



Reminder: All newsletter submissions must be received by the 25th of each month to be included in the following issue.

Letters From Our Committee Officers:

Lora Hall - President



We recently found ourselves in need a new NFMS 2nd Vice President as Gary Warren announced his need to step down. While we will miss Gary, I am pleased to announce that Jennifer Haley has agreed to step in and fill the void. As many of you know, Jennifer served as our President in 2023-2024 and is currently serving in the Past President position. Although she has recently moved back to California, she and her husband retained membership in the NFMS as Members-at-Large. Please join me in welcoming Jennifer back onto the Executive Board.

On the subject of volunteering, we are still disparately seeking someone willing to step up to serve as Treasurer. Judi Allison and Larry Hulstrom have been doing a great job of holding the fort, but they have other duties that are pulling them in multiple directions. The entire NFMS Executive Board and all of the Committee Chairs are standing by ready to help. You will not be alone! Prior experience is not needed, just a willingness to learn. This is a great time of year to jump on board.

Last but not least, do not forget to register for the upcoming NFMS show in Walla Walla, WA. The forms can be found in the last newsletter and on the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society website at <https://www.marcuswhitmangem.com/nfms-2025>

Stay cool out there!

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Letters From Our Committee Officers Continued:**Gary Warren -
2nd Vice President**

Hello everyone. As we start in July, it is with some mixed feelings that I tell you that this will be my last letter to all of you. I have tried to get my schedule, and everything put together to help

the Northwest Federation succeed, but I just do not have the time nor the finances to continue with the job of being on the executive committee. I have enjoyed being a part of the federation and still will be through the club that I am a member of here in Ogden, Utah. I will still attend rock shows that are sponsored by the federation and such and to talk with some of you at the shows. Thanks for all your support and hope to see you again. The federation needs people who can help them with the many jobs that this organization has, and they are now looking to fill my position and to fill the 2nd vice president's position for next year. If there is any way that you can help with these callings, get with either the president or with the 1st vice president and let them know that you are available to help.

Gary Warren

****From our interim 2nd VP:***

To the tune of Gene Autry, I have this song replaying in my head, "I'm Back in the Saddle Again." I was asked to step in and help out as NFMS 2nd VP for the remainder of this year, when the position became vacant this summer. I am happy I was asked to help out. As your Nomination Committee chairman this year, and with the group effort of your federation's executive committee, we have found someone who has volunteered to become 2nd VP for the new fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026. Their resume will be coming soon for you in preparation for the Annual Meeting in Walla Walla. Whoopi-ty-aye-oh!

- Jennifer Haley

**Judi Allison -
Secretary (Treasurer
Pro Tem)**

Hi Folks, The Annual Meeting and Show hosted by the Marcus Whitman Club is rapidly approaching. It is time for you to consider the need to get your

Director's Credentials

in order. Initially, all you need to do is send your director's (and/or delegate's) name into the Credentials Chairs, Clara and Del Walker at cwalk12377 at gmail.com. The credentials will be appearing in the paper so the director's name can be included. Be certain the club secretary and president sign them. Then, be certain your director brings them to the meeting so they can be checked in as representing your club's wishes.

Note that last bit of information "representing your club's wishes". That means your club should have discussed the pertinent information and given your director a nod about how the club as a whole wants him/her to vote. Remember there is a rather extensive proposal to update the Bylaws which includes changing the fiscal year to match the calendar year. Hopefully, your club will see this all as a very sensible, timely proposal and give the go-ahead. Your representative(s) will also be expected to vote on the upcoming slate of Executive Officers. Remember that there are nominations accepted from the floor, so perhaps you have someone you would like to add to the roster. There are also vacant committee positions that we would love volunteers to step into.

