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Ken Zahn

From the PRESIDENT's Desk...

2020 NFMS/GOLDEN SPIKE SHOW & CONVENTION CANCELED

As a result of the Utah Governor's statewide Coronavirus Emergency Declaration on March 12th, 2020, and his recommended restrictions on assembly of persons over 60 years of age at Utah-based events of more than 20 people in size, the Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society President Mike Rhodes regrettably announced on March 16th that its Club show April 9 - 12, 2020, in Ogden, Utah,

was being cancelled. As a result, our NFMS Convention/Meetings and associated AFMS Judges Training sessions and ALAA Instructional meeting — that were scheduled to be conducted in conjunction with that show — must also be cancelled. Those planning to conduct or receive Judge training have been or are being notified separately by AFMS, and ALAA will publish the cancellation of its meeting through additional channels as well. Announcement of these cancellations will also be posted on the NFMS website even before you will receive this Newsletter through the USPS mail.

As expected after the Utah Governor's announcements, there has been a flurry of cancellations and postponements of events in Utah, and there are many NFMS Club-level shows in other states set for conduct over the next several months throughout the Northwest that are being cancelled or postponed. Though understandable given the potential vulnerability of those over 60 (and especially over 80), this is, nonetheless, truly a disaster

for our recreational rockhound community, as these venues are major fundraisers for most of our NFMS clubs as non-profits. I ask that all members re-double your efforts to support Club activities and consider innovative fundraising activities this year to blunt the effects of these widespread cancellations. If you can reach out a helping hand to Federation Clubs that have had to cancel shows (watch the Federation website), PLEASE do so. The many cancellations will be disastrous, too, for our dedicated small-business dealers who are really "family" to our many clubs. Treat them as family and try to find ways to support them and reduce their costs at remaining shows -- and between shows.

We will be trying now to plan a separate, follow-on, more bare-boned NFMS meeting to accomplish Officer elections and other required annual business for scheduling, tentatively, between late Summer and early Fall, assuming that the major impact of the virus' 2020 cycle will have largely slowed or passed, and most of life's normal activities will have been resumed. Watch this Newsletter and the NFMS website for emerging details.

I thank the Golden Spike Club for its great work already done to prepare for both its always-spectacular show and our NFMS/AFMS activities, and especially the effort of youngster Evan Day for his show-planning leadership and for keeping me apprised of the Utah coronavirus situation and the consideration process that was undertaken by the Ogden-based Club as it reached this difficult decision.

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Beth Heesacker

From the 1st VICE PRESIDENT's Desk...

STAY SAFE & PROTECTED

First, I want to say to everyone, "Stay safe". The coronavirus is real and we must take precautions. If that means staying home, then stay home, unless it is absolutely necessary. My husband and I are healthy but have been isolating ourselves for the last three weeks. We have some of those underlying conditions, including age, that have been mentioned in the news so took precautions early. To overdo the precautions is better than to be sorry later.

I think that it was a very good decision to cancel the NFMS meet-

ings. This helps protect us all. I will really miss visiting with all my rockhound friends. but their health is important to me. It is a sacrifice we all should be willing to make. Plans for arrangements to elect officers for the next year and other official matters, along with awards presentations, are being discussed by the Board. These plans will be announced as they are finalized.

If you, or your family and friends, have been affected by the coronavirus (bodily, emotionally or financially), you are in our prayers each day. Please keep our family in your prayers too. We have a son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons that live in Italy that we worry about. He calls every few days to keep in touch.

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April 10, 2020

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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW**NFMS Club-at-Large: 1st Vice President** (see above)

The **AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION (ALAA)** is a 501(c)(4) organization. Its purpose is to promote and ensure the right of amateur hobby fossil and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public lands managers. Your annual individual/couple membership fee is \$25 which helps support their activities. Club membership is \$50 per year. Send to Treasurer, P.O. Box 54398, San Jose, CA 95154. Make checks payable to: American Lands Access Assn. Applications can be downloaded at: www.amlands.org on the left side of the page. For more information contact: Frank Mullaney 408-266-1791, Cell: 408-691-2655, rockyfv@aol.com.

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For matters related to this newsletter (i.e. content, advertising, etc.) contact the Editor. For matters related to this newsletter distribution (new members, address changes, etc.) contact the Circulation Chair.

