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## Don Innes President

2 Weeks until spring! Let us hope the weather is in our favor this year. Spring brings us rockhounding trips, weekend spelunking and Rock and Gem Shows. This is the time we offer the experience and education of our hobby. The gem Shows are a major

source of new members. A workshop at the club is a great way to get interest in the hobby.

One of the ways to get young people interested is to get the parents to the Gem Show. There they can see the benefits of the hobby and draw attention from VCR's, TV and Cell Phones. Have maps of rock trips to offer them and invite them to come along.

A demonstration at schools, especially in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes where Geology is taught is an excellent source of members. A display in the school library creates interest in rock collecting. The North Bend High School asked us to put a Short Wave Fluorescent display in the School library for one month. The interest it involved expanded beyond the Library to the Public Library. The North Bend Public Library Has had us put a display in their 3 cases for the last several years for one month. This year they asked us to put it in for 2 months.

A one day demonstration at a club, Woman's Club, A library, Eagles or Kiwanis Club is of interest to many of their members at a luncheon or a meeting for their entertainment. We had a one day work shop demonstration and taught several woman travelers at the "Bandon by the Sea Mobile Park." Their club had booked several days there and Rose Bryson called us to help fill in one day to teach. The interest was greatly appreciated.

I highly recommend all of our member clubs send an article to Beth Heesacker of the methods they have used to involve new adult and young folks.

Our field trips, rock digs, the trip to Montana planned well by Doug True and the Annual and the Midyear NWFMS meetings are all ahead of us. I am looking forward to a great year in all of our Federation Clubs.

We do have a great slate of officers in our NFMS and the AFMS with well seasoned rockhounds with the knowledge to keep our hobby safe from regulators. We also have the ALAA to back us up. Our local clubs can help by letting us know what is happening in our own areas. Please send articles to Beth of any recent changes in rules and regulations...The only way we can keep up with the rules is to let each other know. The club is for all of us, not just for the officers. We need the input from all members.



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## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### Warren Rood 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

In my message in the February Newsletter I asked for each club to send in a successful practice or idea that you have been doing. Something

that has worked well in your club. In the same issue Jim Brain, President of our Walla Walla club included an article about a successful idea we pursued this past year for our show that included our local elementary schools. We rewarded the school that had the most students come to our show with a display of minerals.

This past year another thing happened that was very successful. We always have our show at our County fairgrounds and they usually book other events during our show. In years past we have had the antique car show in town the same weekend as our show. We have found from surveys taken at the door that we have gained only a handful of people from the car show. The same with the horse show that is next door in another building. However this year we had a farmers market event that was geared towards kids happen right next door to our building. They had face painting, buggy rides and other fun things for kids. When they saw our signs and found out this was another free event for kids, we had a huge number of families come to our show. It really boosted our attendance. Some ideas to take from this would be to try to partner with a kids event happening in your town around the same time of year as your show. Another idea would be to include more fun kids things such as face painting in your programming and advertising.

In years past we have also had a "hook" at our show. This is a special exhibit of something quite unusual that the public would not normally see. We have had a T-rex skull replica, the rock food table, an intarsia display and a dinosaur egg collection. This "hook" is especially helpful in the marketing of your show, because it generates interest. It also has helped us get feature coverage from our local paper because they see it as a human interest story and may do a cover or center spread on the subject. This feature story helps more than an ad that you have to pay for.

I know our club is not the only club in the Northwest that has good ideas. Please write an article for our newsletter and share your clubs great ideas with everybody.



### Hidemi Kira 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Greetings to all,

It is getting warmer little by little around here near Portland, Oregon and slowly feeling the rockhounding season is coming soon.

In the last issue, I briefly wrote about the Quartzsite show in Arizona and the ALAA (American Lands Access Association) meeting. This year, I was fortunately enough to be able to go down to Quartzsite again and had the opportunity to attend the ALAA meeting and the ALAA's Second Annual Quartzsite Clean-up.

It was my first time to attend the ALAA meeting in Quartzsite and I was surprised that so many people were attending. Not only the rockhounds, but there were many from the off-road world. Please visit the ALAA website [www.amland.org](http://www.amland.org) (or read the ALAA newsletter if your club is a member of the ALAA) for the details of the meeting, annual clean-up and other useful information.

Regarding the ALAA's Annual Clean-up sponsored by BLM, I knew they had the first clean-up event last year and have read the related articles, but attending the event gave me a lot more impact. We met at the Gold Nugget Rd. close to Quartzsite at 8 am and collected garbage along the area for about 2 and a half hours. There were over 50 people and collected a huge amount of garbage. I heard they collected much more last year so I think that made it a whole lot easier for us this year.

Collecting the garbage itself was not as pleasant as you all can imagine. There were pretty ugly things and some items made me wonder who would leave this kind of things. I am glad the BLM provided the "grabbers" so I didn't have to touch it even with my gloves on. The name "Gold Nugget Rd." sounded too exciting, so I was hoping I could find some nice looking rocks during the garbage pick-up. Unfortunately, I found that collecting garbage and looking for good rocks at the same time did not work. I had to concentrate on the ugly garbage. On the other hand, the good part was that I got almost the same amount of exercise as hiking around to collect rocks! The Third Annual Clean-up is planned in Quartzsite next year, so if you are planning to go south, please try to attend the event.

As you all know that the public lands for rock collecting is shrinking rapidly, I think this "clean-up" will be a great way to show the spirit of the rockhounds and will very likely slow down the closures or even contribute to the reopening of the closed lands. NFMS has over 60 clubs, much more clubs in the other Federations and plus other organizations who wishes to have the public land opened. So if all the clubs and organizations can do maybe even once a year, it should make a big difference. I have suggested the field trip chair of our club to try to arrange at least once this year and hope it is going to happen.

If your club would like to arrange a clean-up, please go to the site above ([amlands.com](http://amlands.com)) and see [ARE YOU WILLING TO DO A BLM/FORESTRY CLEAN-UP](#) by Shirley Leeson ALAA President, for the information. Shirley is willing to send you the trash bags for this activity as well.

The ALAA meeting will be held during the NFMS's Mid-Year meeting in Kennewick (9am Saturday, April 26th.), so hope you can attend. You may want to talk to Shirley if you have any question regarding the clean-up and other ALAA issues.

Now some of the clubs in my neighborhood are starting their club shows. It is always a pleasure to see the activities of the other clubs and it is a very nice opportunity to see my friends and to make new friends. And it is always a good opportunity to learn from what they do!

