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## Don Innes President

I hope you are all looking forward to an early spring. This has been a cruel winter. We do need some warmth so we can clean our rockhound tools and get to rocking. Think of safety as you clean and sharpen tools.

It would be interesting to know who was instrumental in getting you involved in the hobby. Are you enthusiastic enough to involve others? Are you involved enough to

teach others as you were taught?

In preparing for this report I remember the founder of the company I worked for years ago. We were at a convention and he was giving a talk and due to circumstances beyond his control he had to give the speech after 10 PM. We were sure it would be very boring, since it was so late. Boy was I surprised. His speech was "History isn't worth a Nickel." If we would flip a coin with past on one side and future on the other it would appear to be of equal net value. By avoiding the mistakes of the past we can plan a future without these mistakes. It would be like losing our memory, and not knowing the past, would be hard to plan the future. Every day would be new, vacant of all the knowledge we have to plan the future.



**NFMS Annual Meeting**  
**August 15, 2014**  
**4 pm**  
**Hermiston Conference Center,**  
**Hermiston, Oregon**

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### Warren Rood 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

I enjoy NFMS shows and mid-year meetings for several reasons. The first is the people I meet. I decided a long time ago I am a people person. I

get energy talking to people, especially when that person is excited about something. At our Mid-year meeting in Kennewick this last April, I had some very short but exciting conversations with people.

While I was looking at some slabs at a dealer's booth, Ronna Watkins our Bulletin Aids chair came up and we started talking. She was telling me about the energy and rapid growth they are having in the Juniors program at their club. They are growing so fast they are needing to find a bigger place to meet. The overall riding philosophy seemed to be to make it fun for the Juniors. I am hoping Ronna will write about her clubs experience in this Newsletter. It is a very exciting thing that is happening in her club and needs to be shared.

I also had a conversation with somebody who was wanting to donate some funds to the NFMS and was wanting to know the best area to put it. Very exciting.

During our mid-year meeting of officers and delegates one of the ideas we talked about was getting more and more people to switch over to an emailed PDF of our NFMS Newsletter. This costs nothing compared to the tremendous cost of printing and mailing the NFMS Newsletter. A committee was appointed to look into this further. During this discussion we heard several stories of clubs that have already switched over to email newsletters or are partially switched over. This was exciting to hear because of the tremendous savings in printing and mailing.

It was nice to talk with Lamar Tilgar, the director of the NFMS retreat who informed us that the lapidary retreat in September was already full in April. The number of people attending each year is growing. Very exciting news.

I even had a conversation with the editor of this paper and who said she absolutely loves her job as editor. Very exciting.

A lot of positive things are happening in our clubs and federation because of the great people like you. My philosophy is simple, people that like nature are good natured people.

I am already looking forward to meeting many more of you at the Annual NFMS show in Hermiston, Oregon in August. See you there.



### Hidemi Kira 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Hello to All,

I am not sure if other clubs in the NFMS are having the same problem, but I noticed that some clubs including ours, it is getting harder each

year to fill in the space for the display cases set up at the club shows.

In this issue, I would like to share some thoughts about the display cases. I believe the display cases are the heart of the show and the most important part of the club show. It is the result of what you have been doing in the club and a perfect opportunity to show what you have done through the club activities. When going to shows, the first thing I do is to enjoy all the displays.

When I joined the club around 12 years ago, I thought setting up a display case is something I would never be able to do. But, about a year after I joined, I happened to have an opportunity to inherit a case from an old member who no longer was able to display. The condition of giving it away "free" was to set it up on the coming show.

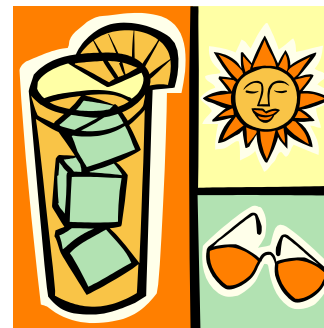
I was almost to decline the offer due to the pressure of setting up a case, but on the other hand, thought I shouldn't miss this opportunity. This is how I got into setting up cases and now feel glad I inherited the case. After a short period of struggling, me and my wife learned from other displays and had instructions from some experienced members to do it better. Now it is getting more fun setting up. We decide the theme for the next case and then we start collecting the material which we want to be displayed in the case. In the past, we were collecting material more randomly, but now more focused on collecting following the theme.

We have been setting up at our shows since we got the case and after few years we started to set up in few other club shows in the neighborhood and occasionally at the NFMS shows. Especially when setting up at other club shows, we found it is a very good opportunity to make many friends and to keep good relations with the other clubs. The more friends we have, the more we can learn and it is very good. And as a result of making more friends, we are having more other club members to set up their cases in our show.

There are many good things of setting up a case, so I strongly recommend starting thinking of setting up cases if you haven't. And if you want to go further, there are some shows as the NFMS Show, which has Competitive Cases that will be judged. This will give you the opportunity to really improve your skills. They have wide range of categories, so that almost all rock related activities will be covered. In the past, I have participated in a competition called "Society Case" with my wife, which over 5 people sets one case together. We participated in the Cabochon division with several other members and learned so much from the process. If you want to try out a competition, the Society Case may be a good start.

To promote setting up cases, our club is talking about forming small classes of cabochons, beads and etc and set up a group case of the each class. I know some clubs are displaying their group work in the cases and we are trying to see if we can do something similar. Once they get involved, I am sure they will be thinking of putting in their own case. And we are thinking of the possibility of building cases for loaners. I know some clubs which built many loaner cases and also know a club which made a lot of loaners and filling in with only members without help of other clubs. This is pretty amazing and I hope we can get somewhat close to this club.

Now it is getting pretty warm here in Oregon and the real rockhounding season is coming soon. And some bigger shows will be coming soon, so I hope you all can get some nice pretty rocks you want to put in your case!



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### The Dynamic Duo will now rest in peace....

By Shirley Leeson, Historian for AFMS and NFMS



GLENN LEE, surviving member of the dynamic Duo of Dorothy and Glenn Lee passed away in April, 2014, at age 99. Notified by his daughter Peggy, of the sad news, all rockhounds from throughout the US mourn the passing of one of the most influential families in the rockhound community.

Their odyssey began with their marriage in 1943 in Chicago, IL. Moving to McCord, Washington, on to Butte, MT and finally their home for the rest of their lives in Pendleton, Oregon. There they had three girls, Dinah, Linda and Peggy. Dorothy and Glenn were charter members till their deaths in the Oregon Trail Gem and Mineral Society. They were involved immediately in all aspects of the rockhounding community. Dorothy was President of the Northwest Federation in 1964. Glenn followed in 1973-74 and Dorothy became the third woman president of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies in 1974.

