



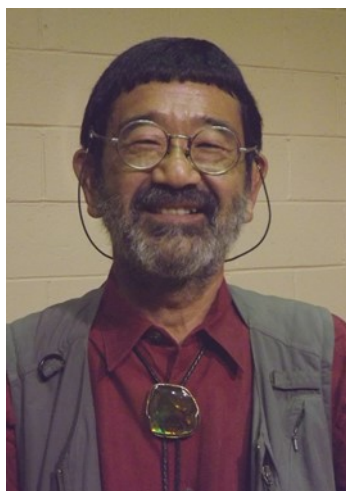
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Hidemi Kira President

Hello to All,

By the time you receive this issue the NFMS Mid-Year Meeting will be over, but I would like to thank again the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club for hosting the meeting. Also would like to thank the board members and all the Committee Chairs who worked hard and submitted their reports for the Mid-Year Meeting. And a special thank you to our Secretary, Judi Allison for putting it all together. I will make a small report about the Mid-Year meeting in the next issue.

Spring is here and some days are just like summer. I am sure you are starting to be active outdoors rockhounding and are involved in other activities. And it is the season the rock shows are coming up as well. In the end of March, the Sweet Home Rock and Mineral Society's Annual Rock Show was held in Sweet Home, OR. My wife, Tomoko, and I have been setting up our show-cases there for years. Their show has a very good attendance and they have many good ideas I have been introducing to the club I belong to. It is always nice that they invite us to set up our cases every year. In return, I get quite a few of their members to set up at our club show and it is working out pretty well. I was not able to go to the show until late on the last day and did not have much time to talk with our friends in the Sweet Home Club, but after the show, I heard from one of our club members who talked their member that many items were stolen on the very beginning the first day the show opened. I occasionally hear about these kinds of incidents here and there. It is difficult to prevent this as it is very costly to hire professional security guards and the club members are often busy taking care of the show in their own departments. When the number of the visitors increases, the dealers have to take care of their customers and most of them cannot keep their eyes on their whole table. We had a brief discussion at our club board meeting about what we can do. We couldn't come up with any fantastic ideas, but we talked about having our members wear our club vests and walk around the show when they have extra time and keep their eyes on the dealer's tables and other potential problem areas. The club vest will be a visible sign to show that we are there and we are watching. We also talked about the possibility of setting security cameras with signs like "Smile, you're on camera!" as you sometimes see in stores. If any of the NFMS Clubs has done anything effective regarding this matter, please share your ideas through the newsletter or send me the information to htkira@spiritone.com so I can pass it on to our members. When those sad incidents happen, the show will leave a kind of a bad after taste and will spoil the fun of everyone.

I hope you read the great article in the last issue titled "Growing Your Club" by Dr. Ken Zahn (Past President) of the Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club in Montana. I would like to thank Ken for taking time to share their activities. As I always write, there are things that may not work well depending on the circumstances where your club is located or some other factors. However, when you go through the article, I am sure you will find some areas that you may find interesting and think about trying out in your club. There were several portions I was very interested in and was impressed by and will see if we can work it out within our club. There should be another great article in this issue, so please read and see what other clubs are doing and see if there are things your club has not done yet and try to see if they work.

Going through the membership data I have been accumulated, I noticed the clubs which are growing are the clubs where the junior members are growing and I think focusing on the junior activities are one of the key factors to growth.

And regardless of growing the membership or not, I would like to know if your club is doing something special we don't see in regular rock shows. I know there are clubs that are doing very interesting things at their shows and are having good feedback from the public. I visited the Everett Rock & Gem Club's Show a few years ago and found quite a number of rock sculptures displayed at their show. I learned that they have been collaborating with their local sculpture group and had their works displayed. I thought that was a great idea as it will draw visitors that are not necessarily rockhounds and will expand the opportunity to have a bigger variety of visitors. And I was pretty much impressed with their junior activities at their show as well. If your club is doing something successful and attractive, please write an article for the newsletter and share your activities or send me the information. By learning from each other, we all can improve together and make all the clubs better and all have more fun.

The NFMS/AFMS Convention and Show in Albany, OR is getting closer and closer. I had a chance to talk to the Show Chair Janice Van Cura recently and she suggested that you get in your applications for display cases soon. She is looking for 200 cases and mentioned there should be many applications forms flooding in when it comes close to the deadline and you may lose your spot. So, please ,don't wait until the last minute!