Hope to see you at our Mid-Year Meeting in Kennewick!



## COMMITTEE REPORTS



**Patty Amos  
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**Safety Report  
By Chuck Sonner, Safety  
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**RICOCJET**

To all Federation members: As the new supply chair I would like to let you know we are having a sale on our Hats and T-Shirts. Hats will be \$1.50 each we have several colors red, green, blue, dark blue and black.

T-Shirts will be \$5.00 we have several colors in white, cream, bright yellow, orange, red, and blue in sizes from small to X-Large if we can sell these we may be able to get some larger sizes for members who would want them. If you have a juniors club there are a lot of smaller sizes.

A more detailed list of other items for sale to follow.

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I have a few ideas about articles for this month: the eyes have it, lonely is the fall and ricochet. I decided on ricochet. Webster defines as: *n. the glancing rebound or skipping of an object after striking a surface at an angle.*

Those that work cabs have at one time or another chased the one that came loose from their dop sticks. If we work with high speed grinders and/or polishing pads, these units have a higher risk.

I had a chance to use a polishing unit at Camp Hancock. These units are set at a low RPM (revolutions per minute). If you lose control of the rock or cab you are working, you project will suffer more that you. This is not true with high speed grinders.

These units will turn at up to 3400 RPM. If your car is going at the same RPM, best guess you are doing better than 70 miles per hour. I had a club member working on a limb cast. He was using the polishing pad on the end of a Genie. The cast **RICOCHETED** off the wall and connected with several other objects before it came to rest. If your limb, hand or other body parts are in the path, serious damage can occur.

Eye protection, face shield & sturdy gloves are just a few safety ideas. The best is learning what works and what does not. Thinking you will never lose the item, is a mistake. Practice, practice and good safety precautions will cut down on mistakes but.....

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### **are you out of Date**

All of us should have a first aid kit in our shop. We can grab this kit when a field trip is planned. I found out that mine is out of date. I did not know or just did not think that there was *use by dates* on some of the products inside. I guess it is time to get a new kit.





2014 GEM SHOW

**Hosted By Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club**

**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – 10 am to 5 pm**  
**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – 10 am to 4 pm**

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### 2014 AFMS Program Competition



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\* Each program is judged on its own merits.

\* Entrants in amateur categories will receive a composite score sheet with comments / score. Winners may be asked to make some changes based on judges comments before final version is produced for duplication. (contact Coordinator for details)

\* Judging Form and "Tips for Good Programs" are available on AFMS website ([www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)), from AFMS Coordinator or your Regional Program Librarian.

#### WHO MAY ENTER

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DEADLINE for entry: April 15, 2014

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Class I -Educational - about geology, minerals, gems, fossils, etc.

Class 2 -Field Collecting - showing site(s), specimens, with some geology, collecting methods and other aspects of interest.

Class 3 -"How To Do It" - techniques/equipment for fossil prep., jewelry, metal work, carving, faceting, other lapidary, etc.

Class 4 -"Just for Juniors" - any of the above for/by youngsters.

"Excellence in Education" entries are judged separately.

#### JUDGING (Judges look for:

- accuracy of information / educational value
- quality of photographs / visuals
- completeness of story - but not "too much" information
- narration that moves well from one image to the next
- presentations that explore an area of interest or
- demonstrate ideas/techniques which viewers may try
- title, credits and "The End" "slides"

For CD, DVD or VIDEO entries

- amateur entries *should not* be in DVD format for entry.
- submit a copy preferably in PowerPoint or similar format *-without*
- *author's credits*, for anonymity
- if possible send entry on a flash drive instead of CD.
- may be 'live action' or static "slides"
- integrated audio is preferred but not required for judging, however audio will be added for final version.
- include typed script if there is no audio

35mm SLIDE PRESENTATIONS can be considered, however please contact Coordinator before sending entry.

#### AWARDS

A \$200 cash prize for the highest scoring program (for 95+ points), \$100 if score is 94 - 90 points, in Classes 1 - 4. In addition, Winners receive national recognition. A copy of each winning program is given to each Regional Program Library; thus winning programs are available to Clubs across the country. Winners will be announced at the AFMS Awards Banquet at Tulsa, OK July 12, 2014

#### PROGRAM LENGTH

Adult programs: 30- 40 minutes is optimum

Juniors: 20 minutes suggested maximum

#### REPRODUCTION / DUPLICATION

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

#### HOW TO ENTER

Fill out entry form (or copy) and ship with carefully packed program to address below.

#### DIRECT QUESTIONS AND ENTRIES TO:

AFMS Program Competition Coordinator, Marge Collins, 3017 Niles-Buchanan Rd., Buchanan MI 49107 phone: (269) 695-4313 email:

[margaret@qtm.net](mailto:margaret@qtm.net)

#### 2014 AFMS PROGRAM COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

I / we submit " \_\_\_\_\_ "  
(presentation title)

in [circle one] Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 4

- or -

"EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION" (for programs produced "for sale")

Producer(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(your name/s) (include your Office if Club entry)

Member of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Club name)

Federation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
[street address]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[city] [state] [zip]

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR SALE? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### Spokane Rock Rollers Boasts the Best Work Tables in the Northwest

By Pete Wyman

The Spokane Rock Rollers recently covered their shop work tables with composite granite, thanks to a generous donation from Mario and Son. Seven 3x7 ft tables replaced the worn out formers or about 147 square feet of material.

Mario collects marble and granite from all over the world to make kitchen counters, floors, etc. The club has been taking winter field trips to the factory. After viewing a short film of the operation of a marble quarry, some that have been mined since Roman times, the

club walked through the astounding show room with its fossils, marble carvings, and beautiful tiles. Then on to the adjoining warehouse of huge 8-foot slabs that changes every year as new formations are found. The main shop is one of the most automated in the US. A computer drives machines that cut, polish, and bevel the slabs and stores them in elevated shelves until needed. One machine, of which there are few in the U.S., uses a water jet at 65,000 lbs. per inch, will carve any design inside a slab.

Afterwards, (and some before the tour commenced) we attacked the pallets of leftover slabs that they have to pay to haul away. (I have been making pen sets, bases for crystals and antiques, or for garden decorations) White and dark labradorite pieces and fossil slabs were particularly sought after.

(Disclosure: I put in a counter top marble and fire place hearth and they used a simpler technology. I wished I had the choice of the fantastic array of stone now available.) Below, Mario Marcella, next to one table, holds a donated piece of \$250 a foot translucent quartz from one of his projects.



