



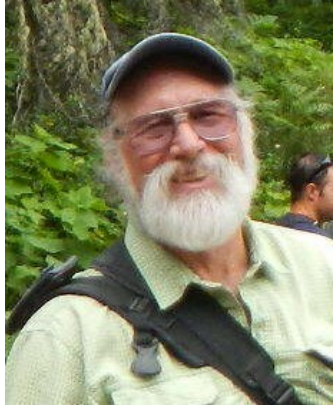
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Jim Bosley President

I received a letter from a gem and mineral society in May 2017 asking why their club should belong to the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) and American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS). After reading the letter I condensed it down to a two part question (see below). The question is further divided into a club portion and a member's portion. In addition, I have discussed their question with the NFMS officers and committee chairs to get their perspectives on the question. The discussion below incorporates the officer/chair thoughts as well as mine. The following is my response to their question.

I want to ask you to answer for yourselves the following questions: Why do you belong to your local gem and mineral society? What do you get from your local gem and mineral society? What do you want the NFMS to be? What do you want the NFMS to provide to you that they are not currently providing? The reason I ask is that what you get out of any organization is based on what you put into it

A federation is an organization comprised of a set of smaller autonomous organizations which seek to bring attention to issues that are of importance to its members. The NFMS provides an umbrella organization for the gem and mineral societies in the Northwest. It is a community of rockhounds and lapidary artists who together provide the infrastructure to teach, solve problems and recognize individuals that display a dedication to the lapidary arts and to their society.

Membership in the NFMS automatically includes membership in the AFMS, the blanket organization that ties together seven individual Federations around the country. The AFMS includes a membership of approximately 50,000 individuals. When we are facing issues such as land closures or government regulations, strength in numbers comes into play. It is much more impressive to be able to comment to your congressman or others who can help sway issues that you are part of an organization of over 50,000 individuals rather than simply using the first person. Strength is in numbers.

Question: The Members want to know what the society or club is getting for their money and what is the benefit of membership (\$500/Year)?

Where the money goes –

The services provided by the NFMS takes a budget of about \$45,000 a year. Your dues generate about \$20,000 annually. Fees paid by the attendees of the Northwest Rockhound Retreat generate another \$18,000 though it should be noted that the retreat is self-supporting in that the fees paid by the attendees offset the charges by OMSI to use the facilities. Income from other miscellaneous sources makes up the remaining funds.

On the expenditure side, costs of printing and distribution of the newsletter and directory run about \$20,000 a year. Northwest Rockhound Retreat pays OMSI about \$18,000 a year to use the facilities. American Federation dues run about \$4,000. Since the Northwest federation is a legal entity there are expenditures needed to cover legal requirements of the organization such as insurance, bonds, corporation fees, tax preparation, etc. These run about \$3000 per year.

The federation requires the work of many volunteers to make things happen. There are miscellaneous expenses associated with these volunteer activities. In September 2016 I wrote an article for the newsletter that discussed how the dues were spent within the NFMS. You can find a copy of the article on the NFMS website.

Membership Benefit to Your Local Society or Club

As a member (individual and club) of the NFMS you are connected to approximately 6,000 individuals from sixty-six different clubs. If you are planning a trip to any of the member states (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Northern Utah, and Washington) you can pick up the NFMS Directory and find someone to tell you of a good site for a great find, help you with a cutting or cabbing issue or simply "talk shop". You have the opportunity to reach out to others and make connections in a variety of ways.

- Provides a "Directory" containing:
 - Contact information for the NFMS leadership, NFMS committee chairs, and member societies.
 - Individual society membership lists, meeting dates, locations
 - A listing of program materials available to member societies.
 - Copies of the legal documents that guide the operation of the federation.
- NFMS publishes a newsletter to communicate information about activities of the federation.
- NFMS provides organizational leadership, instructors and some of the resources needed to put on the Northwest Rockhound Retreat at Camp Hancock.
- NFMS organizes and coordinates annual federation sponsored field trips.

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SHOW COORDINATION. 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, admission price, 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.

