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Warren Rood President

I swear on a stack of petrified wood that this, my favorite field trip story is true. It started out with a beautiful April day on top of Saddle Mountain in Eastern Washington. The birds were chirping and the flowers were blooming. Mark and his boys had arrived first and were expanding an existing hole. My boys and I joined in to make a human chain, one guy picking, one shoveling into a bucket and four passing the buckets out of the hole. We would switch places every once in a while to relieve the picker and shoveler.

After a few hours, Keith shows up and decides he is too clean to join our motley crew, so he starts his own hole. We all took a nice lunch break, talking and inspecting the goodies. About mid afternoon Mark and our crew hit this large piece of petrified wood. After working around it for awhile we discovered it was narrow and wide. We slowly kept digging around it and exposing more and more of the rock. We were not sure how far back it went.

After awhile we sat down for a break and told Keith about our rock. He said he had found a pretty big piece of wood also. We went back to digging and before long we started hearing this banging on our piece of wood and we were not making the noise. So, we scratched our heads, and slowly climbed out of our hole and peeked into Keith's hole. Sure enough, he was working on a big rock that was heading towards our hole. So, was this Keith's rock or our rock? Since I was the only one with a 24 inch rock saw, it went into the back of my van, with each person getting a slice. It turned out to have beautiful multi colors of swirly brown and whites, we call it "the two hole rock". It was well worth the effort.

If you are up for a little effort, we have a trip for you. This coming July 3-6 we are having an NFMS field trip to the Grassy Mountain and Hoodoo basin area below Owyhee, Oregon. Plan to travel over on Thursday July 2, if possible and join us for our first trip on Friday. The area is known for beautiful petrified wood. We are currently working on some other sites in the area that might produce other types of wood and perhaps agate. Some of the field trip leaders from the clubs in that area are graciously willing to lead us to some nice areas.

There is a dry camping area called Twin Springs Recreational site below the little town of Owyhee that has potable water, picnic tables, shade and rest rooms. It has room for some campers and tents. Since it is close to many of our collecting sites, we will use that as our base for starting out each morning at 9AM. We will try to split everybody into smaller groups and run 2 or 3 different field trips each day. Owyhee State Park is also nearby, and would be a good place to camp. You could also stay in the nearby towns and drive over to Twin Springs to join the group in the mornings.

This is a dry area that is facing a potentially bad fire season. We will need to be very careful at all times with matches, sparks from rock hammers and exhaust pipes. Some of the back roads will be high clearance vehicles only. I am sure, it will be hot, so come prepared with lots of water and sun protection.

I would like to have one person from each club email me and let me know how many people and cars will be coming from your club and if you will be dry camping at Twin Springs, or staying at another option. We will need these numbers to do final planning. I will reply to your email with a map of the camping areas. We will have a potluck on Saturday night and a rock swap on Sunday night.

Let me know if you plan to come. warrenrood@yahoo.com.

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Memorial Day
May 25th



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12 inches x \$1.50 = \$18 per issue of the Newsletter

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OFFICERS' REPORTS



Hidemi Kira 1st Vice President

Hello to All,

Thank you for voting for me as your next NFMS President at the Annual Meeting in Ogden, UT. It is truly an honor to serve as the president and I will do my best.

My term as the president will not begin until September 1st of this year, but it is time to consider the Committee Chair positions for the coming year. The NFMS is running smoothly and strongly because of the hard work of the Committee Chairs, many volunteers including the great past presidents and many of our NFMS members. I highly appreciate the hard work of the current Committee Chairs and truly wish they will stay in the positions where they are for the coming year.

There are a few position changes and an addition in the Committee Chairs at this point and I would like to announce this in this issue. Hermina Kolski (Club at Large) who is currently in charge of the Stamps will be retiring from this position. She has done a wonderful job over the years as everyone knows and would like to thank her very much for her long time contribution to the NFMS. Fortunately the current Safety Committee Chair, Chuck Sonner (NFMS Past President, Southern Washington Mineralogical Society) is willing to take over this position. Chuck's wife, Tanya Sonner (same club) will be taking over the Safety Committee position.

I am sure you read the April issue of this Newsletter and noticed that there was an Article about the opening for All American Club Award Committee (former Education) written by our President, Warren. This position has been open for a while, but fortunately Sean Heitpas (Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club and current Federation Director of the club) has stepped up to take the position. Thank you very much to the members who are willing to take the responsibilities of these positions.

