



Letters From Our Committee Officers:



Lora Hall - President

All of the Federations were hit hard by scammers last month and I hear they are at it again. This will be an ongoing battle that will require us to stay on our toes. To protect yourself from internet scammers, always be cautious when sharing personal information online and verify the legitimacy of websites, emails, and messages before clicking on links or providing sensitive data. Use strong, unique passwords for different accounts and enable two-factor authentication whenever possible. Be skeptical of unsolicited offers, prize notifications, or urgent requests for money, especially from unknown sources. Avoid downloading attachments or software from untrusted emails and regularly update your devices and security software to protect against malware. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is—stay vigilant and trust your instincts.

Remember that no one from the NFMS will ever ask for your financial information and Judi Allsion wants me to remind all of you that funds within the federation are sent the old fashion way, on paper via the mail.

Now... speaking of financial responsibility, we are again in search of a Treasurer. This is such a key position that I would like everyone to put on their thinking caps and come up with someone who might fill this void.

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Maybe someone in your club who is good with numbers, spread sheets, or maybe an accountant or bookkeeper? If you, or someone you know might be interested, please contact me or Judi Allison. We have plenty of ideas on how to ease someone into the position.

Lora Hall
NFMS President

**Michael Rhodes - 1st Vice President**

Greetings from Hickory, North Carolina. As I write my message for this month, I am here to represent the NFMS at the AFMS annual meeting. This will be an opportunity to meet with officers from the AFMS and those from

the 7 regional federations. An opportunity to learn from them and share the needs of each federation.

While each regional federation has different needs, we also share many similarities. In a similar manner the many clubs within the NFMS have different needs, but also share many needs and experiences. Your Executive Committee and the rest of the committee heads within are here to help each of you. If your clubs have issues, contact us, we will do our best to help.

In my first newsletter article, I closed with this offer "If you have concerns that you would like to address to the federation feel free to email our president or either vice president with your concerns. Our email addresses are listed in the bulletin. Mine is: mrmbrhodes0@gmail.com. I hope that we can show both transparency and responsibility in our communications with you." That offer still stands.

I hope to see many of you at the NFMS Mid Year meeting at the Lakeside Show the end of April, and I hope that you are planning to attend the Annual Meeting in September at the Walla Walla show.

In the meantime, enjoy your own club shows, enjoy going out into nature and searching for gems and minerals, and as always, stay hydrated, be safe, and ROCK ON!!!

**Gary Warren - 2nd Vice President**

We are finally into the rock hunting months and as we start to go outdoors, remember to stay safe out there. Be sure and have

water and the right type of clothes, and make sure that your vehicle is ready and serviced so that it does not leave you stranded. Check everything so that your day will be a good one. I know that some of you have already been out looking for your treasures. This is also the month when the rock shows get started, so make sure that you go to them and help support the clubs in putting on their shows.

As you journey to your sites, do some investigation of where the site is and what you are looking for. It is really hard to find a site by having someone just tell you to "go down a road for three miles and then just look on the left side and you will find all kinds of minerals." Ya, Right! If possible, use a GPS reading. It will get you close to your area. It is a lot easier to find something if someone is there to help you and show you exactly where it is. As I have been updating and revising the Rockhounding Utah book, I found that there are a lot of sites that people are putting a claim on. Make sure that you watch for claim markers and if you find one, it is better to just stay off the claim and look elsewhere.

Well, I will leave you now and talk with you again next month. Enjoy rockhounding

Gary Warren

**Judi Allison - Secretary (Treasurer Pro Tem)**

Well, my brain is having a bit of a hiccup as I am quickly putting this together so I can finish up all the other odds and ends I need to do tonight before I head to the airport at 4:00 am. I am headed to Hickory, North

Carolina to take part in the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) annual meeting and show. The NFMS sends two individuals each year: the current President and the current 1st Vice President. If one of them is unable to attend, the President can appoint someone to fill in for them. Since our current president, Lora Hall, is continuing to recover from back surgery; and since I was headed that direction anyway (I have family in the Raleigh area), she appointed me to fill in. Our 1st Vice President, Michael Rhodes will also attend.