SAVE STAMPS PROGRAM. NFMS members are encouraged to use and save commemorative stamps. The money generated from the sale of these used (cancelled) stamps is then donated to Cancer Research. The collected stamps can be sent to the **Stamps Chairman**, brought to the NFMS Annual Show or given to your Federation Director in your club.

ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS**Where to send your money**

To NFMS Treasurer for:

1. Dues and supplies
2. Donations for the general fund
3. Donations to Junior Achievement
4. Advertisement in this Newsletter

Send to: Lyle Vogelpohl, see Treasurer this page.

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1. Donations to Endowment Fund
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Make check payable to NFMS Endowment Fund, send to Endowment Fund Treasurer, 8810 37th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98126-3617

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Ads for the Northwest Newsletter are \$1.50 per square inch.
Example: 3" x 4" ad = 12 inches
12 inches x \$1.50 = \$18 per issue of the Newsletter

For an additional 50% of the cost of the Newsletter ad, you can have the same ad placed on the NFMS website for the same length of time. The Newsletter ad must be purchased to receive this additional advertisement.

Do not send ads on colored paper because the back-ground will look gray in the ad. The Editor will send a billing statement to the customer which will include instructions to make payment to the NFMS Treasurer. For more information or questions, call, e-mail or write the **Newsletter Editor**

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<https://m.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>
(for mobile devices like phones)

5. NFMS by partnering with local clubs that host the mid-year and annual federation meetings it provides members an opportunity to network with other individuals with similar interests.
6. NFMS provides an opportunity to speak as one voice for the 6,000 members of the federation when providing input into proposed land use actions by federal and state agencies that might adversely affect the ability to use public lands for rockhounding activities. (E.g. the recent proposal by the Department of Interior to prohibit mining, including recreational rockhounding, of BLM lands to protect Sage Grouse habitat.)
7. NFMS provides a library of learning materials your club can access
8. AFMS Liability insurance for field trips
9. AFMS provides a Jr. rockhound program and badges

What does membership in the NFMS do for me?"

1. It gives you connections to other people interested in rockhounding and lapidary arts nationwide
2. It gives you opportunities learn from other societies and their members.
3. NFMS membership gives you and your society the opportunities to use of all the NFMS has to offer.
 - a. Jr. Rockhound Program materials and badges free of charge
 - b. Personal Challenge – How good are my lapidary arts by creating display showcasing your talents? Through the Competitive Display Program you can grow in your abilities. Even if competition isn't for you, there are opportunities to get tips from those who have taken courses in judging.
 - c. Bulletin Editor or member that has written an article for your newsletter? You can enter the Bulletin Aids Contest and find out how well you have done. Maybe you will challenge yourself to try again the next year with tips given from the judges.
 - d. Society/Club's webmaster. You can enter the AFMS Website Contest and again receive tips on how to improve your site. These contests generally come with a certificate or other sort of recognition; possibly even a plaque or trophy.
 - e. Your club can compile an "All American Yearbook" which highlights your club's activities throughout the year. Prizes for this entry are Bronze, Silver or Gold Medals. You have created a historical record of your year, earned a medal, received tips and ideas for improvement and worked together as a unit.
 - f. Your club can submit the name of someone who has been a special contributor during the year. The "Rockhound of the Year" entry is first published in the NFMS Newsletter, then in the AFMS Newsletter. Each honoree receives a certificate. (Your club might also want to honor them with a plaque or some other such gift.) What a special way to give recognition to those hard working people in your club, and it is all without any cost to you! Your club can submit a name each year. It is simple and it's quick.
 - g. Your club can avail itself of the free advertising opportunities by utilizing the Show Coordinator. Simply send in your show information and it will be advertised in the NFMS Newsletter as well as a number of other publications.
 - h. You can take advantage of the Camp Hancock Retreat. Your club can borrow programs from the slide and video holdings. You can take part in Federation sponsored field trips. You can become members of American Lands Access Association to help continue to keep our hobby alive.
 - i. You can attend the NFMS Rockhound Retreat and NFMS field trips.

If you think you have other ideas to increase ways the NFMS can reach out to your younger members, please contact the NFMS officers, your society's NFMS director and your society president with any concerns, proposed changes and improvements the federation needs to make. The only way the NFMS will know of your concerns is if you contact us.

