Other self-guided field trips to collecting sites include Saddle Mountain for petrified wood and the diatomite mine for common opal and agate.

Another aspect of this year's Show is the special dinosaur exhibit featuring a cast of "Judith", a TriCeratopsian dinosaur, so

named for the Judith River Formation of the Missouri Breaks Region of central Montana. Judith was found by Dr. Bill Shipp and companion while hiking on the Paradise Point Ranch in 2005.

Also featured is an exhibit by Jim Miller. Jim is a rockhound, engineer, geologist and modern flintknapper who can transform a rough piece of rock into a treasured keepsake of art and beauty using old world techniques.

Now is the time to start making your plans to attend the 2012 Show on May 18th, 19th and 20th in Kennewick. Registration forms and other pertinent information can be found in this issue of the *Northwest Newsletter*.



The B Reactor Museum Association (BRMA) invites Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies 2012 Show participants to a guided tour of the historic B-Reactor and selected historical locations on the Hanford Site on Saturday, May 19, 2012. The 105 B Reactor, located on the Hanford Site 40 miles north of Richland, Washington was the world's first full-scale plutonium production reactor. The historical significance of the 105 B Reactor has entitled it to numerous declarations, including National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 1976, and the Nuclear Historic Landmark Award. Because of its historical significance, the 105 B Facility was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1992, designated a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark in 1994, and became a National Historic Landmark in August, 2008. Interpretive items and historical displays are exhibited in the facility along the tour route, including selected historical sites on Hanford Site.

Forty-three seats are available on each of two, Saturday May 19th bus tours which are scheduled to leave at 8:00 and 11:00 from the BRMA Headquarters, 2000 Logston Boulevard (off Highway 240), Richland, Washington. *Participants must arrive at the BRMA Headquarters no later than 30-minutes prior to their scheduled tour departure (7:30 and 10:30 AM) for check-in.* Although security badges will not be required, participants will need to show valid photo identification to participate in the tour.

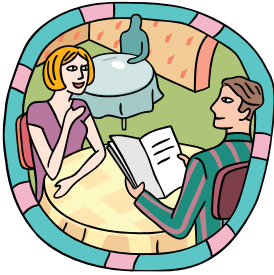
What to bring: A photo ID (e.g.; Driver's License, Passport), camera, sunglasses, snack items or box lunches for the bus ride, and water. Substantial footwear must be worn (no open toe or open heel shoes; no sandals), no sleeveless shirts, and no shorts above knee length. It may be cool in the reactor building and a sweater or light jacket is advised, especially for the early tour.

The tour registration will begin in March 2012 and will close on May 1st. Please R.S.V.P. to John Silko, (509) 373-9876 or john.silko@rl.doe.gov no later than 4:00 PM, May 1st to be considered for the tour. Be sure to include your name *exactly* as it appears on your photo ID, your City and State, and your preference for either the 8:00 or 11:00 Tour with your reservation. Out-of-State participants will have first preference for each tour. Seating is very limited; Tours historically have filled within minutes of an announcement!

Please visit the B Reactor Museum Association website at: <http://b-reactor.org>

NFMS SHOW AND MEETING

Menu Update for 2012 Awards Banquet on Saturday May 19, 2012



The menu for the Show Banquet has been finalized. The main course includes a choice of London Broil, stuffed chicken breast, or vegetarian meal (available on request). A salad, seasonal

vegetables, new white potatoes, rolls and butter, coffee and tea for beverage and chocolates for dessert will be provided. Be sure to indicate your preference on the Advance Registration form which has been recently updated.

For those already registered please contact Pat Richardson at (509) 582-9703 to indicate your selection.



Come join us for a great meal! 2012 Show Committee

Tailgating 2012 NFMS Show Kennewick



The 2012 Federation Show in Kennewick will have Sunday morning tailgating for non-commercial rockhounds. A participant planning to sell/trade

must be a member of a club affiliated with the Northwest Federation or the American Federation. This is required by our club liability insurance. Participants must have a Sunday or Show wristband.

Tailgating will run from 7:30 am to 10:00 am on Sunday, May 20th (setup will be at 7:00 am), at an outdoor location at the Show. If possible, we would like to have tailgaters register at the show information desk in Building 2 no later than 2:00 pm on Saturday. Tailgating must cease at 10:00 am sharp and will not be allowed during Show hours.

The purpose of tailgating is for rockhounds to sell/exchange lapidary materials and equipment. Each tailgater can sell out of their truck/car, from an open trailer or can use a single 3'x8' table.