Our Annual Meeting is the one and only meeting where Official Business can be conducted, so it is important to complete the things at hand so there is not a long wait until next year's Annual meeting to accomplish something. Please try to attend if you are representing your club. Even though Zoom is nice and allows folks to view a meeting, unfortunately, votes cannot be accepted via video. The representative must attend in person, so please keep this in mind. I realize the cost of travel has increased a great deal, but since this is an important engagement, maybe your club can provide mileage or lodging costs for your representative. I know some clubs already do this and we thank them.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone and hoping for a great turnout. Our Executive Officers are always working behind the scenes to keep our Federation going. Let's support them and our great rockhounding affiliation. See you soon!

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NFMS Nominating Committee
 "Discover What You Can Give Your Federation"
 Jennifer Haley, Chairman

Your federation needs you help in finding a person from your club to be nominated for NFMS 2nd VP. It is important that you help us find someone soon, and maybe that person is you.

If you are an individual interested in being 2nd VP, don't hold back, please let us know. It doesn't matter if we receive more than one nomination, although we usually don't. We have between now and up to 60 days before the 2025 NFMS Annual Meeting in Walla Walla. Nominations for all elected officers of the NFMS must be in good standing of a recognized NFMS Club including the NFMS Club at Large, and must be a permanent resident within the boundaries of the NFMS.

The 2nd VP is a position for one year, and is a three-year commitment as you go up the ladder to 1st VP and President. 2nd VP is also NFMS Custodian Chairman which is an easy job, because all you need to do is check in with each of the NFMS officers and chairman to see if there have been any changes in the inventory in their keeping and make note of it. Following being NFMS President, you become NFMS Nominating Committee chairman for one year, as I am this year.

It's very rewarding being on the executive committee, and I can tell you that from my experience being on these boards over the years in two different federations. I am so grateful for that experience and all I learned, with help from people all along the way. There is a first time for everything, I did it too, so why not step in and discover what you can give to your federation.

I thoroughly enjoyed my experience on the NFMS executive committee. There is good help to help you learn the ropes, and wonderful people to work together with, so please do seriously think about becoming your NFMS' 2nd VP. Please send resumes of nomination to me. You can also call me. We have a wonderful future to look forward to together, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

ALAA President's Message:

Summer is here, and I hope all of you are out enjoying your rockhounding. I can't wait to hear all about the fun fieldtrips and the "good finds" you've had when I see some of you at the shows. The big news is this past May, the Blue Ribbon Coalition followed through with filing a lawsuit about the Chuckwalla National Monument which is located in California. The lawsuit was based on the grounds the monument was created illegally and unconstitutional. This will be a very interesting process to watch and see what the outcome will be, especially this year with a new administration in the White House. Of course, this should have the attention of recreational rockhounds, no matter which state in our country you live in because issues affecting any of us, also affect the future of rockhounding in general everywhere. If the Blue Coalition wins this battle, and they have good grounds to do so, it will have monumental impacts for the course of the future for public land issues.

I know a lot about what the Oregon Council of Rock and Mineral Clubs has been doing within their state. Many of you belong to them, and you are doing an amazing job working with the BLM in tandem to create positive results, and positive relationships with them. I would love to hear about what your club or members within your club are doing similarly within the other five states of the NFMS. If you have any questions about what you can work on to help preserve your favorite collecting sites, please contact me.

ALAA could use representatives in more states to help keep a better eye on your local areas. We are looking for a new Membership Officer, which all that entails is sending out a "warm welcome" and an acknowledgement we received someone's renewal or new membership dues. You don't have to handle the money. We do have a couple other positions available, so if you are interested, please contact me and I'll be glad to talk to you.

Have a good time this summer with all your rockhounding activities!

Jennifer Haley, ALAA President 2025

Importance of Hydration

In the hot days of summer, it's important to pack plenty of water and consider using a portable filtration system while on field trips. Schedule regular water breaks to prevent dehydration, especially during physical activities.

It is recommended that every 15 – 20 minutes a person drink 4 to 8 ounces of fluid depending on how active and how hot it is.

Not drinking enough water can lead to signs of dehydration like dry mouth and throat, fatigue, headaches even muscle cramps. Consider carrying a personal water filter or purification tablets to treat water from potentially unsafe sources.