Again, you ask, "What can NFMS membership do for me?" It can open a world of opportunities and friends with in your state, region and country!



Keith Fackrell

1st Vice President

In May, Jerrie and I attended the Hamilton, Montana- Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Society's (NFMS) Annual Meeting. The show was hosted by the Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society. Because of the hard and tiring work by Steve Vieth, Faith Farley, Beverly Gibson and all of their hard working committees, it was a great show which we enjoyed very much. When we had some spare time, we drove around and enjoyed the beautiful scenery. Even the people we met in the business districts were very friendly and helpful. Thanks to the members in the Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society for inviting NFMS members and friends to share your great show and area.

On the way home, we took the mountain pass, south of Hamilton, and then traveled east toward Dillon, Montana. What a beautiful ride. There were several signs along the highway warning drivers about deer, elk & moose on and along the highway. We didn't see any four legged animals, but we did see two geese who just happen to take off from the highway, going the same direction. They were traveling at about 30 or 40 miles per hour slower than we were going. Guess What! We missed them but it was another beautiful sight.

I really do not know where this spring and summer have gone! Here we are in the middle of July already. Since May 1st I have spent half my time watering our property. This does not leave a lot of time for anything else that needs done. We water our property for four straight days and nights in a row, then spend the next 4 days preparing for the next cycle. O well, I guess I asked for it - so I need to buckle down, put a smile on and get the jobs done.

In the Middle of June - Jerrie and I attended the Ventura, California / American Federation of Mineralogical Society meetings & convention. A lot of focus was put into uniting with other organization who have the same desires that we have in our rockhounding hobby - that is to keep access to public lands open for the enjoyment and responsible use for all of us to enjoy.

We also enjoyed the meetings and association we had making many new friends. This was actually the first time Jerrie and I were able to walk along the waterlines and watch the many youth, teen and older adults surfing.

The Ventura Gem & Mineral Society hosted the CFMS and AFMS Show and Convention. They also had Breakfast with Editors and Webmasters. It was a very good show and seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks

Now we are back home and readjusting to reality, taking care of home and working on our part of getting ready for our summer activities and our local club's activities and getting ready for Timpanogos' Gem & Mineralogical Society - Spring Parade of Gem's March 16, 17 & 18, 2018 Show.

Jerry and Charlotte Davis, our Junior Club leaders took a group of youth, their parents and other grownups to Spanish Fork Canyon and south of Santaquin to gather fossils and algae balls. The leaders chose these two places to go hunting to help the youth on their upcoming Fossil Badges. Latter that week Jerry and Charlotte went with Jerrie and I to pick up Grab Bag Rocks for the March Show. We enjoyed the trip very much in the cool temperature of a 100 + degrees. Thanks Jerry and Charlotte for all you do.

!! NOTICE !!

Plans are underway to have the NFMS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING (MID-YEAR), Saturday 28, Oct 2017 in Lewiston, Idaho. More information to follow.





Ronna Watkins

2nd Vice President

Summer is here! I hope everyone is finding treasures and enjoying the great outdoors. Stay cool and don't forget your hat, extra water, and to tell someone your plans before you head out. Be safe and be sure to backfill your holes!

I want to encourage everyone to consider entering a display into completion in the 2018 NFMS Regional Competition in Yakima, WA in April. I know it seems like a long time from now, but it will come up quickly after the holidays. It always amazes me when I visit someone that has beautiful specimens to share, but has never displayed them in completion. Now is a great time to be thinking about sharing your best work and/or materials. Find more information about the rules here: <http://www.amfed.org/rules/rules.htm>.

On a personal note: I would like to thank everyone for their support and best wishes during my cancer treatment, and I want to let you all know that the surgeon removed the last little bit and I am now cancer-free.

