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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



NFMS Field Trip Chair Keene Clay

Remember the Oral/Silent Rock Auction at the Federation Show

The Federation show is just around the corner and we are all starting to pack and prepare. Remember to bring some quality rock for the Oral and Silent auction. If each individual and club brings their fair share, we will have a better show and more material to choose from. This is an easy way to help the Federation meet its financial needs without raising dues and fees.

Bring materials from your club or your private collections. Be generous and support the show and the Federation.

Credentials Chair Mary Bolton

I am leaving on June 9th and won't be back until after the NFMS show. If clubs don't get their director & delegate credentials to me by mail before the 9th, they will have to phone my cell # 503-880-0515 or email me at philmary@comcast.net. I should have thought about this sooner and put an announcement in May's newsletter, but I didn't. Clubs have had plenty of time to get those names to me!! I have received a few, but not very many. Thank you



NFMS 2nd V.P. Evelyn Cataldo

Hello Everyone,

The NFMS Mid-Year Meeting was held in Kennewick on a cold, blustery April 19th. This year's strange spring weather brought late

snow to areas of the Northwest and as a result some delegates were not able to attend. President Patty Amos called the meeting to order with 46 people in attendance, representing 27 clubs. Officer and committee reports were presented. The Federation's affairs appear to be in good order. There have been no resolutions proposed for presentation at the June Annual Meeting.

Margaret Stallknecht filled us in on preparations for exciting events at the 2008 Federation Show in Ontario: An Indian village filled with knappers.....

oodles of dinosaur eggs leading to the dinosaur bone prep area..... numerous field trips..... fabulous displays..... and a wide variety of dealers. What more could a rockhound ask for? And it sounds like the Kid's Corner is going to be a blast! Don't miss the big event. It truly is a family affair.

I am anxious to be on my way to Ontario. The weather should be perfect, the location is in the middle of a field tripper's paradise, the camaraderie will be exceptional and a good time will be had by all.

See you at the Show.
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NFMS Bulletin Aids Chair Darlene Denton

About half of the year 2008 is gone. You Editors should have heard when & where to pick up your awards & I hope a lot of

you are able to make plans to attend the NFMS annual show in Ontario, Oregon. If no one is picking up those awards, they will be sent or delivered shortly after the FED SHOW in Ontario. Keep up the good work and CONGRATULATIONS one and all.

Now for a BIG thank you to all of my judges. I couldn't do this without them: JEAN ELMER, CAROLYN FAUX, BONITA SPENCER, BOB DEURBROUCK, RUSS & DOROTHY SNOOK, BETTY MEYER & M J KLOPFENSTEIN.

Alright Editors, it's time to be in tune with working towards 2009. All of the bulletins being sent to me are 'great', very interesting. I can see improvements from past years' issues so please keep up all that hard work. You editors are one of the most important members in your club.

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Show Coordination Judi Allison

Judi Allison has moved. The correct information is: **Judi Allison**, Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society, 1701 NW 11th #A, Hermiston OR. 97838 (541) 720-4950, jall@eotnet.net. Please note that the e-mail address was incorrectly reported on page 2 of the May 2008 issue of this newsletter.

Show Coordination Function. Your Federation provides a free service for NFMS members by listing your show in this Newsletter, on the NFMS website, two magazines ("Rocks and Minerals" and "Rock and Gem") and the on-line Calendar from "Lapidary Journal". Please provide the date and time for the show, the club name and show title (if applicable), the location of the show, and most important a

contact person with address, e-mail address and/or phone (e-mail is preferred). Please send your show information four to six months in advance to the **SHOW COORDINATION** Chairperson. If you see an error once your show is listed, or if your show is not listed, contact the **Newsletter Editor**.



2008 Show Chairperson Margaret Stallknecht

Well, with mere weeks left, we are busy getting things moved to the fair grounds and the last minute things lined up. We have had so much help so far! We are really looking forward to a good show! With the amount of advertising done, the word of mouth, and the outpouring from everyone, I know everything will go good. If you need to ask any last minute questions, please call my cell phone at 208-230-2487 as I still have 4 shows out of town to be at. Thank you! God bless and safe travels to the show!

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NFMS JUNIOR ROCKHOUNDS

"News Flash June 2008"

Juniors
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Gary Buhr

This is it! June contains our biggest event of the year. Ontario, Oregon is the

place. June 20, 21, and 22 are the dates for the 68th Annual NFMS Show and Convention, and I hope you can be there and also bring lots of donations for the 2008 KIDS CORNER. Your generous help is desperately needed and certainly appreciated by all Kids that attend.