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. Membership Dues (new & renewal) 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
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To AFMS Endowment Fund for:

1. Donations to AFMS Endowment
 2. Memorials
- Send to: See AFMS Newsletter

To ALAA Treasurer for:

1. Memberships, new and renewals
 2. Donations
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NFMS Website

<http://northwestfederation.org/>

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(for mobile devices like phones)

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Members, Non-members, clubs, etc. can advertise in the Northwest Newsletter. This service is provided to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and is encouraged by the Federation. The only criteria for the ad is that it be hobby related (e.g. rocks, equipment, grit, shows, etc.).

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

For an additional 50% of the cost of the Newsletter ad, you can have the same ad placed on the NFMS website for the same length of time. The Newsletter ad must be purchased to receive this additional advertisement.

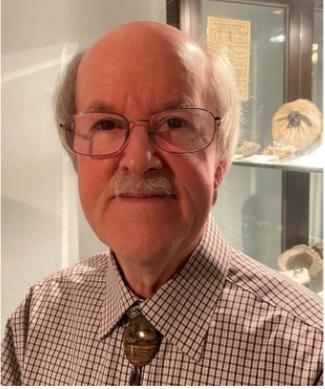
Do not send ads on colored paper because the back-ground will look gray in the ad. The Editor will send a billing statement to the customer which will include instructions to make payment to the NFMS Treasurer. For more information or questions, call, e-mail or write the **Newsletter Editor**

Stay Safe & Protected (Continued from Front Page)

We keep busy with our indoor hobbies. I just acquired a large collection of micro-minerals that I am sorting and cataloging. An art group that I belong to is suspending its meetings but sharing YouTube videos and Pinterest pics via email. My hubby and I watch movies on TV. We read books. We will get through this.

Now on to something on the lighter side. I hope that you are all adjusting to the change to daylight savings time. It takes me at least a week to adjust. My body does not seem to know when to sleep and when to be awake. This too shall pass.

Take care; stay informed; be safe. Virtual hugs to all.



**Larry
Hulstrom**

From the 2nd VICE PRESIDENT's Desk... An Inspirational Message

Sadly, by the time this reaches everyone you will already know that the annual meeting and show in Ogden has been cancelled. The same is true of my club's annual show which was to have been the week following the Ogden show.

In these trying and uncertain times it is up to each of us to heed the words of our government officials that are trying to slow the progression of this horrific virus. Please look after your loved ones and neighbors as best you can and help each other where possible. After we emerge on the other end of this later in the year let's take stock of where we all are, regroup, and move forward again like we all know we can.

2020 Competitive Exhibits Committee Rules and Awards Chair, Lauren Williams

The Ogden Show and Convention has been cancelled and Judges are NOW the big concern.

After the 2021 show is finished, so will the NFMS Judging. Why? Because none of you have volunteered to step-up and say that you would be willing to be on the Competitive Exhibits Committee. After the 2020 term ends, your Competitive Exhibits will consist of one person, Darrell Coyle; the following year, 2022 you will have no one in the Competitive Exhibits Committee. In other words in 2022 the NFMS Competitive Exhibits Committee will have died by default.

Now I know that there are some of you who would serve if you were asked, the problem is we do not know who you are, your names. If you want the NFMS Competitive Exhibits Committee to continue to exist, that is Judging of Competitive cases and justification for most of the Awards Banquets. Please step forward and let us know who you are. This is a 3-year commitment, one year will not do, you need the two years before to find out how the system works and how it ties into the AFMS. We need judges to judge the Competitive Exhibits, and yes, a judges training will be held at the same time the AFMS Convention is going on. So, please plan to attend.

ROCKHOUNDS OF THE YEAR

Laurie Ellis; ROY Chair

Marjorie Bush By Denise Harrison

Every year the Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club board selects a person that goes above and beyond volunteering their time to make this club great. The person that was chosen to become Rockhound of the Year is someone who says "Yes I can do that" even though they may not know how or exactly what they will be doing. This person has an outgoing nature and willingness to learn new things. She created an outstanding Juniors program. We all enjoy watching the junior's race to the room at the beginning of each meeting. When their meeting is over, they leave the room with great big smiles on their faces. Marjorie is aware that our juniors are our future. She invests her time and energy to teach them everything she can.