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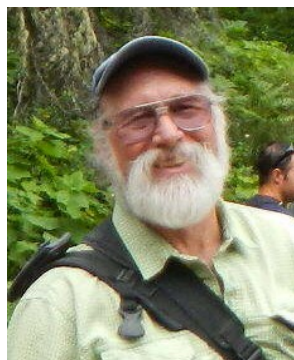
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Jim Bosley 1st Vice-President

Are You Prepared to Survive Being Injured or Lost in the Backcountry?

What would happen if you experience an emergency on your rockhounding trip, and were unable to return to your car or campsite? Are you prepared to spend the night in the open? How long would it be before you are missed? Does anyone know where to start looking for you? If you were injured, how long would you survive before help came?

These are sobering questions-Unfortunately, many hours are spent searching very large areas for people who fail to return home or work or school, when they failed to let someone know specifically where they were going or what they were doing. It's often days before they're reported overdue. Searchers must guess at the most likely locations, and critical time is spent just looking for the missing person's car or campsite. Only then can they narrow down the search area. By that time, it may be too late.

I bring this topic up, because a friend of mine went for a ride on his ATV and then decided to go on a hike. He did not tell anyone where he was going or when he anticipated to be back. He drove approximately 10 miles out of town and then hiked for an hour or two on the hills. When he headed back to where he thought his ATV was located, he could not find his ATV. He walked around the area looking for the ATV or his tire tracks and did not find either one. He could see landmarks in the distance giving him a general direction back to town. He is diabetic and his medicine, phone, additional water and snacks were on the ATV. He did not take the supplies with him since he was planning on a short hike. He headed in the direction of town and walked about 7 miles before friends found him. He was dehydrated. His friends became worried when he did not come home after 5 hours and went looking for him. He was lucky that the temperature was in the low 70's and friends had an idea of where he liked to ride alone.

Many of us drive to remote areas and then hike from our vehicles or campsites to rockhound. It is easy to get turned around and confused on the direction back to our vehicles or campsites, because we crossed from one drainage or hill to another; trees or canyons block our view; or landmarks do not look familiar when we turn around. If you are like me you also pick up many pounds of rock as you hike. This results in carrying a heavy load on steep and rocky surfaces where the footing is poor. The potential for a trip, slip or fall resulting in an injury is real. In addition, many of the rockhounding and camping areas do not have cell phone service and are miles from a paved road which could delay being found or getting medical help. The following topics provide information on how to have a safer rockhound experience.

The most important thing you can bring rockhounding is your Common Sense -Don't go alone, take a friend. Pay attention to your environment, your energy, and the condition of your companions. Remember you are not 19 anymore! Has the weather turned rainy? Is daylight fading? Did you drink all your water? Did your companion fail to bring rain gear? Are you getting tired? Keep in mind that until you turn around you are (typically) only half-way to completing your trip--you must still get back to where you started from! In addition to your common sense, each of you should have a trip plan, emergency equipment and know how to survive until help can arrive. Below are lists of ideas to improve your odds of surviving a backcountry emergency until help arrives.

Always file a Trip Plan before you leave on any rockhounding trip, no matter how short or seemingly insignificant. Leave it with a trusted family member, neighbor, co-worker, or friend, and make sure that person is going to be available during the trip's duration. Your Trip Plan should include:

Your name, address, phone number.

Rock collecting location, and map with location shown.

Departure time/date.

Return time/date.

Nature or focus of trip (rockhounding, ATV ride, hiking, climbing, etc.)

Trip itinerary (such as, "Leave Antelope Creek Rd, drive 3.2 miles, turn right on dirt road, follow dirt road 2 miles until road cross stream, park and hike to the east and north, collect rocks, come back to Antelope Creek Road, anticipated time 5 hours."). Include key trip elements.

Provide GPS coordinates if available.

Vehicle description or descriptions (for example, how many will be left parked at a given trailhead at the start of the trip, etc.). Include make, model, color, and license plate.

Camp site-Type and color of your tent(s) and other large camp gear items; aids aerial searchers when looking for your camp.

Names, addresses, and phone numbers of others in the group.

Any medical issues (such as, "James walks slow due to recent knee surgery", etc.).

Anything else that a searcher or rescuer needs to know that's unique to your group.