This is a good way for experienced collectors to sell/swap their materials and for new club members to see the extent of collectable materials and acquire them at a fair price.

In addition to tailgaters.....**WE NEED BUYERS!**

So, bring your cash and cash in on the good deals at the tailgating session.

For all the details and registration forms for the NFMS Show and Meeting, please refer to your February and March Northwest Newsletters or www.amfed.org/nfms/.



From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

Aha, it is springtime, when thoughts turn to rockhounding. If it would ever quit raining! I am writing this in the middle of March and our lawn looks like a lake. And then there is the snow in the mountains behind our place. Well, at least I have my rock pile sorted out that we gathered last year both from field trips and from purchases.

Every break in the rain I was out there washing rock and deciding what to keep and what to sell. I found out it does not take long for the hot water I brought out from the house to cool to ice cold when you add rocks that have been stored outside. It was so nice when Paul would bring out a new bucket of hot water for me. He is so good!!

Our plans are well underway to be at the NFMS Show and attend the meetings. There are some exciting activities planned and we hope to participate in as many as we can. I hope to see you all there. And look us up at the tailgating on Sunday.

Heart Attack Info on New Aspirin

Bayer is making crystal aspirin to dissolve under the tongue. They work much faster than the tablets. Why keep aspirin by your bedside? There are other symptoms of a heart attack besides pain in the left arm. One must also be aware of an intense pain on the chin, as well as nausea and lots of sweating, however these symptoms may also occur less frequently. **Note: There may be NO pain in the chest during a heart attack.**

The majority of people (about 60%) who had a heart attack during their sleep did not wake up. However, if it occurs, the chest pain may wake you up from a deep sleep. If you are awakened with pain, immediately dissolve two aspirins in your mouth and swallow them with a bit of water.

Afterwards: CALL 911

- say "heart attack!"
- say that you have taken 2 aspirins
- phone a neighbor or a family member who lives very close by
- take a seat on a chair or sofa near the front door, and wait for their arrival and... **DO NOT lie down.**

Editor's Note (from Dan Imel): Women are more prone than men to have no symptoms of a heart attack or to display pain in their back or shoulder rather than the traditional concept of chest pain. . . . While women have fewer heart attacks than men, they have a higher percentage that are fatal. This is partially due to the pain being in areas not normally associated with heart attacks by most people and women ignoring the pain as a result.

via (and shortened) AFMS Newsletter 2/12; The Rock Collector, 1/12








COMMITTEE REPORTS



Focus on our Future, the Juniors!

Audrey Vogelpohl, NFMS Juniors Chair

Now is the time - that is, May 18-20, 2012. As the advisors to our clubs' junior members, we have the opportunity to share our successes and failures. We will have a room and a time set aside at the convention in Kennewick to get acquainted -- whether we are advisors or interested members..

-  Are you looking for ideas? Resources?
-  What can the NFMS do to help you?
-  Have you become acquainted with the AFMS Future Rockhound of America badge program?
-  Are you receiving your paid e-subscription to the "Mini Miners Monthly"?
-  Have you looked at your own State Government's web site for resources?

If you are interested in our hobby's future, our Juniors, I hope to see you in Kennewick.

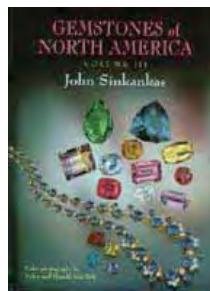


AFMS Endowment Drawing News by Pamela Hecht, Chair

Help Help Help!!!! Time is running out for receiving your donations for the 2012 AFMS Endowment Fund Drawing to be held during "A Celebration of Agates" show and convention in Minnetonka, MN this July.

Please, please, please...help support this endeavor. Proceeds from the drawing are used to fund a number of AFMS programs that you your club benefit from. Donations should be sent to me - my address is 25393 Oak St; Calumet, MI 49913.

I have received one new prize since the last issue of the newsletter was published. Here are the details: Prize #11: "Gemstones of North America, Volume III" by John Sinkankas. Sinkankas' name is synonymous with the world of gemology and mineralogy. Donated by Steve Hecht, the volume has an estimated retail value of \$65. (MWF).



Tickets for the drawing are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Remember that this year there are two different drawings being held. Drawing #1 is an opportunity to win one of the 4 fabulous pieces of lapidary equipment that have been donated to us by Inland Lapidary. If you're interested in possibly winning one of these items, you need to put the number of the item on the front of the ticket you purchase. These will be deposited in a separate bin for each piece of equipment and only those who mark their tickets will be eligible to win.