Besides managing the junior program Marjorie does a wide variety of important tasks for the club. One of those tasks are gathering rocks and minerals from members for display at the Rice Museum of Rocks and Minerals. After making a complete list of each item she proceeds to label than design the club's display case.

The display case at the Rice museum of Rocks and Minerals is very important. It not only educates people about earth science, geology, and lapidary it also reaches out to the community by letting people know Who We Are! What We Do! and gives the community an opportunity to join us.

Marjorie has been a member since 2013.



Good to know NFMS factoid:

NFMS Societies can submit their best newsletter annually into the Bulletin Editor's Contest. Your Editor will get recognition for the great job he/she does for your club all year through.



HISTORIAN HIDDENITES

Linda Barlow

SECURITY IN HOBBY



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"Connection with
Knowledge"

Many of us enjoy our rockhounding as a hobby. Today as in yesteryear, hobbies can be lucrative businesses, especially in our retirement years. Here is a word of advice back in 1942 shortly after the depression and during World War II. I believe this continues to hold true today!

This article is taken from

THE MINERALOGIST, April 1942, Volume 10, No. 4:

SECURITY IN HOBBY,
edited by H. C. Dake.

Fortunate is the person with a hobby, especially one which is both practical as well as interesting. Everyone should have two occupations from a standpoint of economic

security if for no other reason. Your occupation or your job may be secure today, but who can see into the future?

Changing economic conditions, accident, or loss of health may be one of the numerous reasons which may force an individual to change in occupation. How often have we seen a hobby become a lucrative vocation for an individual forced to make a change. The one-job man is at a distinct disadvantage in our complicated system of civilization. Provide yourself with a by-pass should your main economic highway be blocked.

Some activity in the earth sciences as a hobby will do much to add to your general happiness, and perchance someday it may real-

ly prove valuable. Few persons take up a hobby with the idea of it becoming a regular occupation, but in times of stress, or some unforeseen accident, a hobby may prove invaluable.

If history repeats itself, it will later be shown that investments made in fine mineral specimens, and choice cut gems, in times of affluence will prove a boon in times of financial stress. Consider the money spent on fine minerals, as an investment, they are not a "luxury". We know too well the history of many "gilt edge" bonds, and security considered as sound. Alas, even money values have been known to depreciate.

Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies' Officer Nominee Docket

Election of the NFMS Officers for the 2020-21 Term will be held at our next Annual Meeting: Date, Time, and Place being planned by President Ken Zahn.

On the Docket:

President: Beth Heesacker

Vice President: Larry Hulstrom

2nd Vice President: Darrell Coyle

Executive Secretary: Judi Allison

Treasurer: Lyle Vogelpohl

NFMS Calendar

September 7-13

Northwest Rockhound Retreat

November 15

AFMS

Programs' Competition Entry Due

Note From Ronna Watkins:

Find information on

Social Distancing here:

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/flu/pandemic/fs6-flu-factsheet.pdf>

From the Nominating Committee Chair...

Ronna Watkins

Presenting Darrell Coyle for his dedication to the hobby as nominee for 2nd Vice President.

By Darrell Coyle

As long as I can remember I have had a love of the outdoors and science. A desire to learn as much as I could about many aspects of nature, the earth, rocks, wildlife, plants and all the connections of our physical world. After serving almost six years in the Army I returned to Montana to pursue a degree in Wildlife Biology. During this time I worked many jobs including Maintenance Supervisor for Region 7 of the Montana State Parks. In 1982, I graduated with honors from the University of Montana with a major in Wildlife Biology and a minor in Secondary Education. Shortly after, I joined the Army National Guard and accepted a job on active duty with the Montana Army National Guard. I retired from the Army Guard with 23 years total of service.

While raising my family I was a Boy Scout leader for 4 year, an assistant instructor in the local Taekwondo club for two years. I then worked for several years for the Stevensville Montana School District and then two years with the U.S Census Bureau as a trainer and crew leader.

Although I had an interest in fossils, garnets, agates and gold mining since my childhood I took Rockhounding up as my main hobby after retirement. Since 2007, I have been a member of the Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society in Hamilton, Montana. I have served as Vice President, President, Board Member, Board Chair, Federation Delegate and currently Federation Director for the BGMS. Since 2010, I have been a key member of our show committee, including hosting the Federation Show in 2017. I started a Facebook Group for the BGMS and also am an administrator for the Facetron Faceting Group.