The AFMS is the umbrella over the seven Federations that exist throughout the States. It is a bit like E6000, holding

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us together. Although they are similar, each of the seven Federations has its own bylaws and operating procedures. Some of the Federations cover several states and wide areas, while others may only serve a few. The American Federation has a Central Office where official business takes place. (Essentially a Post office box manned by a responsible volunteer.) There are also volunteers filling key positions just like in our own Federation. Many of the AFMS volunteers are also very active within their own Federation.

Each of the seven Federations is represented in the Executive Board, as there are 7

presidential positions. Moving from 5th vice president to president elect and on to president. This gives each of the federation's representation in the executive branch, as a member from each of the seven regions serves in one of the capacities. Our own Northwest Federation Ronna Watkins is the current President elect and will take over as president next year. It will then be another seven years before an NFMS individual will be AFMS President. It is quite a process. . .and quite a trick to keep track of the whole thing, but it seems equitable.

Now that you have had your lesson in AFMS structure, I want to let you know that one of the things the AFMS will most likely be voting on is the possibility of publishing an electronic newsletter and doing away with sending hard copies to three folks from each society. In this day and age, it seems to make the most sense, so we will see how it goes.

On a separate note: because the convention fell so early this year, I didn't have an opportunity to "hard sell" tickets for the endowment fund to anyone at our midyear. Consequently, one of two people in the Northwest will win a prize. Wish both of us luck. :-)

Treasurer Report April

I am happy to report that essentially all dues have been collected. We lost two clubs and one folded. I have not yet heard from two other small clubs. With that, we have



5717 Adults and 946 Juniors making up 53 clubs.

PLEASE pay attention to the requests from the Endowment Fund for input about possible projects or ideas that would benefit the Federation. Things can only happen when we pay attention and give input. The Executive Board is here to help you make things happen, but it takes more than just thinking about ideas.

On another note, our new appointee, Faith Farley, has developed some medical issues she has to take care of. This leaves her, sadly, unable to continue with the idea of becoming Treasurer. You have heard my pleas before, so if you were even considering the idea, now is the time to step forward. We also need a second vice president candidate. I know these things are a commitment, but you would be surprised at how rewarding it is. You really get to know the Federation. And the work isn't steady. . . busy times are intermittent. Com'on, raise your hand! And Join the fun!

Come One, Come All

Note that our midyear meeting will be in Kennewick, Washington at the Benton County Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 1:00pm. Directors are strongly encouraged to attend. This is the time to learn about the things coming up and discuss our future so you can take the information back to your clubs and they can consider things. Then everyone will be informed and ready to vote on issues at the annual meeting in September. I will be sending out an agenda with reports from the various committees prior to the meeting, so be looking for the information in your emails.

One more note to remind all: Scams and phishing are constantly on the internet. Our best defense is to be vigilant and learn the tricks that are used so you don't fall into a trap. NEVER send money because of a plea for funds. Nothing is so urgent that it can't be verified with a phone call or text. We will never ask you for money to take care of any bills or payments. Many of you may know this, but if you are using a desktop computer, you can move the cursor over the name of the person who sent the request. You can then see an email address and most likely determine if it is legitimate. Enjoy your electronics safely.

Northwest Federation
West Seattle Rock Club, Inc. 2024 Rockhound of the Year

Annette Nelson joined the West Seattle Rock Club in September of 2014, desiring to become an active member. . .and she did just that. Guiding our members in volunteering, she has been a Junior Activities Leader, and co-Chairman of our Annual Show. The hobby has led to coordinating field trips for our members and “hands-on” activities at club meetings.

Attending the Northwest Federation sponsored workshop at Camp Hancock in Oregon, she has shown her expertise at silver smithing. Her enthusiasm has extended to the Seattle Regional Committee and the Washington Mineral Council. Annette was elected as our club’s Vice President and moved on as our President for the past four years.

Due to Covid, the membership declined in 2021 to 28 adults and 3 juniors. We closed the year of 2024 with 71 adults and 32 juniors! We owe Annette a big round of applause as she is recognized by the West Seattle Rock Club as their 2024 Rockhound of the year.

