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**Hatrockhound Happenin’**  
**“The Biggest Little Show in Town”**

The 2014 NFMS Show and Convention is rapidly approaching. We, the Hatrockhounds, are all looking forward to showing you a good time. I want to remind folks to get their advance registrations in to me. The cut-off date is July 15, so we can finalize our plans for banquets and such. I am going to be gone from July 15<sup>th</sup> until the beginning of August, so I am hoping you can get the forms to me early so I can send your advance tickets in a timely manner.

If you are wanting to camp, we do have quite a number of spaces (42), but you need to preregister to be assured of a spot. The information is on the preregistration form that you can find on our website [hatrockhounds.org](http://hatrockhounds.org), on the NFMS website under Federation Shows or in the April newsletter.

We are working on a venue of speakers for your learning pleasure. On Friday, we will have Ed Thornton who will be giving a presentation related to mineral identification using the computer. On Saturday after the ALAA Meeting, you don't want to miss John George speaking for Forest Access for All. We are also booking Professor Phil Schmitz to give an overview of the geology of Oregon, George Last speaking on the Ice Age Floods and a representative to present on the John Day Formations.

We are gaining interest in the field trip to the China Hollow Jasper Mine out of Wasco, Oregon. Be sure to sign up so you don't get left behind. Either email me, Judi Allison, or give me a call. Email: [jall@cotnet.net](mailto:jall@cotnet.net) Phone: 541-720-4950.

Members of the MT Hood Club have again generously volunteered to run the silent auction, but they will need material to sell. Please bring along some material to donate if you have some to share. All the proceeds from the auction go to the Federation, so it is a good way for you to help out.

As you enjoy our area, I want to point out a few sights you might enjoy as a sideline. The little Fort Henrietta Park in Echo is just 12 miles away. The National Park Service has listed the park as a National Historic Trail Site because it was a campsite and river crossing for Oregon Trail emigrants. There are several historic displays including a covered wagon museum and antique fire equipment museum. The museums are unmanned with push button recorders that provide information to visitors. The first Umatilla County jail is in the park as is a replica blockhouse. Interpretive panels provided by the National Park Service and story boards with information on Echo history are also located in the park.

Or take in the Pendleton Underground Tours of Pendleton's history of legal and illegal businesses operating in the same area for over 100 years. You will go underground to the tunnels the Chinese dug and be escorted up to Stella's brothel all on a ninety minute tour. You can read more about this entertaining tour at [www.pendletonundergroundtours.org/](http://www.pendletonundergroundtours.org/)

One of the area's newest attractions is the SAGE Center in Boardman, 24 miles from Hermiston. Developed by the Port of Morrow, the SAGE Center gives visitors a unique opportunity to learn about the technology that takes place locally within the Port of Morrow and region without visiting each industry. Find out with hands-on exhibits if you can plant corn in a straight row, how a potato gets from the field to your table, see the sustainable energy cycle in the dairy industry in the area and take a ride around the vicinity in a virtual hot air balloon. The cost is a mere \$3.00 for "oldsters" and only \$5.00 for youngsters.

Tamastlikt Cultural Institution adjacent to Wild Horse Casino out of Pendleton offers history and culture of the people who have lived on this land for more than 10,000 years. Interactive exhibits and a Living Culture Village help tell the story of the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla tribes.

We hope that along with our show, you can experience some of the other things our area has to offer. We are excited to have you. Judi Allison, Mike Filarski, Co-chair, and all the rest of the Hatrockhounds.



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## COMMITTEE REPORTS



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

I still remember the first "cool" stone that I found on my first field trip. My two young sons and I had just

joined our local rock club when they took us to Saddle Mountain, near Mattawa, Washington looking for petrified wood. We were all digging in a common area and others were finding nice pieces, but not me. When I did find my first limb about 3 inches around and 5 inches long with a nice ring pattern showing, I lifted it up and said "look". Well about four hands were trying to grab it out of my hand at once and as they passed it around, everybody was excitedly saying what a great find I had. At this point I said to myself that even though I was a terrible fisherman, I might be good at this thing called rock hunting. I was hooked.