In 2019, I was the Registrar for NFMS Competitive Exhibits and am currently the Judging Director and still performing the duties of Registrar. I have been a member and Treasurer of the Montana Gold Prospectors since 2008. I am a founding member and Sergeant at Arms with the Post 91 of the American Legion Riders of Corvallis Montana.

Northwest Rockhound Retreat

Walt Butler; NWRR Chair

In September the Annual Rockhound Retreat will be held at OMSI – Camp Hancock. Classes will be held in Silversmithing, Metal Working, Enameling, Intarsia, Carving, Beading and Wire Wrapping. Several evening programs will be held including Stump the Experts, Swap Meet, Auction and cooking smores. This year’s camp will be on September 7-13, 2020. Hope to see you there.

Notice

The Northwest Rockhound Retreat Chair shall have the right, at his/her sole discretion to expel from the Retreat, Retreat participant(s), who’s actions in his/her opinion is objectionable under current community standards, or has or is suspected of breaking any laws of the State of Oregon, or against the rules of the Retreat. The Northwest Rockhound Retreat chair shall not be held liable for his/her action taken and no refunds will be made.

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 we have a privilege no others get.

This means that if you plan on bringing an RV, the first four (4) under 26 feet will be allowed. All others will be assigned cabins for the program.

NO PETS. Exceptions will be made for Service Animals, but they must be registered with me 45 days prior to the event so I can notify the Camp Manager within 30 days. No animal waste may be left on Camp Hancock or National Park Service property.

SMOKING is PROHIBITED. If a participant chooses to smoke they must first check in with the Camp Manager to find the designated space, and the smoker is responsible for cleaning up and packing out all cigarette butts.

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

EARLIEST ARRIVAL TIME IS 3 PM. 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, NWRR participants arriving before 3 PM will be required to leave and come back after 3 PM.

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 directions and decisions of the Camp Manager. There is no parking or waiting 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 a Designated Fire Lane. These roadways are required by State and Federal Guidelines to allow emergency vehicles access to Hancock Field Station. Once at Hancock Field Station group participants are NOT ALLOWED to drive over drainage ditches in order to park a vehicle on the other side.

HOUSING AND RV’S. Camp Hancock will provide privacy curtains for use in the larger A-Frame cabins upon request. There is a maximum of 10 Electric hookups for RV’s. Six will be used by instructors, leaving only 4 RV Hookups for use by Group Participants, and those must be under 26 feet in length. Generators are not allowed to be run at Hancock Field Station.

NO AIR CONDITIONERS. NO RV or personal air conditioners can be used at Hancock Field Station.

2020
REGISTRATION
NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT
September 7th thru 13th, 2020
Sponsored by
The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies
(One Registrant per form, Only.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

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

Your E-Mail address: _____

Registration Fee: \$325.00 Elect for RV \$15.00 Fossil Beds Trip: \$35.00 Work Shop: \$50.00
Note: These costs must be paid at registration; Material costs will be paid to Workshop Instructor.

Do you need a cabin? _____ Do you need an RV Parking Place? _____ Does your RV need Electric? _____

If you are in a cabin, is there one or more registrant(s) you want in the same cabin? Please identify them. _____

Instructions: On the right, number which activities you wish to participate in. Registration Fee: \$325.00

Place the amount on the line to the right
Electricity: _____
Fossil Beds Trip: _____
right. Total the right hand column and send a check
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NOTE: Make check payable to Walter Butler.
Only pay Workshop fee once - Show Workshops you plan to work in and number preference.
Remember, there are 28 hours of Workshop time, _____ Intro to Displaying (Night Class)
you can register for multiples and divide your time _____

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

NOTE: Do you have Emergency Medical Training? _____

The Northwest Rockhound Retreat shall have the sole right to determine whether or not to accept any applications submitted and shall not be held liable for the rejection. The NWRR reserves the right to limit, refuse or terminate participation of individuals at the Northwest Rockhound Retreat.

TIPS FOR A GREAT STAY AT HANCOCK FIELD STATION

We are surrounded by the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. The removal, possession, or disturbance of any fossil, mineral, plant, archeological object, or any other natural or cultural feature is prohibited. If you go hiking stick to the trails and leave what you find.