Be cautious drinking caffeinated or heavily sugared drinks. Moderate amounts of caffeine, up to 3 cups of coffee a day, will not lead to dehydration. Sugary drinks can cause problems. While they may seem to quench thirst, the high sugar content can actually lead to dehydration by drawing water out of the body's cells to dilute the excess sugar in the bloodstream. This can cause increased urination and a net loss of fluids.

Remember always take water with you on your fieldtrips and make sure others with you stay hydrated.

Kathryn Larson
NFMS Safety Chair

Vacant positions in the NFMS **By Darrell Coyle, Past President**

A few years ago at one of the Annual Meetings an individual kept referring to the Executive Board as the NFMS. I had reminded those present that everyone sitting there was the NFMS. All the Member Clubs and every single member of those clubs are the NFMS. Each and every one of you has a role to play not only in your own club but should also be asking what is my role in the NFMS?

The NFMS as a Non-Profit is dependent on Volunteers to fill the positions of Officers on our Executive Board and also on Committees. I know the same is true within your own clubs and getting folks to volunteer can be a struggle. Typically within a club it is a small portion of the membership that does. Perhaps 10 percent or less? Unlike the military we can not simply pick someone out of a line and make them perform an assignment. Everyone in the club knows it must get done or there will be no potluck, no show, no field trip. It is unfair to keep putting the burden on the same people year after year. That kind of behavior to me is puzzling. Both of my parents worked full time and us kids did all the chores, so the whole family could go and enjoy ourselves on the weekends. I understood that in order for all of us to enjoy the benefits, we all had to contribute.

Currently the NFMS is in desperate need of a dedicated Treasurer. Recent changes to the duties of the Treasurer make the job much easier. Taxes are done by a paid accountant. Technology makes it a breeze to keep the books. If you have a computer you probably already have the needed software. The individual taking care of it right now already had a full plate. I admire her dedication and work that keeps us operating, but she needs help. Right now would be the time to step up. Contact Judi Allison if you are that person.

Executive Board: Every year we need someone to join us on the Executive Board. It is a three year commitment but the first two years are mostly for you to learn. Travel is paid. Meet new people. Make friends. Really, I did all of those things and lived to tell about it. What is stopping you?

Committee Positions: As I have pointed out before each club is entitled to send two delegates to the Annual Meeting. Many clubs do pay travel for their delegates. If you are one of those that are already doing this please consider getting into one of our vacant positions.

I takes less than ONE PERCENT to fill every position in the NFMS. All I am asking for is for a fraction of that. Surely out of 6000 people there is someone? The future of the NFMS is at stake. Will you be a part of that future?

A REMINDER AND REQUEST FROM THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

CREDENTIALS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Clara & Del Walker, Committee Chairpersons, must receive the NFMS Credentials, **the NAMES (only)** of Club Directors and Delegates, as soon as possible (ASAP) For planning purposes of the meeting. The annual meeting will be held at the Marcus Whitman Club House, 6522 Old Highway 12, Walla Walla, Washington on Friday, September 5th at 1:00 PM.

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** to the annual meeting. Or, this should be done by the alternate delegate(s), if necessary. Give us name(s) of attendees (not credentials forms) at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Call, email, or send to:

Clara & Del Walker
12377 SE Davis Loop
Prineville, OR 97754
Call 503-812-6540 or email to cwalk12377@gmail.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



Editor Note

As you may know, the annual NFMS show is coming up this September, and the Marcus Whitman Club is working hard to make it a great event! There are many moving parts, and several important deadlines fall *before* the show itself. Registration, case entry forms (both competitive and non-competitive), vendor applications, and more must be submitted and paid for soon. If you're interested in participating in any way, please read the following pages carefully. Each page is printable and includes the contact information for where to send your materials.



Fellow rockhounds,

As we are gearing up for Summer and field trips, that means there are only a few months left until this year's NFMS Annual Show! The Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society is excited to host this year's festivities. We have rounded up the largest number of dealers we have ever hosted, set aside extra space for competitive cases and demonstrators, and secured a wonderful location for this year's banquet. We do need some help from you, however! During the mid-year meeting, we handed out registration packets and information about the show. If you missed the meeting, those forms are

also available on our website at: <https://www.marcuswhitmangem.com/nfms-2025>. You may also download the Competitive and Non-Competitive Display forms on our website.