What happens if you reach your starting point and decide to go somewhere else (maybe due to weather, or other circumstances)? What if you want to change a key trip element?

Only make changes to your Trip Plan if you contact the person you left your original Trip Plan with, and make sure they note the changes.

Always have Emergency-Survival Equipment - You should prepare fanny pack with items below as minimum safety equipment necessary for surviving a backcountry emergency.

NAVIGATION- Map, Compass, GPS

COMMUNICATION- Whistle, Signal Mirror, Cellular Phone, Note Pad and Pencil, 3' X 3' florescent orange cloth.

LIGHTING- Flashlight and/or Headlamp, Spare Batteries

EXTRA CLOTHING- Base Layer, Middle Layer, Outer Layer, Head Covering, Gloves

FIRST AID- First Aid Kit, Medication, Sun Protection, Blister Protection, Insect Protection

FIRE- Matches in Waterproof Container, Fire Starter

TOOLS- Knife, Pocket Saw, Tool Kit

WATER- Water Container, Water Purification, Min 2 quarts per person

EXTRA FOOD- High Energy Food Items

SHELTER- Poncho or Tarp, Bivy Sack, Space Blanket

Lost or Hurt - Five Critical Steps for survival, if you cannot get ahold of someone by cell phone and have to spend the night in the backcountry are:

Stay Calm

Stay Put

Find Shelter

Get Warm

Signal for Help

All emergencies are different. The above steps may be rearranged depending on the situation. Immediately jump to "Get Warm" if you're cold and need to layer-up before you do anything else. Jump to "Signal for Help" if you hear a helicopter overhead. And so on - you get the point.

The orange cloth, silver space blanket, mirror, smoke from a fire are good ways to signal aircraft during the day. Flashlights and fire are good ways to signal during the night. Whistle is a good way to signal searchers on foot.

Have a safe and fun summer.



Keith Fackrell 2nd Vice President

This has been a very busy, but fun year. March was an extremely busy month starting with preparations for our local Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society annual Show. We feel this was a very good show (no Prejudice here! At times it didn't seem as though we would have everything ready for it, but in the end all was well. We had super members willing to do their part and more. Thanks to all of our members who helped, you were all great!

Then several of our members visited the Golden Spike Show in Ogden, Utah. Needless to say, they had an outstanding event. Those of us who attended enjoyed it very much. Great Show Golden Spike!

My wife, Jerrie and I were able to take a short trip to Hanksville and Capital Reef National Park area where we did some rock hunting. We were able to find some nice "Devil's Toe Nails" and some agate. Most of all the R & R between us was relaxing!

We are now preparing to go to Kennewick, Washington to attend the North West Federation of Mineralogical Society's Mid-year Meetings. We will also attend the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club's annual Show. This will be a very enjoyable time for us.

Next we will attend the Annual American Federation of Mineralogical Society's meeting held July 28, 2016. This will be held at the Linn County Fair and Expo Building at 9AM in Albany, Oregon. The next day, Friday, July 29, 2016 at 4 p.m. we will be attending the NFMS Annual meeting also at the Linn County Fair and Expo Building. While we are there we will be going to the Willamette Agate & Mineral Society Annual Show, which I know there has been a lot of preparation put into making this an outstanding event. This will be a great time to meet new Rockhound friends and renew old acquaintances. Also we feel lucky to be in an area where we can visit friends that we first met 47 years ago.

We hope all of you can make plans to be in Albany and we thank those who have put so much time into making this possible.

Hope to see you all there.

From the Editor's Rockpile

By Beth Heesacker



We have not been too active rockhounding yet this year. We did purchase a collection of lapidary material that I need to move to my house and sort so maybe that counts? We have been very busy though. For the first time in 23 years one of our sons came home from Italy. He lives there with his wife and 2 of our grandchildren. We have made the trip over there a few times (wedding, birth of both boys, and a few birthdays) but he had not been with his sister and twin brother for 23 years. That was toooooooo long!!!

It has been a very happy reunion. We have been showing him the sights and he has spent time with each of his siblings renewing their relationships. My heart is very happy!! He is considering bringing his family over here to live but we will see. Jobs are hard to get over there and he does not see a very bright future for his children.

As soon as we take him back to the airport we head to eastern Oregon for some catfishing with friends. Maybe hunt a rock or two while we are there. Retirement is more fun than I figured it would be. With my replaced knees, weight loss and going to the gym life is good!!