### Rockhounds of the Year

By Viola Jones, Rockhounds of the Year Chairperson



Congratulations to **Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club** Rockhounds of the Year **Paul and Beth Heesacker**.

Paul, a past NFMS president, currently serves as leader of our juniors' club. Beth is an award-winning editor of CMGC and NFMS newsletters. She has led field trips and has served as 2nd VP and Field Trip Chair and is current 1st VP and Show Chairperson. Both Beth and Paul have hauled rock for the club, helped out with rock washes in preparation for the club rock show and served in many areas during the club annual show. Starting rockphilia as children, both immersed themselves in rockhounding in 2002. Together, they discovered Camp 5 and its one-of-a-kind lapidary material, and since then Paul has made multiple beautiful spheres from this and other finds. Beth specializes in collecting mineral specimens, especially micro minerals.

Thank you for allowing us to recognize the contributions of these two fine specimens.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### Bulletin Aids Report By Ronnie Watkins

The NFMS Bulletin Contest entries have been judged and our top winners have been sent off to the AFMS Bulletin Editors Contest judges. I want to thank every editor that sent in entries, and those members that have written articles, submitted reports, and put together special publications for their clubs. Everyone, Keep Up the Good work!

Someone once said that “being a rock club bulletin editor was a lonely, steady job”, and that “it was a very important one”. It is a very important job, and it can be a lonely one, but I am pleased to see that

members are pitching in and making submissions. Some clubs have rallied together to get this important job done. Kudos to you! This is a wonderful way to come together socially and share the load. One club editor gives special credit to every contributor with each issue. My club has a Communications Committee that meets to help me with my duties. We have lunch, take care of the club web sight, Facebook page, e-mail, and work on how we can improve communications and put a community face on our hobby. Even if your club only has a small bulletin, and especially if your club only has a small bulletin, the rock club editor’s job is a very important job. Keep Up the Good Work!

I want to invite every editor, webmaster/mistress, writer, and photographer to the NFMS Annual All Editors Breakfast in Hermiston during the NFMS Annual Show and Convention. Breakfast will be Saturday August 16th from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center. We will welcome Cheri George, President of the SCRIBE, as our guest speaker. Don’t miss out on the fun, and get your registration form in today. It will be well worth it for clubs (hint, hint) to buy your breakfast, considering the information and encouragement you will receive ...so you can, Keep Up the Good Work!

I hope every club member in the federation will take time to thank their bulletin editor for their commitment and hard work; and, take the time to focus on writing about geology and lapidary arts in prose, poetry, or reports. Every officer and chairman can submit something to keep communications open and your members informed. The bulletin is a vital part of your rock club, with information needed for it to operate, and if you are lucky, fun and interesting articles about our fascinating hobby.



### Stamp Report By Hermina Kolski, NFMS Stamp Chairman

At the Mid-Year Meeting on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at one o’clock in Kennewick, I will have a stamp booklet available for you to purchase in order that you can order commemorative stamps from your home and have them mailed directly to you. The \$1.25 it costs is cheaper than gas.

I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity and use these pretty stamps on all your bills because some church is bound to pick them up and put them to a good cause. There are several booklets put out each year so there may be some stamps already sold out. Call first to see what is available. If you cannot come to the meeting to purchase the booklets or there are not enough booklets, just call the US Post Office at 1-800-782-6724 for a booklet of the stamps available.

Sorry I cannot come to the Mid-Year meeting but I will have some bags of used stamps for sale at Kennewick. They are good stamps but not enough paper left on them for our dealer and they are piling up around here. I hope that there are some people with children in the Federation who collect stamps and can use them. You can give the money to Lyle Vogelphole for the cancer research fund. Thank you.



**Clubs, please note that any SHOW INFORMATION should go to Pat Lambert, Show Coordinator. She will then send the information out to the rock magazines, websites and to this newsletter.**

**All MEMBERSHIP UPDATES, including new members so they can receive this newsletter as soon as possible, should go to Tom Burchard, Circulation Chair and to Carol Willey, Directory Chair.**

**See the second page of this newsletter for address information for these Chairmen and Chairwomen.**

**Thank you!**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### NFMS Annual Meeting Hermiston, Oregon August 15-17, 2014

### Hatrockhound Happenin'



It's almost time for the midyear meeting, then the next thing at hand will be the NFMS Annual Show and Convention. August 15-17 will be here before we know it. The Hatrockhounds have been busy preparing a venue we hope you will enjoy. So remember to "Circle up you wagons and come on down to the "Biggest Little Show in Town". Although our club is small and our show will be smaller than some, we are a hospitable bunch with great enthusiasm!

We will be offering 16-18 inside dealers and 3-4 outsider vendors for you shopping pleasure. We plan to have a tailgating time for NFMS members on Sunday morning, so consider bringing along a few things you would like to sell.

We plan to have 2-3 speakers throughout the show, as well as some special displays and demonstrators.

Of course, the show will include the usual venue of Annual meeting, silent auction, kids' corner, and banquet, but we will be adding our own flair along the way. Expect the banquet to have a country feel, and look for the "straw draw" in the kids' corner.

We will have some additional advance packets with information about the area at the mid-year meeting, so you can further plan your visit. So mark those calendars and make your plans. We'll be seeing you.

### Hatrockhound Happenin' – Where to Stay?

As our Annual NFMS Show and Convention in Hermiston, Oregon draws nearer, we want to let you know about one of your options for parking a trailer or motor home during the show. Although there is no camping available onsite, since we know many rockhounds need a place to park their rigs, we found a solution.

We are able to offer 42 sites with full hookups at our local fairgrounds. It is about a half mile from the show, so for some a nice stroll will be feasible. This will likely be the most convenient and most economical place to park at a cost of just \$15 per night. The sites will be available Wednesday before the show through Sunday. You can reserve your place and prepay with our advanced registration form.

Although we did not reserve any rooms, for those who prefer a motel there are a number of options in Hermiston. Since Hermiston is a smaller area, (17,000 people) all the accommodations are within a reasonable distance from the Show: Best Western Hermiston Inn 541-564-0202, Comfort Inn 541-564-5911, Economy Inn 541-567-5516, Motel 6 541-567-7777

Oak Tree Inn 541-567-2330, Oxford Suites 541-564-8000, and Rodeway Inn 541-567-5561 are all in Hermiston. Prices and comfort level will vary.

