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NFMS SHOW !

First Interstate Center
Ravalli Fairgrounds
Hamilton, Montana
May 19-21, 2017

Montana



The 79th Northwest Federation Show hosted by the Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Club is ready to go. We would like to welcome everyone to the Bitterroot Valley. I am sure those of you who have never visited Hamilton will enjoy your stay. We are very friendly and there is lots to do here. We are going to have a great show. See the full schedule of events on page 3. We will see you in May.



Endowment Fund Committee Meeting Friday, May 19th 11:00 am

The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Endowment Fund Committee will be discussing some possible amendments and changes to its Operating Procedures at the Annual Meeting in Hamilton. Before these proposals are finalized for a vote by the delegates, the committee seeks input from member societies and will be holding an open meeting where delegates can help formalize the propose changes.

This open committee meeting will be held at the Townhouse Inn, in Hamilton starting at 11:00 am on Friday, May 19th. *(Note...This is not the same hotel where the annual meeting will be held.)*

Items to discuss include:

- Should we modifying the definition of unrestricted funds (these are the funds available to expend annually) to allow the funds to be accumulated over multiple years before expenditure.
- Raising the minimum balance maintained in the Restricted Fund account. (These are the funds that make up the permanent endowment fund which generates the income that can be expended annually.)
- Determine how much we want to spend annually from the endowment fund.
- Restrictions on use of endowment fund monies.
- Procedures for soliciting and awarding grants funded through the endowment fund including criteria to use when prioritizing requests for use of endowment fund monies.

Silent Auction at the NFMS Show

Since there will be another issue before the NFMS Annual Show, I would like to ask again for help.

There will be a Silent Auction at the coming NFMS Show in Hamilton. We will need lots of material for the Silent Auction, so please consider donating a bucket or two of material from your area or rocks you can give away. This year, the longtime experienced couple Dick and Patty cannot make it to the Show, so please come and help the Silent Auction if you can during the show.

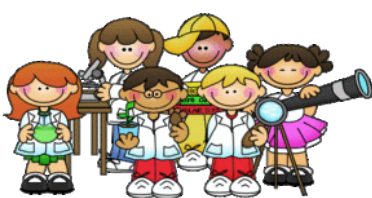
After the March Newsletter, I received a generous donation of around 300 pounds of nice material for the NFMS Silent Auction from Lee Rudisill in Corvallis. Thank you Lee! Hope many of you can help, too!

Please email me at htkira@spiritone.com if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your help and look forward to seeing you all in Hamilton.



Junior Advisors to Meet at Hamilton, MT

Sunday, May 21, 2017 10:00 AM, Floral Building



The Junior Badge Program, sponsored by the American Federation, is helping our clubs to grow in membership. The program takes us, and the families, back to the basics of rockhounding. How do we start a Junior Club? Cost of membership and badges? How is the badge program used?

For those that are already using the badge program it would be great to share your ideas on successful meetings ... and any that failed ... and why. How do we keep Juniors involved? Bring your questions and share your ideas.

Looking forward to seeing you ... rockhounding is a family event and everyone is encouraged to attend.

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SHOW COORDINATION. Your Federation provides a free service for NFMS members by listing your show in this Newsletter, on the NFMS website, two magazines ("Rocks and Minerals" and "Rock and Gem") and the on-line calendar from "Lapidary Journal". Please provide the date and time for the show, the club name and show title (if applicable), the location of the show, admission price, and most important a contact person with address, e-mail address and/or phone (e-mail is preferred). Please send your show information four to six months in advance to the Show Coordination Chairperson. If you see an error once your show is listed, or if your show is not listed, contact the Newsletter Editor.

SAVE STAMPS PROGRAM. NFMS members are encouraged to use and save commemorative stamps. The money generated from the sale of these used (cancelled) stamps is then donated to Cancer Research. The collected stamps can be sent to the **Stamps Chairman**, brought to the NFMS Annual Show or given to your Federation Director in your club.

ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS**Where to send your money**

To NFMS Treasurer for:

1. Dues and supplies
2. Donations for the general fund
3. Donations to Junior Achievement
4. Advertisement in this Newsletter

Send to: Lyle Vogelpohl, see Treasurer this page.