You found them at all the Northwest Federation annual meetings offering their perspective and support in all manners of our hobby. They exhibited competitively, cut and polished the rocks they collected all over the country, shared their

knowledge with local school children as well as those of us who wandered into their sphere of influence. They were in the forefront of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation inception and Glenn was president of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation from 1971 – 1983, during which the Foundation grew by leaps and bounds. Dorothy and Glenn were Honorees in the NFMS in 1985 and drew great pride in selecting two students for AFMS Scholarship at the University of Washington. At the time the Award was \$1,500 for two years for each student.

Dorothy and Glenn also attended almost all of the American Federation annual meetings and were among those instrumental in establishing the AFMS Endowment Fund. You could find them for many years along with Charley and Betty Leach hawking their donations to get the funds we now have for the AFMS Endowment Fund.

Both Dorothy and Glenn supported the newly established American Lands Access Assn. founded in 1992, and Glenn was a member when he passed away. We will miss their combined support of this important arm of the AFMS.

They supported the AFMS Scholarship Foundation by helping establish the 'Stone Auction' at the NFMS and later it was added to the AFMS banquets as a continued fundraiser. When Dorothy passed away in June 2010 Glenn decided to give all the stones that they had purchased through the 'stone auctions' over the years to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation to be 'recycled'. The stones are currently being sold again in their honor.

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### Safety Report By Chuck Sonner, Safety Chair

#### The Eyes Have It

Let's talk safety glasses. Those of us that wear reading glasses, they are NOT a substitute for safety glasses. You can have the prescription upgraded to the safety option if needed. Working with a rock hammer for any reason requires safety glasses.

Just how good are safety glasses? I was in charge of the safety classes on my last job. We tried a little experiment. A pair of glasses was attached to a pallet of cardboard. Using a nail gun (don't ask what we did to the gun) was used to shoot nails at the glasses two to five feet away. After ten attempts, not one nail penetrated the glasses. [All appropriate safety precautions were use in the experiment]

Now about the eyes: You are wearing your safety glasses while working with your cabochons. The mister is applying water from your tray under the wheels. Is this a problem? Let's talk about the eyes. The membranes around the eyes can and will absorb the mist and what the mist contains.

Let me give you two examples. The first comes from a member of the Mt Hood club from Oregon. He worked at a paper mill. When employee got something in their eye, a green solution was applied to the cornea. This would expose a scratch. A side result was dying the mucus discharge green. The second example comes from my wife's cousin. She is a doctor. I asked if the eyes could absorb mineral rich mist. She told me a story about a patient who had an allergic reaction to long lasting eye drops. The solution contains MSG. The patient was allergic to MSG and had a reaction.

Not only can you injury your eyes with flying objects, what is in the mist can also cause injury.

### Land Use Report By Andy Johnson

#### Montana Supreme Court Opinion in PLWA vs. Madison County A Grass Roots Success



On January 16, 2014 the Montana Supreme Court overturned a lower court decision and assured public access to the Ruby River from bridges on land owned by Atlanta media mogul James Cox Kennedy. The decision sets a precedent that validates all Montana stream and bridge access laws. The Court affirmed a previous decision that two of the county road bridges - Duncan Road and Lewis Lane - have a 60-foot wide public easement intersecting the high water mark of the river. This is the decision that led to the Montana Bridge Access law.

What's new is that the court essentially threw out the District Court ruling on the third bridge - a bridge on the Seyler lane road . The lower court had mistakenly ruled there was no recreational access on the bridge because it was on a road created by prescription or regular public use and recreational use was not a basis for creation of the prescriptive right-of-way. On Seyler Lane, the case was sent back to District Court with instructions to determine the width of the public road right-of-way which had been established by prescriptive use. Significantly, the Court held that once a prescriptive easement is established, access extends to all public uses including recreational use.

The Supreme Court justices rejected the District Court ruling that a secondary easement existed to accommodate maintenance by state and county crews and recognized recreation travel as a legitimate use to road for prescriptive easement status. The Court also emphatically upheld Montana's stream access law, stating "that the State owns all the waters in trust for the People . . . and that a riparian owner takes his property interest subject to a dominant estate in favor of the public." John Gibson, President of PLWA, stated "This ruling from the Montana Supreme Court confirms once again that our streams are public resources, and not the exclusive playgrounds for the select few. The public's right to wade or float any river or stream in the state has been recognized, as well as the right to access those streams at bridges crossed by public roads. We want to thank Montana Trout Unlimited and the Montana Wildlife Federation as well as our loyal members for their contributions. "

"We have been involved in this case for over ten years and this decision has justified our efforts," Gibson says. He went on to say that "Much of our success is due to the great work of the Goetz Law Firm in Bozeman who led us through the legal maze surrounding access to the public waters of Montana." What does all this really mean? Stay tuned as the implications reverberate. Maybe it will cause some Rolex Ranchers and misguided legislators to quit messing around with established law. The people have spoken and the law has spoken.

## MULTI-FEDERATION FIELD TRIP

# MULTI-FEDERATION FIELD TRIP FULL-REGISTRATION CLOSED



THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS INFORMATION FOR ALL OF THOSE ALREADY REGISTERED AND PLEASE WATCH FOR FURTHER UPDATES

Plans are coming together from all sides. There are a few points I would like to review again so everyone will be clear on the process. When you called or e-mailed telling me you were coming, I needed to know where you are from, club affiliation, how you will be staying, tent camping, RV dry camp, RV park or motel and where and full names of all attending. THAT is my information list so I may have estimates on numbers attending. IT WAS NOT A REGISTRATION for any of the trips.

If you plan on staying at a motel or RV park for this trip and have not already made reservations, Terry is full, you will need to make reservations in Miles City or Glendive both about 30 minute drive to Terry by interstate.

Camping around the City Park is on a first come first served basis. When the park is full then we will fill the county block across the street and when that is full we can utilize two more blocks a block away to the east. There will be showers and RR at the park plus there will be portable toilets at each of the blocks. We are making arrangements for a honey wagon Friday evening (small fee) to empty RV tanks and the Portables.

When you arrive you will be asked to sign a liability waiver which will be part of your trip signup. We ask that you check in at our information table for instructions and schedules, to meet your camp hosts, trip leaders (10) and a few simple rules for your camping and the trips. We want this to be a special trip for all and a safe one also.