If you are interested in something cozier, Stokes Landing B&B 541-922-3857 is in Irrigon, approximately 16 miles from Hermiston. Wildhorse Resort and Casino 800-654-9453, about 40 miles away on the far side of Pendleton, will give those interested in some evening entertainment the availability of a casino, dining, shows and the nearby Tamastslikt Cultural Institute.

We hope this information helps you in your planning process. Summer and the show are just around the corner, so we'll be seein' you!

### Competitive Exhibit Applications By Dee Holland, Chair

**DEADLINE: JULY 15<sup>th</sup>**

That's the cut-off date for competitive exhibit applications for your show in Hermiston, Oregon. Do you have your exhibit ready? If not, get with it. This is going to be an opportunity for you to show what you have to the public in a new location.

If you have any questions or concerns, let me know, [beauholland@centurytel.net](mailto:beauholland@centurytel.net). Please don't try to call, I am on the road a lot and can't be reached, but do monitor my emails.

Our newest NFMS Rules member is Lauren Williams, send your applications to him and he will acknowledge. Looking forward to a huge show with lots of competition...

Dee Holland, Chair  
Joe Slouber, Judges Chair  
Lauren Williams, Registrar





**NFMS COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

**August 15, 16, 17, 2014**

Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S Highway 395  
Hermiston, Oregon



**Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies**

**Annual Show: Hosted by: Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society  
"Hatrockhound Happenin'"**

**August 15-17, 2014**

**Hermiston Conference Center  
415 S Highway 395, Hermiston, OR**

**COMPETITIVE CERTIFICATION FORM  
EXHIBIT ENTRY DEADLINE: July 15, 2014**



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Society \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR GROUP: MASTER \_\_\_\_\_ ADVANCED \_\_\_\_\_ NOVICE \_\_\_\_\_ JUNIOR \_\_\_\_\_  
SOCIETY \_\_\_\_\_ JUNIOR SOCIETY \_\_\_\_\_ (JUNIOR'S BIRTHDATE) \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_ EXHIBIT CLASS \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have your own case? \_\_\_\_\_ Size: Width \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION FOR EXHIBITORS**

I hereby certify that all material in competition by me is my own personal property. If Society, all material belongs to members of the Society. All work, except minor findings or where otherwise allowed by the rules, was completed by me. **I have read the current rules and agree to abide by them.**

Exhibitor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's Society \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify, as an officer of the above named society, that the exhibitor is a member in good standing of that society, and to the best of my knowledge is eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the AFMS Rules.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

If this is sent email: we need the officer's email \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

**BOTH PAGES MUST BE SENT BACK**  
**Be sure and make a copy for your files**

**SETUP:**

All entries must be set up and ready for judging by 7 pm, Thursday, Aug 14, 2014. Or, with the approval of the Rules Chairman – between 7 am 9 am on Friday, Aug 15, 2014.

**SECURITY WILL BE FURNISHED.  
TWO GUEST PASSES PER EXHIBITOR WILL BE FURNISHED**

Cases will be assigned space on tables approximately 30 inches high. Exhibits are limited to 150 watts of power per case, and exhibitor must supply a three prong extension cord to reach the power supply under the tables. (Approximately 10 feet)

Please complete all information on the application form and this certification form and mail to the Competitive Exhibits Registration Chairman for acceptance and acknowledgement – email is acceptable. Mail to: LAUREN WILLIAMS,

957 E Elva St.  
Idaho Falls, ID 83401-2164  
(208) 529-6978 [slharuir@msn.com](mailto:slharuir@msn.com)

Refer to the AFMS Rules Updated to 2014. Download your copy of the rules from:  
[www.AMFED.org](http://www.AMFED.org)

If you are uncertain as to the correct class or group you should enter or for clarification of the rules contact Dee Holland, P.O. Box 23, Tendoy, ID 83468 or email:  
[beauholland@centurytel.net](mailto:beauholland@centurytel.net) or [shirleyleeson@cox.net](mailto:shirleyleeson@cox.net)

**LIABILITY:** It is mutually agreed that the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the host society shall not be liable to any exhibitor in whole or part. This includes the property of the exhibitor or injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submitting this signed application/certification form for entry constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### COMPETITION IN HERMISTON 2014

#### “Hatrockhound Happenin”

August 15, 16, 17 2014 Hermiston Oregon

By Lauren Williams, NFMS Competitive Exhibits Registrar



By now you should be deep into working on your pieces of work that you are going to put in your display case for Competition at the NFMS Show in Hermiston in August.

Competition is you against the Rule Book. It is how well you follow the rules as defined by the AFMS Rules Committee. There can be more than one individual getting a Blue Ribbon. If you score 90 or above you get a Blue Ribbon and then you are eligible for entering an AFMS show, however there is only one trophy given and that is to the highest score. In 2014 the AFMS show will be over with before the NFMS show in Hermiston occurs. In 2015 the AFMS show will be in Austin, Texas and in 2016 the AFMS show will be in the NFMS area. You may enter either of these shows if you get a Blue Ribbon in Hermiston.

For Competition you should own your own display case and use it. This way you know that your liners will fit and that your lights will shine on what you want it to. And you will know what your light wattage is before the show chairman says what wattage you cannot exceed.

You need to go on line and down-load the Rules book, [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org), and scroll down to 2014 Uniform Rules, you need to check to see that there are no changes to the section/class that you want to compete in 2014, and yes the rules do keep changing. Yes the complete rule book is about 1 1/8 inches thick, but that is the complete Rule book. Each section, class, that you want to enter in is only 2 to 4 pages. That's it, you only need to use 2 to 4 pages out of the AFMS Rule Book, the rest of the Rule Book applies to those who are entering in a different Class than you are.

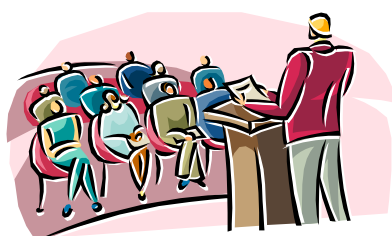
The days of when judges use to say ‘well let's see how many points we can deduct’, those days are over. Judging is an educational process. We invite you to be at your case when it is judged so that you can see what the judge is looking at and to clarify any questions that you have from what the judges are talking about.