Keep food safe from rodents. Store food in refrigerators, coolers, or cars; not in cabins. Put all food waste into designated bins not with other trash.

Use the recycling bins and trash cans located on the side of Berrie Hall. Separate food waste from other trash or recycling.

Arrive promptly for meals. Food is hot and fresh at the time meals are listed. We will blow the Conch Shell to let you know that a meal is about to start.

Feel free to use our extra water bottles (under the KP Station. Return used water bottles to the KP Station to be washed. Also feel free to use the sunscreen (above the trail map on the side of Berrie Hall).

Walk or Skip when traveling around camp. It's easy to slip when running in gravel. Carry a headlamp or flashlight when it is dark.

Travel on surfaces with gravel or cement. Avoid walking in or through drainages and stay off hillsides.

Let someone know if you are hurt or ill. The Camp Manager, Assistant Manager, and Northwest Rockhound Retreat Chair are available at all hours. The Camp Manager lives in the Managers House, the Assistant Manager lives in the rectangular cabin in lower camp.

If you go hiking, tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back. Trail maps of the Clarno Unit are available to borrow – please ask a manager.

Please respect the wildlife that lives in and around Hancock Field Station. Do not catch or chase around camp or the National Monument.

When viewing the owl please stand back from the bars. Do not put fingers or hands into the enclosure, Groups should be small and remain quiet. The owl is wild.

The use of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana are prohibited on the National Monument.

Smoking and vaping are only permitted in designated areas of Hancock Field Station. Please ask a manager where you may smoke or vape. Fully extinguish cigarettes. The use of marijuana is prohibited at Hancock Field Station.

If you choose to drink alcohol, please drink responsibly. We are an hour away from a hospital. You must pack out any drinks, bottles, or other containers uoy bring with you.

We have a limited supply of coffee mugs. Please return used mugs to Berrie Hall so they can be washed and re-used.

Turn of lights and heaters, close doors when leaving buildings.

If you have any questions about Hancock Field Station programming, please ask a staff member to the NWRR Chair.



Jennifer Haley; Oregon State Director for ALAA Important BLM Information for All Federations

In December my husband and I along with the corgis moved from California to Oregon. I am grateful for the many years of enduring friendships and the experience working with the California and Nevada rock and gem societies. Although I haven't been in the state for a full month as I write this and am still busy going through mountains of moving boxes, I have been get-ting familiar with some aspects of the Oregon BLM. For societies within states which have BLM offices, there is a good website for finding all of BLM's Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) near you: <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council>. These councils really need your involvement as Recreational Rockhounds to show up for the meetings and to apply to be on the committees when there are vacancies. Without your input about the value of our unique historical American recreation when it's needed to protect your collecting sites and educational field trips areas, the councils can't forward your insight and information to the BLM who will in turn use that information in the various stages of developing their plan-ning. Below is the Oregon BLM boundary map for all the state's current RACs: https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/getinv_rac_orwa_racboundarymap.pdf

Below is the website for the Federal Register, which is the daily journal of the United States government. It is easy to use their Search engine to find out the latest on RAC meeting dates, etc., for your and other boundary areas around the country: <https://www.federalregister.gov/> Depending on the issues and who uses the public lands within your RAC boundary areas, members of the RAC usually/may include a variety of individuals involved with ranching, outdoor recreation, industry, state and local government, tribal lands, academia, conservation and environment. To give you an example of how diverse the members of RAC's can be, the Desert Advisory Council (DAC) which is a RAC in California, has a member representing the film industry's access to the desert. Another member of the DAC is a lifelong resident with a family history of living in the area for many generations, who saw the increasing lack of freedom in recreational use in the desert since his youth and wanted to get involved to help keep access open for the public. I hope these examples show you, that you don't need to be a rocket scientist to be on these councils. Recreational Rockhounds have a place on the councils, and by attending the meetings or being on a RAC, you will be an immense help.

Council members serve three-year terms on a staggered basis. This means that one-third of the council is subject to appointment or reap-

pointment each year. These Advisory Council meetings are open to the public and meetings are announced in the Federal Register and through news releases. The Dept of the Interior has been actively promoting recreational activities on public lands through news releases since last year, so this is an opportune time for your societies to jump in if you haven't before and become involved and make some friends at BLM. Good ongoing relationship with the BLM is now a necessity, because what happens to one state's recreational rockhounding area(s) affects all of Recreational Rockhounding, and what will become of our hobby as an American historical recreation in the future.