Since that day I have been on countless field trips with my family, our club, other clubs and the NFMS led trips. I have developed some fairly simple philosophies about field trips that I would like to share.

1. I appreciate a certain type of stone better once I see where it is found and how it is formed. This is true of many of the woods that are found in a bog, sandstone, or ash material as this gives evidence as to how it petrified. It is also true of the plume agate from Graveyard Point, when you find those delicate angel wings that later become filled in to form the plumes.

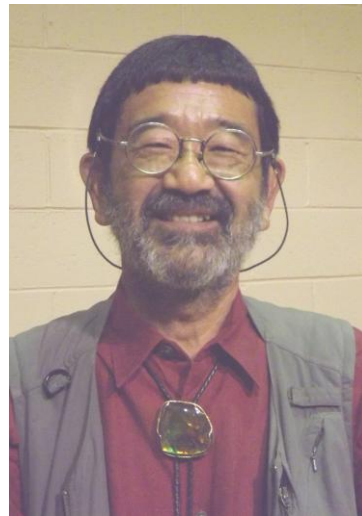
Even obsidian, with all the different sheens, colors and patterns at "Glass Butte" or "Davis Creek" is something that I have appreciated better after seeing where and how they are formed. This includes the Jaspers at China Hollow, Marsten's farm in Madras and Gary Green outside of McDermitt, NV. I have also enjoyed finding the many shapes, colors and sizes of thunder eggs from all over our Northwest.

2. I appreciate stones that I find more than when I buy them. Knowing the history of a stone makes it more meaningful to me. Now I can tell you all about the area, the experience and the people that was with me. This history also helps me identify the stone easier.

3. Field trips are always a great bonding experience. I never go alone into a remote area in case anything did happen to me or my vehicle. I could tell you many stories of sitting around campfires, eating shared meals, sharing tools and helping each other find the prize.

4. Field trips have fulfilled the childhood joy of finding treasures. As adults we usually do not have time to hunt and explore for treasures that have never been seen before. I realized that I have missed this and that field trips have helped to fill this gap.

I hope each of you have some great experiences this summer as you hunt for your treasure.



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

Hello All,

The article I sent in for the last issue was done before the Mid Year meeting and did not update my article when the deadline was moved later.

So, it is a little bit late, but I must thank the Lakeside Club for hosting the NFMS Mid Year meeting. I appreciate they have put in lots of work for the meeting.

In mid May, I had to go to Japan to take care things and happened to have a chance to see a rock related exhibition. It was a special exhibition held at the National Museum of Nature & Science located in Ueno, Tokyo and theme was "The Geological World and Kenji Miyazawa" (April 19 – June 15). Kenji Miyazawa is well known among the Japanese as a poet and author. Actually, he is so well known that even I have known him since when I was a kid. His one phrase in one particular poem made him so famous and many people have known him for that phrase and so many Japanese did not know he was involved in rocks.

Of course I only knew that phrase and had no idea he had any relation with rocks. According to the explanation, he was born in 1896 in Iwate Prefecture (Northern Japan) and started his mineral collection in 1903 when he was in elementary school and his nick name was like "Rock-Kid Ken". He continued his collection through his adulthood and became a science teacher of a local agricultural high school and continued his geological studies. There was an intensive display of what he has collected and it was pretty amazing to see the minerals found in Japan.

I have read in books that Japan has produced many minerals, but it was the first time to see that much real material in one place. I have not heard many rock collecting stories in Japan, but probably it was more accessible in those days. Over 30 years ago when I visited a prime site for quartz crystal in Yamanashi Prefecture, the owner of the rock shop said the crystals were all dug out quite a while ago and had to import all of his crystal supplies from Brazil, so I think many of the rocks went through the same path. Too much population in a small land does not help.

The regular exhibition in the same museum had a mineral section as well and I was able to see the minerals found in Japan. This museum is huge and has two major sections with multiple floors, which would take well over a day to just go through. I thought everything in Japan was so expensive, but the admission to this museum was only about \$6 (620JPY per adult). If you ever make a trip to Japan and have an extra day you can spend in Tokyo, I will recommend you visit the museum.