Make sure to submit your competition forms on time, and that your name on the form is the same as it is listed on your local club membership list. Your name must be listed on your clubs membership list, you cannot hide it as ‘and family’. This becomes crucial when you enter an AFMS show. At the AFMS level I have personally seen total disqualification because the AFMS Uniform Eligibility chairman could not verify a person's name, you know, the local club secretary was not at home when they tried to reach them.

Make sure the names you are using in your case are approved and not in the disapproved list as found in the Rule book and that the spelling agrees with the Rule book. Many people have been surprised by this part of the Rule book.

If in doubt about what class to enter or anything else about entering in competition do not be afraid to ask. Not asking before entering is one of the biggest mistakes that individuals make. Do not assume. Ask those in your club who have already entered competition, ask your own clubs judging committee, ask your federation judging committee or ask the AFMS judging committee, but ask, your score will reflect it.

Lauren Williams  
NFMS Competitive Exhibits Registrar



### ALAA Meeting Speaker

By Shirley Leeson,  
ALAA President

I've just confirmed we'll have John George as our speaker at Kennewick. The ALAA meeting will be in the morning at 9am Saturday, April 26th at the Kennewick Fairgrounds. (NFMS Director's meeting to follow)

Many of you were lucky enough to hear John George last year. He's taken on single-handedly the Wallowa Whitman Forest Service and is currently challenging the Blue Mountain Forest Revision Plan. John is nothing less than awe-inspiring and you've got to plan to be there.

John is a soft spoken 'ranchhand' who carries a huge stick! ...and leaves the opposition wondering what hit them.

See you there.

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Tours for School Children on Friday [www.wamsi.org](http://www.wamsi.org)


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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Updated Advanced Registration Form (the old one is sufficient unless you need camping)



**Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies**  
Annual Show: Hosted by: Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society  
"Hatrockhound Happenin'"  
August 15-17, 2014



**ADVANCE REGISTRATION**  
Deadline: July 15, 2014

(Please Print) One form per person. OK to combine payment per family. Form may be duplicated.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State)  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Federation & Local Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please check all that apply:  
 NFMS Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Past President: \_\_\_\_\_ Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Editor: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrator: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Competitive Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Noncompetitive Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>SHOW ADMISSION (Please check)</b>	<b>DAILY RATE</b>	<b>DAYS</b>	<b>3 DAY PASS</b>	<b>TOTAL COST</b>
Adult	\$3.50	_____	\$9.00	\$ _____
Children under 12 free, with paid adult				

Note: All food events require reservations

**FRIDAY August 15, 2014** If you plan to attend no cost events please CHECK LINE  
 NFMS Annual Meeting 4:00PM no cost \_\_\_\_\_  
**SATURDAY August 16, 2014**  
 All Editors Breakfast 8:00AM - 10:00AM \$8.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Hour (at Hermiston Eagles Lodge) 5:30PM - 6:30PM cash bar \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Awards Banquet Buffet (at Eagles Lodge) 6:30PM - 9:30PM \$18.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ham or Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee and Tea Please indicate \_\_\_\_\_ Ham \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vegetarians (simply minus the meat) (deduct \$2.00 [\$16.00])  
**SUNDAY August 17, 2014**  
 Officers/Committee Chairman, Judges and Clerks, and Past Presidents Lunch (paid spouses and guests are also welcome) 12 Noon - 1:00PM \$10.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMPING-Umatilla County Fairgrounds (\$15 per night) please indicate days and submit payment**  
 Wed \_ Thur \_ Fri \_ Sat \_ Sun (full Hookups) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society**  
**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Mail application and remittance before July 15, 2014 to:  
 Judi Allison  
 1701 NW 11th ST  
 Hermiston, OR 97838

Show Co-Chairman: Mike Filarski, 541-571-2593 email: stonemorlin1@netscape.net  
 Show Co-Chairman: Judi Allison, 541-720-4950 email: jall@eotnet.net



### 2014 NFMS CALENDAR ITEMS

NFMS Mid-Year Meeting  
Tri-Cities, WA  
April 26-27, 2014

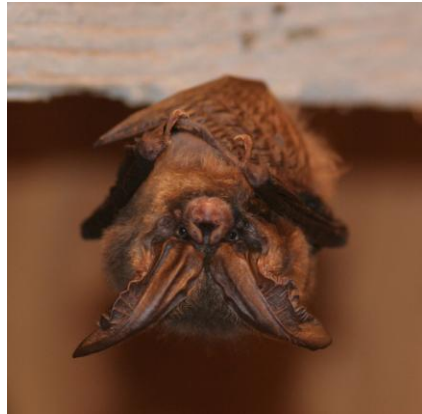
**The Multi-Federation Field Trip:**  
**Terry, Montana**  
**July 31, August 1, 2, 3, 2014**  
 For more information contact Doug True, Fieldtrip Chair,  
 (406) 670-0506, or email dtruefossils12@yahoo.com

**NFMS Annual Meeting**  
**Hermiston, Oregon**  
**August 15-17, 2014**  
 For more information contact Mike Filarski  
 stonemorlin1@netscape.net or Judi Allison jall@eotnet.net

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Bats and Rocky Places

By Ella Rowan, Wildlife Biologist, WDFW



How many of you will admit to screaming, arm waving, and running frantically at the sight of a bat? Many of us have encountered bats in caves and mines during our hobbies or professional activities, but the age-old adage applies... "they're more afraid of you, than you are of them". You're nearly 10,000 times larger than one of our bats! Unfortunately, people think the information about bats seen in movies or read about in folklore is true, and this has led to terrible treatment of these animals.

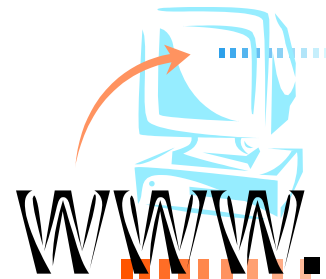
Granted, bats have sharp teeth for eating hard insects, but they do not attack people. Less than one out of one thousand bats is estimated to have rabies (a lethal disease), but bats only bite people if they are picked up or are sick. Kids and pets sometimes pick up a sick bat they find on the ground, so make sure to vaccinate your pets against rabies and have a talk with your kids about watching wildlife from a distance.

Why are bats amazing? Because they have developed some of the most fascinating adaptations and help humanity! Unusual adaptations such as echolocation, flight, torpor, hibernation, and delayed pregnancy have allowed bats to master their niches across the world. They have also contributed to research on sonar, aerodynamics, and human medicine. Most bats can live 10 to 30 years, and we suspect hibernation may be the secret to longevity. Bats are estimated to save US farmers alone \$22 billion annually through insect control and the prevention of damaged crops.