Excitement abounds with three Junior Achievement Award Winners this year! We really appreciate the review and voting by President Patty Amos, 1st VP Paul Heesacker and 2nd VP Evelyn Cataldo. The Junior Achievers are from the Spokane Rock Rollers Club, the Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society of Bremerton and from the Washington Agate and Mineral Society of Olympia. Names will be officially announced at the June 21 Awards Banquet in Ontario, Oregon where the Winners will be honored and their Awards presented.

More excitement is directed from two new Juniors Clubs that are forming. Bev Bockman has noted that Margaret Herron of the Rock Rollers Club of Spokane is ready to look into starting a Juniors Club. They currently have 42 Junior Members on paper so it will be very exciting to be hearing about their activities in the near future. Please keep us posted on all your new developments. NFMS Treasurer Lyle Vogelpohl has confirmed that there is a new application for membership from the Rocky Trails Junior Club of North Seattle with three Juniors Advisors and 31 Junior Rockhounds. This is reflective of the net growth of Junior Members in the NFMS for the past three years, yippee! Here we grow again and may it become the trend.



Pictured above is DESSIE LEE COLEMAN age 6 standing in front of her spectacular display case of specimens at the April 2008 Lakeside Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show. She also worked for 2.5 hours selling Grab Bags and Gem Trees at the KIDS CORNER. The title of her display is "EARTH COLORS" with examples that included petrified wood, zinc-copper-gold ore, quartz geode, thunderegg, rose quartz, leaf fossil, snake skin agate, lapis lazuli, quartz crystals, jade, citrine, soapstone, mesolite, moss agate, ammonite fossil, obsidian, jasper, pyrite, Brazil geode, beach agate, river rock and a snail shell, which is her favorite because her dad found it and gave it to her to keep. Lakeside Rock Club Juniors Advisor Leona George has everything imaginable to be proud of

because their KIDS CORNER has doubled in size; there were 8 Junior Rockhounds participating with display cases at the Show and they now have 33 Junior Members in their Rock Club.

The same April weekend the Yakima Rock and Mineral Club was completing its 70th Anniversary Celebration with the "Parade of Gems" 47th Annual Gem and Mineral Show at the Yakima Fairgrounds.



Pictured above is ERIC WESTWARD age 17 holding a piece of mahogany obsidian while running the Silent Auction. ERIC also operated the Spinner Wheel of Fortune in the KIDS CORNER. He has been a member of the Yakima Rock and Mineral Club for about two years and has a "massive" fossil collection, favoring trilobites and ammonites, especially the opalized and pyritized types, as well as agatized fossils, which he displays in this Annual Show. ERIC also does flintknapping and is very knowledgeable about snakes and reptiles. The Yakima Rock Club has about 30 Junior Members and about a dozen attend the monthly meetings. For five years Juniors Advisor Bonnie Connel has promoted the Juniors Club as a family type of Rock Club so there are many relatives that are members. Does your Rock Club sometimes seem like a family too? Friday is Kids Day at the Yakima Show where about 1500 students attend and learn about Rockhounding. What a great opportunity for "future members". There were nine Junior Rockhound display cases at the Show with title or subject and authors that included "Field Trips" by ANDERS; "Quartz Crystals" by ALEC; "Li on Port" with Rocks and a Castle by HANNAH; "Dinosaurs" by ALEX; "Fossils" by ERIC; "Wire Wrapping and Rocks" by DUNCAN; "Wire Wrapping-Jewelry-Rocks" by AISLIND; "Minerals and Geodes" by EMMA; "In which movie did each Rock Star appear?-- a quiz" by KAYLEEN. Amazing examples of youthful creativity and fabulous showmanship!!

Last picture (next column) is prospecting in the backyard of West Seattle Rock Club Juniors Advisor Audrey Vogelpohl. In anticipation of earning the new Gold Panning & Prospecting Merit Badge (AFMS/Future Rockhounds of America) three Junior Rockhounds from the West Seattle Rock Club went on an in-town Field Trip to pan for real gold on a cold day in March. "Striking it Rich" are Junior Members MILES DURNWIRTH, ALEX MILLER, and MERLYN TOSH (not in picture) Adults shown are Ken Miles and Lyle Vogelpohl who were among the ten adults that also panned for gold. Great example of a Field Trip that does not require using huge quantities of fuel to get to the destination. Photo compliments of Audrey Vogelpohl. Will you please send to Gary Buhr what you are doing in your Juniors Activities? Thank You for participating in our favorite hobby-- Rockhounding!



ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

Hells Canyon Gem Club of Lewiston, Idaho nominates **Ralph Mathewson** as our Rockhound of the Year for 2008. Ralph's unflinching good humor, helpfulness, and patience are truly the facets of a gem of a guy. This gentleman is a Master Faceter. He competes at the shows and has won international faceting awards. You can always count on Ralph to put in a display at our show. He is never too busy to teach his art at the club, at shows, demonstrations and on a private basis. On top of that, he is eager to aid the children of the community whenever we give presentations at the schools.

Over the years Ralph has given generously of his time and experience to help us all. He has served as president and vice president of our club. Every show will find Ralph involved in the set up and assignment of show cases. He has volunteered his time, energy, and garage to restore and build our show cases and he works on yearly upkeep of the cases. Truly, Ralph is a stable and reliable asset to our club.

Submitted by Rose Alene McArthur, Federation
Director for Hell's Canyon Gem Club

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Northwest Fossil of the Month

By Betty McLin Hare (Idaho Gem Club Member & Webmaster, Idaho Museum of Mining & Geology VP.) Betty can be contacted thru bmhare@hotmail.com

Utah Dinosaur Sites

Utah is renowned for their bounty of dinosaur fossils. Many venues exist where you can experience where dinosaurs once lived and where their remains still exist. In fact, there are so many that I'm only giving you an overview here. More research can be done on the Internet by searching "Utah dinosaurs."

Southeastern Utah has many dinosaur track sights and two terrific museums/parks at Moab! The Dinosaur Museum at Blanding is now open for the year and offers many spectacular rare skeletons and fossils from the 4 Corners area! Dinosaur eggs, fossilized trees, and dinosaur skin is on display there.

In eastern Utah, you should know that the Quarry at Dinosaur National Monument is closed until further notice while repairs are made on the building structure. The quarry is the only place in the monument where the public can easily see dinosaur fossils embedded in rock. However, trails and tours and activities are still going on around the area.

At the Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum in Vernal, visitors stroll through time--historic, prehistoric and geologic. Exhibits of rock types and vertebrate and invertebrate fossils fill the Geology Hall. Outside in the Dinosaur Garden, Mesozoic creatures dominate. A small lake and waterfall tumbling across native rock with foliage reminiscent of the Mesozoic era enhance the illusion. Park admission is \$1.50 for adults, and \$1.00 for children ages 6-15. Hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. during summer months, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the rest of the year, 435-789-3799. For more information on these attractions, call 800-477-5558.

The College of Eastern Utah (CEU) Prehistoric Museum in Price showcases the areas' ancient past, when dinosaurs roamed here. They left behind their bones, footprints and other traces of their existence. The museum has many complete skeletons from the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. The collection also contains many dinosaur tracks removed from local coal mines, dinosaur eggs, and other fossils. The CEU Prehistoric Museum currently operates multiple active dinosaur fossil quarries. The discovery of the remains of "Utahraptor" by museum personnel has put the museum on the cutting edge of scientific discovery. The CEU Museum is open daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from April through September, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., October through March. 435-637-5060. Please call or visit the website <http://museum.ceu.edu> for admission rates and other information.

Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry is one of the most prolific fossil sites in the world. It is located on the northern rim of Utah's San Rafael Swell, 35 miles south of Price, and was discovered in the early 1900's by area ranchers; it is the only quarry of its kind in the world. It was formed in the Jurassic Period, about 147 million years ago. Since 1928, over 12,000 bones have been removed from the quarry. The preponderance of Allosaurus bones almost single-handedly ensured Allosaurus' selection as the Utah State Fossil. The site has also yielded many Jurassic plant eaters like Stegosaurus and other meat-eating dinosaurs unique to this quarry. The quarry is open daily during the summer and on a reduced schedule during spring and fall. A small user fee is charged.

The Museum of the San Rafael in Castle Dale tells the stories of a primitive past long buried under shifting soils. A replica of a fossilized dinosaur egg believed to contain an embryo is part of the collection, as well as skeletons of Allosaurus, Chasmosaurus, Albertosaurus, and the great skull of Tyrannosaurus Rex. The museum is open Mon - Fri. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and donations are requested, 96 N. 100 E., Castle Dale, 435-381-5252. For more information on these attractions, call 800-842-0789.