There may be some other positions where replacements would be needed and I hope that our members will step up. To some of the newer members, NFMS may seem like it is not very close to you. When I first joined my club about 13 years ago, I had the impression that the NFMS was an organization collecting stamps. Just reading the NFMS newsletter did not help much as it seemed like it was something happening in a different world and couldn't connect very well. A few years later when I became the Federation Director of the club and attended the NFMS meeting, I was pretty much shocked how active it was. I started to attend the meetings and shows since then and the best thing was making a whole set of new great friends from other clubs including other NW states and getting lots of information I would not get in my local level. Getting involved in the NFMS is FUN! NFMS meetings are open to all and there are many volunteering opportunities during the shows and etc. I encourage you to make the first little step if you haven't and I can guarantee you will enjoy it and have lots of fun. If your club is a member of the NFMS, YOU are a member of the NFMS.

Now I would like to explain a little bit about the coming NFMS Organizational Meeting on October 9th (Fri) at the Rice NW Museum in Hillsboro, OR. As announced in Ogden, since the Annual Meeting in Ogden was held in April this year, we decided not to have the Mid-Year Meeting at the Lakeside Club in Kennewick, WA, April. That meant there will be a whole year between the Annual meeting and the next Mid-Year meeting. We decided to call a meeting sometime in between to make sure we cover all matters which may occur during the interim. After some discussions concerning the meeting location, the Rice Museum came up as a candidate. The Executive Director of the Rice Museum, Julian Gray kindly offered to us the Museum for the meeting place with no rental fee. And in addition, he mentioned he will not charge the Museum admission for the members who will be attending the meeting.

I am sure you read the April NFMS Newsletter about the Rice Museum being now affiliated with the Smithsonian Institute. As many of you already know, the Rice Museum is one of the best in the nation. Attending the meeting will be an excellent opportunity to visit the Museum. Please plan to attend the meeting and bring up any concerns you have or new ideas good for the NFMS and then enjoy the Museum. The agendas and the details will be coming up in the later issues.

At the same time the 35th Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show will be held from October 9 (Fri) to 11 (Sun) at the Washington County Fair Complex (873 NE 34th Avenue, Hillsboro, OR) very close to the Rice Museum, so please plan to check it out as well. For the newer members, the Portland Regional Show is hosted by Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Association. Several rock clubs in the Portland area that belong to the NFMS are in this association and it is a great show.

Now it is the season for the rock shows and field trips. Be safe and have lots of fun!

NFMS Fieldtrip July 2-5

Vale, Grassy Mountain and Hoo Doo Basin

Save the date for this year's federation field trip in eastern Oregon. This will be in the Vale, Grassy Mountain and Hoo Doo Basin areas. GREAT Petrified wood. The permit process for this area will take some time.

Due to being BLM Land and their restrictions we are limiting this trip to NFMS members only.

Watch for updates and if you would like to help with this one, contact Warren Rood, warrenrood@yahoo.com

NFMS Organizational Meeting Notice

October 9th, 2015

10 am – Noon

Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals

26385 NW Groveland Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124

(Details will be coming up in later NFMS Newsletters)

COMMITTEE REPORTS



All American Club Award Chairperson

We have an opening for an NFMS committee chair for the All American Club Award.

This is a new position from the American Federation of the Mineralogical Society (AFMS) and replaces the education chair. This position is to encourage clubs to assemble a "yearbook" or record of the activities and accomplishments they have done in the past year. Awards are given to clubs. The committee chair writes an article or two for our NFMS paper to encourage the clubs. The clubs send in the book or digital form to the committee chair, which then sends the entries to (AFMS). The AFMS November Newsletter has more details and forms which you can find on their website. Please contact Warren Rood if you can help by filling this opening. Thank you!



Bertrand Lamy

Updates from our Webmaster By Brad Larson

Switching over to the Electronic "Early Bird" Notification of the NFMS Newsletter

In regards to switching over to the "Early Bird Notification" of the NFMS Newsletter. You will need to do the following, so that all involved can process your request, so that there is no delay in you receiving the newsletter.

1. Typically we recommend that you contact your editor/president/or person who is in charge of distributing communications within your club and placing your email with them.
2. Next, have your communications person in your club contact the NFMS Circulation chairperson. Tom Buchard: Roxhund@aol.com, so that he can take your name off of the printed circulation list.
3. Next, I would need a central contact for your club to email the notification of the Newsletter to. In turn, they would forward the email to everyone on their listing.
4. I am doing this for all clubs, so as I don't have thousands of emails to broadcast out each month.
5. For those of you in the NFMS Club at Large, please follow the above steps, but not steps #1, as I will email this out to our NFMS Club at Large members.
6. And this is also good for posting important information that may need to go out to the federation members between the newsletters.