If you do not wish to possibly win one of the lapidary equipment items, your tickets will be placed in a separate bin and winners will be drawn for these.

To purchase your tickets, send your check, payable to "AFMS Endowment" and a SASE to Chris Blickfeldt, 236 Tollgate Rd; Boise, ID 82716, grumpies@q.com. Via AFMS Newsletter, 3/12

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LAND USE UPDATE



Washington State Mineral Council Report

By Brian Waters, President

Early this year I tried to contact as many rock hounds in Washington State that I could through the various club newsletters and e-mail lists. This is the follow up to that.

As most of you know HB 2600 was given a hearing in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. Despite the low number of rock hounds that showed up and the even smaller number of us that testified this hearing actually went well. I don't remember everyone that showed up at the hearing to support the bill, but thanks to all that did. The rock hounds that testified in favor of the bill were Me, Brian Waters, representing the WSMC, James Keffer, representing the Puget Sound Knappers, and Christina Morrissey, representing the Marysville Rock and Gem Club.

That hearing was on January 27th. On January 31st the bill was passed out of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, but before it was it was amended so that the only state agency that would be effected was the DNR. The WDFW and the State Parks were taken out of the bill, and the limits for collecting rocks was lowered to 25 lbs per day and 250 lbs per year. At this point the WSMC and PSK no longer supported the bill because the collecting limits were too low and the state agency that we really wanted to target with these bills, the WDFW, was taken out of the bill.

HB 2600 actually made it out of another committee after it had been amended, but it was amended one more time during that process so that if it did not have a funding source by June 30th of this year the bill would be null and void. Since we no longer supported the bill that was fine with us.

SB 6057 never made it out of the Senate Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters Committee. Therefore, at this point, we are no longer asking people to contact their state legislators to support these bills.

Since this time members of the WSMC and the PSK have met with people in the DNR. The meeting was actually requested by both the WSMC and the DNR almost simultaneously. Both of us felt that we could work together to find a solution to our problem of collecting on state lands without having to go through the legislative process. At least we felt we could do this with the DNR, if not the WDFW.

Our meeting went well, though it seems that it was a kind of "getting to know you" meeting and that we are really starting from scratch in this process with the DNR. At the meeting we discussed our desire for collecting on state lands and explained who rock hounds are and what we do, and the DNR expressed their concerns. I think both sides left the meeting with the feeling that we could work together so that amateur rock collecting will be allowed on DNR lands. We left the meeting agreeing to meet again after the legislative session and come back with some ideas that we can discuss.

The DNR representatives also expressed that while they are totally separate agencies than the WDFW and State Parks that by working with them we may be able to make some inroads with the other agencies.

To wrap this up, I have two requests of the Washington State rock hounding community.

First, if any of your state Senators or Representatives wrote or co-sponsored either of these bills please contact them and thank them for doing so. The Senators were Senators [Honeyford](#), [Hatfield](#), [Becker](#), [Schoesler](#), [Shin](#), [Delvin](#). The Representatives are Representatives [Bailey](#), [Blake](#), [Chandler](#), [Kelley](#), [Goodman](#), [Anderson](#), [Reykdal](#). If you are still uncertain on whom your state legislators are you can find out here:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>

Second, if you know of any places on state lands, whether they are DNR, WDFW or State Parks where there is material that rock hounds would be interested in collecting please let me or someone from the WSMC or PSK know.

The reason for this is that at the meeting with the DNR we had spoke with them of the possibility of setting up one or more designated areas for amateur rock collecting that could be used as test sites for several years. The other reason is that the legislature has in the past made both the WDFW and the State Parks do a two year study to see if certain activities such as gold prospecting on salt water beaches would be practical within each of the agencies mandates. This may be a route that we might want to take in the future.

Thanks to everyone that wrote letters, made phone calls, talked to folks or went to Olympia. Without your support none of this would have been possible.