For all those that didn't receive the latest updates, all trips to the river will be by buses. This is because of the high fire season and we do not want to cause a problem on these ranches with cars driving over everything. Fossil trips will be auto caravans.

**Programs:** Thursday and Friday evening we will have 2-3 programs each running 20-40 minutes long. Larry G Field will present a program on Yellowstone River Agates, AKA Montana Moss. Larry has a Diversified Science Degree and is very knowledgeable in this area. This program will be on Thursday evening. On either Friday or Saturday evening we will have a presentation by Tom Harmon author of the River Runs North. Several other programs are also in the works.

**Live Auction:** After discussion with several others it was decided to add a live auction on Sunday afternoon to help defer some of cost of this trip (fuel for buses, printing, portable toilets etc.). There will be a donation jar during the weekend and if you would like to bring something nice for the auction please do. We would love to receive a variety of things from around the country. I thank you in advance. Don't forget to bring items to Buy-Sell-Trade on Sunday.

**Montana Agate hunt:** For those who expect to find a hundred pounds of good Montana, might rethink your trip. On our best days and a lot of collecting experience one might find 10-30 pounds of cutting material. Some great agate will be found on this weekend and most will be happy. Plus these gravels are full of petrified wood, jaspers, also a Yellowstone Fairburn, Coral, Stromatolites and others. I do not think anyone will go into the agate business after the trip, but everyone should have a great experience and take home great goodies from Montana

When this trip was first setup 10-12 gravel bars were mapped and selected for the fieldtrips. There are not many gravel bars with access, so these would have to do. Then mother nature started to mess with our plans, a very cold winter with lots of ice on the river. When the ice breakup began and the jams developed they began to change the river. Major changes to the river this year, after high water this June and July, some of the mapped gravel bars may not be there or they may be islands without easy access. We are scrambling to make adjustments, but when you arrive and sign-up you may only be allowed to sign-up for 2 of the three days for agate trips. Take a break, tour the badlands or go on a fossil trip.

**Dinosaur hunt/ dig:** We have made arrangements for those that would like to be part the once in the lifetime experience and with a few exceptions you get to keep everything you find. You get to hunt and dig in the Hell Creek Formation. The dig is on private deeded land. The only things that you may not take home are T-Rex bones, or any meat eaters, or rarely if you were to find a major part of dinosaur that you could not take out in a day. This is a Fee dig, for 50 plus collectors, a rate of \$40 dollars per day. If you are interested please let me know as soon as you can so we get the list started

**Things to bring on your trip:** Sun screen, good sturdy shoes, long pants, water containers, bug spray, rock picks and a regular screw driver, collecting bags. If you have rubber boots (thigh high) bring them also, hats as this is mid-summer and daytime temps could reach 90 + degrees and our nights cool off. There will be a chance of seeing a rattlesnake on the trips; I have seen only 3 in last 20 years but they are in the area.

Looking forward to meeting everyone

Doug True      dtruefossils12@yahoo.com



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### NFMS Website Contest Cheri George, NFMS Website Contest Chairman"



We had only one entry in the Website Contest for NFMS, what a shame!! There are so many fine websites in our Federation and I am at a quandary as to why none of our fine Webmasters is willing to enter theirs. Why wouldn't you want to have a nice Trophy and Certificate for your club's edification?? Why would you not have a moving .gif on your website that tells the world that it won 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the NFMS and or AFMS. The rules have changed, you no longer have to put your clubs membership form on the Website, you can enter one year after another if you do not win 1st place in AFMS for one of those years. Then you only have to wait a year to do it again!! Tell me why this contest doesn't interest you

!! Email me at [lizardwoman3@yahoo.com](mailto:lizardwoman3@yahoo.com) and let me know your concerns for not entering your club's website, I am interested in knowing the reasons. I would appreciate hearing from you.

### Rockhound of the Year By Viola Jones



The **Rock and Arrowhead Club** of Klamath Falls, Oregon names **Marshall Curran** as their 2014 Rockhound of the Year. Marshall's talents not only benefit our club, but the Klamath County Community, including school field trips to find Yadenite that is only found locally. Last summer Marshall designed and constructed a native plant garden with rocks and a water feature at the Klamath County Museum as well as constructing a black-light display of the rock club's collection. He cataloged and provided the information for this display which is also an important feature of our annual show. This display is also used in educational programs.

Marshall is a Special Program provider for schools in Northern California and Oregon. He identifies specimens and provides information on what, why, and where your treasure most likely came from. His knowledge about rocks is kept current through classes at GIA. He has held office in our Rock Club and is a valuable member. Marshall started rock-hounding when he was 10 years old and still has his first "big find" a blue agate. He enjoys building rock gardens and water features as a hobby.

So we celebrate Marshall-- this talented and dedicated member--as our Rock Hound of the Year!

### Juniors are our future .....

#### By Audrey Vogelpohl, Junior Chair

You don't need to climb a mountain to form a Junior Rock Club. There are so many resources ... the Juniors are our future and so excited to learn ... if we don't include them and their leaders in our daily activities we are not helping. I should not start an article with a suggesting an item to NOT DO, but I will point out why this is so important.



DO NOT have the Juniors' Club meet at the same time as the Adults. Why?

- 1) The leader(s) is excluded from the activities of the adult meeting. They soon stop leading, or worse, drop out of the regular club.
- 2) The people that are resources for the leader, your members, don't want to miss the adult meeting and program either.

OKAY ... so you say that your club has the Juniors come in at the end of the meeting.

- 1) They have missed being included in the attendance drawing.
- 2) They are missing out on the sharing of rockhounding from the adults ... a chance to learn at the adult level.
- 3) All of the up-front seats are taken so they have to sit in the back ... can't see what is going on and so start to fidget.
- 4) Aren't asked to participate in show and tell, or they have show and tell of their own.

I don't know about your club, but at our club the Junior members are involved.

- 1) To join, an adult family member must also join ... this is a family hobby.
- 2) The Juniors are so proud to show and tell about their rocks ... adult members come around and share further information.
- 3) There are rock segments taught at school ... our Juniors are becoming part of the leadership in class and at Scout meetings.
- 4) Maybe your adult program cancels ... ask the Juniors to share what they are doing/creating with their rocks and minerals.