To aid us in our planning, we are asking that you fill out your registration forms ASAP. We understand that life can get away from us, especially in spring and summer, but we don't want to miss you at the show! In particular, for the Friday LUNCHEON and Saturday night BANQUET, we are asking that you let us know by JUNE 15TH whether you are opting to join us. We hope that you do, as we will be offering catering for the Friday meeting, and be dining at the landmark Marcus Whitman Hotel on Saturday! Once you have filled out your registration, I would recommend securing yourself a place to stay, and you will be all set for September. We'll be sending another message or two like this out, and you'll be able to give yourself a pat on the back; a well deserved pat at that!

Be seeing you soon, Sydnee Morehouse
MWGMS Webmaster [info\(at\)marcuswhitmangem.com](mailto:info(at)marcuswhitmangem.com)

NFMS
Gem & Mineral
SHOW

The Walla Walla club is hosting the NFMS show this year, which includes special exhibits, programs, expanded dealers, a live auction and a great kids section.

We hope to see you there.

September 6-7 10AM-5PM

WALLA WALLA FAIRGROUNDS
WALLA WALLA, WA

Additional Information for the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society's NFMS Rock Show

Vendors, We are excited to announce that the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society in Walla Walla, WA, will be hosting this year's NFMS Rock Show. We are planning on expanding our vendor opportunities by offering outdoor spaces for vendors to showcase their products. If you are interested in one of these outdoor vendor spaces, please don't hesitate to reach out for information. We would love to have you join us! For inquiries and to get on our vendor mailing list, please contact:

Dennis English Vendor Chairman

Email: [dennisenglish\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:dennisenglish(at)gmail.com) Phone: 206-890-3903



Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society
marcuswhitmangem.com
info@marcuswhitmangem.com
Walla Walla, Washington

87th Anniversary Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show & Convention 2025

Walla Walla, Washington September 5-7, 2025
Hosted by the Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society

We are excited to combine our Annual Gem Show with the NFMS Convention and welcoming all to Walla Walla. As we look forward to September, we must let you know that this is, quite possibly, the busiest week of the year. In addition to the Gem Show and Conference, there is an Annual Car Show, Aviation Show, and Fall Release for wine lovers. With that being said, we highly recommend getting a head start on booking your stay with us.

Here are various links to lodging options within the valley:

- Bed & Breakfast Lodging: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/bed-and-breakfast/>
- Hotels & Motels: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/hotels-motels/>
- RV/Campgrounds: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/camping-campgrounds/>
Walla Walla Fairgrounds: <https://www.wallawallafairgrounds.com/p/plan-your-event/grounds-camping>
- Vacation Rentals: <https://wallawalla.org/lodging/vacation-rentals/>

Stay tuned for the full conference program coming soon. We look forward to having you in Walla Walla.



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Presidents Message:

Greeting, rockhounds of the Northwest.

My name is Sam Carlson and I am the president of the Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society. It is our pleasure to host this years NFMS Annual Conference in partnership with our Annual Gem Show. We have been working diligently (but with smiles on our faces) to bring you the best conference possible!

Walla Walla is a thriving town on the edge of the beautiful Blue Mountains. We are vibrant valley filled with local businesses, community events, and more recently, world renowned wines. Vineyards have come to call our local area "The Rocks District" due to the unique geological features. The grapes need to plunge deep into the earth, which gives the resulting wine its signature profile. Come learn more about it!

We welcome you to join us for one of the most exciting weekends of the year to enjoy gems, minerals, sunshine, friendly faces, and a decadent dinner at the prestigious Marcus Whitman Hotel. This same weekend, Walla Walla also hosts a car show, aviation show, and Fall Release events at wineries with live music. On that note, we encourage you to book your lodging as soon as possible. We have a plethora of hotels, RV locations, bed and breakfasts, and more in the immediate area, but they are likely to fill up quickly! To learn more about lodging availability, visit our website: <https://www.marcuswhitmangem.com/nfms-2025>

Be sure to keep an eye on your email for more details. In the meantime...