New Facebook Group Page for the NFMS

I have made some changes on the NFMS Website. The changes that were made were, Removal of the NFMS Forum, as we only had 9 members enrolled in this with only 12 articles that were written were from the webmaster. I have replaced the link that had the forum on the website with a link to a new Facebook Public Group page. Called: Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS).

I have added photos from the Federation shows from the past few years.

On this Facebook group, you will be able to promote your local club activities and information related to the lapidary arts here, which includes posting photos of your show or field trips and things like that.

This group page is open to all members of the NFMS and others affiliated with the NFMS.

To join, you will need to be a current member of the NFMS. We will verify your membership with the most current version of the NFMS Directory. Or you can email nfms.webmaster@gmail.com with your Name, the club you are affiliated with and an email to use for adding you to the NFMS Facebook page.

This is a public group. You must allow the admin(s) to verify your membership within the NFMS and your personal page prior to admittance.

There are exceptions to allowing non-NFMS members. Those being members from other AFMS affiliated groups, Federations across the nation or industry related with approval from the admin(s).

The purpose of this group is to help promote and disseminate information about the NFMS and the associated societies, guilds, groups, clubs, and federations.

Most likely in the future, I will be asking for help in help administering the new Facebook group as it grows.

Thank you all for allowing me to be your webmaster, Brad Larson

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COMMITTEE REPORTS



NFMS Secretary's Report By Judi Allison

Hi to all. I just want to point out that the minutes for the NFMS Annual meeting held in Ogden, Utah on April 9th, 2015 have been sent out via email to your club's delegate, director, or other contact. These minutes give an overview of the workings of the Federation and how we all pull together in a great organization. So ask "your person" to share with you. If anyone has not received the information you are

welcome to email me, and I can send you a copy. (They are not a secret document to be held away from the masses, but there as an official record of our Federation coming together.)

Our current President, Warren Rood will be busy serving until September first, but I know personally, our Present-elect, Hidemi Kira is busy laying groundwork for the next year. One of his actions, as written in the minutes, is to have a meeting on October 9th at the Rice Museum in conjunction with the Portland Regional Show. Remember that meetings are open to all members, not just the delegates. They are an additional way to understand the Federation. So come join us, or just ask to read the minutes and be informed.

AFMS Judges Training By Barbara Sky and Donna Moore

The MWF is hosting an AFMS Judges Training session at the Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs Show in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 14-16, 2015. Jay Bowman will be teaching the class which will be held at The Lodge Hotel, then judging will take place at the show on Sunday, August 16.

Anyone who would like to become an accredited judge is welcome to participate in this training class. It has been approved as the AFMS training for this year. Your cost will be for your room, meals and travel. This is open to anyone from any federation, not just the MWF.

The class site motel is The Lodge Hotel, which is actually in Bridgeton, Missouri, but not far from the show site. If you are interested in attending the training class, please contact Barbara Sky, so she will be able to give the hotel an idea of how many rooms we need to reserve. She can also get back to you with the details. You will actually make your own reservations at the motel by using the code "Judges Training". Phone number for the motel is [314-298-0388](tel:314-298-0388).

Jay's class is two days of classroom sessions, which involve going over the AFMS Uniform Rules, which can be downloaded from the AFMS Website www.amfed.org, then a day of practice judging. It is a time commitment, but if your federation is like the MWF, the number of trained judges has dwindled.

Barbara Sky, MWF Uniform Rules Chairman, can be reached by e-mail at bskysky@aol.com, by phone 636-207-8766 or by mail at 25 Roland Ave., Winchester, MO 63021-5259. Or, Donna Moore, MWF Secretary, can be reached at mwfsecretary@gmail.com or by phone 309-231-2116, if you cannot reach Barbara.



2014-2015 NFMS Directories have been mailed to all clubs that did not have someone in attendance or picking up their order at the April Annual Meeting in Ogden. IF your club has not received theirs please contact me. Lyle Vogelpohl, 206.932.3292 or nfmstreasurer@comcast.net.