Hope to see you on your next dig,



NFMS HISTORY CELEBRATES 80 YEARS, 2018

Rockhound hobbyists started reading about minerals in:

1832: "An Introduction to Mineralogy, Adapted to the Use of Schools and Private Students, Illustrated by Nearly 200 Wood Cuts" by John L. Comstock, MD, Hartford, Connecticut, and in:

1873: "Leisure Hours among the Gems" by Dr. A. C. Hamlin, a civil war surgeon from Bangor, Maine

Mineralogical societies and clubs start springing up in the northeast US:

1885: Spencer F. Bair Mineralogical Society founded in Philadelphia, PA.

1886: New York Mineralogical Club started in NYC (possible earlier club sponsored by Brooklyn Institute)

The west followed suit in the 1930's.

1931, June 23: Earth Science Organization becomes Mineralogical Society of Southern California, founded at Pasadena, California. 40 people attended first meeting at the Pasadena Public Library

The Northwest clubs/societies followed shortly in:

1933: January 14: Oregon Agate and Mineralogical Society, Portland, Oregon, holds its first meeting organized by D5. H. C. Dake, Oscar Smith, & others

1930's: Oregon Clubs including Yamhill, Medford, Baker, Klamath, Ontario, Newport, Lincoln City, & Salem.

1934: April 25: Tacoma, Washington club

1935: May 28: Idaho Gem Club, Boise, Idaho

1935: September: Camas, Washington

1935: November: Montana Mineral Club, Butte, Montana

1936: Columbia Geological Society, Spokane, Washington

1936: Orofino, Idaho & Kellogg, Idaho

1937: Washington Agate and Mineral Society of Olympia, Washington

1937: Gem Collectors Club, Seattle, Washington

1938: Yakima Mineral Club

1938: September: Owyhee Mineral Society in Caldwell, Idaho

1939: February: Mineralogical Society of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

1939: Snohomish County, Washington

1939, November 14: Kitsap Mineral Society, Bremerton, Washington

1939, December: Rock Club, Bozeman, Montana

1940: Old Timer's Mineral Club (for the Over 60 Earth Science Hobbies)

Oregon

NFMS was formed when Ray C. Gruhlke, President of Washington Mineral Society in Olympia, Washington, started corresponding with the established societies suggesting joint meetings which culminated with the first formal meeting and Articles of Incorporation established on February 5, 1938. Officers were Dr. H. C. Dake, President, Ray F. Geuhlke, Vice President, Alma Fenton, Secretary, & Verah W. Landon, Treasurer. Verah W. Landon. There were seven organizations officially represented at this first meeting:

Washington Agate & Mineral Society, Oregon Agate & Mineral Society, Deschutes Geology Club, Camas Mineral Society, Columbian Geological Society, Gem Collectors' Club, Tacoma Mineral Society

Along with the first convention was a show that was attended by "500 enthusiasts" who were treated to Walter Sutters "spectacular exhibit of fluorescent minerals" and his "rapid fire barrage of wit and humor pertinent to his wit and humor pertinent to his experiences as a rock collector" as recorded in "Mineral Club History" by Dr. H C. Dake.

(If anyone knows of this book in print, please contact your historian so it can be displayed at 2018 NFMS Show to walk back in our 80 year history).



NFMS WEBSITE CONTEST 2017

By **CHERI GEORGE, NFMS Website Contest Chairman**

This year's contest was very small. We had two entries, the Cascade Mineralogical Society- Mark Hohn Webmaster; Central Oregon Rock Collectors- Karen Cameron Webmaster. To each of these Webmasters I say THANK YOU so much for taking the time to fill out the forms and submit them, as well as for all the hard work you put into bringing your websites up to competition standards.

Our **1st Place winner was Cascade Mineralogical Society**, with a combined average score of 91. My suggestions are that if you have entered the Website at any time during the last 9 years you can re-enter and I look forward to seeing those entry forms come flying in. If you have won First Place in AFMS, you must wait to enter again for 3 years. This means you can re-enter if you entered before 2015 you are eligible to go at it again. Please review the scoresheet you received and take into consideration the suggestions made to you by the judges. These suggestions could turn a second, third, or fourth place website, into a first place winner in both NFMS and AFMS.

We will continue to conduct the Website Contest for next year, keep your eyes open for the updated entry forms around November of this year. They can usually be found on the AFMS Website. I had considered resigning from the Website Contest, but after some thought I have decided to continue on and try to keep us competitive.