The Juniors don't want to always be "crafting". In the Junior Badge Program there are 20 badges to earn, with several pages of resources for the leader(s) on each badge. This program is one of the benefits of our NFMS clubs being members of the American Federation.

Award the earned badges at the adult meeting ... the Juniors are proud to be seen. And the club members will glow with the satisfaction of helping a Junior become a rockhound. Juniors are the future of our clubs. Oh, by the way, if your club is not receiving 3 copies of the "Mini Miners Monthly" published by Diamond Dan for the benefit of our Juniors and leaders, please let me know. Your subscription is being paid by the NFMS.

## NFMS ANNUAL MEETING



### NFMS Annual Meeting Hermiston, Oregon August 15-17, 2014 Field Trip August 18th

### Hatrockhound Happenin'



We want to let you know about a few of the things we have set up for you when you come to the NFMS “Hatrockhound Happenin’” Show and Convention in Hermiston, Oregon on August 15-17.

We have arranged for camping availability within a dozen or so blocks from the show. There are approximately forty spaces with full hookup at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds. A local host will be there to greet you and get you settled in. Spaces are \$15 a night and will be available from Wednesday through Sunday. It is simple to pay and pre-register with our advanced registration form.

We will also be offering tailgating in the parking lot on Sunday morning from 7-11 to members of the Federation, so if you are in mind to sell some wares, bring them along.

We have arranged a field trip for the Monday after the show (August 18) to the China Hollow Mine out of Wasco, Oregon. The owners are offering this opportunity to the Federation attendees to help reintroduce the Biggs Jasper. The site is about two hours west of Hermiston. This is a trip to search for Biggs type jasper. The charge for material is \$1.00 per pound. There are a few regulations we have to abide by, since this is a private concern.

- There is a limit of 30 people and only six high-clearance, 4x4 vehicles allowed. Please carpool.
- Those driving are asked to provide the make and model of their vehicle and proof of liability insurance coverage.
- No pets are allowed.
- Use of hand tools only.
- All participants under 18 shall be accompanied and signed for by parent or legal Guardian.

If this trip is something you might be interested in, please let us know by phone or email by July 15<sup>th</sup> so we can finalize plans. Judi Allison 541-720-4950, [jall@eotnet.net](mailto:jall@eotnet.net) - or - Mike Filarski 541-571-2593, [stonemorlin1@netscape.net](mailto:stonemorlin1@netscape.net).

We are looking forward to greeting you; so circle up your wagons and “Come on Down to The Biggest Little Show in Town” Hatrockhound Happenin’ We’ll be seein’ you!

Thanks. And see you at the show!

### To Be Voted On At The Annual Meeting:

The Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society would like to propose the following addition to the duties of the NFMS President & NFMS 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President as it pertains to the duties they have to the AFMS as AFMS Regional Directors.

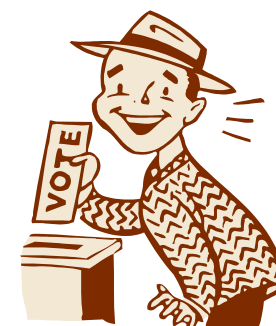
Dee Holland, Alternate Federation,  
Wayne Farley, Federation Director  
Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society  
Hamilton, Montana

#### OP Board – 2 PRESIDENT

- Shall serve as a member of the AFMS Board of Directors for the AFMS and the AFMS Scholarship Foundation at their Annual Meetings. Should the NFMS President or NFMS 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President be unavailable to attend the AFMS Annual Business Meeting, Appoint the NFMS 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. If there are not two (2) of the three (3) NFMS Officers attending, appoint someone to represent the NFMS. Preferably an NFMS Past President. Prepare for the AFMS a report on the state of the NFMS, to be sent to the AFMS Central Office prior to the AFMS Annual Business Meeting – notice of which will be sent out by the AFMS Central Office. In addition the NFMS President will have a written list of members who have passed since the last AFMS meeting, this list will be read at the AFMS Annual Business Meeting and turned over to the AFMS Secretary.

#### OP BOARD – 3 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

- Shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the AFMS and the AFMS Scholarship Foundation at their Annual Meeting. Prepare for the AFMS a report of the activities accomplished by the NFMS 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. to be sent to the AFMS Secretary prior to the AFMS Annual Business Meeting – notice of which will be sent out by the AFMS Central Office.





## NFMS ANNUAL MEETING

### Credentials for the Annual Meeting

A REMINDER AND REQUEST FROM THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

The NFMS Credentials Committee Chairpersons, Clara & Del Walker, must receive the NAMES (only) of Club Directors and Delegates as soon as possible for planning purposes of the meeting. The annual meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Aug. 15, 2013.

Registration is open one hour prior to the meeting at the Hermiston Conference Center, Hermiston, OR. The Credential forms below must be completed by the designated director/delegate, signed by the Club President and Secretary, and **BROUGHT BY THE DIRECTOR AND DELEGATE** (or alternate delegate(s), if necessary) to the annual meeting. Send the name(s) (not the credentials forms) at least one week prior to the meeting to:

Clara & Del Walker  
 12377 SE Davis Loop  
 Prineville, OR 97754  
 Phone: 541-447-7826 (cell: 503-812-6540) or email to [dwalker@embarqmail.com](mailto:dwalker@embarqmail.com)

#### **NFMS DIRECTOR'S CREDENTIALS**

Name of Director \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club President Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Secretary Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Must be **completed** and **signed** to be seated with voting rights at the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Meeting

#### **NFMS DELEGATE'S CREDENTIALS**

Name of Delegate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club President Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Secretary Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Must be **completed** and **signed** to be seated with voting rights at the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Meeting



**Clubs, please note that any SHOW INFORMATION should go to Pat Lambert, Show Coordinator. She will then send the information out to the rock magazines, websites and to this newsletter.**

**All MEMBERSHIP UPDATES, including new members so they can receive this newsletter as soon as possible, should go to Tom Burchard, Circulation Chair and to Carol Willey, Directory Chair.**

See the second page of this newsletter for address information for these Chairmen and Chairwomen.

Thank you!

## COMMITTEE REPORTS



Missing from the photo are John Martin, photographer and Shirley Leeson

### The AFMS Judges Training Seminar

Eighteen Rockhounds from seven states attended the Roving Judges Training Program for 2014. The class is a 3 day event and this year it was held in Ogden, Utah in conjunction with the Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Show.

During the class the participants reviewed in detail the AFMS Uniform Rules and had a chance to use their new knowledge at the Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Show in a mock case judging. The class was conducted by Jay Bowman and assisted by Dee Holland.