Welcome to
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**North Idaho Mineral Club
Rock and Gem Show
June 6 & 7**

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10 to 4 on Sunday**

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A BOOK REPORT



**Oregon Coast Agate Club
52nd Annual Gem & Mineral Show
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**Sat. June 6th, 2015 10:00 to 6:00 pm,
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A Book Review by Beth Heesacker

Genesis and Classification of Agates and Jaspers: a New Theory By Marcos Campos-Venuti, 2012

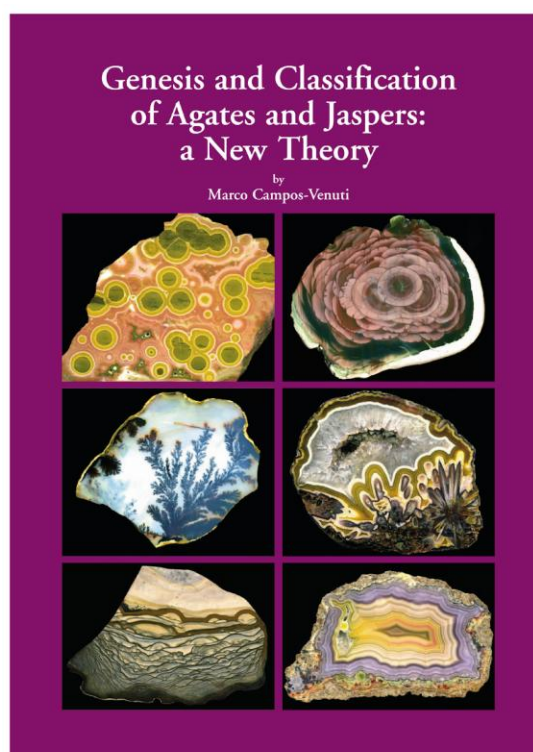
This book is worth the price for the pictures alone, many of which are close-up details of agates and jaspers used to back up the author's formation theory. Marcos looks closely at different kinds of agates and jaspers from around the world (with quite a few from the Pacific NW). He examines the different types of matrix in which they are found including the matrix chemical composition, along with the climate of the areas during the time of the formation of the agate and/or jasper. All of these factors contribute to the type of formation and its composition.

The author, a volcanologist, traces the formation of different types of jaspers - oceanic, volcanic, fossil pseudomorphs and chemical types. He touches on jasp-agates and then covers agates starting with the laying down of the first layer through banding, mosses and plumes and the coloring of the layers.

An interesting part of the author's theory for me was that many brecciated jaspers are not caused by tectonic forces but just by the loss of water out of the agate/jasper gel which causes shrinkage leading to breakage.

The language can edge on the technical but with patience it can be followed. The text could have used a proof-reader to catch grammatical errors due to English not being the first language of the author. The errors do not detract much from a very good and informative book.

I highly recommend this book if you want to investigate how these beautiful wonders of nature might have been formed. The book can be obtained from Diamond Pacific, don@diamondpacifictool.com.



NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT



NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT 2015

By Lamar Tilgner

'Tis the time of year that we have all been waiting for. The 12th annual Northwest Rockhound Retreat is just around the corner and most of us can hardly wait for it to happen. We will be continuing with our 8 Regular Workshops this year, Lapidary, Silversmithing, Casting, Intarsia, Faceting, Wire-wrapping, Beading, and Doublets & Triplets.

This year we will be having a preview of things to come in an evening program on Chain Mailing. It will be put on by Chris Sorenson. We are still looking to get Knapping in but will continue to try to get schedules together so it can happen.

We are continuing with our great group of instructors so you can count on getting the type of instructions that will expand your pleasure. Thirty people are registered so if you want in do not wait too long. Registration is a first come, first served situation based upon the post mark date on your registration.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Retreat on Labor Day Week



See full details and registration form in the April NFMS Newsletter.



From the Editor's Rockpile

By Beth Heesacker

I have been made aware of a situation that I think needs addressed. I do not know how many of the members of the NFMS who receive the paper edition of the NFMS Newsletter are reading it. I do not know how many members receiving the digital edition are clicking on the link sent to them and are reading it. I have hopes that the numbers approach 100%. One of our members has expressed concern that the numbers who actually follow through are much lower.

It is vital to our organization and to the hobby of rockhounding that the information contained in these newsletters is passed on to the membership. One way for this to happen is for the NFMS Directors to actively make reports on the contents of the Newsletter to their members at their club meetings. It is not necessary to read the Newsletter to the members but search through the contents and bring announcements of upcoming events, point out items of interest especially from the President's and Vice President's messages, remind the club members of the list of member's shows on the last page and to save their postage stamps for the NFMS.

There probably is no reason to say "No report" at your club meeting. There is always something of interest that needs to be brought to the membership (the exception might be if your club has 2 meetings a month since we only have one edition each month). As a Director this report to your club is part of your responsibility.

My thanks and the thanks of the NFMS to those Directors who have been following through and passing on complete and informative reports and also to those Directors that read this message, take it to heart and give full and interesting reports to their club.

Rockhounds of the Year

By Bev Bockman

CLACKAMETTE MINERAL AND GEM is happy to have Terry and David Hanna as our Rockhounds of the Year. Their first thundereggs were used for trunk weight in the snow. Since joining the club in 2008 they have been active in many positions. They are a beautiful "vug" of knowledge, and continually help with all the facets of CMGC.