Finally, I want to thank 2nd Vice-President Ronna Watkins for her help with presenting the Awards at the NFMS Show in May. As many of you know I had total hip replacement surgery Feb 2016, then left knee replacement December 2016. The hip went fine, but the left femur was broken during surgery (thru no fault of the doctor) and my recovery time was longer after that. I was still in a wheelchair in May but have since progressed to a walker and soon a cane. I will be having right knee surgery in September; needless to say I hope I am able to walk into the next NFMS Show under my own steam. Looking forward to that!!

Until next time.



From the Editor's Rockpile

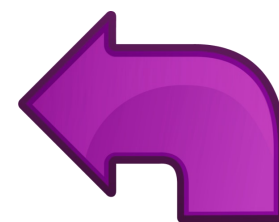
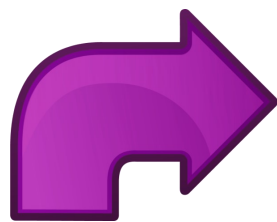
By **Beth Heesacker**

With all the trips we took the early part of the year I was looking forward to a quiet and not so busy summer. Well, that is not going to happen I guess. The President of our local club had to resign due to health problems and, as 1st VP, I stepped up to that position. That was not really all that bad except I am also Show Chair as 1st VP. The Board had to authorize me continuing as Show Chair so we had a whirlwind exchange of emails ironing out all the knots and kinks. Since we have a wonderful Board at Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club that was done easily, swiftly and most importantly as friends.

At the same time, and for various reasons, the chair of the silent auction and the chair of the bargain rock section of the show resigned so that meant I had to find two more chairs. Again our club members stepped up and into the breach so that problem was solved. Then I got a call from a vendor for the show who for health reasons had to drop out this year. Found a replacement for him. I guess they say that bad things come in threes so maybe the problems are over for the year? :-)

I am glad that I enjoy a challenge. And I am very glad to belong to the Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club! To know that there are people who will always step up to help and support you in times of trouble as we journey down the road is a wonderful thing. I hope that all of you find that same friendship in your clubs. As I put in our club newsletter "Volunteering is the heartbeat of your club". Volunteering is so very important not only to the club but for yourself. The more that you put in, the more you get out of the experience. And, you will always receive more than you give.

I challenge everyone to give just a little bit more to their club. Maybe it might be giving just one more hour to the setup or take down of your show. If you have more time that is great. Maybe volunteer to chair some small project. Give a talk to your club in your area of expertise. As an editor I am always looking for people to write articles for our bulletin. Volunteer for a Board position or as an officer. Reach outside your club to help the NFMS during their shows. The time you give will enrich your life, allow you to learn something new and build friendships. Volunteer!



Please submit all membership and address changes to Tom Burchard, Circulation Chair, and to Carol Willey, Directory Chair.

Their contact information can be found on the second page of this newsletter.

You MUST submit all show information (including admission charge) to Pat Lambert, Show Coordinator. FUTURE SUBMISSIONS MADE DIRECTLY TO THIS EDITOR WILL BE IGNORED!

Pat's information can be found on the second page of this newsletter.

THANK YOU.

August 26 – Women's Equality Day



LABOR DAY



Sept 4 – labor Day

Sept 11 – Patriots' Day



2017 AFMS Bulletin Contest Winners from the NFMS



Small Bulletins

3rd Place
Gina Acosta
Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club
Puyallup, WA
Rock-A-Teer April

Large Bulletins

8th Place
Beth Heesacker
Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club
Oregon City, Oregon
The Clackamette Gem April

Adult Articles

6th Place
Hidemi Kira
Thunder-Egg Stravaganza at Rice Northwest Museum
of Rocks and Minerals
Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club - Oregon City, OR

10th Place
Gary Burgess
Fossil Hunting in Glendive, Montana
Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club - Puyallup, WA

Written Features

7th Place
Brett Lawrence
You Know You Are Having an Interesting Club Show Experience
Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club - Puyallup, WA

Drawn Features:

3rd Place
Duane Flackus
Hard Luck Harry - October
Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club - Oregon City, OR

Special Publications:

6th Place
Glen R. Ripper
Promotional Handout
Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club -
Puyallup, WA





I'll Be Seeing You

By Bert Kae-Je'

I'll be seeing you

I'll be seeing you in all the familiar places

- @ The grinder,
- @ The saw
- @ The pumice pan
- @ The drill Press
- @ The faceting machine
- @ The Ott Light
- @ The dining table

I'll be seeing you in a hundred places

Handcock Field Station, Rock Hound Retreat!