Submitted by the Executive Board

Reminder From The Editor:

As mentioned in previous newsletters, May will be a dormant month, meaning no newsletter will be published during that time. This makes this edition the final newsletter before the NFMS mid-year meeting on April 26th. All relevant details, including contact information for the meeting hosts, can be found in this issue, in past newsletters, and on the NFMS website.

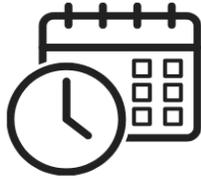
Since there will be no publication in May, there is also no official submission deadline for April. However, I still welcome any articles, announcements, or other contributions at any time between now and May 25th. These will be held for the next issue, which will be published in June.

Thank you for your continued support and contributions. I look forward to sharing more with you in the summer edition!



** Please note a correction to the “Competitive Case Entry Form” on page 10/11, there are **TWO** pages to fill out, not one. Apologies for this mistake, and please make sure you fill out **both** pages before submitting!

AFMS FEDERATION SHOW DATES



Shows in 2025:

- AFMS/EFMLS Hickory, NC**
March 27 - 30
- Midwest Federation Lincoln, NE April 5-6
- Northwest Federation Walla Walla, WA
Sept 5 - 7
- Rocky Mountain Federation Grand Junction,
CO Sept 19-21

Shows in 2026:

- Midwest Federation St. Charles, IL.
May 23-24



**NFMS
Gem & Mineral
SHOW**

The Walla Walla club is hosting the NFMS show this year, which includes special exhibits, programs, expanded dealers, a live auction and a great kids section.

We hope to see you there.

September 6-7 10AM-5PM

**WALLA WALLA FAIRGROUNDS
WALLA WALLA, WA**

NFMS folks who are in Hickory, NC at the AFMS show.

Pictured L to R: June Dorning, Michael Rhodes, Judi Allison, Ronna Watkins



Mid - Year Meeting Information & Directions

2025 NFMS Mid Year Meeting Saturday April 26, 2025

The NFMS will hold a Mid-Year meeting in conjunction with the 28th Annual Show of the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club in Kennewick, WA. The Mid-Year Meeting will be held from 1:00 - 3:00 pm on Saturday April 26 in Building #16 at the Benton County Fairgrounds, 1500 S. Oak Street. The Lakeside Show is being held in the adjacent Building #2, a short walk from Building #16.

Registration will start at **12:30 PM**. There will be a food vendor available for lunch and dinner that day in conjunction with the ongoing Show. Hours for the Show on Saturday are from 10 AM to 5 PM and on Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM.

RV camping is available at the Fairgrounds with electricity and water available for \$10/night. If you plan to use these facilities please send an email to Larry Hulstrom at rockhound132@charter.net prior to April 12 indicating date of arrival and duration of stay so an accurate count can be kept and space can be planned. Payment will be collected upon arrival at the Fairgrounds. There are a number of motels throughout the immediate area in Kennewick. Information about a few of these has been provided below.