Writing about rocks in Japan, there is a big rock show held annually in Shinjuku, Tokyo named "Tokyo International Mineral Fair", sponsored by the Tokyo International Mineral Association. There are about 400 dealers from around the world including from the US. I happened to be there in the right timing 2 years ago and attended the show. The booths are pretty small compared to what you normally see here in the US and it was literary packed with visitors.

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A strange experience I had was that I stopped at a Japanese dealer and saw a piece of a rock that looked exactly like a Graveyard Point Plume Agate. I asked him if he imports these things from the US, but the unexpected answer was that it was from Japan. If a person who knew what Graveyard Point is, I would say 99.99% would say it is Graveyard Point. The dealer said it comes from Aomori Prefecture (Northern Japan) and it even had a Japanese name "Ginkaseki", which would be translated as "Silver Flower Rock".

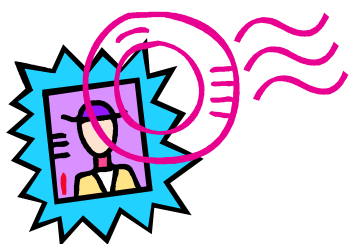
The price was probably about 10 times more compared to what I would pay here, but had to have it. And I can already predict the problem when I make a cabochon, nobody will believe me that it is a rock from Japan.

I am sure the show is much smaller than the Tucson Show, but may be fun to see it if you take a trip to Tokyo at the right time. The ratio of the Japanese people interested in rocks and minerals may not be so high, but it was nice to see lots of people attending the show.

One more rock related thing. I heard there is kind of a trend of young Japanese wearing bead bracelets and I did see many people wearing them. Lots of elder people were wearing it as well so must be a getting popular among all ages. I heard they usually buy the beads individually and use an elastic string to slip on to the wrist.

It seems like they are wearing them to pump in the energy from the rock or for healing purposes, so they look for the material which works best for each individual. I saw small rock shops here and there where they sell mainly beads. Whatever the purpose is, it was nice to see rocks were getting attention in Japan and hope someday they will sell it for a price closer to what we can get it here in the US. I didn't check the quality, but seemed like we can buy a whole strand here for the price of a piece of bead in Japan.

Here in Oregon, the big shows in Prineville and Madras are coming soon and look forward to having fun. And there are lots of rock activities in this season. Be safe and enjoy the season!



### Stamp Report Hermina Kolski, Stamp Chair

Been having good luck with stamps we picked up at the Mid-Year meeting. We have enough to fill the box and will ship it next week.

I was probably out of line to mention my rock sale in conjunction with the trip to Terry, Mt. for agate but all the rocks we have are the product of what the Federation people have taught us over the years. So it is only right that the Federation people should have the first chance at them for their collections.

I will bring stamps for sale and any booklets I can get to the next meeting in Hermiston. Hope to see you there.



### Ronna Watkins Bulletin Aids Chair

I had a wonderful time at the Mid Year Meeting in Kennewick this year, and the Lakeside Show was very interesting and fun, too! I write this hoping that the bulletin editors, web designers, and bloggers in the NFMS

are in the process of getting their reservations in to the Hatrockhounds for the Annual All Editor's Breakfast in Hermiston. The Best Western still has rooms available, so get your reservation in and join the fun!

Warren Rood asked me to write something about the Yakima Rock & Mineral Club's Future Rockhounds of America Juniors Program. I am so excited about the growth and fun in our Juniors' program. Just in May, we awarded 25 children AMFS merit badges. Many of them both the "Earth Processes" and the "Fossils" merit badges. We had three juniors display collections for their first time, in our show this year. They received "Showmanship" Badges. What an honor to award these young people badges.

When I got involved in our children's program a few of years ago, the club had about six children that attended on our monthly late Friday night meetings. The children were happy and indulged. The program ran concurrent to the adult meetings, sometimes the adult meetings were the children's' program. This program was teaching geology and rock art, but it was not building membership to our club.

This being said, what has change is this: With the excellent AFMS Merit Badge Program developed by Jim Brace-Thompson, along with additional geology curriculum readily available off the internet, and the full time commitment of our club's Children's Team: We have had an incredibly fun time building our Junior's program through satellite groups. These groups meet, one at a library early in the day designed for homeschoolers and another at a church as an after-school program. The children are escorted by parents and grandparents that help guide the learning. Every session has specimens to examine with the lecture and a hands-on activity or game. The children have built volcano lap books and made dinosaur notebooks. This is serious learning fun!