Happy Hunting!

- Sam Carlson



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Be seeing you soon,

Sydnee Morehouse
 MWGMS Webmaster
info@marcuswhitmangem.com

2025 NEMS CONVENTION
 MARCUS WHITMAN HOTEL

Banquet Menu



STARTER

WALLA WALLA ANTIPASTO
 REGIONAL ARTISAN CHEESE & CURED MEATS, SEASONAL FRUIT,
 OLIVE MEDLEY, MUSTARD, NUTS, CROSTINI

SALAD

ITALIAN CHOP SALAD
 ROMAINE, CHICKPEAS, CHERRY TOMATO, PROVOLONE, RED ONION,
 OLIVES, PEPPERONCINI, RED WINE VINAIGRETTE

ENTRÉES

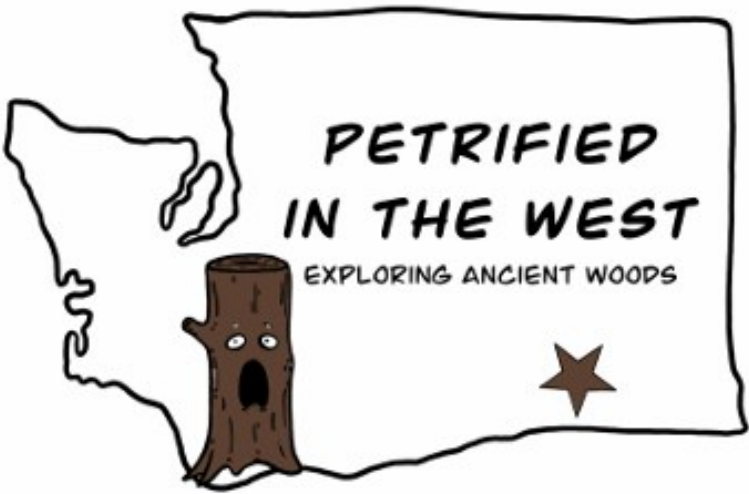
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 SAGE CREAM SAUCE, PARMIGIANO REGGIANO
 PENNE BOLOGNESE
 SHORT RIB BOLOGNESE, CALABRIAN CHILI OIL, BASIL

SIDES

ROASTED GARLIC PARMIGIANO BREAD

DESSERT

CAKE



"Petrified in the West exploring ancient woods."

**NFMS Competitive Exhibit Entry Form****Deadline: August 1, 2025****Hosted by Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society****Walla Walla Fairgrounds, Walla Walla, WA****September 6 and 7, with September 5 setup****Exhibit Set Up Rules:**

All competitive exhibits must comply with the AFMS/NFMS rules updated in January 2024. For a complete rule book or update go to: www.amfed.org.

Exhibit setup: Friday September 5, 12pm -8pm

- ◆ All entries must be ready for judging by Saturday, September 6 at 8am
- ◆ Exhibits may NOT be removed before Sunday September 7 at 5 pm.
- ◆ Cases will be assigned space on display tables approximately forty inches high.
- ◆ Display cases will not be allowed to be opened during the show without a Committee member of the NFMS Rules Committee present.
- ◆ Exhibitors will receive a free 2-day pass.

Entry forms: One per case

Please complete all information on the entry form and mail or e-mail to Larry Hulstrom
5409 West 26th Ave. Kennewick, WA 99338, email: rockhound132@charter.net

Liability:

It is mutually agreed that the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society shall not be liable to any Exhibitor in whole or in part. This includes the property of the exhibitor or injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submitting this signed application constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

Exhibitor Signature: _____

Print name: _____

NFMS Competitive Exhibit Entry Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

SOCIETY (Junior Society): _____

EXHIBITOR GROUP: (check one)

MASTER _____ ADVANCED _____ NOVICE _____ JUNIOR _____

EXHIBIT DIVISION: _____ EXHIBIT CLASS: _____

If JUNIOR, give birth date: _____

Are you bringing your own case? _____ (yes or no) Size: Width _____ Height _____ Depth _____

Do you need to borrow a case? _____ (Y/N) **Cases will be available on a limited basis.