New~ ALAA Recommendation to All AFMS Federations & Your Societies

We are encouraging you to work closely with your societies to create a display case of the rocks, gems, minerals, and fossils of the closed collecting sites in your territory due to public lands regulation, and to display the case(s) at your annual shows and conventions, and at the local society shows whenever possible. If every federation would show a representation of this, it will make a big impression on your members to become more collectively involved in protecting your current field trip areas now and for the future. Take photos of the material along with identifying it and note where the collecting site was. Include this information in your federation and society newsletter issues. ALAA would like to have this information for it's database, website and newsletters, and for articles in the AFMS newsletters. Let's get Rock'N on this project so we can keep on Rock'N our collecting sites.

THE BLM IS ON THE MOVE The Bureau of Land Management is moving its Washington, DC office to Grand Junction, Colorado. The exact time frame of the move is not known at this time. Check on the BLM Website for more information. This will make contacting the main BLM Office easier for the Recreational Rockhound. Another BLM move is the California Desert District office is moving from its Moreno Valley, CA location to a new office in Palm Springs, CA. NB: The BLM manages one in every 10 acres of land in the United States, and approximately 30 percent of the Nation's minerals. These lands and minerals are found in every state in the country and encompass forests, mountains, rangelands, arctic tundra, and deserts. To see specific goals, go to <https://www.blm.gov/about/what-we-manage> Articles appear here thanks to the ALAA Newsletter, First quarter, 2020, pp 3. 16.



AFMS NEWS

AFMS Training Seminar

Sadly we will not have a Judges Seminar in April, but another seminar is being planned. Please consider attending!

WHEN: 9 am - 5 pm Tuesday October 15th & Wednesday, October 16; Friday, October 18th Judging Practice

WHERE: Knoxville, Tennessee in conjunction with the AFMS Annual Show
For information inquire to: Margaret Kolaszyk, Registrar, markolaczyk (at) gmail.com

NORTHWEST SOCIETIES CANCEL SHOWS DUE TO COVID-19

Shows in the Northwest may be cancelled in the next two months because of the Coronavirus outbreak. Please contact the show contact for information if you are planning to attend. Pat Lambert NFMS Show Coordinator

Confirmed Cancellations as of 3/17/2020

Everett Rock and Gem Club

In light of the state of emergency declared both in Washington state and nationally, the Everett Rock and Gem club have made the decision to cancel the following activities:

1. ERGC March general meeting
2. Abbotsford BC trip
3. ERGC May 2020 Rock and Gem show.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Rock and Arrowhead Club of Klamath Falls canceled event.

Hello all,

It is with a sad heart that the show this year is cancelled due to current Coronavirus mandates. We apologize for any inconveniences, and share in your disappointment.

Hellgate Mineral Society

It is with a heavy heart, the Hellgate Gem and Mineral show has been canceled for March 21 and 22, 2020.

Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society

It's with deep sadness to inform you that the 2020 "Spring Parade of Gems" show has been canceled. This decision comes at the request of the Utah governor to limit large gatherings in an effort to avoid the possible spread of COVID-19.

Mount Baker Rock and Gem Club

ATTENTION: The board also voted to postpone the rock show until further notice. "We are working on a date, and hope to announce it soon. This was a tough decision; we hope the right one. There were many things to consider."

West Seattle Rock Club

As you all know, people around the world are dealing with the coronavirus emergency. This week has seen the Governor and local officials place bans on gatherings over 250 people and tight restrictions on all other gatherings, such as our club show. Our community

members' health and safety is of the utmost importance. It is with this in mind that we regretfully are postponing our annual rock and gem show. We apologize for any inconvenience and we will keep you posted regarding the rescheduling of the show.
Thank you, WSRC Board

Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club In order to keep our club members and the public safe during the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club has decided to cancel its annual Rock and Mineral Show scheduled for April 18 & 19. It is unfortunate as this event is one of our main outreaches to the public and promotes the Mineral and Fossil Collecting and Lapidary/Jewelry Hobbies, but it is the right and reasonable decision. We will also be canceling our March Board meeting and April Club Meeting. Larry Hulstom; Show Coordinator

Willamette Agate & Mineral, Inc. Dearest WAMS community, As you are all aware, the COVID-19 pandemic (Coronavirus) has hit our state, Governor Kate Brown has declared Oregon in a State of Emergency for the next 60 days. She has issued executive orders, halting any planned event(s) estimating to have 25 or more people in attendance, that prevents us from going forward with the River of Gems Show, scheduled for April 17-19, 2020.