Couldn't come to soon, or too often,

It's a special part of us all,

And yet, a welcome place for all the new.

Meanwhile I dream, fantasize, and construct,
In my mind, I see you and we chat,
We catch up, we talk about what we're making,

Or we communicate when we say nothing,
We're together, creating, and it matters,
We bring new pictures, ideas, and even biscuits.

For some, it will be 4, 7, 8, 10, or 12 years now,
We're so fortunate and so grateful,
So happy that those skilled and caring,

Have paved the way, settled the contracts,
Orchestrated the reservations and the registrations,
Fixed the equipment, and smoothed the problems.

I'll be seeing special Instructors who've planned anew,
And meeting new people with amazing new skills,
I'll be seeing first time learners who struggle through,
I'll be seeing old friends, my line buddy, and
My old roommates whom I treasure and respect.

Meanwhile I dream, and fabricate in my mind,
A multidimensional sterling silver lapidary piece,
A beaded flower, a chain or one of a kind,
Who knows, my mind never idle could change,
And the symphony crescendos when

I think of seeking you

- @ The lunch table where we meet someone new
- @ The nighttime gathering where we laugh and chortle,
- @ The shower where the frogs talk with us,
- @ The back lapidary scrub sink where we clean our piece,
- @ The cooler where I've a brown bag with my name.
- @ The summit of the hill where we experience His/Her grandeur.

It won't be long & I'll gather with you,
To make a beautiful piece without interruption,
To stumble in the night and go and let the "water" out,
To tell stories in the late hour and sweep the ants from our bunks,
To climb the hill and spend time alone with God,
To find a map for the journey forward or stand in place.

AND

I'll be seeing YOU----Soon.

Note: This will be Bert's 8th year at Handcock Rockhound Retreat. Bert is a member of the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club in Kennewick, WA. There she also serves as Club Treasurer. She enjoys silversmithing, lapidary, silk painting and meaningful relationships with others as well as her work.

Notice to NFMS Bulletin

Editors

By Mark Nelson, AFMS BEAC

Hi, Everyone --

The 2018 AFMS Show is early next year and this pushes the deadline dates for the regional federations up accordingly. So that you will have enough time to get your regional contests underway & completed in time to get entries to AFMS judges by the deadline, here are the important dates you need to know for 2018.

Since this schedule may result in the judging, sorting and shipping at your federation level being done near the November and December holidays you are free to work the schedule to fit needs of you, your editors and judges – just so that the AFMS entries are received by the AFMS judges by January 5th.

- November 12, 2017 – Federation entries due to Federation BEACs (suggested)
- November 26, 2017 – Federation entries due to Federation judges (suggested)
- December 26, 2017 – judged entries due back to Federation BEACs (suggested)
- January 5, 2018 – entries due to AFMS judges**

Some particular things to remember are:

Anyone who won 1st Place in the 2016 or 2017 contest is ineligible to enter the same category for 2018.

Federations may have only one AFMS submission per club per category per region.

All entries must be accompanied by a PDF copy of the file. This file can either be scanned into PDF format or converted from the original document. The PDF files can be attached with the entries that are sent to the judges. You are also free to send the PDF files directly to me and to put a note on the submission to the judges that this has been done.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance.

[Editor's note: There has been some push-back against this schedule by editors. I will keep you informed of any changes.]