To NFMS Endowment Fund Treasurer for:

1. Donations to Endowment Fund
2. Memorial contributions

Make check payable to NFMS Endowment Fund, send to Endowment Fund Treasurer, 8810 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126-3617

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Make check payable to AFMS Scholarship Fund.

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1. Donations to AFMS Endowment
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Ads for the Northwest Newsletter are \$1.50 per square inch.

Example: 3" x 4" ad = 12 inches
12 inches x \$1.50 = \$18 per issue of the Newsletter

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<https://m.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>
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79th Northwest Federation Show
hosted by Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

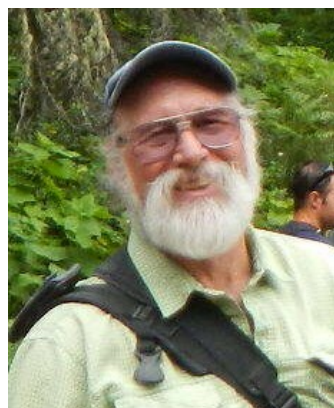
- 8:00 a.m. Judges meeting – Back of the Floral Building
 11:00 a.m. NFMS Endowment Fund & delegates meeting – **Townhouse Inn 1113 N. 1st St., Breakfast area.**
 11:00 a.m. Speaker – Bruce Baty, Talk on **Glacial Lake Missoula** – Arts & Crafts Building
 1:00 p.m. Speaker – Dave Trexler, Paleontologist, Two Medicine Center– Arts & Crafts Building
 2:00 p.m. Board Meeting – **Bitterroot River Inn, 139 Bitterroot Plaza Dr. Tammeny Room**
 3:00 p.m. Speaker – Ted Antonioli, Consulting Geologist from MT Mining Assoc. - Arts & Crafts Building
 4:00 p.m. NFMS Annual Meeting – **Bitterroot River Inn, 139 Bitterroot Plaza Dr. Tammeny Rm.**

SATURDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Speaker – Dean Yongue, Mine Geologist/Surveyor, Crystal Park and other digs – Arts & Crafts Building
 11:00 a.m. Speaker – George Stanley Jr., Director of Paleontology at U of M – Arts & Crafts Building
 12:00 p.m. Officers/Committee Chairs/Judges and Past Presidents Luncheon – Back of the Floral Building.
 1:00 p.m. Speaker – Dick Berg from MT Tech, on Sapphires – Arts & Crafts Building
 3:00 p.m. Speaker – Dean Yongue, Mine Geologist/Surveyor, Gold Mines of Alaska – Arts & Crafts Building
 5:00 p.m. Social Hour (No Host) Cash Bar – **Bitterroot River Inn, 139 Bitterroot Plaza Dr. Tammeny Rm.**
 6:00 p.m. AWARDS BANQUET – **Bitterroot River Inn, 139 Bitterroot Plaza Dr. Tammeny Room**

SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. All Editors Breakfast – Back of the Floral Building
 9:00 a.m. S.C.R.I.B.E meeting – Back of the Floral Building
 10:00 a.m. Junior Badge Program – Back of the Floral Building
 11:00 a.m. Speaker – Allen Marquette on the Woolly Mammoth – Arts & Crafts Building
 1:00 p.m. Speaker – Lee Silliman, Fossils of Yellowstone – Arts & Crafts Building
 2:00 p.m. Oral Auction in main Interstate Building welcome to everyone



Jim Bosley President

I would like to thank all of you for taking action concerning BLM's actions concerning rockhounding in the sage grouse areas. We are at a point now where the only way to maintain the use of tools for recreational rockhounding is to have our Congressional Representatives get involved. Two bills have been introduced in the House and Senate but have not been moved out of committee. We need to get our Representatives and Senators to support Rep. Rob Bishop's and Sen James Risch's bills that will delay sage grouse land withdrawal and provide for state and local input into sage grouse protection. If the bills are not passed into law before September 2017 then the restriction on the use of tools for rockhounding will become final. Please take the time to contact your Representatives and Senators let them know you support these bill.