On an entirely different subject, I want to join Hidemi in encouraging you to write an article about how you grow your club for this newsletter. Also encourage you to attend the AFMS/NFMS meeting and rock show in Albany, OR in August. It promises to be a great one.

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2016 AFMS Annual Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 28, 2016

Time: 9 am

Place: Linn County Fair & Expo Building

Albany, Oregon

(before the Willamette Agate and Mineral Society's Annual Show)

NFMS Annual Meeting

Date: Friday, July 29, 2016

Time: 4pm

Place: Linn County Fair & Expo Building

Albany, Oregon

(During Willamette Agate and Mineral Society's Annual Show)



Oregon Agate and Mineral Society - How We Are Driving Our Membership Growth

By Jim Urbaniak, Juniors Program Chairman

For the Oregon Agate and Mineral Society, building a thriving rockhounding club is a constant challenge. As with any hobby or club, the evolving society we live in can be difficult to keep up with. By the 1980's the OAMS had reached a pinnacle with roughly 400 members and many actively staffed committees directing a variety of functions for the Society. Fast-forward to 2011 and we were under 100 total members and barely 25 people showing up for meetings. The many strong leaders who had guided the Society over the years had either passed away or were no longer able to remain actively involved with the business of running a club. Once thriving committees disappeared. The OAMS reached critical mass after nearly 80 years. Our future was in question. What happened?

After much discussion within the OAMS Board of Directors on the cause of our declining membership and how to solve the problem, a realization was reached. We no longer had an infrastructure built around attracting families and children. Without the next generation, no club can expect to sustain itself. This was the root of our problem. Redeveloping the club to attract and sustain a thriving program for families and children would require creative initiative on the part of our membership.

Rather than re-invent the wheel, we drew from the wisdom of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, which I remember the North Seattle Lapidary & Mineral Club successfully using. Future Rockhounds of America is a program freely available to all earth sciences clubs on the AFMS Web site and offers a well-structured program where juniors can pursue activities to earn 20 different badges. This program is managed by Jim Brace-Thompson, who offers many resources in the FRA program to create practical activities for juniors; guidance for establishing a juniors program; and one-on-one assistance when needed. We had found the cornerstone for our juniors program! It was important to have a program that would keep kids engaged, knowing they can have short attention spans. We wanted a program that would create a safe environment for both kids and their parents. Finally, we wanted a program easily manageable by any adult in the Society. Follow the AFMS-FRA suggestions: ***“Capitalize on your existing pool of talent; Plan before you start; Center meetings around an activity; Reward kids with something tangible after each meeting; Involve parents.”***

We established a separate identity for our juniors program with an hour long meeting time concurrent with the general meeting but run in another room. We meet from 7pm-8pm, then rejoin the general meeting. At the start of the program, we published a schedule of planned activities for the first year and guidelines with expectations, both of which we give to parents of children joining the juniors program. The kids elected their own leadership and everyone has a role on the board. The kids are even learning Robert's Rules. We created a juniors newsletter. It includes lots of pictures and generally short articles with language that can be comfortably understood by younger children without talking down to them. The newsletter is the most difficult function to manage. It is quite time consuming researching and writing articles; formatting and editing the newsletter; printing and mailing. Feel free to solicit parents and the kids to write for the newsletter. The plan is for the kids to run the newsletter, with some adult guidance. This is also the most expensive part of running our juniors program, between printing and mailing costs. It's an important aspect of the success of the program. The kids and parents alike seem to look forward to this benefit and it keeps them connected between meetings.

Having an hour to work with the kids limits what can be accomplished during our meeting but also makes the meeting activities more manageable. We try to offer interactive activities that are hands-on for the kids. This keeps them engaged and less inclined to get distracted by other things outside the meeting. It helps considerably to rehearse projects before rolling them out, to work the bugs out and make sure activities will be doable for the kids.

This is not a child care service. We insist parents bringing kids attend the regular meeting or sit in on the juniors meeting and provide assistance, as needed. We always have at least one or more other adults helping at each meeting. Getting parents involved is critical. It helps ensure peace of mind for the families and provides much needed assistance to guide meetings. Adult members of the club with particular skills and knowledge the kids can learn from are asked to give presentations on various topics to the kids. For instance, presentations have been given on how to put together a successful exhibit case. We had 7 children put cases together at our recent rock and mineral show, held at the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry, and earn their Showmanship badge through the AFMS-FRA. For 2016, adults with lapidary training will be asked to provide instruction to the kids on making their first cabochons to earn their Lapidary badge. It's important to get parents engaged with the junior's projects, so they also have a desire to remain involved with Society activities over the long-term. In particular, getting families out on field trips and involved in lapidary is important. It makes the connection from rough rock to finished lapidary projects they can be proud of and inspires them to do more.