This being our second year with the new programs, we now have 54 Junior members, with over thirty actively seeking merit badges, in two satellite groups here in the Greater Yakima Valley Area. Our Friday evening program is still quite small, but the satellite groups are growing and are bringing young families back into membership; and, we are seeing them start to come to our monthly Friday night meetings and other events, too.

I want to give new hope to all the clubs out there. Children are still fascinated by rocks, geology, and lapidary arts. It is a pleasure to see them light-up at volcano and plate tectonic experimentation. It is wonderful to see their interest in the serious study of how dinosaurs are named and how to identify minerals. Some of these things are hard for adults to understand, I am learning a lot teaching the children. And you know what? They get it! Put them in an environment where they have room, at a time when they can still think and concentrate, with the merit badge prize in mind as their goal, and make it fun (with the serious and important stuff on the side) and you will have a room full of children (with their parents) enjoying our hobby.

See you in Hermiston: And don't forget to invite the children to attend, and possibly compete, in the show!

## NFMS MEETING



### WE NEED YOU !! Dee Holland, NFMS Rules Chair

It is getting late. We don't have much time left. So I'm offering you a deal. We are extending the cut-off date for COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS from July 15<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have thought of competitive exhibiting but haven't had the time to get it together, here's your chance.

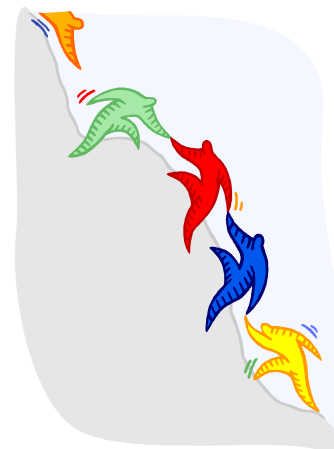
Competitive exhibits is almost forgotten in all the regional federations except Northwest and California. California just finished up their convention and show and they had 26 competitive exhibits, three of which were Juniors. Keeping competitive exhibiting going here in the west is part of why we exist. Showing the public what we are about is important. Keeping standards high in all our exhibits is important. Without competitive exhibits we'd begin to lose the ideas we've learned for exhibiting.

If you don't feel comfortable competitively exhibiting, then put in a non-competitive exhibit and on Sunday afternoon about 3pm, the judges will evaluate your exhibit and help you to bring it up to competitive standards. Don't know what Division or Class? We'll help you.

REMEMBER, the AFMS/NFMS show is coming in 2016 and we want to be proud and show-off of all our competitive exhibits. Showcase the NFMS and let the other federations see what we are all about. That we are still doing what our Articles of Incorporation says, we are educating the public, and the best way to do that is through exhibiting.

Download your application off the NFMS website, fire it off to Lauren Williams, Registrar and we'll see you at the show in Hermiston, OR. August 14 – 17.

Pretty simple, let's do it now, TODAY. Thanks for listening



## MULTI-FEDERATION FIELD TRIP FULL- REGISTRATION CLOSED

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### Viola Jones

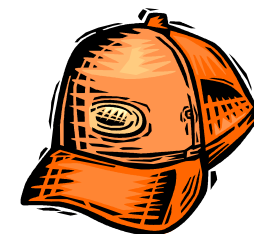
It is with great sorrow that we heard of the death of Viola Jones on June 12th. She not only was our NFMS Rockhound of the Year Chairperson but also edited the Crystal and Gem News for the North Puget Sound Faceting Guild, a member of the NFMS. We have not been able to find any details about funeral arrangements as of the printing of this edition. I will print a full obituary in the next issue.

May she rest in peace.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### Show Your Colors !



### Supplies Report Patty Amos, Supplies Chair

We still have a number of NFMS t-shirts and hats available. Please contact me to order any of them. I will also have them at the show in Hermiston. (360)892-3716, [packrats2@msn.com](mailto:packrats2@msn.com) . Thanks.