H.R.527 — 115th Congress (2017-2018)

[Rep. Bishop, Rob \[R-UT-1\]](#) (Introduced 01/13/2017)

Greater Sage Grouse Protection and Recovery Act of 2017

Summary:

This bill addresses the Department of the Interior's October 2, 2015, finding that the greater sage grouse is not an endangered or threatened species. Until September 30, 2027, Interior may not alter or invalidate the finding.

Additionally, Interior and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) are prohibited from amending any federal resource management plans that affect the greater sage grouse in a state in which the governor has notified Interior or USDA that a state management plan is in place.

S.273 - Greater Sage-Grouse Protection and Recovery Act of 2017

[Sen. Risch, James E. \[R-ID\]](#) (Introduced 02/01/2017)

SEC. 4. PROTECTION AND RECOVERY OF GREATER SAGE-GROUSE.

(a) Endangered Species Act Of 1973 Findings.—

(1) DELAY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Interior may not modify or invalidate the finding of the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service announced in the proposed rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 12-Month Finding on a Petition to List Greater Sage-Grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*) as an Endangered or Threatened Species” (80 Fed. Reg. 59858 (October 2, 2015)) during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on September 30, 2027.

(2) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—The delay required under paragraph (1) is and shall remain effective without regard to any other statute, regulation, court order, legal settlement, or any other provision of law or in equity.

(3) EFFECT ON CONSERVATION STATUS.—The conservation status of the greater sage-grouse shall be considered not to warrant listing of the greater sage-grouse as an endangered species or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 ([16 U.S.C. 1531](#) et seq.) during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on September 30, 2027.

NFMS Show in Hamilton Montana is May 19-21, 2017. We would like to see you there for a great time, friends, and rocks. This show provides some of the best rockhounding in the Northwest..

There appears to be a slight decline in the number of members in the gem and mineral societies in the Northwest. I would like to challenge each of you to help grow your society. We attract new members during our gem and mineral shows but we do not retain them as active members. Please take the time to mentor new members, make them feel a part of the society, share your lapidary skills with them, and be sure they are included in all of the society's activities. I understand that we are all busy but a few minutes of your time could make a friend for life.



Keith Fackrell

1st Vice President

(Some of the following information is taken from an article on KSL.com by Amy Joi O'Donoghue, March 26, 2017)

Safety tips for people to follow are talked about, discussed and even published. Some people are trained to take care of most dangers that are encountered while hiking, camping and, yes, even rock hunting. One danger that I have never seen on a list of safety tips out there is, . . . "In some areas where Rock Hounds are, is a "cyanide bomb", which is EXTREMELY LETHAL! .

The name of these bombs is M-44, which has been used for predator control on small animals (Sheep). M-44's have been used for many years, since about the 1930's and 1940's. These devices are placed on the land by Wild Life Services, a branch of the Federal Government. The bottom line . . . become familiar with, and know what the M-44 device looks like. Instruct your family and friends to LEAVE THEM UNDISTURBED! DO NOT touch them - and, keep your dog and children away from them! When the M-44 Device is in place, there is supposed to be a Community Notification and their location should be CLEARLY MARKED, (not always done!) The M-44 Device is used in about 16 States around the country, mostly in the west. The use of these devices apparently varies from state to state. Be sure to check out what this lethal device looks like. Go to Goggle on your computer and type in "What does a cyanide bomb look like?". This site will also show different types of cyanide bombs. If you encounter one treat it like a live bomb! That is exactly what it is! Be safe in all you do!

I hope to see you in Hamilton Mt. I will be there! Will You?



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Ronna Watkins

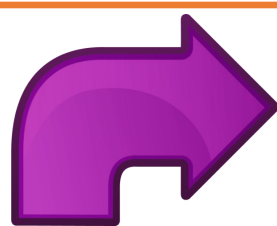
2nd Vice President

Just a short note to encourage you to come to the NFMS Annual Meeting and Show in Hamilton, Montana. After a long snowy winter here, I am ready for some good weather so I can get some shows, field trips, and geology tours taken in. The Central Washington University's geology department hosts wonderful geology tours here that are really fun and educational.