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NFMS MEMBER CLUBS' SHOW SCHEDULE

April 13 - 15 Fri 9 - 6, Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society	Golden Spike Event Center, Weber County Fairgrounds, 1000 North 1200 West, Ogden UT	Cindy Aeschlimann 801 648 5060 POB 12835 Ogden UT 84412-2835 www.goldenspikegem.org
April 14 - 15 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Club	Idaho Falls Recreation Center B Street, Idaho Falls, ID	Jim Bosley 208 520 1819 jbosley@cablone.net
April 20 - 22 Fri 9 - 6, Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4:30	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society (WAMS)	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 South Pacific Hwy West Rickreall, OR	Etheleen Flippo 503 623 4247 reflippoo@hotmail.com
April 21 - 22 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40 th Avenue SW, Seattle WA	Audrey Vogelpohl 206 932 3292, avogelpohl@comcast.net , www.westseattlerockclub.org
April 21 - 22 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club	Washington National Guard Amory 2501 Airport Lane, Yakima WA	Marti Sondgeroth 509 248 6401 evenings cell 509 910 3484, Marthms@q.com
April 28 - 29 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society	Hermiston Conference Center 415 South Highway 395, Hermiston, OR 97838	Mike Filarski 541 922 5091 stonemorlin1@netscape.net , www.hatrockhounds.org
April 28 - 29 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Gray's Harbor Rock & Gem Club	Gray's Harbor County Fairgrounds 43 Elma - McCleary Road, Elma, WA	Gary Emberley 360 533 6196 melissa624@hotmail.com
May 4 - 6 Fri 10 - 6, Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Spokane Rock Rollers Club	Spokane County Fair & Expo Center North 604 Havana (at Broadway) Spokane WA	Mike Shaw 509 244 8542 mikeshawmoose@yahoo.com www.rockrollers.org
May 12 - 13 Sat - 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds 901 North Black, Bozeman MT	Sally Griffin 406 451 4362 griffin830@yahoo.com or Dan Carter 406 586 4552
May 18 - 20, 2012 Fri 10 - 5, Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	2012 NFMS Annual Gem Show, Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak, Kennewick WA	Dom Cataldo dac@bioguardtech.com PO Box 6652, Kennewick, WA 99336 www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com
May 19 - 20 Sat 8 - 5, Sun 8 - 4	Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society	Ravalli County Fairgrounds First Interstate Center, 100 Old Corvallis Road, Hamilton MT	Mike McConnell 406 777 0536 micker1949@yahoo.com
June 1 - 3 Fri 12 - 5, Sat 10 - 5 Sun 11 - 4	Puyallup Valley Club	Swiss Park, 9205 198 th Avenue East Bonney Lake, WA 98391	Contact - Inga Holmquist 253 312 5314 PO Box 134 Puyallup WA 98371
June 2 - 3 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Everett Rock & Gem Club	Everett Soccer Arena, 2201 California St. Everett, WA (new location)	Fritz Mack 425 232 0809 PO Box 1615 Everett WA 98206
June 2 - 3 Sat 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 4	North Idaho Mineral Club	Kootenai County Fairgrounds and Event Center, Coeur d'Alene ID (2 blocks East of Hwy 95)	Bill Johnson 205 765 2900 info-bockbb@aol.com
June 9 - 10 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Butte Mineral & Gem Club	Butte Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Avenue (exit 127 North), Butte, MT	Peter Knudsen PO Box 4492 Butte MT 59702 406 496 4395
June 16 - 17 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4:30	Oregon Coast Agate Club	Yaquina View Elementary School Multipurpose Room, 351 SE Harney Street (just off Hwy 20, turn south at the light), Newport OR	K. Myers 541 265 2514 PO Box 293 Newport OR 97365
July 21 - 22 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Northwest Montana Rock Chucks	Northwest Montana Fairgrounds, 265 North Meridian Road, Kalispell MT	Milah Gano 406 844 3560 mallards_g@hotmail.com
September 22 - 23 Sat 9 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Hellgate Mineral Society	Ruby's Reserve Street Inn, 4825 North Reserve Street, Missoula MT 59808	Bob Riggs 14 Holiday Lane Missoula MT 59801 406 543 3667
October 12 - 14 Fri 10 - 6, Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show	Washington Co. Fairplex 873 NE 34 th Avenue Hillsboro OR 97124	Josh Heater 971 570 5456 j.frankray@hotmail.com Rose Jackson ljeweledrose@gmail.com
October 13 - 14 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Marysville Rock & Gem Club	Totem Middle School Cafeteria 7 th Street and State Avenue, Marysville WA	Bill Moser 425 238 8222 bill-jj@comcast.net George Haage 425 339 2272 Haag@GTE.net
October 20 - 21 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fairgrounds, 1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston ID 83501	Steve Rand 208 791 2325 PO BOX 365 Lewiston ID 83501
October 27 - 28 Sat 9 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4 th Avenue, Canby OR 97013	Rick Mauer 503 691 6395 tallerricardo@juno.com