August 7th

Purple Heart Day

COLUMBIA-WILLAMETTE FACETERS' GUILD'S 42ND

Gemstone + Jewelry

Fundraising Auction

Saturday, November 4th

5:30	7:00	OMSI	\$10
PREVIEW	AUCTION	1345 SE WATER AVE	CREDITED BACK WITH PURCHASE OF AUCTION STONE

LOOSE GEMSTONES
GEMS SET IN STERLING SILVER

[Editor's note: My apologies to the Columbia-Willamette Faceters's Guild for having the wrong ad in last month edition. This ad is the correct one with the correct date.]

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NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule

August 4, 5, & 6 Fri - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Far West Lapidary & Gem Society	North Bend Community Center, 2222 Broadway North Bend OR	Don Innes 541 396 5722 doninnes.innes20@gmail.com
August 12 & 13, Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club- house, 8802 196 th ST SW, Ed- monds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collmal@comcast.net
September 9 & 10 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association	Vern Burton Community Center, 308 East 4 th Street Port Angeles WA	Kathy Schreiner 360 681 3811 or Kathy Bachman 360 681 3994 PO Box 98 Sequim WA 98382
September 9 & 10 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society	Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, Community Center Building 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla WA	Keith Bacus, 509 529 1248 keithbacus@yahoo.com
September 16 & 17 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fairgrounds 120 Fair Lane, Castle Rock WA	Vicki Johnson 360-751-8031, vickijrocks@msn.com
October 7 & 8 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Totem Middle School Gym 7 th Street and State Avenue Marysville WA	Bill Moser bill-ji@comcast.net 425 238 8222 http://sites.google.com/site/ marysvillerockngemclub
October 13, 14, & 15 Fri - 10 - 6 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Association	Washington County Fair Complex 873 NE 34 th Avenue Hillsboro OR 97124	Linda Harvey lindaharvey2010@gmail.com Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Association PO Box 5401 Port- land OR 97228
October 21 & 22 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 4	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fair Building 1229 Burrell Avenue Lewiston ID	Linn Enger 208 746 4957 engerocks@yahoo.com
October 28 - 29 Sat - 9 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4 th Ave, Canby, OR	Beth Heesacker, <a href="mailto:heesack-
er@coho.net">heesack- er@coho.net , 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116
October 28 & 29 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Bellevue Rock Club	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish PKWY SE Bellevue WA 98008	Bruce Himko PO Box 1851 Belle- vue, WA 98009 bellevuerockclub@comcast.net
November 11 & 12 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club- house, 8802 196 th ST SW, Ed- monds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collmal@comcast.net
November 11 & 12 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Skagit Rock & Gem Club	Sedro Woolley Comm. Center, 703 Pacific Street Sedro Woolley, WA	Eric Self 360 840 8342 skagitrockandgem@gmail.com
December 9 & 10 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club- house, 8802 196 th ST SW, Ed- monds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collmal@comcast.net
2018			
Feb 24 & 25, 2018 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Idaho Gem Club	Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood Boise ID 83714	Brent Stewart 208 342 1151 rocksbybrent@gmail.com
March 3 & 4, 2018 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	East King Co Rock Club	Pickering Barn 1730 10th Avenue NW Issaquah WA	CindySmith showchair@eastkingco.org 206 953 3456
March 23-25, 2018 Fri, Sat - 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane, WA	Spokane Fair & Expo Center, N.604 Havana at Broadway, Spokane WA	Mike Shaw 509 251 1574 showchair@rockrollers.org
April 27 - 29, 2018 NFMS Show and Convention Fri - 10 - 6 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 4	Yakima Rock and Mineral Club	Central WA State Fair Park Modern Living Building and Pioneer Hall 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima WA 98901	Kurt Junt or Ronna Watkins <a href="mailto:ya-
kima_rockhounds12@yahoo.com">ya- kima_rockhounds12@yahoo.com 509 433 7841 Yakima Rock and Mineral Club PO Box 326 Yakima WA 98907 www.yakimarockclub.com <a href="http://www.facebook.com/
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2017
WILLAMETTE VALLEY
GEM, MINERAL & JEWELRY SHOW
FREE ADMISSION

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD - 9:00AM- 5:00PM
SEPTEMBER 4TH - 9AM-4:PM

CLACKAMAS EVENT CENTER
694 NE 4TH AVENUE
CANBY, OREGON 97013

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