While we enjoy our time with you at this event, the safety of you, your family and our community at large, is of the utmost importance to us. We are truly sad about this decision and will keep you informed as to whether we are able to reschedule it for this year or not. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

We also regret to inform you, the City of Salem has closed the 50+ Senior Center for 30 days, this will affect our monthly general and board meetings. As of today's date, your WAMS Board and officers, have officially cancelled all meetings and events for the month of April. Further cancellations will be determined as we evaluate this situation, and whether it improves or gets worse. Please feel free to reach out to your officers and/or board if you have any questions. Stay healthy and be safe, Sincerely, WAMS Officers and Board.

Also

Spokane Rock Rollers, Missoula, Sweet Home, and Maplewood

UMPQUA GEM & MINERAL CLUB



"50th Rock Extravaganza"

Saturday, May 2, 2020 – 9am to 5pm

Sunday, May 3, 2020 – 10am to 4pm

Douglas County Fairgrounds

I-5 exit 123 • Roseburg, OR

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NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule 2020

April 18 & 19 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	56th Annual Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Show Idaho Falls Gem/Mineral Society	City Recreation Center Corner of Memorial Drive and B Street Idaho Falls ID	Nicole Strong 208 768 7953 nicolek_hansen(at)hotmail.com http://ifrockhounds.com
April 24, 25 & 26 Fri. 10 - 4 Sat. 10 - 5 Sun. 10 - 4	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club, Inc. 59th Parade of Gems "A Blast from the Past" 40 years After Mt. St. Helens Blew	Central Washington State Fair Park Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima WA	Marti Sondgeroth evening 509 248 6401; daytime cell 509 910 3484 marthams(at)q.com www.yakimarockclub.com www.facebook.com/YakimaRockndMineralClub
April 25 & 26 Sat. 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	52nd Annual Rock and Gem Show Grays Harbor Gem and Geology Society	Grays Harbor County Fair and Event Center 43 Elma-McCleary Road Elma WA	Gary Emberley 624 Fairmont Place Aberdeen, WA 98520 360 533 6196 Melissa624 (at) hotmail.com
May 2 & 3 Sat. 10-6 Sun. 10-4	Gem and Fossil Show Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Al Bedoo Shrine Auditorium 1125 Broadwater Avenue Billings MT	Doug True 406.670.0506 dtruefossils12(at)yahoo.com BillingsGemClub.com Facebook.com/BillingsRockClub
May 2 & 3 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-4	50th Annual Show – "50th Rock Extravaganza" Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds 2110 Frear Street I-5 Exit 123, Roseburg OR	Brooke Jakubos 541 784 7515 bajakubos(at)hotmail.com www.facebook.com/Umpquagem
May 9 & 10 Sat 10-6 Sun. 10-4	Annual Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, Bead and Fossil Show Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds 901 North Black Bozeman MT	Linda Johnson, 406-580-3419 lindajohnson.montana (at) gmail.com
May 9 & 10 Sat. 10 - 5 Sun. 10 - - 4	Annual Gem and Mineral Show Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society	Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center (EOTEC) 1705 East Airport Road, Hermiston OR 97838	Mike Filarski, 541 571 2593 Stonemorlin1(at)netscape.net
May 15, 16, & 17 Fri. 10 - 5 Sat. 9 - 5 Sun. 10 - 3	Mt Hood Rock Club's Rock and Gem Show Mt Hood Rock Club	Jackson Armory 6255 NE Cornfoot Road (Take NE Alderwood Rd from NE Columbia Blvd - just south of PDX) Portland OR	Wayne King 503-284-7195 mhrcdc (at) gmail.com Website: www.mthoodrockclub.com
May 16 & 17 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Annual Gem and Mineral Show Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society	Ravalli County Fairgrounds First Interstate Center Hamilton, MT	Darci Rainey darci_rainey (at) outlook.com