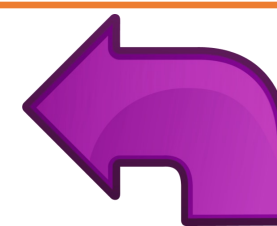
This issue of the Northwest Newsletter brings us very close to our annual show and I hope your club has made plans to send your director and delegate, or alternates, to the annual meeting to represent your club. It would be awesome if every club was represented. All members of NFMS clubs are invited and welcome to attend the annual meeting and, if you are in Hamilton, I hope you will.

I really enjoy the annual show and all it offers. The displays are exceptionally amazing and the speakers and demonstrators are always interesting and informative. I learn lots of new things every year. I enjoy the competitive displays and really appreciate the effort put in by the displayers and the work of the judging teams. It is all so exciting!

One last thing before I close. Many of you know I have been battling cancer this year. I will complete my last chemo infusion soon and everything is looking good. I have had an easy time with my treatments and have not slowed down with work or with our club's Junior Rockhounds program. I want to thank everyone for your cards and phone calls. They have been very uplifting and encouraging. Thank you! Sadly, I will not be able to grow my hair back before the show! But, that won't stop me from attending. I am super excited and looking forward to seeing everyone there. Next stop Hamilton!



IMPORTANT NOTICE



Please submit all membership and address changes to Tom Burchard, Circulation Chair, and to Carol Willey, Directory Chair. Their contact information can be found on the second page of this newsletter.

You MUST submit all show information (including admission charge) to Pat Lambert, Show Coordinator. FUTURE SUBMISSIONS MADE DIRECTLY TO THIS EDITOR WILL BE IGNORED!

Pat's information can be found on the second page of this newsletter.

THANK YOU.



AFMS Show News!

**June 9-12, 2017
Ventura, California**

AFMS Judges Training Seminar

June 6-7, 2017
Clocktower Inn
Ventura, CA

We've extended the **registration deadline for the AFMS Judges Training Seminar** from April 30th to **May 15th**. There is a lot of excitement about attending this seminar. When it was heard through the grapevine last summer the seminar was being arranged for 2017, everyone was cheering. The seminar is for judges, exhibitors, and anyone who would like to better understand the AFMS Uniform Rules.

B. Jay Bowman, renowned across the country for his teaching skills in AFMS Judges Training Seminars is leading the course. Jay's class is two days of classroom study of the AFMS Rules book and then a day of practice judging on Friday, June 9th at the Ventura Fairgrounds, at 9:00 a.m. in the San Miquel/Anacapa Halls.

The classroom can take up to 50 people, so we hope to see many of you there. There will be people attending from other federations too, so be sure to get your registration in soon. The fee for the course is \$25 and includes lunch both days. By taking the seminar, you will be able to improve your personal exhibiting skills, and be able to better assist your home society and neighboring societies in their annual showing of exhibits, with the knowledge you've gained.

For those who want to stay at the inn, we were able to get the best room rates in town for you considering the season, along with free parking for guests staying at the inn and for those attending the seminar. Free parking in Ventura is rare, so we are happy we could do this for you. Deadline to get the reduced room rate at the inn is May 15th. For more information on registering at the inn, and for the seminar, please see the AFMS Judges Training Seminar Registration Form on the CFMS Website. There is a link on the CFMS Calendar.



COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention "Ventura Rocks the Nation" June 9th, 10th, 11th, 2017

by Jennifer Haley, CFMS Rules Committee

It is show time, and we would like to extend a special invitation to all of you who are traveling from out of state to attend the show and convention, to be a competitive exhibitor. We are extending the **deadline for Competitive Exhibit entries to May 15th**. The "Ventura Rocks the Nation" is a particularly special show for our federation, because as the CFMS we only have an opportunity to celebrate a joint CFMS-AFMS Show & Convention every seven years. Visit the show website for the entry forms, and important information regarding electrical cords, lighting, set up times, etc. If you don't have your own display case, you will be able to rent one for \$10. We look forward to seeing you at the show!