Submitted by Sean Hietpas, CMGC Federation Director

Silent Auction Report – Ogden, Utah

By Patty Amos



We would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Silent Auction a success. Without your help we would not have had a record auction. There were many clubs that gave rock, so many that it is hard to list all of you so am thanking you all this way. I hope next year your clubs will also be willing to help with giving rock to make the 2016 show a success. Thank you to everyone again. Dick Parks and Patty Amos



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May 16 & 17 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society	Ravalli County Fairgnds. 100 Old Corvallis Road Hamilton MT	Steve Vieth 406 381 7597 viethsteve88@gmail.com
June 5 - 7 Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club	Swiss Park 9205 198th Avenue East Bonney Lake WA 98390	Nancy LeMay bees2knees@att.net 253 952 6216, PVGMC % Club Show, PO Box 134 Puyallup WA 98371 info@puyallupgemclub.org
June 6 & 7 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	North Idaho Mineral Club	Kootenai County Frgrnds., 4056 North Government Way, Coeur d'Alene ID	Bev Bockman 208 773 5384 bockbb@aol.com
June 6 & 7 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4:30	Oregon Coast Agate Club	**Back at the Armory this year**, National Guard Armory, 541 SW Coast Hwy. Hwy 101, Newport OR	K. Myers 541 264 5908 George 541 991 0311, PO Box 293 Newport OR 97365
June 13 & 14 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Butte Mineral and Gem Club	Butte Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Avenue Butte MT	Joe Slouber 406 494 3034 PO Box 4492 Butte MT 59702
July 17- 19 Fri & Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society	Reedsport Community Building, 415 Winchester Avenue, Reedsport OR	Bill Hendrickson 541 271 6816 69833 Stage Road, North Bend OR 97459
July 24, 25, & 26 Fri & Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 9 – 5	Washington Agate and Mineral Society	Parkside Elementary School, 301 Central Ave E, Tenino WA 98589	Daniel De Boer keylock1@live.com PO Box 2553 Olympia WA 98507 https://wamsolympia.wordpress.com
July 31 & Aug. 1-2 Fri & Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Far West Lapidary & Gem Society	North Bend Community Center, 2222 Broadway North Bend OR	Don Innes 541 396 5722 doninnes.innes20@gmail.com
August 8 & 9 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood R&G Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Bev Ryder 425 338 4184 FAMRYD@aol.com
September 12 & 13 Sat - 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society	Walla Walla Frgnds., Com. Cntr. Bldg., 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla WA	Jack Edwards 509 529 3673 jcedwards1475@yahoo.com
September 12 & 13 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 – 4	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association	Vern Burton Community Center, 308 East 4 th Street Port Angeles WA	Jennie Bourassa 360 681 0372 or Kathy Schriner 360 681 3811 PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382
September 19 & 20 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Southern WA Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fairgrounds 120 Fair Lane, Castle Rock WA	Diann Thurston 503 728 4274 spuds@clatskanie.com
October 9, 10, & 11 Fri – 10 – 6 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Association	Washington County Fair Complex 873 NE 34 th Avenue Hillsboro OR 97124	L. Smith Portlandregional.DealerChair@gmail.com Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Association PO Box 5401 Portland OR 97228
October 10 & 11 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Totem Middle School Café., 7 th Street and State Ave., Marysville WA	Brian Murril 425 346 9313 bmurril@aol.com
October 17 & 18 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fair Building, 1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston ID	Dan Cease 509 254 1720 rockmangem@q.com Website: www.hellscanyongemclub.com
October 17 & 18 Sat – 10 – 5 Sun – 10 – 4	Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society	Hermiston Conference Center, Highway 395 South, Hermiston OR	Mike Filarski, 541 571 2593 stonemorlin1@netscape.net
October 24 & 25 Sat – 9 - 6 Sun – 10 - 5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 Ne. 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013	Beth Heesacker, heesacker@coho.net , 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116
October 24 - 25 Sat – 10 – 6 Sun – 10 – 5	Bellevue Rock Club	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish Blvd SE, Bellevue WA	Bruce Himko bellevuerockclub@comcast.net PO Box 1851 Bellevue WA 98009
November 7 & 8 Sat – 9 – 5 Sun – 10 – 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood R&G Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Don Wilcox 206 226 1868 tundrafox@earthlink.net
December 5 & 6 Sat – 9 – 6 Sun – 10 - 5	Winter Bazaar Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood R&G Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mike Collins 206 714 6861