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At each juniors meeting we hold a raffle, making sure we have enough items on hand for each of the kids to win. The first raffle winner gets to choose what they want and so on until all of the kids have received something. Additionally, throughout 2015 the kids each earned a rock, mineral and fossil specimen every month. In 2016 they are receiving lapidary specimens monthly, either for tumbling or cabbing. To sustain this effort, it is driven by a combination of donations from Society members and from museums, universities and other organizations solicited around the country. A key resource too has been contacting other clubs around the country, trading local rockhounding finds for material plentiful in each state. Because of the growth we have sustained and to ensure I have a large enough supply of the same material, I attempt to secure at least 30 thumbnail size specimens of a particular type of material and send like quality, quantity and size in return; always with an additional inclusion of a gift for the trade organizer. Most clubs utilize the USPS Medium Priority package for shipping. Prior to the official start of our juniors program, I accumulated a 12-month supply of rocks, minerals and fossils.

We have learned much along the way. Here are thoughts for growing a thriving club. 1. Get members active with running key committees. 2. Conduct outreach through various events, local churches, scouting programs or wherever you may attract families to draw in non-rockhounds. 3. Set a specific outreach goal to grow the club, make every member aware of the goal and remind membership on a monthly basis to keep them energized around the goal. 4. Designate an official juniors program and then plan, plan, plan before starting to ensure the best chance for a successful organization. 5. Get other adult club members involved to help run the program. Have one or more adults who will help 'own' the program to ensure continual guidance and make sure a back-up is trained to run the program, just in case the primary organizer isn't available. 6. Never have just one adult overseeing juniors meetings! This is for the protection of both the children and the organizer and will help ensure each meeting runs as smoothly as possible. 7. Sign your club up to participate in the AFMS's Patricia Egolf Rock Pals Program, to increase success in trading rocks, minerals and fossils with other clubs. 8. Be flexible and don't get discouraged or frustrated by things not going according to plan. Your game plan should just be a guide and you may be required to adjust the plan. 9. Contact other clubs to find out what is working for them. 10. Have fun and let the kids have fun.

To all ALAA Members and Concerned Rockhounds,

National Monument designations

The threat of more national monument designations that will restrict our access and ability collect rocks and minerals is not going away especially in the closing months of the Obama Administration. The Chairmen of three House committees have written to Administration officials requesting up-to-date information about further monument designations under consideration by the White House. This effort follows an initiative led Rep Paul Gosar (R-AZ) and 30 other House members requesting that the House Appropriations Committee insert in the 2017 appropriations for the Department of the Interior restrictive language on how a President can use the 1906 Antiquities Act for the designation of more monument areas.

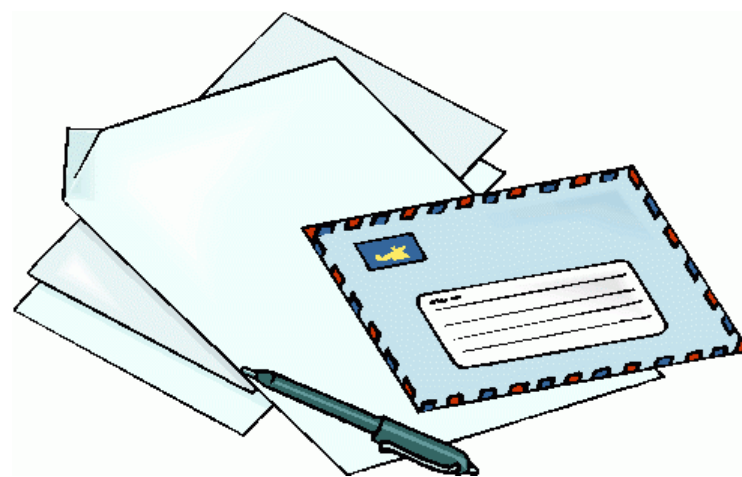
ALAA was supportive of the Gosar letter and was glad when other House members joined with him in signing the letter. It's too early to know what action, if any, the House Appropriations Committee will take on this request, but we are encouraged that more and more members in the House and the Senate are actively exploring various ideas on how to curb presidential excesses when utilizing the 1906 Antiquities Act for the designation of national monuments that closes our rights to access and the collecting of rocks and minerals for personal and educational usage.