In Northern Utah, a whole vacation can be had without leaving the Ogden area! George S. Eccles Dinosaur Park (dinosaurpark.org), and Ogden's Weber State University Museum of Natural History are located there. Provo's Brigham Young University's Earth Science Museum and Thanksgiving Point's world's largest dinosaur museum are all close by, too. There are incredible dinosaur finds to see at each place.

In fact, this year at the 68th Annual Meeting June 20-22 in Ontario, Oregon, the George S Eccles Dinosaur Park plans to bring their collection of dinosaur eggs to Ontario and display them. For me (in Boise, Idaho) that's closer than a drive to Ogden! And I love dinosaurs!



Stamp Chairperson Hermina Kolski

Stamp Report dated 04-08-08

I finally got well enough to ship the stamps yesterday. We shipped 60 pounds and when the check comes we should have \$4302.65 for this project. Isn't that great?? Out of something useless, we made over \$4000 - please keep gathering stamps so we can make more.

The full impact of the two month flu I had sure put me behind but it got done. Lots of thanks to you for sending me stamps cut so I could use them.

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The Rocks in a Box Challenge

By Joe Barreca



The **Panorama Gem and Mineral Club** of Kettle Falls, Washington is ready. We have our rocks together! Well alright, not all of our rocks, but a pretty good sample. Our collection includes crystals, metals, fossils, opal, real gold and more. Many of our samples are fluorescent under UV light. All of them are good examples of what you can expect to find in our area, Northeast Washington.

Our collection comes with its own guide book, a collection of stories with maps and GPS positions for the rocks in this box. The box itself is a fairly standard storage box for tied flies that we bought at WALMART. It is 11" x 7" x 1.75" and has 18 compartments.

So the challenge is: "**We want to trade these boxes for similar collections of sample rocks that other clubs find on their field trips.**" It would be ideal if other clubs could provide a guide such as ours. But, we will settle for a key to what is in the collection that includes the name of the mineral, a location where it can be found, (GPS coordinates if possible), chemical formulas where important, notes about its properties, value, abundance, and kudos to those who contributed samples. We can supply boxes if helpful.

Through this exchange we hope to build a collection of collections. It will be exciting to see what other clubs are finding, and especially nice in this era of high fuel costs to not be burning too much gas in the process. Of course this kind of thing inevitably leads to field trips, visits, contests, displays at rock shows, etc. So, we can't promise that this idea will stop global warming. We can promise that it will be fun.

If your club is up to the challenge, contact Joe Barreca, **Panorama Gem and Mineral Club**, 2109 Hwy 25 South, Kettle Falls, WA 99141 (509) 738-6155, Joe.Barreca@gmail.com