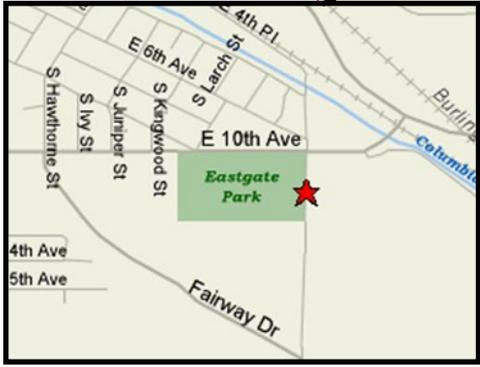
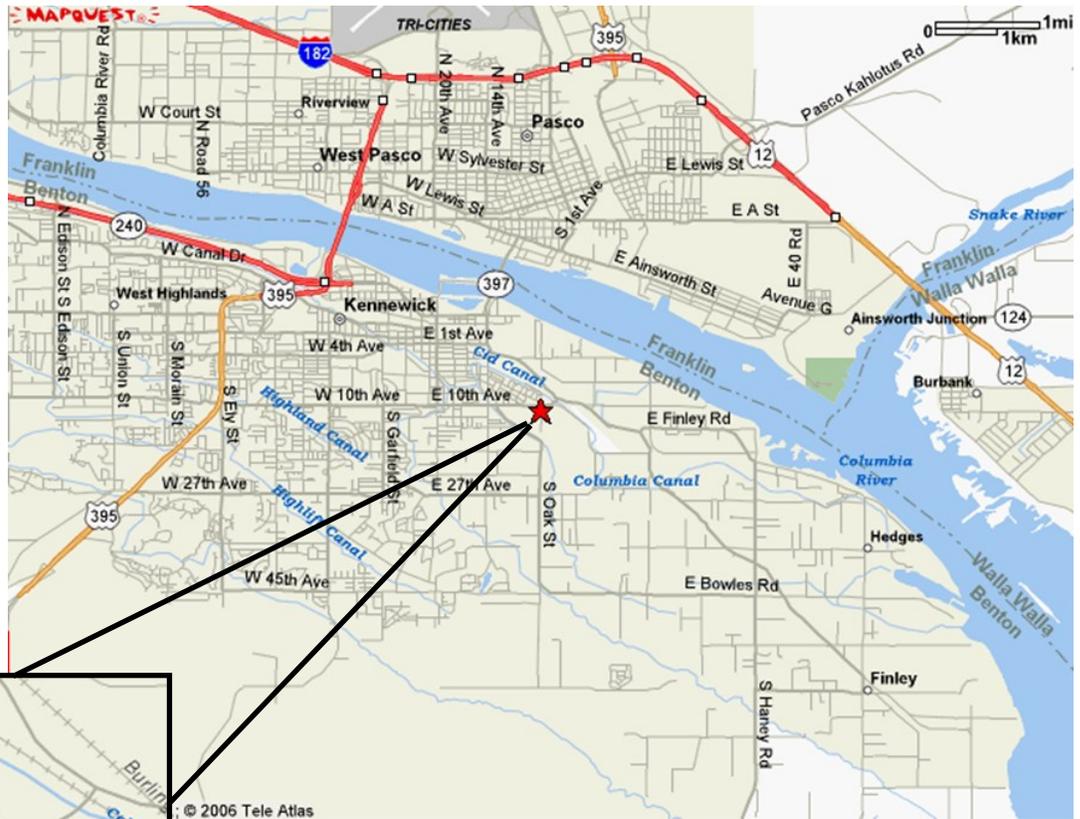
The members of the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club would like extend a warm invitation to join us for the NFMS Mid Year meeting and encourage you to stay over to attend our annual show. In addition to 19 dealers, we will have about 40 displays, a fluorescent mineral display, a silent auction, a Kid's Corner, demonstrations, and door prizes. On Sunday morning from 8 AM to noon there will also be tailgating across from the show building for anyone interested. Come join your fellow rockhounds for a weekend of fun and fellowship and take in the sites that the area has to offer.

Directions to the Mid Year Meeting in Kennewick, Washington at the Benton County Fairgrounds on April 26, 2025

Coming into the Tri-Cities area from the south on Highway 395 turn right (east) onto 10th Ave (the third stop light coming into town). Follow this about 3 miles. The fairgrounds will be visible on the right side just past and behind a park. Once at the Fairgrounds gate you will see the Show building to the right in Building #2. RV camping will be available near that building or in an adjacent area. Walk over to the show to obtain more specific directions for parking. Ask for the RV Camping Coordinator. The Mid Year Meeting will be held in Building #16 which is across the way from Building #2.

From anywhere else coming into Kennewick it would be best to find your way to Highway 395 and take the turn east onto 10th Avenue and then follow it down to the Fairgrounds.

*** Please see the provided maps on the following page. You may select the specific pages and print them out for easy use!**



Accommodation information for the Mid-Year Meeting

The following motels are available within 5 miles of the Benton County Fairgrounds. Visit the Tri-cities webpage at <http://www.visittri-cities.com>, or call the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau at 509-735-8486 or 800-254-5824 for more information.