#### Those attending from the NFMS were:

Dee Holland Judges Training Chair - Bitterroot G/M MT  
 Evan Day, Ogden, UT - Golden Spike G/M  
 Lauren Williams, Idaho Falls, ID - Idaho Falls G/M  
 Denise Harrison, Oregon City, OR - Clackmette G/M  
 John Marshall, Beaverton, OR - Clackmette G/M  
 Joe Slouber, Butte, MT - Butte G/M  
 Tom Burchard, Ogden, UT - Golden Spike G/M  
 Shirley Leeson, Tendoy ID, - Bitterroot G/M MT



### Congratulations to A Couple of Our New NFMS Judges

Denise Harrison and John Marshall, members of the Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club, recently attended the AMFS Judges Training in Ogden, Utah. This 3 day course included actual judging experience and prepared them to judge all categories at American Federation shows as well

as Regional Federation shows. Being hungry for more training Denise and John met Dee Holland and Shirley Leeson at the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Society show in Kennewick, WA 2 weeks later. Dee spent a day with us further refine our judging skills and understanding of the rules. While in Kennewick they also attended the NWMS mid-year meeting. Denise and John are very pleased and proud to humbly report that they have been chosen to be among the judges at the NW Federation Regional show in Hermiston, OR this August.

Both Denise and John have been rockhounds and lapidaries since childhood. They both have done extensive cabochon making, flat polishing, and other lapidary arts. They both collect minerals, fossils and have a wide ranging experience in earth science and all aspects of lapidary arts. In addition they both have spent and continue to spend significance time collecting in the field. They are looking forward to using their extensive knowledge and experience in all areas pertaining to rock hounding and lapidary to further competitive activities and education at rock shows.

### Rockhound of the Year By Viola Jones



**West Seattle Rock Club** names **Mike Wall** as their Rockhound of the Year. Joining the club in February of 1999, within a couple of months he volunteered to be the editor of our club newsletter, the *Petroglyphs*. That is 15 years of putting out an award winning newsletter and keeping the club membership informed of activities at all levels of our rockhounding hobby.

Mike and his family find time for field trips (near and far); volunteers at our annual show - setting-up, taking down, putting in an 8 foot display case; puts together our club membership directory; and is a silent volunteer in many other areas.

Our membership is honored by Mike Wall's commitment to the West Seattle Rock Club.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Access Problems for Fairburn Agates in National Grasslands -- Again!

By Jan Baumeister, South Dakota Rep for RMFMS and ALAA member



Since 1980, we rock club members, later joined by cattlemen and other organizations of people who use our public lands, started fighting to keep total wilderness designation out of the most scenic areas of the Buffalo Gap National Grasslands, namely Indian Creek, Red Shirt and the original Fairburn agate beds east of Hermosa. These areas are highly desired areas for hunting our State Agate, the Fairburn. The original Fairburn Agate allotment east of Hermosa became instant wilderness a while back when the Forest Service closed all vehicle access except for a trail that goes one mile into the grasslands to a turnaround. Pro-wilderness groups have been trying to turn this beautiful area into a land prison, to keep out everyone except those who can hike on foot for miles or can afford the luxury of owning or renting horses to enjoy agate hunting, photography and other activities enjoyed by families.

There is now a proposed draft being drawn up for a Conservation Management Area Designation bill for these areas. This was tried before in 2010, with the backing of over 50 pro-wilderness organizations, but the bill never came to vote. The only difference between a wilderness bill and the proposed Conservation Management Plan is the emphasis on meeting the land's dominant uses--just livestock grazing and primitive recreation allowed, but still no motorized vehicle use, which includes atv's the ranchers use! . . .

No matter what state you live in, you can help preserve the future of our major Fairburn agate beds! Outdoor organizations and rock clubs can provide information to their members, pass the word to outdoor groups and their headquarters via their newsletters or in local newspapers. Urge them to write/call/e-mail our SD representatives asking them NOT to allow proposed wilderness bills for the Indian Creek and Red Shirt areas of the Buffalo Gap National Grasslands. Contact: SD Senator Tim Johnson 800-537-0025; SD Senator Tom Thune 800-850-3855; SD State Representative Kristi Noem 855-225-2801.

--Edited and excerpted from the *ALAA Newsletter* (Jan-Mar, 2014)

ALAA is the lobbying arm of the American Federation, working on behalf of rockhounds to keep public lands open and accessible to all, including the elderly and handicapped.



### ALAA Meets the Public at the Hells Canyon Gem Club Show in Lewiston, ID

By Lauren Williams, ALAA Vice-President

The Hells Canyon Gem Club president sent ALAA a letter asking for ALAA to come to their show last October so that their club members would have a better idea of who ALAA is and what ALAA does. I have always wanted to go see what the rock club show was like in Lewiston, so I borrowed the tub of ALAA handouts from Shirley Leeson and then I had the excuse I needed to go to Lewiston. Saturday morning we had the ALAA table set up and ready to go by quarter to ten. From ten o'clock Saturday until closing at five o'clock on Sunday we had some very interesting conversations. Our pitch was, your club belongs to ALAA, now what we need is for you as an individual to join ALAA.

As one nine-year-old said, as we were talking to her mother, "You want a gazillion members!" And I responded that that would be a nice round number. At the other extreme someone said--and I am paraphrasing--"Take out your gun and kill the SOB's." There are some people out there who are really angry at the government land managers. I'm sure that most of you have heard the story about an off-road organization that did a clean-up for the BLM or Forest Service, and after the clean-up was over they were told that they could not ride on or use the area that they had just cleaned up. One of those guys came by the table.

One person told us how he couldn't even get to his private property anymore but, yes, they will continue to charge him property taxes.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### No Longer Available: An ALAA Project



Shirley Leeson, ALAA President  
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San Jose, California, 95154  
[www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org)

Bea Settle  
POB 3224,  
Oregon City OR 97045

Dear Bea,

I'd like to thank you personally for the donation of the Golden Oak slabs from Stinkingwater Creek, Oregon. It was very generous of you to part with them.

I was sent an article by the dealer, Tom Robertson of Salem, OR reporting that the huge stand of beautiful petrified wood known as Golden Oak was no longer available. In the article it said 'rockhounds' had basically carted it all off and it was no longer available to collect.