May 23 & 24 Sat. 10 - 5:00 Sun. 10 - 3:30	57th Annual Gem & Mineral Show "Rock'n the Coast" Oregon Coast Agate Club	National Guard Armory 541 SW Coast Hwy (Hwy 101) Newport OR	K. Myers 541 961 0125 www.coastagates.org Facebook - Oregon Coast Agate Club
May 30 & 31 Sat. 9 - 5 Sun. 10 - 4	Rock, Mineral, Gem & Jewelry Show North Idaho Mineral Club	Kootenai County Fairgrounds -Jacklin Building 4056 N. Government Way (Kathleen & Gov't Way) Gates C & D Coeur d'Alene ID	Mike Rose NIMCshowchairman(at)gmail.com
June 6 & 7 Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-5	Annual Rock and Gem Show Butte Mineral and Gem Club	Butte Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Avenue Butte MT	Pete Knudsen 406 490 5828
June 18 - 21 Thurs - Sun 9 - 5	75th Annual Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow	Crook County Fairgrounds 1280 Main St. Prineville OR	Janice Van Cura janicevc (at) peak.org 3448 NW Covey Run Road Corvallis OR 97330
July 18 & 19 Sat. 10-5 Sun 10-5	Rock and Gem Show and Sale Darrington Rock and Gem Club	Mansford Grange 1265 Railroad Avenue (behind IGA) Darrington WA	Troy Lehman 360 391 1153 littleexplorers(at)juno.com or Ed Lehman 425 334 6282 wsmced(at)hotmail.com
August 8 & 9 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-5	14th Annual August Rock and Mineral Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196th ST SW Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collma1(at) comcast.net
September 12 & 13 Sat. 10 - 5 Sun. 10 - 5	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Club.	Vern Burton Center, 308 East 4th Street Port Angeles WA	Nancy Carey 325 E Washington ST #18, Sequim WA 98382 Ncarey333 (at) gmail.com
September 12 & 13 Sat. 10 - 5 Sun. 10 - 5	51st Annual Gem & Mineral Show Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society	Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Community Center Building 831 Orchard St. Walla Walla WA	Jack L Edwards, cell 509-520-1182, email: jcedwards.2019 (at) gmail.com
September 19 & 20 Sat. 10 - 5 Sun. 10 - 4	55th Annual Show Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fairgrounds 120 Fair Lane SW Corner of Highway 411 and Cowlitz River Castle Rock WA	Chuck Sonner Dealer Chair 360 785-3909 Chucksnnr (at) yahoo.com
September 19 & 20 Sat. 10 - 6 Sun. 10 - 4	Cascade Mineralogical Society	Green River College Physical Ed Building, 12401 SE 320th St. Auburn WA	https://www.cascademineralogicalsociety.org/cascade-gem-mineral-show/
October 2, 3 & 4 Fri. 10 - 6 Sat. 10 - 6 Sun. 10 - 5	40th Annual Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Association	Washington County Event Center 873 NE 34th Avenue Hillsboro OR	Linda Harvey lindaharvey2010 (at) gmail.com www.PortlandRegionalGemandMineral.com
October 3 & 4 Sat. 10 - 5 Sun. 10 - 5	48th Annual Rock Show Marysville Rock & Gem Club	Totem Middle School Gymnasium 1605 7th Street NE 7th Street and State Avenue Marysville WA	Brian Murril bmurril (at) aol.com Website: http://www.marysvilleroackclub.com
October 17 & 18 Sat. 10 - 6 Sun. 10 - 5	Annual Rock and Gem Show - "Octoberfest of Gems" Bellevue Rock Club	Pickering Barn 1730 10th Avenue NW Issaquah WA	Bruce Himko PO Box 1851 Bellevue WA 98009 bellevuerockclub (at) comcast.net Website: http://www.bellevuerockclub.org
October 24 & 25 Sat. 9-6 Sun. 10-5	56th Annual Rock & Mineral Show - Rocks A Plenty in 2020 Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4th Ave Canby, OR 97013	Karen McAllister 503 655 2527 gmaktmc(at)aol.com
November 14 & 15 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-5	Annual November Show Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196th ST SW Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collma1(at) comcast.net
December 5 & 6 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club 9th Annual Winter Bazaar	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196th ST SW Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collma1(at) comcast.net