Best Western Plus Kennewick

4001 W. 27th Ave
Kennewick, WA 99337
509-586-1332 or 1-800-528-1234

Baymont Inn & Suites

4220 W. 27th Pl
Kennewick, WA 99337
509-736-3326

LaQuinta Inn & Suites

2600 S. Quillan Pl
Kennewick, WA 99337
509-736-3656

Hampton Inn Kennewick at Southridge

3715 Plaza Way
Kennewick, WA 99338
509-820-3023

Comfort Suites

3703 Plaza Way
Kennewick, WA 99338
509-579-0897

Motel 6/ Studio 6

2811 W. 2nd Ave.
Kennewick, WA 99337
509-735-9511

Kennewick Suites

321 N. Johnson
Kennewick, WA 99337
509-735-6385

Mid-Year Meeting Update:

Due to construction initiated by the Benton County Fairgrounds, access to the fairgrounds for the Mid-Year meeting is a bit different this year than for past meetings. From the main parking lot, reader boards will direct attendees to the access points, and additional signage will be placed on the grounds to direct meeting attendees to Building #16 where the meeting is to be held on Saturday afternoon.

Additional Information for the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society's NFMS Rock Show

Vendors, We are excited to announce that the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society in Walla Walla, WA, will be hosting this year's NFMS Rock Show. We are planning on expanding our vendor opportunities by offering outdoor spaces for vendors to showcase their products. If you are interested in one of these outdoor vendor spaces, please don't hesitate to reach out for information. We would love to have you join us! For inquiries and to get on our vendor mailing list, please contact:

Dennis English Vendor Chairman

Email: dennisenglish@gmail.com Phone: 206-890-3903



Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society
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Walla Walla, Washington

87th Anniversary Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show & Convention 2025

Walla Walla, Washington September 5-7, 2025
Hosted by the Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society

We are excited to combine our Annual Gem Show with the NFMS Convention and welcoming all to Walla Walla. As we look forward to September, we must let you know that this is, quite possibly, the busiest week of the year. In addition to the Gem Show and Conference, there is an Annual Car Show, Aviation Show, and Fall Release for wine lovers. With that being said, we highly recommend getting a head start on booking your stay with us.

Here are various links to lodging options within the valley:

- Bed & Breakfast Lodging: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/bed-and-breakfast/>
- Hotels & Motels: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/hotels-motels/>
- RV/Campgrounds: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/camping-campgrounds/>
Walla Walla Fairgrounds: <https://www.wallawallafairgrounds.com/p/plan-your-event/grounds-camping>
- Vacation Rentals: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/vacation-rentals/>

Stay tuned for the full conference program coming soon. We look forward to having you in Walla Walla.



NFMS Competitive Exhibit Entry Form
Deadline: August 1, 2025
Hosted by Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society
Walla Walla Fairgrounds, Walla Walla, WA
September 6 and 7, with September 5 setup



Exhibit Set Up Rules:

All competitive exhibits must comply with the AFMS/NFMS rules updated in January 2024. For a complete rule book or update go to: www.amfed.org.

Exhibit setup: Friday September 5, 12pm -8pm

- ◆ All entries must be ready for judging by Saturday, September 6 at 8am
- ◆ Exhibits may NOT be removed before Sunday September 7 at 5 pm.
- ◆ Cases will be assigned space on display tables approximately forty inches high.
- ◆ Display cases will not be allowed to be opened during the show without a Committee member of the NFMS Rules Committee present.
- ◆ Exhibitors will receive a free 2-day pass.

Entry forms: One per case

Please complete all information on the entry form and mail or e-mail to Larry Hulstrom 5409 West 26th Ave. Kennewick, WA 99338, email: rockhound132@charter.net

Liability:

It is mutually agreed that the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society shall not be liable to any Exhibitor in whole or in part. This includes the property of the exhibitor or injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submitting this signed application constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

Exhibitor Signature: _____

Print name: _____

NFMS Competitive Exhibit Entry Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

SOCIETY (Junior Society): _____

EXHIBITOR GROUP: (check one)

MASTER _____ ADVANCED _____ NOVICE _____ JUNIOR _____

EXHIBIT DIVISION: _____ EXHIBIT CLASS: _____

If JUNIOR, give birth date: _____

Are you bringing your own case? _____ (yes or no) Size: Width _____ Height _____ Depth _____

Do you need to borrow a case? _____ (Y/N) **Cases will be available on a limited basis.