Fifteen species of bats live in Washington, all of which eat insects. Most bats do not reproduce until they're at least one year old,

and usually only have 1 pup per year. The pups are born during June or July and are nursed for 1-2 months until they can fly. Then, they follow their mothers for a few weeks to learn social behaviors, how to forage, echolocate, and find roost sites.

Safe roost sites are critical for bats, and disturbance may lead to the death of these animals through abandonment of their pups, loss of optimal sites, or the burning of valuable fat



### WEBSITE CONTEST

Cheri George  
NFMS Website Contest  
Chairman

At the time of this writing and after much begging, we had only one Website Contest Entrant. I am wondering why you Webmasters of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies are not interested in entering this Contest. There is no reason I can think of, other than sheer apathy towards a contest that can only help you improve your clubs website. I don't want to cause animosity between the webmasters in the NFMS, but come on people we can do better than only one entrant.

Last year there was one other Federation with one entrant, most of the others had two or more. Last year we had three. I was so proud when we had five. Eastern Federation had 17 two years ago, but only nine last year. WOW!! That's nine (9), one less than 10, holy cow!!

Won't you please go and take a look at your website and then take a look at the requirements that the judges look for. I am sure that there are more websites in NFMS that could be entered by their webmaster, club president, vice-president, etc. I was almost ready to enter a few of your websites on my own simply out of sheer frustration. I look at them all every year and try to figure out why they haven't been entered.

I would really like to see us break the old standard and come up with at least three, or four, or maybe five entries next year. It's good for our website our club, our Federation. Just ask one of our previous winners.



### From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

Paul and I are starting our packing for the Mid-Year meeting. Decisions on what to take for clothing – warm or cold (probably both)? What to take to sell at the tailgating time on Sunday? What food to take? And after the meeting we head to the Snake River for some catfishing with some friends. And there is also our club's field trip to Succor Creek in the same time frame. Decisions on how many days to fish, how many days to rockhound. It can make one's head spin.

Our club will have had 2 field trips already by the time you read this. One was to our favorite rock museum, the Rice Museum in Hillsboro, Oregon, and the other was to the gravel bars in the Willamette River (at least I hope the water will have gone down enough to even see them by the time the field trip is scheduled). I hope that all the rest of you will have had time, and the weather, to go to your favorite early spring outings.

Make the decision to get out and enjoy the world God has given us.

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### Congress to Begin Work on Recreation Fee Legislation Via Western Slope No-Fee Coalition

Recreation fees for parks and public lands are governed by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA). Very soon, legislation to replace, revise or repeal FLREA is going to move forward in Congress. Now is the time for the public to weigh in. You can sit back, do nothing, and let the American Recreation Coalition (ARC), the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service set the agenda. Or you can take action and make sure the members of Congress who will decide the issue take the public's concerns into account.

Here is what the ARC has announced it wants to see:

“Dynamic” pricing, to promote a shift in use to non-peak periods and less-used places. In other words, pay extra for the most popular places at the best times of year.

Raising the price of senior lifetime passes from \$10 to \$80, and/or raising the eligibility age from 62 to 70.

Eliminating the free lifetime pass for those with a permanent disability and begin charging \$80 for it.

Lowering the age of free entry from 16 to 12.

ARC also wants a “prestige pass” at a premium price, for those who want to be able to go to the front of the line, use reserved close-in parking, and generally not have to mix with their fellow citizens of lesser means.

For the ARC, it's all about generating revenue, not about finding ways to encourage more people to enjoy healthy, active, outdoor activities.

If you agree with these proposals, then by all means do nothing. (More ARC proposals are in the online article, along with help in contacting legislators. Go to [www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org), under “Newsletters.”)

--Edited and excerpted from the Oct. to Dec., 2013, *ALAA Newsletter*

ALAA is the lobbying arm of the American Federation, working on behalf of rockhounds to keep public lands open and accessible to all, including the elderly and handicapped.



### RS 2477 Roads, Rights-of-Way, and Our Public Lands by Andy Johnson

Federal and State Public Lands Management Agencies are moving forward with their plans to update, revise and chart the course of Public Land Management policy on our lands for the next 15 to 20 years. We all need to be reminded and aware of some simple facts as this process plays out on Public Lands within our NFMS geographical area and elsewhere in our nation. There are some fundamental truths regarding the “RS 2477” law which I would like to share with you in

hopes they might not be forgotten and lost in this process of change.

What is RS 2477 you ask! It is a simply worded and straight forward law. The entire text of RS 2477 reads as follows, “The right-of-way for the construction of Highways across public lands not reserved for public purpose is hereby granted.”

In 1976 Congress specifically and clearly reaffirmed the validity and intent of RS 2477. Having become a law in 1866 there are those with a mindset now, who argue that RS 2477 is not relevant and consistent with modern public land management policy. But when Congress repealed RS 2477 twenty-two plus years ago and replaced it with many other laws found within the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLMPA) they also specifically and explicitly reaffirmed all RS 2477 grants previously made. RS 2477 was a self-executing law. When the conditions were met, the right-of-way was made. No further action by the grantee or by Congress was necessary to validate it.

Congress specifically by-passed the Executive Branch of the Federal Government in making RS 2477 grants. Under our Constitution, Congress has the exclusive power to manage and dispose of public lands and property (Article IV, Section 3: “The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other property belonging to the United States;”). In 1976 when Congress reaffirmed the RS 2477 right-of-way granting process as original established, it had the total power to do so. The Federal land management agencies really then have no authority over public lands beyond what Congress delegates to them.

This RS 2477 right-of-way grant is a property right. Therefore, it enjoys the same constitutional and legal protections as any other property. Legally, when the grant was made, the federal government’s interest in the land underlying the right-of-way became the “servient estate” and the interest of the right-of-way grantee became the “dominant estate”. That means that while the federal government is protected against unnecessary or undue damage to the land underlying the right-of-way, it cannot interfere with the grantee’s exercise of its rights.

The RS 2477 grant also conveyed a bundle of associated rights. These include the right to maintain the road and even upgrade the road. This federal law also is different because state law plays a major role. It can partially determine the scope of these associated rights, how the requirements of the grant offer were met, as well as the width of the right-of-way granted.