2008 Gem & Mineral Show Calendar

Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
June 6-8 Fri 12-5 Sat 10-6 Sun 11-4	Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show	Fruitland Grange Hall 112th and 86th Avenue East Puyallup, WA	info@puyallupgemclub.org or Puyallup Valley Gem Club P.O. Box 134 Puyallup, WA 98371-0014
June 7-8 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4	North Idaho Mineral Club Annual Gem Jewelry and Mineral Show	Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	Bob Bockman 208 773-5384. Bockbb@aol.com.
June 13-15 Fri 10-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4:30	Oregon Coast Agate Club Gem and Mineral, 46th Annual Gem and Mineral Show	Lincoln Co. Fairgrounds, 633 NE 3 rd St., Newport, Oregon Directions: http://www.co.lincn.or.us/fair/index.html	Juli Dahl, 541-563-7495 jdahl2@casco.net. PO Box 2439 Waldport, OR 97394
June 14-15 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Butte Mineral and Gem Club Show	Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Ave Butte MT	Pete Knudsen 406-496-4395
June 20-22 Fri 10-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	68 th Annual NFMS Show & Convention, Up & Coming in Ontario	Ontario Fairgrounds, Convention Center Ontario Oregon	Margaret Stallknecht 208-365-1653 mestallknecht@yahoo.com
Jul 26-27 Sat 9-6 Sun 9-5	WA Agate & Min. Soc. (WAMS) & Tenino Rock Cruisers, 14th Annual	Parkside Elementary School, Stage Street, Tenino, OR	Daniel De Boer (360) 866-3940 keylock@comcast.net
Aug 2-3 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Far West Lapidary's Rock and Gem Show	North Bend Community Ctr. 2222 Broadway North Bend Oregon	Don Innes, 541-396-5722 Carol Leaton 541-269-0542
Aug 16-17 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	The Nisqually Valley Rockhound Society's Annual Show	Yelm Middle School Hwy 510 Yelm, WA	Mike Smith 360-458-8747 msmith2012@ywave.com
Aug 30-31 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Stallknecht-Morgan Museum Gem & Mineral, Letha Gem Show	West Idaho Boulevard at the Park, Letha, ID	Margaret Stallknecht 208-365-1653
Sep 6-7 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4:30	Unpqua Gem & Mineral Club, Annual Mineral "Rocks Under Foot"	Douglas County Fairgrounds Douglas Hall (1-5, Exit 123) Roseburg, OR	Dave Snyder 541-679-7553 dwilliams@mesi.net
Sep 19-21 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Far West Lapidary's Rock and Gem Society South Coast Rock and Gem Fest 2008	4 th St. Parking Lot, Across from Outdoor-In Family Restaurant, Coos Bay Oregon	Don Innes 541-396-5722
Sep 20-21 Sat 10-6 Sun: 10-5	Hellgate Mineral Soc. "Rockhounding In The Rockies" (14 th Annual)	Ruby's Inn & Conv Center 4825 N. Reserve Missoula, MT	Bob Riggs, 14 Holiday Lane, Missoula, MT 59801 (406) 543-3667
Sep 20-21 Sat: 10-6 Sun: 10-4	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society Rock & Gem Show	Castle Rock Fairgrounds Castle Rock, WA	Diane Thurston 503-728-4274 spuds@clatskanie.com
Oct 3-5 Fri 10-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-3	Clallam County Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show, Earth's Treasures	Boys & Girls Club Carroll C. Kendall Unit 400 West Fir St. Sequim, WA 98382	Bill Dettmer 360-565-8301 gsi@goalsys.com Foster Thompson 360-681-7981 fostert@olypen.com
Oct 11-12 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Marysville Rock & Gem 34th Annual Gem/Mineral Show (Rocktoberfest)	Totem Middle School 7th. Street & State Ave Marysville, WA 98270	Ken Metz (425) 422-8575 Ken_metz@hotmail.com Rocky McCall 360.629.2515 rm711@tgi.net
Oct 10-12 Fri 10-8 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Billings Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show	Billings Hotel and Convention Center 1223 Mullowney Lane Billings Montana.	Vern Watson 2511 Olson Dr Billings MT. 59102 (406) 652.5958

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Oct 18-19 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Hells Canyon Gem Club, Inc. Annual Show	Nez Perce County Fair Grounds, Lewiston, ID	Jack Edwards 509-529-3673 edwardsj@wwics.com
Oct 25-26 Sat 9-6 Sun 10-5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club, Earth's Hidden Treasures 2008	Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4 th Ave Canby, Or	Rick Maurer (509) 691-6395 talliccardo@juno.com
Oct 25-26 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Bellevue Rock Club Rock, Gem & Jewelry Show	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish Blvd SE Bellevue, WA	Marjorie McKinley, POB 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009-1851 bellevuerockclub@comcast.net
Oct 31-Nov2 Fri 12-7 Sat 10-7 Sun 11-4	The Springfield Thunderegg Club of Eugene, OR, Rock & Gem Show	Oakway Center 112 Coburg Road Eugene, OR	Jim Nelson 541 687-8100 or Bob Smith 541 741-0060
Nov 8-9 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-5	Skagit Rock & Gem Club, "Treasures of the Earth" Annual Show	Sedro Woolley Comm. Ctr. 720 State Street Sedro Woolley, WA	Tina Anderson, (360) 299-8224

2009 Gem & Mineral Show Calendar

Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
Jul 30-Aug 2 Thur 10-5 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun: 10-5	NFMS/AFMS Combined Show hosted by Billings Gem & Mineral Club, 51 st year	Holiday Inn Grand Montana 5500 Midland Rd Billings MT	Doug True 406-670-0506 dtruefossils@yahoo.com

Clallam County Gem and Mineral Society announces their new web site effective immediately
<http://www.sequim-rock-club.com> Submitted by Bill Dettmer

Gem, Mineral, Rock & Jewelry Show

June 7 & 8th, 2008

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