Basic size: 4 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft. Liners or risers may or may not be available.

Certification for Competitive Exhibitors

I hereby certify that all material in competition by me is my own property, or if Society, all material belongs to members of the society. All work except minor findings or where otherwise allowed by the rules were completed by me. I have read the current rules and agree to abide by them.

Exhibitors Signature _____

Print name: _____

Exhibitor's Society: _____

I certify, as an officer of the above-named Society, that the exhibitor is a member in good standing of that society, and to the best of my knowledge, is eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the rules.

Signature: _____

If sent via email, we need the officer's email: _____

Title _____ Date: _____



NFMS Non-Competitive Exhibit Entry Form

Deadline: August 1, 2025

Hosted by Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society

Walla Walla Fairgrounds, Walla Walla, WA

September 6 and 7, with September 5 setup



Exhibit setup: Friday September 5, 12pm -8pm

- ◆ Exhibits may NOT be removed before Sunday September 7 at 5 pm.
- ◆ Cases will be assigned space on display tables approximately forty inches high.
- ◆ Display cases will not be allowed to be opened during the show without a show Committee member present.
- ◆ Exhibitors will receive a free 2-day pass.

Entry forms: One per case

Please complete all information on the entry form and mail or e-mail to Warren Rood, 243 E Birch St., Walla Walla, WA 99362 or warrenrood@yahoo.com

Liability:

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Print name: _____

Exhibitor Signature: _____

Date: _____

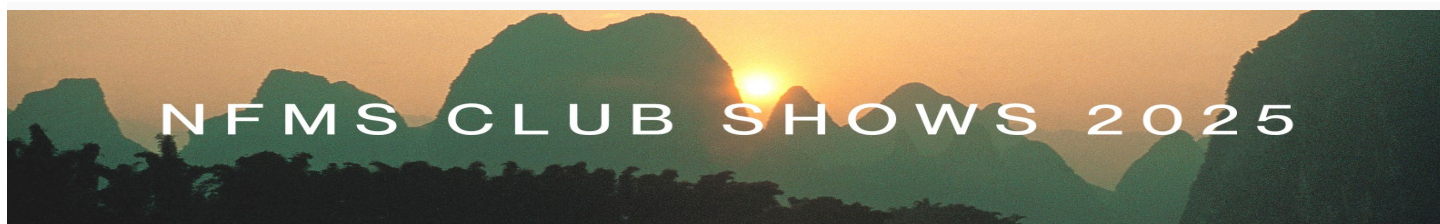
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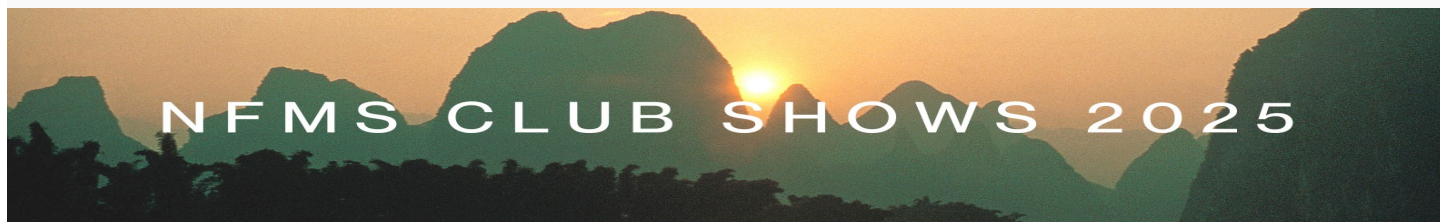
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Do you have your own liner? _____