It is legally incorrect to call RS 2477 assertions “claims.” The term “claim” suggests that there is some process which must still be followed before the RS 2477 right-of-way is fully granted and valid. In reality, the grant was either validly made before RS 2477 was repealed in 1976 or it was not. If it was, then it is not a claim but a valid grant, and the grantee asserts its validity. If it was not, then it cannot be asserted under a repealed law. The anti-access activists and some federal bureaucrats like to talk about “claims” to confuse the issue. When someone talks about RS 2477 “claims,” they are either confused or deceptive.

Congress granted a right-of-way, not a road. In fact, RS 2477 rights-of-way can host a number of things besides roads. The legal definition of “highway” in the law means not only the frequently-traveled, periodically-maintained roads commonly associated with it, but also other kinds of public ways, including carriage-ways, bridle-ways, foot ways, trails, bridges, and even railroads, canals, ferries and navigable rivers. The essential element in defining “highway” is that whatever the means of transport, the public has the right to come and go at will.

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The present physical condition of a road is totally irrelevant to whether a valid RS 2477 right-of-way exists. This should be obvious, but this is the point on which the anti-access folks are spreading the most misinformation. Whether a road is barely visible on the ground or even has been obliterated for any other reason, the legal status of the right-of-way is not affected. The grantee can legally re-establish the road even if it has totally disappeared. It follows, then, that it is also impossible to determine whether a valid right-of-way exists simply by looking at it. A right-of-way can only be relinquished or abandoned in accordance with state law.

A valid RS 2477 road can be established merely by the passage of vehicles. The case law and federal policy for over a century are clear:

construction by machinery is not required to do so. Anti-access forces are frantically trying to convince the public otherwise. Don't be misled. No federal land management agency can determine the validity of an RS 2477 assertion. The agency can only determine for its own administrative purposes whether or not it will recognize the assertion as valid. Constitutionally, only a court can determine the validity.

No federal agency has the authority to close an RS 2477 road for any reason, period. This follows logically, but many federal bureaucrats think they have this authority and try to act accordingly. When next you run into one, outline the points listed here and ask them to cite the legal authority by which they claim they can close an RS 2477 road. Ties them in knots.

Source: Western Counties' Resources Policy Institute



**April 13 – Palm Sunday**



**April 15 – Beginning of Passover**



**April 15 – Tax deadline**



**April 20 – Easter**



**April 25 – Arbor Day**



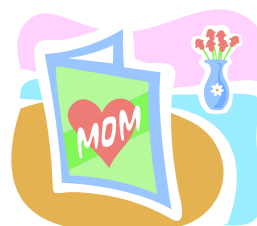
**May 1 – National Day of Prayer**



**May 5 – Cinco de Mayo**



**May 11 – Mothers Day**



## AFMS JUNIOR'S OPPORTUNITY



### Having Fun: Junior Activities by Jim Brace-Thompson, Junior Activities Chair

#### A Great Book for Kids – A Great Deal for AFMS!

Darryl Powell of Diamond Dan Publications has done it again! He's produced a great new publication for kids (and one that should prove helpful to adults, too): a colorful 48-page book entitled *Diamond Dan's Mineralogical Dictionary for Mineral Collectors*. It's not meant to be an exhaustive dictionary (watch for that to come in a year or so), but it should serve to cover most questions a junior member might ask, such as: What's *arborescence*? What does *foliation* refer to? What's the difference between a *hand specimen*, a *cabinet specimen*, a *miniature*, and a *thumbnail specimen*? Who was Mohs, and what did he look like? Or, What's a *floaters crystal*?

The cost of the book is \$4 per copy to clubs, societies, and federations, postage included. And if you order in bulk (20 copies or more), the price drops to just \$2 per copy plus postage (UPS Media Mail rate). No matter how you slice it, these prices are real bargains! Darryl notes, "*The AFMS and associated federations, clubs and societies have been incredibly supportive of my products through the last 20 years. It's high time to give back. So I have decided to pledge 10 cents of every book sold to go to the AFMS, specifically to the education of the children. The first printing will be 5,000 copies, so the commitment is \$500. I will send \$100 up front and then payments thereafter on a regular basis based on the number of books sold.*"

So not only is the \$2 a great deal, you'll be directly supporting AFMS programs for youth with each purchase. Darryl has sent me copies of the dictionary, and it is a wonderful little book. It's something I can easily see local societies and clubs purchasing in bulk to distribute to kids in their clubs, to sell in the kids' booth at a show, and/or to provide to teachers when giving school talks. To learn more or to order copies, contact Darryl by phone or email at (585) 278-3047, [diamonddan@rochester.rr.com](mailto:diamonddan@rochester.rr.com). The mailing address is Darryl Powell, Diamond Dan Publications, 278 Howland Avenue, Rochester, New York 14620. And you can check out his web site at [www.diamonddanpublications.net](http://www.diamonddanpublications.net). On the web site, you'll find a whole lot more than just this one book for helping kids learn—while having fun!