Basic size: 4 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft. Liners or risers may or may not be available.

Certification for Competitive Exhibitors

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

Exhibitors Signature _____

Print name: _____

Exhibitor's Society: _____

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

Signature: _____

If sent via email, we need the officer's email: _____

Title _____ Date: _____



NFMS Non-Competitive Exhibit Entry Form
Deadline: August 1, 2025
Hosted by Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society
Walla Walla Fairgrounds, Walla Walla, WA
September 6 and 7, with September 5 setup



Exhibit setup: Friday September 5, 12pm -8pm

- ◆ Exhibits may NOT be removed before Sunday September 7 at 5 pm.
- ◆ Cases will be assigned space on display tables approximately forty inches high.
- ◆ Display cases will not be allowed to be opened during the show without a show Committee member present.
- ◆ Exhibitors will receive a free 2-day pass.

Entry forms: One per case

Please complete all information on the entry form and mail or e-mail to Warren Rood, 243 E Birch St., Walla Walla, WA 99362 or warrenrood@yahoo.com

Liability:

It is mutually agreed that the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society shall not be liable to any Exhibitor in whole or in part. This includes the property of the exhibitor or injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submitting this signed application constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

Print name: _____

Exhibitor Signature: _____

Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Exhibit Description: _____

Are you bringing your own case? _____ Size: Width _____ Height _____ Depth _____

Do you have your own liner? _____

Junior exhibit: (Y/N) _____



<p>April 11th - 13th 2025</p> <p>Fri 9 - 6</p> <p>Sat 10 - 6</p> <p>Sun 10 - 4</p>	<p>Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society</p>	<p>Golden Spike Event Center</p> <p>Weber County Fairgrounds</p> <p>1000 N. 1200 W.</p> <p>Ogden, UT 84401</p>	<p>Margie Miller</p> <p>(385) 205-9187</p> <p>goldenspikegem.org</p> <p>FB: Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society</p>
<p>April 19th & 20th</p> <p>Sat 10 - 6</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>Idaho Gem & Mineral Society</p>	<p>Bonneville County Fairgrounds</p> <p>1542 E. 73rd South</p> <p>Idaho Falls, ID 83404</p>	<p>Tom Strong</p> <p>wildlandlapidary@gmail.com</p> <p>www.ifrockhounds.com</p>
<p>April 25th - 27th</p> <p>Fri 10 - 4</p> <p>Sat 10 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 4</p>	<p>Yakima Rock and Mineral Club</p>	<p>Modern Living Building @ Central WA. State Fairgrounds</p> <p>1301 South Fair Ave.</p> <p>Yakima, WA 98901</p>	<p>Marti Sondgeroth</p> <p>marthams@g.com</p> <p>509-910-3484</p>
<p>April 26th & 27th</p> <p>Sat 10 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>West Seattle Rock Club</p>	<p>Alki Masonic Hall (W. Seattle)</p> <p>4736 40th Ave. SW</p> <p>Seattle, WA 98116</p>	<p>Annette Nelson</p> <p>show@westseattlerockclub.org</p> <p>westseattlerockclub.org</p>
<p>April 26th & 27th</p> <p>Sat 10 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 4</p>	<p>Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Show</p>	<p>Benton County Fairgrounds</p> <p>1500 S. Oak St.</p> <p>Kennewick, WA 99336</p>	<p>Larry Hulstrom</p> <p>rockhound132@charter.net</p> <p>lakesidegemandmineralclub.com</p>
<p>May 2nd - 4th</p> <p>Fri 10 - 5</p> <p>Sat 9 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 3</p>	<p>Mt. Hood Rock Club</p>	<p>Kliever Memorial Armory</p> <p>10000 NE 33rd Drive</p> <p>Portland, OR 97211</p>	<p>Roberta Hanson</p> <p>mhrcdc@gmail.com</p> <p>503-449-3543</p> <p>mthoodrockclub.com</p>