#### NFMS T-Shirt Sizes (\$ 5.00)

White:	Cream:	Yellow:	Red:	Orange:	Blue:
S - 9	S - 7	S - 6	S - 10	S - 8	S - 6
M - 9	M - 8	M - 8	M - 6	M - 6	M - 4
L - 5	L - 6	L - 0	L - 4	L - 7	L - 0
XL-8	XL - 2	XL - 0	XL - 0	XL - 0	XL - 0

**Hats** (\$ 1.50): Blue, Dark Blue, Red, Green, Dark Green, Black

**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!**



### From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

Summer is here, I think. You would not know it by the weather we had yesterday. An art group that I belong to was going to do sun printing but the sun did not show up for the party. I am glad we had 2 options for projects for the day. We stayed inside out of the downpours.

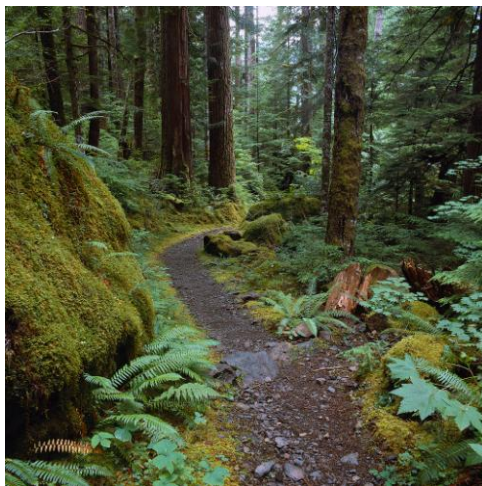
But back to rockhounding. My hubby and I have not had too much time to go out and look for rock but on Father's Day we did go up to our favorite quarry and see what might still be available. We never know what we will find since the Forest Service uses the rock from that quarry for road work in the Tillamook Forest. This particular place has seams of a mix of agate, calcite and marchasite which not only polishes well but also fluoresces. Last year they blasted the knoll that contains the material and did a lot of rock crushing to provide the material they needed to rebuild and resurface the forest roads.

They still allow us to go in and hunt for what we can and last season our club got some pretty large seams out of the side of the knoll but now what is left of the top of the knoll is covered with quite a layer of loose rock that needs to be removed before we can work the rest of the area. Maybe this summer we will go up and just push rock around to clear it off.

Paul and I also belong to the Micro-Mineral Study Group and that group is starting up a small beginners' mineral identification group. We are very blessed by having a very knowledgeable person, Don Howard, in the group that has agreed to host this small learning group for us. We met for the first time this month and had a great time. We brought our microscopes and a flat of minerals to identify from our collection. By the time we went home we not only had quite a few micros that now had names but we could even start identifying a few on our own. We even forgot to break for snacks and really did not want to go home. Between now and next month when we meet again I plan on going through my flats of unknown minerals and see if I can recognize a few, name them and take them to the meeting to verify my identification.

We will be going to the Prineville and Madras shows next and are looking forward to the NFMS meeting at the show in Hermiston. See you there!!

## LAND ACCESS



### May Guild Presentation John George, Director of Forest Access For All

My name's John. I was born and raised in Eastern Oregon. I'm proud of that fact. My Dad's side of the family's been there since they came out on the Oregon Trail. I'm with two different groups. The American Land Access Alliance is found mostly in rock hunters' groups. My Dad was a very active rock hunter, which is witnessed by all the petrified wood stumps found all over our front yard. I am also the newly elected director of a group called Forest Access For All out of Baker in North East Oregon where I was born. ALAA is a group I got affiliated with the group Forest Access For All. The president of that group is currently a lady by the name of Shirley Leeson.

ALAA has been very active in Southern California and Arizona working on access issues for rock hunters. I have spoken to a couple of their different groups in Kennewick over the last couple of years; a very active group of folks. The group I worked on, Fafa in Baker, we've been actively involved in working with the Forest Service to keep our mountains open in NE Oregon. I don't know how many of you folks have visited NE Oregon. Big mining country; Baker was founded around the concept of gold mining. My family has a small gold mine that we patented in the mid 90's, 20 acres in an area called Green Mountain. Big, big gold country. We've stewarded the piece of ground over the many years. We do a little bit of prospecting on it, but nothing big.