Via AFMS Newsletter, 3/14

## NFMS MEMBER CLUBS' SHOW SCHEDULE

<b>April 5 &amp; 6</b> Sat 10–6, Sun 10–5	South East Idaho Gem and Mineral Society	Bannock County Fairgrounds, 10558 Ifft Road, Pocatello ID 83201	Anna Capell 208 221 9458 <a href="mailto:gazecape62@hotmail.com">gazecape62@hotmail.com</a>
<b>April 11 - 13</b> Fri 9–6, Sat 10–6	Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society	Golden Spike Event Center, Weber County Fairgrounds, 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden UT	Richard Gabel 385 205 9187 <a href="mailto:gemshow@goldenspikegem.org">gemshow@goldenspikegem.org</a>
<b>April 11 - 13</b> Fri 10–5, Sat 10–5, Sun 10–4	Mt Hood Rock Club	National Guard Armory, 10000 NE 33 <sup>rd</sup> Drive, Portland OR 97211	L.F. Smith <a href="mailto:mhrcshow@gmail.com">mhrcshow@gmail.com</a> 15523 NE 215 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brush Prairie, WA 98606
<b>April 12 &amp; 13</b> Sat 10–6, Sun 10–4	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club	Washington National Guard Armory, 2501 Airport Lane, Yakima WA	Marti Sondgeroth <a href="mailto:marthams@q.com">marthams@q.com</a> 509 248 6401 evenings
<b>April 12 &amp; 13</b> Sat 10–6, Sun 10–6	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society	Idaho Falls Recreation Center, B Street, Idaho Falls, ID	Gary Hayes 208 754 0403; Kevin Landon 208 589 0146; or Jim Bosley 208 520 1819
<b>April 18, 19, &amp; 20</b> Fri 9–6, Sat 10–6 Sun 10–4:30	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S Pacific Hwy W. Rickreall OR 97371	Etheleen Flippo 503 623 4247 <a href="mailto:reflippoo@hotmail.com">reflippoo@hotmail.com</a>
<b>April 26 &amp; 27</b> Sat 10–5, Sun 10–4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Society - <b>NFMS Meeting</b>	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Street, Kennewick WA	Mary Lou Omstead 509 783 2798 PO Box 6652 Kennewick WA 99336
<b>April 26 &amp; 27</b> Sat 10–5, Sun 10–5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40 <sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Seattle WA	Lyle Vogelpohl 206 932 3292 PO Box 16145 Seattle WA 98116
<b>April 26 &amp; 27</b> Sat 10–5, Sun 10–4	Grays Harbor Geology and Gem Society	Grays Harbor Fair Grounds 43 Elma-McCleary Road, Elma WA	Gary Emberley 360 533 6196 <a href="mailto:Melissa624@hotmail.com">Melissa624@hotmail.com</a> , 624 Fairmont Place, Aberdeen WA 98520
<b>May 3 &amp; 4</b> Sat 9–5, Sun 10–5	Everett Rock & Gem Club	Everett Comm. College Student Fitness Center, 2206 Tower Street, Everett WA	Fritz Mack PO Box 1615 Everett WA 98206 425 232 0809
<b>May 3 &amp; 4</b> Sat 9–5, Sun 10–4	Umpqua Gem and Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds, I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg OR	Janet Stringfellow <a href="mailto:soldbyjanets@yahoo.com">soldbyjanets@yahoo.com</a> PO Box 1264 Roseburg OR 97470

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<b>May 10 &amp; 11</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds Building #1, 901 North Black, Bozeman MT	Jerry Hancock <a href="mailto:jaegers@bresnan.net">jaegers@bresnan.net</a> PO Box 11001 Bozeman MT 59715
<b>May 17 &amp; 18</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society	Ravalli County Frnd., First Interstate Center, 100 Old Corvallis Rd, Hamilton MT	Mike McConnell 406 360 4944 <a href="mailto:mike.westernrockiesradio@gmail.com">mike.westernrockiesradio@gmail.com</a>
<b>June 6, 7, &amp; 8</b> Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club	Swiss Park 9205 198 <sup>th</sup> Avenue East Bonney Lake, WA 98390	Nancy LeMay <a href="mailto:bees2knees@att.net">bees2knees@att.net</a> 253 952 6216, PVGMC, c/o Club Show, PO Box 134, Puyallup WA 98371 <a href="mailto:info@puyallupgemclub.org">info@puyallupgemclub.org</a>
<b>June 7 &amp; 8</b> Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4	North Idaho Mineral Club	Kootenai Cnty Expo and Center, Kathleen & Gov't Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID	Mike Burton 208 772 9347 <a href="mailto:mycroftmkiv@gmail.com">mycroftmkiv@gmail.com</a>
<b>June 14 &amp; 15</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4:30	Oregon Coast Agate Club	Yaquina View Elementary School, 351 SE Harney Street, Newport OR 97365	K. Myers 541 264 5908, George 541 991 0311 <a href="mailto:showchair@coastagates.org">showchair@coastagates.org</a>
<b>July 18, 19, &amp; 20</b> Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4	Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society	Reedsport Community Building, 415 Winchester Avenue, Reedsport OR	Susan Baughman 69833 Stage Road, North Bend OR 97459 <a href="mailto:baughmans1@mac.com">baughmans1@mac.com</a>
<b>August 8 - 10</b> Fri 10-4, Sat 10-4, Sun 10-4	Far West Lapidary & Gem Society	North Bend Community Center, 2222 North Broadway, North Bend OR	Don Innes 541 396 5722 <a href="mailto:doninnes.innes20@gmail.com">doninnes.innes20@gmail.com</a>
<b>August 8, 9, &amp; 10</b> Fri 10-9, Sat 10-9, Sun 10-6	Port Townsend Rock Club	Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 4907 Landers StreetPort Townsend WA	Garnett Brooks 360 379 5531 PO Box 1383 Port Townsend WA 98368
<b>August 15 - 17</b> Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society - <b>NFMS Annual Meeting</b>	Hermiston Conference Center, 415 South Highway 395, Hermiston OR	Judi Allison <a href="mailto:jall@eotnet.net">jall@eotnet.net</a> 541 720 4950, Or Mike Filarski <a href="mailto:stonemorlin1@netscape.net">stonemorlin1@netscape.net</a> 541 571 2593, 222.hatrockhounds.org
<b>September 13 &amp; 14</b> Sat 9-6, Sun 9-4	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association	Vern Burton Community Hall, 308 East 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Port Angeles WA	Jennie Bourassa 360 681 0372 or Kathy Schreiner 360 681 3811 PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382
<b>September 20 &amp; 21</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Southern Wash. Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fair Grounds 120 Fair Lane, Castle Rock WA	Diann Thurston 503 728 4274 (after 5pm) PO Box 704 Longview WA 98632
<b>September 27 &amp; 28</b> Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Billings Hotel and Conv. Center, 1223 Mullowney Lane, Billings MT	Doug True 406 670 0506 2622 Broadwater, Billings MT 59102 <a href="mailto:dtruefossils12@yahoo.com">dtruefossils12@yahoo.com</a>
<b>October 4 &amp; 5</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4:30	Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club	Guy Lee Elementary School 755 Harlow Road, Springfield OR	Mark Denoyer, 541 337 3433 <a href="mailto:denoyer53531@yahoo.com">denoyer53531@yahoo.com</a>
<b>October 4 &amp; 5</b> Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5	Hellgate Mineral Society	Hilton Garden Inn 2730 North Reserve St., Missoula MT	Bob Riggs 406 543 3667 <a href="mailto:bobl@bresnan.net">bobl@bresnan.net</a>
<b>October 10 - 12</b> Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Association	Washington County Fair Complex, 873 NE 34 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hillsboro OR	L. Smith <a href="mailto:Portlandregional.DealerChair@gmail.com">Portlandregional.DealerChair@gmail.com</a> Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Association PO Box 5401 Portland OR 97228
<b>October 25-26</b> Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 Ne. 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013	Beth Heesacker, <a href="mailto:heesacker@coho.net">heesacker@coho.net</a> , 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116