May 3rd & 4th 2025 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Everett Rock & Gem Club 70th Annual Show	Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Weikel Event Center 18359 Cascade View Drive Monroe, WA 98292	everettrockclub@hotmail.com
May 3rd & 4th Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4 Dealer/Demo Contact:	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds 2110 Frear Ave. Roseburg, OR 97470 Jason Jakubos 541-580-7584	Jay Thomas jrthoms2@gmail.com 503-400-2090 rockandwool@gmail.com
May 10th & 11th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Hatrockhound Gem & Mineral Society	Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center 1705 East Airport Rd. Hermiston, OR 97838	Mike Filarski stonemorlin1@netscape.net Hatrockhounds.org
May 10th & 11th Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Bozeman Mineral and Gem Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds 901 North Black, Bldg. 1 Bozeman, MT 59715	Linda Johnson bozemangemandmineralclub.com bgmcmnt@gmail.com
May 17th & 18th Sat 9-5 Sun 10 - 4	Butte Mineral and Gem Club	Butte Civic Center - Main Arena 1340 Harrison Ave. Butte, MT 59701	Jerry D'Arcy 406-491-2054 jkdudding@gmail.com
May 31st & June 1st Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	North Idaho Mineral Club's 64th Annual Show	Kootenai County Fairgrounds Jacklin Building #25 4056 N. Government Way Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815	Mike McConnell nimcshowchairman@gmail.com



<p>June 13th - 15th</p> <p>Fri 10 - 5</p> <p>Sat 9 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 4</p>	<p>Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary Society</p>	<p>Reedsport Community Center</p> <p>451 Winchester Avenue</p> <p>Reedsport, OR 97467</p>	<p>Bambi Darling</p> <p>reedsportrockshow@gmail.com</p> <p>541-420-8014</p>
<p>June 21st & 22nd</p> <p>Sat 10 - 6</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society</p>	<p>Ravalli County Fairgrounds Event Center</p> <p>100 Old Corvallis Rd.</p> <p>Hamilton, MT 59840</p>	<p>Amber Tyree</p> <p>amber406142@gmail.com</p> <p>bitterrootgemandmineral.org</p>
<p>July 25th - 27th</p> <p>Fri 9-6</p> <p>Sat 9-6</p> <p>Sun 9-5</p>	<p>Washington Agate and Mineral Society</p>	<p>Tenino City Park</p> <p>300 Park Ave. W</p> <p>Tenino, WA 98589</p>	<p>Doug Shank</p> <p>wamsolympia@gmail.com</p>
<p>Sept 6th & 7th</p> <p>Sat 10 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 4</p>	<p>Southern WA Mineralogical Society</p>	<p>Longview Fairgrounds - Cowlitz County Event Center</p> <p>1900 7th Ave.</p> <p>Longview, WA 98632</p>	<p>Greg Larson - (503) 421-3877</p> <p>Vicki Johnson - (360) 751-8031</p> <p>vickijrocks@msn.com</p>
<p>Oct 4th & 5th</p> <p>Sat 10 - 5</p> <p>Sun 10 - 5</p>	<p>Marysville Rock and Gem Club</p>	<p>Evergreen State Fairgrounds</p> <p>14405 179th Ave. SE Bldg. #500</p> <p>Monroe, WA 98270</p>	<p>Brian Murril</p> <p>425-346-9313</p> <p>bmurril@aol.com</p>

Rock Of The Month: Chrysocolla

Chrysocolla, a vibrant copper-bearing mineral, is highly sought after by collectors for its striking blue and green hues. Often found in botryoidal, massive, or fibrous forms rather than distinct crystals, chrysocolla is commonly associated with other copper minerals such as malachite, azurite, and turquoise. Major sources of high-quality specimens include copper mines in Arizona, Peru, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Collectors prize chrysocolla for its rich coloration and unique formations, particularly when it occurs in polished nodules or as an inclusion within quartz, creating the stunning "gem silica" variety.