Fafa has been on this Travel Management Rule that the Forest Service has been trying to enact on the Wallowa Whitman National Forest for going on seven years. We keep going around the horn with them to keep the mountains open. I wanted to come and visit with you and show how it can affect folks like you and the things you do. I am not a political person; this crosses all political boundaries. I am not a government basher. That's not my interest either. I have a great deal of respect for government employees; I think some folks get a little out of control but also that's not what I'm here to do. I'm just here to talk about the fundamentals of your access and what's getting ready to happen in NE Oregon.

To step back a little bit, the Travel Management Rule was enacted by the USDA in 2005. That rule was put into place simply to help designate travel routes on the National Forest road systems throughout the US. All they were supposed to do was go in, look at the road systems, designate a use to them and inventory the roads. That rule has been manipulated to the point where they are using it as a hammer to close off access to the public. This is being done to the

scale that what we consider an open forest system will be used to create a closed forest system, which means you will not be able to use motorized means to get out on the national forest unless on a designated route that the Forest Service deems you should be traveling on.

So Wallowa Whitman National Forest, which I consider my home forest, is 2.3 million acres in size; it's a big forest. A little bit over half of that forest is under a wilderness designation; no motorized access at all for hunting, firewood hunting, gathering gems and rocks, or anything. What the forest service would like to do is lay on top of that the Travel Management Rule which allows them to designate motorized use only on designated routes in the forest. It's kind of like that Keep Off The Grass rule you see in parks. You can go down the trail, just don't get off the trail.

So we have less than half available for motorized access now. If they get what they want, we will go from less than half that we have now to about 1.5% of the forest that we will be able to get on to. That will devastate our community. Not only will it be hard on our community, it will be hard on you, who want to go out on our forest to go rock hunting or hiking.

Let's say you had a spot you like to think of as your little honey hole, you really enjoyed getting to, and it was up a draw somewhere. If you don't know that road was going to get closed, let's say from the main road up it was 20 miles, and they close that road on you and don't designate a use for that road, you will not be allowed to travel up it. You'll be subject to a penalty of up to \$5000 and/or six months in jail. I don't think people in the Portland metropolitan area know those kinds of penalties are going to go into effect.

They tried to pass the Travel Management Plan in 2012. We had a large outcry in NE Oregon. It was in the Oregonian down here. We had about 3000 appeals filed. They have a time limit on responding to those appeals. With that many appeals, they simply did not have enough time, a ten year period, to meet with each appellant, so they withdrew the decision.

Fast forward two years later. One of the appeals we filed was based on the fact that the Travel Management Rule did not meet the current forest plan they have in place. The current 1994 plan in place now states that the forest is an open forest unless closed. So they have to designate a closure area. They want to put a Travel Management Rule that says it is closed unless open, a fundamentally different concept. So now they are coming back at us with a revision to the forest plan. And amazingly enough, the revision says that they can designate routes, and they can have a forest that is closed unless opened. So what I came to ask you is, as a group or individuals, to please find a way of becoming involved in this process. I feel kind of selfish coming to you to talk about something in my forest, but if you come to my forest as a rock hound or a hiker, it is going to hurt you too. I would be willing to entertain any questions you have for me.

Via Facets, 6/14

[Editor's note: There was a lengthy Q&A session that I will print in the next issue. Also for more information please go to <http://forestaccessforall.org/> .]



## NFMS MEMBER CLUBS' SHOW SCHEDULE

<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>July 25 - 27</b> Fri 9-6, Sat 9-6, Sun 9-5	Washington Agate and Mineral Society	Parkside Elementary School 301 Central Avenue E Tenino WA 98589	Daniel De Boer <a href="mailto:keylock1@live.com">keylock1@live.com</a> PO Box 2553 Olympia WA 98507
<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:boblr@bresnan.net">boblr@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
<b>November 8 - 9</b> Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5	Skagit Rock & Gem Club	Sedro Woolley Community Center, 700 Pacific Street Sedro Woolley, WA	Linda Keltz 360 424 6525 <a href="mailto:virlinkeltz@comcast.com">virlinkeltz@comcast.com</a>