Junior exhibit: (Y/N) _____

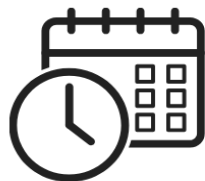


July 25th - 27th Fri 9-6 Sat 9-6 Sun 9-5	Washington Agate and Mineral Society	Tenino City Park 300 Park Ave. W Tenino, WA 98589	Doug Shank wamsolympia(at)gmail.com
Aug 16th & 17th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Show	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196th St. SW Edmonds, WA 98026	Michele McGraw shows.maplewoodrockngem @gmail.com info@maplewoodrockclub.com
Sept 6th & 7th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society	Walla Walla Fairgrounds Pavillion & Event Center 363 Orchard Street Walla Walla, WA 99362	Warren Rood - (509) 876-7498 Janel Lacey - (541) 276-9730 warren.rood(at)yahoo.com jclaw6461(at)gmail.com
Sept 6th & 7th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Southern WA Mineralogical Society	Longview Fairgrounds - Cowlitz County Event Center 1900 7th Ave. Longview, WA 98632	Greg Larson - (503) 421-3877 Vicki Johnson - (360) 751-8031 vickijrocks(at)msn.com
Oct 4th & 5th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Evergreen State Fairgrounds 14405 179th Ave. SE Bldg. #500 Monroe, WA 98270	Brian Murril 425-346-9313 bmurril(at)aol.com
Oct 3rd - 5th Fri 10 - 6 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show	Wingspan Event and Conference Center (Westside Commons) 801 NE 34th Ave. Hillsboro, OR 97124	Roberta Hanson prgmsa.president(at)gmail.com 503-449-3543



Oct 25 th & 26 th Sat 10 - 6:30 Sun 12 - 5:30	Chugach Gem and Mineral Society	Midtown Mall 600 E. Northern Lights Blvd. Anchorage, AK 99514	Paul Burger cavemonpaul@hotmail.com
Dec 6 th & 7 th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Show	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse 8802 196th St. SW Edmonds, WA 98026	Michele McGraw shows.maplewoodrockngem @gmail.com info@maplewoodrockclub.com

AFMS FEDERATION SHOW DATES



Shows in 2025:

- AFMS/EFMLS Hickory, NC**
March 27 - 30
- Midwest Federation Lincoln, NE April 5-6
- Northwest Federation Walla Walla, WA
Sept 5 - 7
- Rocky Mountain Federation Grand Junction,
CO Sept 19-21

Shows in 2026:

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Rock Of The Month: Beryl

Beryl is a versatile and highly valued mineral among collectors, best known for producing several well-loved gemstones, including emerald (green), aquamarine (blue), morganite (pink), and heliodor (yellow). Its hexagonal crystal form, often with sharp edges and a glassy luster, makes it a striking addition to any mineral cabinet. Beryl forms in granitic pegmatites and metamorphic rocks, with exceptional specimens coming from Brazil, Pakistan, Madagascar, the United States, and Russia. Collectors often seek out large, well-terminated crystals or gem-quality pieces that showcase beryl's wide color range and clarity.

Historically, beryl has been admired for thousands of years. The ancient Egyptians mined emeralds as early as 330 BCE, and aquamarine was treasured by Roman sailors who believed it would protect them at sea. In more recent history, discoveries of large, gemmy crystals, like those from the pegmatites of Minas Gerais, Brazil, have fueled the excitement of both gem dealers and collectors alike. While gemstone varieties of beryl get much of the attention, even opaque or rough specimens are appreciated for their size, structure, and association with other rare pegmatite minerals such as tourmaline, spodumene, and lepidolite.

For collectors, beryl offers a blend of aesthetic beauty and geological significance. Some choose to specialize in collecting all varieties of beryl, while others focus on specific localities or crystal habits. The mineral's hardness and resistance to weathering help preserve specimens over time, allowing well-preserved examples to circulate through collections for generations. Whether sought for its gemmy transparency or impressive crystal size, beryl remains a cornerstone in the world of mineral collecting.

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Aquamarine - Shigar Skardu, Pakistan.
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Emerald - Muzo Mine, Colombia
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Red Beryl - Wah-Wah Mts., Utah
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