This got me thinking, there are lots of beautiful specimens in the Northwest area that rockhounds have been collecting for many years and are now no longer available. Either they are depleted, or the area has been closed because of various designations by the BLM or Forest Service. The oxymoron is 'public lands.' They are no long public. Many areas have designations like 'wilderness,' or are closed because of endangered species, are now 'monuments' and parks... None of which is open for rockhound collecting.

So, I have decided to collect specimens of those beautiful jaspers, agates and petrified wood and exhibit them in a case noting the location and the reason why they are no longer obtainable.

Special thanks to you again for your generous donation...know it will be kept safe and as soon as I have enough pieces you will hear of it being shown.

Regards,  
Shirley Leeson, President, American Lands Access Assn.  
Rockhound Activist for the continued use of public lands for all

### Short Report on the NFMS Mid-Year Meeting By Beth Heesacker

The Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club again supplied a wonderful venue for the NFMS Mid-Year meeting. Thank you to Lakeside for welcoming us again and again to their great show.

The meeting was fairly well attended although I do not have an exact count. Of course my own local club, the Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club had a large contingent there. Thanks guys and gals for attending and supporting the NFMS.



The Board: Lyle Vogelpohl, Treasurer; Warren Rood, 1<sup>st</sup>. VP; Don Innis, President; Judi Allison, Secretary; Hidemi Kira, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.



The Directors, Delegates, Family and Friends.



The Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club contingent. Hidemi and Tomoko Kira, Sean Heitpas, Beth and Paul Heesacker. Not shown are Denise Harrison and John Marshall who skipped out before I could get the picture taken.

## LAPIDARY LAUREATE



*Olive standing in front of trophy case.*

Dear Ms. Weinberger,

My name is Christina Morrissey and I am a member of the Marysville Rock & Gem Club of Washington State. I am also involved in a number of other rockhound related activities and other out-of-state clubs, but I call Marysville my home club.

I am writing to you because I wanted to share with you the joy of my most recent project: tracking down the incredible lapidary art collection of Olive Colhour, Rockhound Hall of Fame Lapidary Laureate, unseen since 1993 (Chicago: Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art); bringing it to public view again this last weekend at the annual Spokane, WA Rock Rollers show, and even better, creating a website (a first for me) showcasing her works, and her books.

Many of our older rockhounds remember Olive from the 50's, 60's and 70's. She was based in Seattle but exhibited throughout the US and Canada and even Australia and New Zealand. In the 1980, she made her first effort to archive her collection in a local museum where it was seen

for five years. The Crista Ministries of Fremont, WA returned the collection after 5 years claiming parking problems.

Olive tried again to have her collection housed in a museum for posterity by making an arrangement early in the 1990's with the Oregon State University System. They promised to build a new lapidary school Thundering Seas to house the collection, getting permission to sell selected works to raise funds for its construction. The collection remained in storage for 14 years although evidence indicates it was moved around, handled, damaged, and badly repaired in the interim. At some point it was returned to the family.

I archive all the rock & gem magazines in the hobby: all of them as far back as I can obtain copies. I scan them into my computer by article, by state, by topic. I am an information-junkie. Two years ago, I ran across a Lapidary Journal blurb that mentioned the bit about Olive Colhour's collection going to the OSU for the Newport school which was to be built by 1997. I was excited to see this, because over the previous several years, I had been reading and scanning numerous articles she had written regarding her works and I had come to admire her greatly. I thought, wouldn't it be wonderful to see these pieces in person! I check the web, but could find no mention of this school or museum. I contacted the named foundation and ultimately learned that the school was defunct, the museum never coming to fruition, and that the collection had been returned to the family.

So that meant I had to find the family. Again, I checked the web, but finding the two sons of Olive Colhour was not easy; they didn't have the same name, and then I couldn't find any listing and to make a long story short, it took me until last fall to track down Olive's only grandson. I was so nervous, afraid that perhaps the collection was buried in a hole in the ground; sold off, thrown out...all things that I have had experience with regarding old estate collections. No one locally hardly knew her name, let alone how to reach relatives.

I made the call; YES, it was the right family and YES, they did indeed have the collection! Would I like to come and see it. I did, we talked. And then I found out that this branch knew nothing about the rockhound community...nothing. He knew that Olive was dedicated to sharing and passing on her passion and her craft, but knew absolutely nothing about how to get it done. I had another project; it was the right thing to do, because I did know how to do it, and if I didn't, I learned.

So here we are. We had six cases in the Spokane show. There is now [www.colhour.com](http://www.colhour.com) where folks can read about Olive, see a slide show of her works with more pictures to be added as we get them, and even download a copy of her first book (second one still trying to get Lapidary Journal copyright). Her two books are no longer available; the family can't afford to reprint and they cost about \$55 to copy each, so the family agreed to allow for free public downloading. Everything has been done on a volunteer basis by and for rockhounds.

We all agreed that this would be the best way to spread the word about what Olive Colhour was about and to show off her incredible artistry. The family has agreed to have parts of the collection in the Marysville show in Oct and will consider future shows on a case by case basis. (The collection will remain in the family where it remains under their control. If you give it to a museum, control is lost and anything can happen to it, particularly if the museum is short of funds as so many are these days. The website will be the main means of showcasing the works. We will just need to get better pictures as we sharpen our website skills.)

It's been an incredible journey, just begun. I wanted to share it with you and hope that you could spread the word a little by letting folks know about the website. According to June Culp Zeitner, there was no one who had more influence on the lapidary arts in America in the 20<sup>th</sup> century than Olive Colhour.

Thanks for listening.  
Best Regards,

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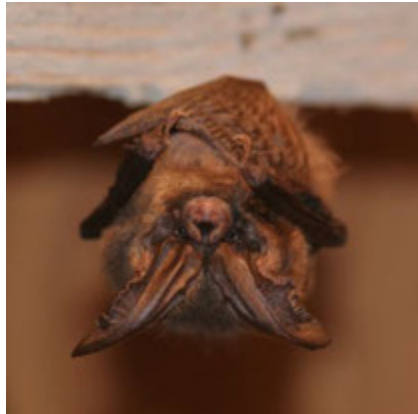


## BATS

[My apologies to Ella. I somehow did not get the whole article on bats in the last issue. Here is the complete article. Editor]

### Bats and Rocky Places

By Ella Rowan, Wildlife Biologist, WDFW



How many of you will admit to screaming, arm waving, and running frantically at the sight of a bat? Many of us have encountered bats in caves and mines during our hobbies or professional activities, but the age-old adage applies... "they're more afraid of you, than you are of them". You're nearly 10,000 times larger than one of our bats! Unfortunately, people think the information about bats seen in movies or read about in folklore is true, and this has led to terrible treatment of these animals.