From the Editor's Rockpile

By Beth Heesacker

It won't be long before we all head to Hamilton, Montana for the NFMS Show. Paul and I will be leaving a bit earlier so we can also attend the show in Bozeman, Mt. the weekend before. I wonder what kinds of Montana minerals I will find? :-)

The weather has been warming finally. We had a great time helping out at the Rice Northwest Rock and Mineral Museum yesterday during their Thunder-Egg-Stavaganza. Kids, and those young at heart, got to hunt for plastic Easter eggs and turn them in for a small thunderegg which is then cut for them. They got to be the first ones to see what is inside! It was quite an experience for them. They can then enjoy all the rest of the exhibits in the rock museum also. The turnout was twice what it was last year, over 2,000 guests on the one day, so it is getting to be a very popular attraction in the area. A very unique Easter egg hunt.

I am still processing the minerals that I purchased in our trip south so I spend a lot of time at my computer, at my microscope and breaking down the specimens to fit into my small "perky" boxes. Some pieces are just too beautiful to break or there is a chance of destroying a special crystal so a few end up in larger boxes but that is ok for me. I am not a purist micro-mineral collector.

I am looking forward to the Micro-Mineral Study Group meeting the first Saturday in May so I can share some of the "left-overs" from my trip with the other members of the group. There are lots of beautiful crystals still left after I hygrade out what I want. In the past the members of the group have been so generous with their specimens that I am glad to be able to finally return the favor. The "freebee" table will be very full.

If there are any of you interested in the micro-mineral hobby, please get in touch with me and I can email you the particulars about our meeting in Camas, Washington on May 6th and answer any questions that you might have. Please contact me at heesacker@coho.net which is my personal email account.

See you in Hamilton, Montana!!

ROCK SALE

JUNE 15-18, 2017

11AM-4 PM

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MAY 14

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JUNE 18



MAY 4TH

Annual Spring Rock Sale

May 5-14, 2017



Jewelry and faceted stones - 1/2 price

Tons of rough rock - \$1 per pound

2,500 cabs

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Beads and findings

Fluorescent Display

Howard and Jeanette Bushman

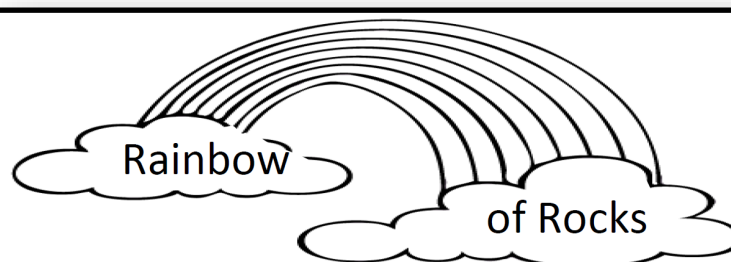
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Sherwood, OR 97140

503-625-5177



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2017 Rock & Gem Show

presented by

Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club

Saturday, May 6 – 9am to 5pm

Sunday, May 7 – 10am to 4pm

Douglas County Fairgrounds

I-5 exit 123 * Roseburg, OR

FREE Admission – donations appreciated

Food Concessions by

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DON'T MISS THE FUN!

Gem and Mineral Displays

Rock and Jewelry Dealers

Demonstrations

Door Prizes * approx. every 1/2 hr.

Silent Auction * Raffle Prizes

FREE Kids' Activities:

Rock Hunts: Sat: 11am * 1pm * 3pm

Sun: 1pm * 3pm

Rock Painting with *Michael's*

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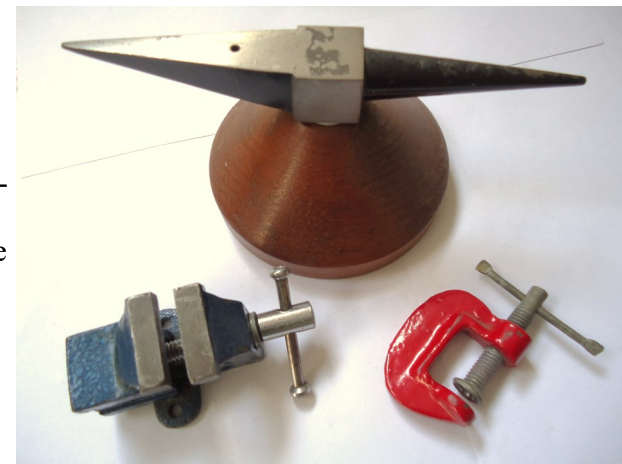
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT

2017

We are all back at work and putting the pieces in place to make our Retreat at “Hancock Field Station” west of Fossil, Oregon, become a bigger and better annual event. The timing is the same as last year, starting on Monday, September 4, 2017, and ending on Sunday, September 10, 2017. The cost to the attendee will be \$282.00 for room and board, \$45.00 for workshop fee, and if you desire a guided one-day trip to the Fossil Beds, it will cost you \$35.00. If you take the full package, the total cost will be \$362.00 for a one-week vacation. What a deal! You should not miss this. **Jewelry Carving requires an additional fee due to the use of diamond abrasives. If you must have an electric hookup for your RV (no water or sewer), there will be a \$15.00 charge for the week. Provide your own cord.**



The Agenda outline looks like this:

Monday; Arrive after 3pm and get settled in your temporary home, then join a Spaghetti Feed at 6:30pm.

Tuesday; All day in the Workshop of your choice and an evening program.

Wednesday; Trip to Fossil Beds or Workshop activities with an evening Swap Session, no selling.

Thursday; Workshop activities all day with an evening program session.

Friday; Workshop activities all day with an evening session of Feedback to determine what you want to change and what you want to keep.

Saturday; Workshops all day with an evening session of feedback from you as to what you want next year. A “Show and Tell” session from the Workshops and concluded with an oral auction of donated items.

Sunday morning; Have breakfast, clean your cabins and give fond farewells until next year

Workshops available - based upon signup:

Lapidary

Basic Faceting – (Maximum of Six)

Silversmithing (Maximum of Fifteen)

Basic Intarsia – (Minimum of Eight)

Wire-wrapping

Beading

Casting (Maximum of Six)

Jewelry Carving (Maximum of Six) -- CLOSED

If you need additional info, please call Lamar Tilgner at 503-666-2905 or Email at lstilgner1@frontier.com for more information and for a registration form.

COST FOR “RETREAT” REGISTRATION

Registration - Cost includes Breakfast and Evening Dinner with a Sack Lunch, sleeping quarters in an A-frame cabin, (Bring your own bedding and pillow -- mattress provided), or dry camping for an RV. No hookups available. **If electric hookups are needed, they will cost \$15.00 for the week.** Tenting is the same price as RV or A-frame cabin.

6 Day Total = \$282.00 +\$15.00 for RV Electric plus Workshop fee of \$45.00 Meals furnished.

If you can't stay the full time we can break it down by the day. This would mean \$57.00 per day, plus the Workshop Fee to take advantage of this great program.

Trip to Fossil Bed and Museum – Trip will be in Vans.

Cost will be \$35.00 per person. This will be a full day trip away from the Retreat. We need at least 10 to make this trip a go. You will get a tour of the Fossil Beds, see the country and visit the new museum.

Workshop Cost: \$45.00 for Workshop (One fee covers all)– Choose Primary and Secondaries.

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

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

Silversmithing - Fee per project to instructor. Provide your own stones if you want. All Participants must provide eye wear for safety purposes.

Wirewrapping – Bring your own wire or buy from instructor. Provide your own stones or purchase from instructor. If you have your own tools, please bring them. We will have some available.

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

Beading – Components and kits can be purchased from instructor.

Casting – Covering multiple casting methods and building wax models. *Check new agenda for 2016.*

All Participants must provide eye wear for safety purposes.

Jewelry Carving- A \$50.00 fee per person (To Instructor, first day) to cover Equipment and Diamond use).

When moving to a new Workshop, confirm with new instructor for available space.

We must have a minimum of 25 people register to make it all happen, with a maximum of 53 participants. Please send registration in as soon as possible because we must let the camp know by June if we have enough to go. Help us keep this great activity going. Registration is first come, first served.