As more information on National Monument designations becomes available ALAA will attempt to keep members informed through the ALAA Website and Electronic media notification.

“Happy Rockhounding and Enjoy Your Public Lands”

American Lands Access Association, Inc.

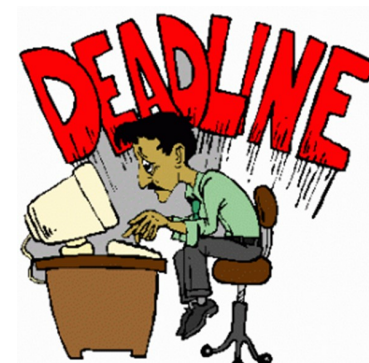
ALAA Action Alert Committee



AFMS and NFMS Deadlines:

**AFMS/NFMS
Case Registration:**
June 29, 2016

**AFMS/NFMS
Meeting Registration:**
June 30, 2016





ROCK SALE

**Tons of rough—\$1 per pound
Jewelry 1/2 price
3,000 cabochons
Beads
Faceted gems
Findings
Fluorescents
Eggs
Machinery
Silversmithing tools**

**May 6—15, 2016
10am—6 pm
Jeannette and Howard Bushman
14901 SW Glade Lane
Sherwood, OR
503-625-5177**





Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club
presents its 46th
Annual Rock Show

Carnival of Rocks

**Saturday, May 7 – 9am to 5 pm
Sunday, May 8 – 10am to 4pm**
Free Admission – donations appreciated
Food Concessions
Douglas County Fairgrounds
I-5 exit 123 * Roseburg, OR

DON'T MISS THE FUN!
Gem and Mineral Displays
Rock and Jewelry Dealers
Demonstrations
Door Prizes * every 1/2 hr.
Silent Auction * Raffle Prizes
FREE Kids' Activities:
Rock Hunts: Sat: 11am – 1pm – 3pm
Sun: 1pm – 3pm
Rock Painting by *Michael's*



2016 Worldwide Rock Tumbling Contest!

Cash Prizes:
1st place = \$250
2nd place = \$100
3rd place = \$50





2016 Rock is fossilized wood from Arizona!

Entry fee is \$30 which includes shipping of 3 lbs. of rough rock. Contest starts January 1. Submit your application early to return 5 of your best tumbled rocks postmarked by August 15. Learn more on our website www.FeatherRiverRocks.org

Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary Society presents the

Reedsport Annual Rock and Gem Show

July 15-16-17 ---- 10 to 5 daily
Community Center
451 Winchester Avenue
Reedsport



The Agate Licker

Admission is free — Donations are accepted
The first 50 adults each day will receive a gift when they get their door prize drawing ticket

Saturday, July 16 is Kids' Day
Lots of free kids' activities
(Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult)

Gems & Minerals & Fossils
Jewelry / Beads
Local Artisans / Demonstrations
Kid's Games & Prizes
Raffle, Door Prizes & Silent Auctions
Gold Panning Equipment
Displays / New Vendors
Enjoy our new kitchen menu!

Like us on Facebook: Lower Umpqua Gem & Mineral
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or call 541-271-6816

NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule

April 22 - 24 Fri & Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Mt Hood Rock Club	W.P. Jackson Armory 6255 NE Cornfoot Road Portland OR 97218	Wayne King mhrshow@gmail.com 503 284 7195
April 23 & 24 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40 th Avenue SW Seattle WA	Diane Christensen diane@purms.org 206 439 3606 www.westseattlerockclub.org
April 23 & 24 Sat – 9:30 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4:30	Grays Harbor Gem and Geology Society	Elma Fairgrounds 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma WA	Leroy Sisk and Gary Emberley 624 Fairmont Place Aberdeen, WA 98520 360 533 6196 melissa624@hotmail.com
April 30 - May 1 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Everett Rock and Gem Club	Everett Com. College Walt Price Student Fitness Center, 2206 Tower Street, Everett WA	Fritz Mack 425 232 0809 rockngem-mack1@gmail.com PO Box 1615 Everett WA 98206
April 30 & May 1 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Al Bedoo Shrine, Aud., 1125 Broadwater Ave, Billings MT	Doug True dtruefossils12@yahoo.com 406 670 0506

NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule

May 7 & 8 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds, I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg OR	Sue Woodman 541 672 3486 rock-sandhorses3@gmail.com or Eileen Paul 541 672 5229 beadpatch@mydfn.net
May 7 & 8 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club	Gallatin County Frgrnds Building #1, 901 North Black, Bozeman MT	Jerry Hancock jaegers@bresnan.net PO Box 11001 Bozeman MT 59719
May 14 & 15 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society	Hermiston Conference Ctr 415 Highway 395 South Hermiston OR	Mike Filarski, 541 571 2593 stonemorlin1@netscape.net
May 21 & 22 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society	First Interstate Center, Ravalli County Frgrnds, 100 Old Corvallis Road Hamilton MT	Steve Vieth 406 381- 7597 viethsteve88@gmail.com
June 3- 5 Fri - 10 - 5 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club	Swiss Park 9205 198 th Avenue East Bonney Lake WA 98390	Nancy LeMay bees2knees@att.net 253 985 5784 info@puyallupgemclub.org
June 4 & 5 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	North Idaho Mineral Club	Kootenai County Frgrnds, 4056 North Government Way, Coeur d'Alene ID	Dean Hutchinson 208 686 9156 PO Box 1643 Hayden ID 83835
June 11 & 12 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Butte Mineral and Gem Club	Butte Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Avenue Butte MT	Pete Knudsen 406 496 4395 PO Box 4492 Butte MT 59702
July 15, 16, & 17 Fri & Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society	Reedsport Community Building, 451 Winchester Avenue, Reedsport OR	Bill Hendrickson 541 271 6816 irlinda-barr@hotmail.com
July 16 - 17 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Darrington Rock and Gem Club	Manford Grange 1265 Railroad Avenue Darrington, WA	Ed Lehman 9120 20 th Street SE Lake Stevens WA 98258 wsmced@hotmail.com 425 334 6282 (cell 425 760 2786) or Angela Moore angela51726@gmail.com 360 436 2107
July 29-31 Fri - 10 - 6 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 4	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society AFMS and NFMS MEETINGS	Linn County Expo Center, Albany Oregon	Janice Van Cura 541-753-2401 jvancura@peak.org , www.wamsi.org
August 5 - 7 Fri & Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Far West Lapidary & Gem Society	North Bend Community Ctr., 2222 Broadway North Bend OR	Don Innes 541 396 5722 don-innes.innes20@gmail.com
August 13 & 14 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Bev Ryder 425 338 4184 FAMRYD@aol.com
September 10 & 11 Sat - 9 - 6 Sun - 10 - 4	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association	Vern Burton Community Ctr., 308 East 4 th Street Port Angeles WA	Jennie Bourassa 360 681 0372 or Kathy Schriener 360 681 3811 PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382
September 10 & 11 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society	Walla Walla Cnty Frgrnds Community Cntr Bldg., 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla WA	Keith Bacus, 509 529 1248 1829 Howard St Walla Walla WA 99362
September 17 & 18 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	The Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fairgrounds 120 Fair Lane, SW Corner of Highway 411 and Cowlitz River Castle Rock WA	Nicole Doiron 360 785 4417 raknad@q.com
October 1 & 2 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Totem Middle School Gym, 7 th Street and State Avenue, Marysville WA	Dottie Haage gdhaage@gmail.com 425 330 7865
October 22 & 23 Sat: 9 - 6 Sun: 10 - 5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013	Beth Heesacker, heesacker@coho.net , 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116
October 22 & 23 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Bellevue Rock Club	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish PKWY SE, Bellevue, WA	Bruce Himko bellevuerockclub@comcast.net PO Box 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009
November 12 & 13 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Skagit Rock & Gem Club	Sedro Woolley Comm Center, 703 Pacific Street Sedro Woolley, WA	Debbie Frank skagitrockandgem@gmail.com PO Box 244 Mount Vernon WA 98273
November 12 & 13 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196 th ST SW Edmonds WA	Cindy Wright cindykw1@hotmail.com or Beverly Ryder 425 338 4184 FAMRYD@aol.com
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