Granted, bats have sharp teeth for eating hard insects, but they do not attack people. Less than one out of one thousand bats is estimated to have rabies (a lethal disease), but bats only bite people if they are picked up or are sick. Kids and pets sometimes pick up a sick bat they find on the ground, so make sure to vaccinate your pets against rabies and have a talk with your kids about watching wildlife from a distance.

Why are bats amazing? Because they have developed some of the most fascinating adaptations and help humanity! Unusual adaptations such as echolocation, flight, torpor, hibernation, and delayed pregnancy have allowed bats to master their niches across the world. They have also contributed to research on sonar, aerodynamics, and human medicine. Most bats can live 10 to 30 years, and we suspect hibernation may be the secret to longevity. Bats are estimated to save US farmers alone \$22 billion annually through insect control and the prevention of damaged crops.

Fifteen species of bats live in Washington, all of which eat insects. Most bats do not reproduce until they're at least one year old, and usually only have 1 pup per year. The pups are born during June or July and are nursed for 1-2 months until they can fly. Then, they follow their mothers for a few weeks to learn social behaviors, how to forage, echolocate, and find roost sites.

Safe roost sites are critical for bats, and disturbance may lead to the death of these animals through abandonment of their pups, loss of optimal sites, or the burning of valuable fat reserves. Most bats in the northern US hibernate during winter, and they often have to travel long distances to find ideal caves, mines, cliff crevices, or other structures. All hibernating species slow their metabolism, and drop their temperature, heart, and respiration rates. *By slowing their metabolisms and remaining cold, they can live off their fat reserves for many months.* If bats are disturbed by noise, light, predators, diseases, climate changes or other factors, they will arouse to try to protect themselves. *Bats enter hibernation with enough fat to arouse every few weeks to urinate, defecate, sleep, and perform physiological processes, but any additional unplanned arousals will cause them to use up their fat and they will die of starvation before spring and their insect prey return.*



Bats with fungus on their muzzles.

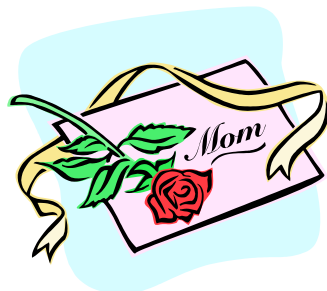
A new disease known as White-nose Syndrome (WNS) has killed over 7 million bats in eastern North America since 2006, although it does not affect humans or other animal species. The problem has spread as far west as Oklahoma, and as far north as Canada (as of February 2014), and the disease is caused by a white fuzzy fungus (*Pseudogymnoascus destructans*; Pd) that grows on infected bat's muzzles, wings and ears during winter hibernation. The fungus is cold-loving, but can survive extremely hot and dry temperatures and humidity levels too. Humans may accidentally introduce the fungus and disease to new locations, because the spores can attach to clothing and gear. If we continue to lose as much as 100% of bats at each infected hibernaculum, we will see significant population declines and possible extinctions of entire species. Bats usually only have one pup per year, so it would take a very long time to rebuild their populations. We need to do all we can to prevent Pd/WNS from infecting new caves and mines, as well as new bat species.

### How can we help bats? There are many ways!

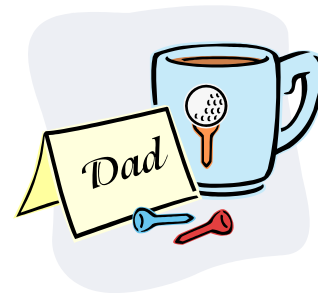
- ◆ Do not enter caves or mines where bats are hibernating during the winter months.
- ◆ Do not disturb bat colonies during the summer months.
- ◆ Follow the decontamination protocols established by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to clean your clothing and gear after each cave/mine you visit. Check for updates to the protocol often.
- ◆ Do not use clothing, boots, or any gear in WA, if they have been used in states or provinces where WNS has been found.
- ◆ Notify the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the state's Department of Fish and Wildlife immediately if you see bats exhibiting any unusual fungal growth, or unusual behaviors (such as flying outside of hibernacula during freezing temperatures), or appear sick in some other way.
- ◆ Notify your states' Department of Fish and Wildlife any time you discover hibernacula or other large roosts (more than 10 bats).
- ◆ Conduct *humane* exclusion from building roosts when necessary. The timing and methods are critical to prevent entombing bats and their pups in the building.

### Great link for more information:

Bat Conservation International  
<http://www.batcon.org/>



**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY  
 AND  
 HAPPY FATHERS' DAY**



## From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

Remember to continue to save stamps for the NFMS! How many times have we heard that or seen it in print in this newsletter. But I have to admit I have been confused about the requirements. Due to the needs of the dealer that they stamps are sold to, the details have changed over the years. Hermina Kolski, NFMS Stamp Chairperson, is having a hard time filling a box right now due to receiving the wrong mix of stamps. In addition she has a huge garbage can full of stamps that she cannot use. She gave us a little bit of an update at the most recent NFMS meeting. She brought USPS booklets showing what different kinds of stamps are produced and she brought packages of stamps for sale that could not be used by the dealer she sells to. I bought one package to see what was not acceptable. There were lots of nice commemoratives and lots of other stamps in the bag that I can use for my multi-media art work. Looking at these unacceptable stamps helped me define the following procedure.

So here are the steps you need to take when you receive your mail. Do not immediately open the envelope! The reason will be made clear in a moment. **First thing to consider when you receive an envelope with a stamp on it is to see if the stamp is a commemorative stamp.** If it is a commemorative then it is a candidate for saving. Commemorative stamps commemorate something or someone. They have a person's name, an event or a place printed on the stamp. They are sometimes issued in sets such as muscle cars, Building a Nation, poets, musicians, black history, lighthouses, etc., or sometimes as individual stamps such as Heart Health, Johnny Cash, centenaries of individual US states, etc.

Wikipedia says: "A **commemorative stamp** is a postage stamp, often issued on a significant date such as an anniversary, to honor or commemorate a place, event, person, or object. The *subject* of the commemorative stamp is usually spelled out in print, unlike definitive stamps which normally depict the subject along with the denomination and country name only. Many postal services issue several commemorative stamps each year, sometimes holding first day of issue ceremonies at locations connected with the subjects. . . . Unlike definitive stamps that are often reprinted and sold over a prolonged period of time for general usage, commemorative stamps are usually printed in limited quantities and sold for a much shorter period of time, usually until supplies run out." [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commemorative\\_stamp](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commemorative_stamp)

Regular issue stamps (flags, bells, Christmas, Kwanza, etc) are not accepted except as a small fraction of the box sent to the dealer.