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

NOTICE

Due to the fact that this property is in the middle of a National Monument, we are subject to much closer scrutiny than other properties. We have gone through a lengthy process and here are the parameters that we will work with. Our group is the only one that is allowed to bring RV's on the property so we have a privilege no others can get.

NO PETS. Exceptions will be made for service animals, but they must be registered with me 45 days prior to the event so that I can notify the camp Manager within 30 days. No animal waste may be left on the OMSI or NPS property. Animals may not be allowed to run loose.

Smoking is prohibited. If a group participant chooses to smoke they need to first check in with the Manager to find a designated space, and the smoker is responsible for cleaning up and packing out all cigarette butts.

Alcohol. Alcohol is permitted, but must be consumed in moderation and under control. Guests must dispose of all alcohol containers offsite from Hancock Field Station.

Earliest arrival time is 3pm. Hancock Field Station staff are cleaning and preparing the site from the previous group and are not able to accommodate early arrivals. Because of this, group participants arriving before 3pm will be asked to leave and come back at the appropriate time.

Parking. Parking is allowed in designated areas only. The camp manager is responsible for all parking management and any issues or concerns that arise. Group participants must follow the direction and decisions of the camp manager. There is no parking or waiting allowed on the National Park Service Road that connects Hwy. 218 to the Hancock Field Station. There is also no parking or waiting on the Hancock Driveway which is also a designated fire lane. These roadways are required by State and Federal guidelines to remain open to allow emergency vehicles access to Hancock Field Station. Once at Hancock guests are not allowed to drive over drainage ditches in order to park a vehicle on the other side.

Housing and RV's. OMSI will provide privacy curtains for use in the larger A-frame cabins upon request. There is a maximum of 10 partial hookups for RV's. Six will be used by instructors leaving only 4 RV hookups for use by participants, and those must be under 26 feet in length. **NOTE – No AIR CONDITIONERS allowed to run. This means that if you plan on bringing an RV, the first four RV's under 26 feet will be allowed. All others will be assigned cabins for the program.**

NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule

April 22 & 23 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4	Yakima Rock and Mineral Club	Central Washington State Fair Grounds, Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima WA 98901	Marti Sondgeroth, 2013 S 41st Ave., Yakima, WA 98903, Phone evenings 509-248-6401 leave a message, Cell daytime 509-910- 3484, marthams@q.com
April 22 & 23 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA	Mary Lou Omstead, 509 783 2798 PO Box 6652 Kennewick WA 99336
April 22 & 23 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral So- ciety	Idaho Falls Recreation Center, Corner of Memorial Drive and B Street, Idaho Falls, ID	Nicole Strong 208 768 7953 nicolek_hansen@hotmail.com or Gerry Gibeault 208 589 0736 PO Box 2362, Idaho Falls ID 83403
April 28 - 30 Fri – Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Mt Hood Rock Club	Jackson Armory 6255 NE Cornfoot Road Portland OR 97218	Wayne King mhrcdc@gmail.com 503 284 7195 www.mthoodrockclub.com
April 29 & 30 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40 th Avenue SW Seattle WA	Diane Christensen diane@purns.org 206 582 2267 www.westseattlerockclub.org
April 29 & 30 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Grays Harbor Gem and Geology Society	Grays Harbor Fairgrounds 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma WA	Gary Emberley 624 Fairmont Place Aberdeen, WA 98520 360 533 6196 <a href="mailto:melis-
sa624@hotmail.com">melis- sa624@hotmail.com
May 6 & 7 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Everett Rock and Gem Club	Everett Community College Walt Price Student Fitness Center, 2206 Tower Street, Everett WA	Fritz Mack 425 232 0809 PO Box 1615 Everett WA 98206 Website: www.everettrockclub.com
May 6 & 7 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds, I-5 Exit 123, Roseburg OR	Sue Woodman 541 672 3486 rocksandhorses3@gmail.com
May 6 & 7 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium 1125 Broadwater Avenue Billings MT	Doug True dtruefossils12@yahoo.com 406 670 0506
May 13 & 14 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society	Hermiston Conference Center, 415 Highway 395 South, Hermiston OR	Mike Filarski, 541 571 2593 stonemorlin1@netscape.net
May 13 & 14 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds Building #1, 901 North Black Bozeman MT	Jerry Hancock jaegers@bresnan.net PO Box 11001 Bozeman MT 59719
May 19 - 21 2017 NFMS Show Fri, Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4	Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society	First Interstate Center Ravalli County Fairgrounds 100 Old Corvallis Road Hamilton MT	Steve Vieth, 406 381 7597 viethsteve88@gmail.com
May 27 & 28 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4:30	Oregon Coast Agate Club	National Guard Armory, 541 SW Coast Hwy, Hwy 101 Newport OR 97365	George Mazeika 541 991 0311 <a href="mailto:george-
maze58@gmail.com">george- maze58@gmail.com , PO Box 818, Yachats OR 97498 Website: www.coastagates.org
June 2, 3, & 4 Fri – Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Puyallup Valley Gem and Miner- al Club	Swiss Park 9205 198 th Avenue East Bonney Lake WA 98390	Nancy LeMay bees2knees@att.net 253-985-5784 PVGMC, % Club Show PO Box 134, Puyallup WA 98371 info@puyallupgemclub.org
June 3 & 4 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	North Idaho Mineral Club	Kootenai County Frngds. 4056 North Government Way, Coeur d'Alene ID	Dean Hutchinson 208 664 2712 <a href="mailto:daleru-
perd@gmail.com">daleru- perd@gmail.com PO Box 1643 Hayden ID 83835
June 10 & 11 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
June 16, 17, & 18 Fri – Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society	Reedsport Community Building 451 Winchester Avenue Reedsport OR	Bill Hendrickson 541 271 6816 <a href="mailto:irlinda-
barr@hotmail.com">irlinda- barr@hotmail.com Website: ReedsportRockandGemShow.com
July 15 & 16 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Darrington Rock and Gem Club	Mansford Grange 1265 Railroad Avenue Darrington, WA	Ed Lehman, wsmced@hotmail.com 425 334 6282 (cell 425 760 2786) or Angela Moore <a href="mailto:an-
gela51726@gmail.com">an- gela51726@gmail.com 360 436 2107
July 21, 22, & 23 Fri – 9 – 6 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 9 – 5	Washington Agate and Mineral Society of Olympia and Tenino Rock Cruisers	Parkside Elementary School 301 Central Avenue E Tenino WA 98589	Daniel De Boer keylock1@live.com 5107 Brenner Road NW Olympia WA 98502 https://wamsolympia.wordpress.com
August 12 & 13, Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club- house, 8802 196 th ST SW, Ed- monds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collmal@comcast.net
September 9 & 10 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association	Vern Burton Community Center, 308 East 4 th Street Port Angeles WA	Kathy Schreiner 360 681 3811 or Kathy Bach- man 360 681 3994 PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382
September 9 & 10 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Marcus Whitman Gem and Min- eral Society	Walla Walla County Frgrnds, Community Center Building 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla WA	Keith Bacus, 509 529 1248 <a href="mailto:keithba-
cus@yahoo.com">keithba- cus@yahoo.com
October 7 & 8 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Totem Middle School Gym 7 th Street and State Avenue Marysville WA	Bill Moser bill-ji@comcast.net 425 238 8222 <a href="http://sites.google.com/sit/
marysvillerockngemclub">http://sites.google.com/sit/ marysvillerockngemclub
October 13, 14, & 15 Fri – Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Portland Regional Gem & Miner- al Show Association	Washington County Fair Complex 873 NE 34 th Avenue Hillsboro OR 97124	Linda Harvey lindaharvey2010@gmail.com Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Asso- ciation PO Box 5401 Portland OR 97228
October 28 - 29 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4 th Ave, Canby, OR	Beth Heesacker, heesacker@coho.net , 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116
October 28 & 29 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Bellevue Rock Club	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish PKWY SE Bellevue WA 98008	Bruce Himko PO Box 1851 Belle- vue, WA 98009 bellevuerockclub@comcast.net
November 11 & 12 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club- house, 8802 196 th ST SW, Ed- monds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collmal@comcast.net
December 9 & 10 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club- house, 8802 196 th ST SW, Ed- monds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collmal@comcast.net