Historically, chrysocolla has been recognized for its use in pigments and decorative carvings. Ancient civilizations, including the Egyptians and Greeks, ground it into powders for use in art and cosmetics. Despite its softness compared to other minerals, chrysocolla remains popular in lapidary work, often stabilized with quartz or resin to enhance its durability for jewelry. Its formation within copper deposits gives it an interesting geological background, making it an appealing specimen for both mineral enthusiasts and geologists.

For collectors, chrysocolla's variety in form and color offers endless appeal. While some specimens display vibrant sky-blue hues, others blend seamlessly with malachite's deep green or azurite's royal blue, creating striking mineral combinations. Because of its relative softness, proper handling and storage are essential to preserving its beauty. Whether displayed as raw specimens, polished cabochons, or as part of a larger copper mineral collection, chrysocolla remains a favorite for those who appreciate both color and geological diversity.

Jessica Himple
Everett Rock and Gem Club
Editor for NFMS Newsletter

Specimens from my personal collection:

*Send in photos of your own specimens for a chance to have them showcased in the newsletter!



Chrysocolla on Quartz -
Tentadora Mine, Peru



Chrysocolla and Diopside -
Democratic Republic of the
Congo



Chrysocolla incl. Quartz and
Malachite - Democratic Republic
of the Congo

KID'S CORNER

To all the membership of the NFMS,

Included are the accomplishments of some of the kids in the NFMS (badges they have earned). I also am currently getting the Junior Achievement Award applications to the individuals that will be judging them. I am so happy that I was able to read them all. Your kiddos are amazing individuals, and I am blessed by what they have written.

Be looking for some cool announcements in the future! Also, make sure to begin your field trip planning now for the summer. It helps the kiddos to be excited when they have something to look forward to!

Have a great day,
Jennifer Fitch

NFMS Junior's Chair

Joke of the Month

What did the diamond say to its friend,
copper?

Nothing, silly...minerals don't talc

Friendly Reminder Here...

There is a special newsletter just for kids of the AFMS, which includes EVERY kiddo in the NFMS! The best part?

YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE!

This can include articles, field trip guides, pictures you drew, photos of places you have been...the possibilities are endless! Consider sending in something. You get an awesome badge just for doing so, and you get your contribution published. How cool is that?

Details found at

<https://www.juniors.amfed.org/juniors-newsletter>



Future Rockhounds of America

Great job, kiddos! Proud of all your hard work!



Field Trip

Tualatin Valley Gem Club

- Robert P*
- Riley P*
- Alhan M*
- Aleena M*
- Riley M*
- Maddie K*
- Cayson M*
- Everett S*
- Wesley F*
- Levi F*



Lapidary Arts

Tualatin Valley Gem Club

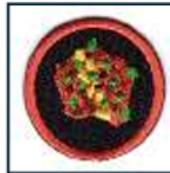
- Robert P*
- Riley P*
- Riley M*
- Issy M*
- Tad S*
- Theo S*



Special Effects

Tualatin Valley Gem Club

- Riley M*
- Maddie K*
- Tad S*
- Theo S*
- Cayson M*
- Levi F*
- Nolan P*



Fluorescent Minerals

Tualatin Valley Gem Club

- Robert P*
- Riley P*
- Alhan M*
- Aleena M*
- Tad S*



Communications

Hellgate Mineral Society

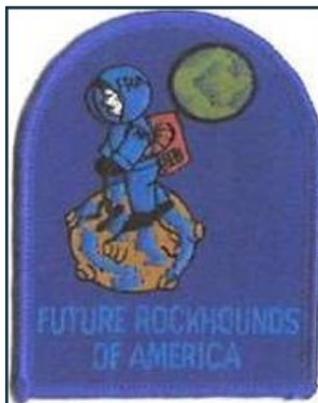
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Rocks and Minerals

Hellgate Mineral Society

- Evelyn C*
- Micky C*



Let's Welcome our new member!

Hellgate Mineral Society
Breya Feist

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ated from the sale of these used (cancelled)
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1. Dues (new and renewal) and
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2. Donations for the general fund
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Achievement
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