Now back to our process. You have looked at the stamp on the envelope and decided it is a commemorative and so you want to save it for the NFMS. **The next thing required is a minimum of ½ inch of paper around the stamp.** Unless the person sending the envelope put the stamp more than ½ inch below the top of the envelope and more than ½ inch from the right edge of the envelope then extra care must be taken in saving the stamp. I have found that the best practice is to open the envelope along the left end (the return address end) and remove the contents. Now you can remove the stamp by cutting (the best way) or carefully tearing more than ½ inch away from the stamp through the entire envelope (front and back) leaving the folds of the envelope intact. In that way the flap on the back and the end of the back of the envelope provide an appropriate amount of paper around the stamp. When mailing to someone who saves stamps for you, placing the stamp further down from the top of the envelope and further to the left of the end of the envelope helps too.

A couple of other things to consider: 1) the stamp must be undamaged, of course. If the person sending the stamp tore it when applying it then just throw it away. Collectors want stamps in good condition. 2) Keep the stamps flat so they stay in good condition. 3) Buy, use and save commemorative stamps!

This may sound like a lot of fuss but once you get in the habit, it will not be hard to do. And remember, in the future you may be the one who needs this cancer research that we are supporting. Remember to continue to save commemorative stamps for the NFMS.

## NFMS MEMBER CLUBS' SHOW SCHEDULE

<b>June 6, 7, &amp; 8</b> Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club	Swiss Park 9205 198 <sup>th</sup> Avenue East Bonney Lake, WA 98390	Nancy LeMay <a href="mailto:bees2knees@att.net">bees2knees@att.net</a> 253 952 6216, PVGMC, c/o Club Show, PO Box 134 Puyallup WA 98371 <a href="mailto:info@puyallupgemclub.org">info@puyallupgemclub.org</a>
<b>June 7 &amp; 8</b> Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4	North Idaho Mineral Club	Kootenai Cnty Expo and Center, Kathleen & Gov't Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID	Mike Burton 208 772 9347 <a href="mailto:mycroftmkiv@gmail.com">mycroftmkiv@gmail.com</a>
<b>June 14 &amp; 15</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4:30	Oregon Coast Agate Club	Yaquina View Elementary School, 351 SE Harney Street Newport OR 97365	K. Myers 541 264 5908 <a href="mailto:showchair@coastagates.org">showchair@coastagates.org</a> George 541 991 0311
<b>June 14 &amp; 15</b> 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
<b>July 18, 19, &amp; 20</b> Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society	Reedsport Community Building, 415 Winchester Avenue, Reedsport OR	Susan Baughman 69833 Stage Road, North Bend OR 97459 <a href="mailto:baughmans1@mac.com">baughmans1@mac.com</a>
<b>August 8 - 10</b> Fri 10-4, Sat 10-4 Sun 10-4	Far West Lapidary & Gem Society	North Bend Community Center, 2222 North Broadway, North Bend OR	Don Innes 541 396 5722 <a href="mailto:doninnes.innes20@gmail.com">doninnes.innes20@gmail.com</a>
<b>August 8, 9, &amp; 10</b> Fri 10-9, Sat 10-9 Sun 10-6	Port Townsend Rock Club	Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 4907 Landers Street Port Townsend WA	Garnett Brooks 360 379 5531 PO Box 1383 Port Townsend WA 98368
<b>August 15 - 17</b> Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society - <b>NFMS Annual Meeting</b>	Hermiston Conference Center, 415 South Highway 395, Hermiston OR	Judi Allison <a href="mailto:jall@eotnet.net">jall@eotnet.net</a> 541 720 4950, Or Mike Filarski <a href="mailto:stonemorlin1@netscape.net">stonemorlin1@netscape.net</a> 541 571 2593 222.hatrockhounds.org
<b>September 13 &amp; 14</b> Sat 9-6 Sun 9-4	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association	Vern Burton Community Hall, 308 East 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Port Angeles WA	Jennie Bourassa 360 681 0372 or Kathy Schreiner 360 681 3811 PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382
<b>September 13 &amp; 14</b> Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society	Walla Walla County Frgrnds, Com. Cntr. Blding, 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla, WA	Lisa Stearns 509 386 0584 <a href="mailto:lisa_sundin1@hotmail.com">lisa_sundin1@hotmail.com</a>
<b>September 20 &amp; 21</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Southern Wash. Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fair Grounds 120 Fair Lane, Castle Rock WA	Diann Thurston 503 728 4274 (after 5pm) PO Box 704 Longview WA 98632
<b>September 27 &amp; 28</b> Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Billings Hotel and Conv. Center, 1223 Mullowney Lane, Billings MT	Doug True 406 670 0506 2622 Broadwater, Billings MT 59102 <a href="mailto:dtruefossils12@yahoo.com">dtruefossils12@yahoo.com</a>
<b>October 4 &amp; 5</b> Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4:30	Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club	Guy Lee Elementary School 755 Harlow Road Springfield OR	Mark Denoyer <a href="mailto:denoyer53531@yahoo.com">denoyer53531@yahoo.com</a> 541 337 3433
<b>October 4 &amp; 5</b> Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5	Hellgate Mineral Society	Hilton Garden Inn 2730 North Reserve St. Missoula MT	Bob Riggs 406 543 3667 <a href="mailto:bobl@bresnan.net">bobl@bresnan.net</a>
<b>October 10 - 12</b> Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Association	Washington County Fair Complex, 873 NE 34 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hillsboro OR	L. Smith <a href="mailto:Portlandregional.DealerChair@gmail.com">Portlandregional.DealerChair@gmail.com</a> Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Association PO Box 5401 Portland OR 97228
<b>October 11 &amp; 12</b> Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Totem Middle School Cafeteria, 7 <sup>th</sup> St. and State Ave., Marysville WA	Brian Murril 425 346 9313 <a href="mailto:bmurril@aol.com">bmurril@aol.com</a>
<b>October 18 - 19</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fair Building, 1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston ID	Linn Enger 208 746 4957 <a href="mailto:engerocks@yahoo.com">engerocks@yahoo.com</a>
<b>October 25-26</b> Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 Ne. 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013	Beth Heesacker, <a href="mailto:heesacker@coho.net">heesacker@coho.net</a> , 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116