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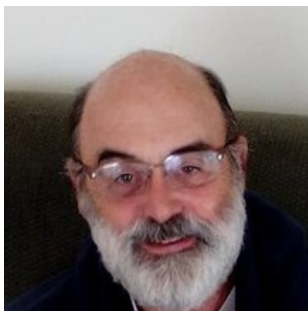
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Communication: The key to conducting business in the NFMS is communication between the NFMS Officers/Committees and the Member Clubs. The individuals that are responsible for reporting changes are the Federation Directors. There is a new Guidebook available on the NFMS Website. If you are a Federation Director for your Club you should read this. Be prepared to attend the Annual Meeting with a full knowledge of your duties.

Make sure you have sent in your Credentials so you can be seated to vote. Is your Club's information correct? Any changes in Officers should not only go to the Treasurer but also the Executive Secretary and Webmaster. I hope everyone is registered for Display cases, (deadline extended to July 1<sup>st</sup>), the Banquet, meals, lodging and can stick around for the field trips the following week. This will be a National Show also so expect some great Display Cases. I talked to a guy from Missouri that is a Past President that will be putting in two cases. See you there in August!

One of the topics at the Annual Meeting will be a discussion on changing from a printed and mailed Newsletter to an Electronic format that will be emailed. More information will be in this newsletter in a separate article.

The Officers of the NFMS and Committees have been busy. We exchange emails on an almost daily basis. The Billings Show Chairs and our Executive Secretary Judi Allison has worked very hard to make sure all the boxes are checked and things go smoothly at the Billings Show. Thank them if you have the chance. Being kind and grateful to the folks that work so hard on your behalf goes a long way.

Disciplinary matters within clubs are club business, not in general a matter for the NFMS. I don't have the time or inclination to be involved. Inappropriate behavior at NFMS functions? Not to be tolerated.

### Food for the Body and the Mind by Judi Allison

Calling all Newsletter Editors and Webmasters! Why don't you sign up for the Editors' and Web-masters' Breakfast to be held at the Billings, Montana AFMS/NFMS Show on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. You can find the advance registration form on the NFMS website under Federation Show. (Find that tab at the upper right hand side.) Even though the registration says the deadline is June 1, it has been extended to July 1, so you have time.

When you attend this breakfast, you not only get a great breakfast and meet new people; you get to be a part of honoring those who work hard volunteering their time to create their club's newsletter or website. Perhaps you are one of those loyal workers, so you know the time and effort that goes into the endeavor. Wouldn't it be great to pass on some kudos to others who have shown the same dedication? One of the best parts of attending any of these activities is the connections you make with like-minded folks. Consider carving a couple of hours out of your day to take part. After all, we all need to eat; and we might learn a thing or two and find real enjoyment in the activity. We hope to see you there.

Judi Allison NFMS Secretary

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**For matters related to this newsletter (i.e. content, advertising, etc.) contact the editor. For matters related to this newsletter distribution (new members, address changes, etc.) contact the Circulation Chair.**

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## Jennifer Haley , 1st Vice President



Dear All,

I'm really looking forward to the big event at the AFMS/NFMS Show & Convention-Billings, Montana, Aug 3-6. I know a lot of people are working hard behind the scenes to create a wonderful event for everyone. A big heart filled, thank you, to all of you who are hands on board! It is always an honor for a federation to host the annual AFMS event. This time, it's our turn and we have much to celebrate together as rockhounds near and from across the United States will be traveling to attend. Montana is a beautiful place to visit, and rockhounds are always a joy to be with when we get together like this. There will be wonderful memories to come home with from this event.

It is not too soon to be thinking about hosting the 2024 NFMS Mid-Year Meeting. The Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society in Hermiston, OR., will be hosting the NFMS Annual Meeting on May 10-12, 2024. Most likely the Mid-Year meeting needs to be in late summer or fall. For those of you who have your annual club shows during this time of year, please think about hosting our Mid-Year and get in touch with us.

It was really great meeting more of you during the NFMS Mid-Year this past April. We have a fine federation, filled with wonderful people who are devoted to the hobby we share, and in the volunteer work we do together. We've had some volunteers step in to help fill some of the committee vacancies for 2024. We still have a few more openings. Over the many years I've volunteered for federation committees, I'm always glad I have, even when a committee was all new to me in experience. The more chairmanships we are able to fill, the more fun for our clubs, and more good people to work with! There is plenty of help to get you started whether you've been a chairman for your club or not, and would like to be a chairman for your federation.

See you soon in Billings!

## Lora R. Hall, NFMS 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



Like most of us on the NFMS's Executive Board, I wear more than one hat within our hobby. As the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, my duties are pretty limited. They include maintaining an inventory of NFMS property and presiding over meetings in the absence of the President and 1<sup>st</sup> VP. Not really duties that are "news" worthy which makes writing an article for the NFMS Newsletter each month a tad challenging.

So, I've been trying to focus on ways clubs can attract and keep new members. Which brings me to another hat I wear, I am currently serving as the AFMS Junior Programs Chair. So, what do the two jobs have in common? Kids. When successful clubs are asked. "What is your secret?", a common answer is kids. Successful clubs almost always have a strong junior's program that attracts families. Whether your club calls these members under the age of 18 pebble pups, junior geologists, mini miners, or future rockhounds doesn't matter. What is important is that clubs HAVE younger members. Not only are they our future hobbyists, professionals, and scientists but they can breathe life into a club.

If your club is looking for ways to grow, and you don't have a junior's program, consider starting one. Whether it is as the NFMS 2<sup>nd</sup> VP or the AFMS Junior Programs Chair, I am here to help. You can also browse the AFMS junior's website at [www.juniors.amfed.org](http://www.juniors.amfed.org) for dozens of family friendly ideas. There is even a PowerPoint presentation on "How to Start a Juniors Program" in your club.

Lora Hall  
2nd VP NFMS  
AFMS Junior Programs Chair

## Represent, Represent by Judi Allison



Well, folks, the time is rapidly approaching for the AFMS/NFMS Show in Billings, Montana. If you are on the fence about attending, I hope you jump off right into the action! There will be plenty to do and see. As a transplanted Montana native, I can attest to the state's vast collection of varied scenery, collecting areas, tourist attractions and that "Big Sky Country".

While you are at it, when taking in the show, carve out a couple of hours to attend the NFMS Annual Meeting to be held on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Remember, you don't have to be a director to attend. Just come on in and learn how the Federation works. I'm guessing you might be surprised. And if you are from a club that doesn't have a Director, or whose Director is unable to come, suggest to your club that you stand in as their Director. All you need to do is let our Credentials Chairpersons, Clara and Del Walker know that you will be representing your club. Send an email to [cwalk12377@gmail.com](mailto:cwalk12377@gmail.com). You can then download a copy of the credentials found on the NFMS website under Federation Show (upper right side of the home page.) We hope you remember to bring your credentials, but even if you forget, the membership can vote you in as a Director.

I am really hoping we can get some new people representing their clubs. Remember, your director is the voice of your club for the Federation. You should take advantage of all the Federation can offer by being involved. I went through our latest directory this year and found that fourteen clubs did not have a Director listed. I sent each a copy of our New Federation Director Guide created by our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Jennifer Haley. With this in hand, your director will be well on the way to know what to do for your club. So, please, come take part and "represent, represent".

Judi Allison NFMS Secretary

### Annual Meeting Notice of Discussion

At the Mid Year meeting in 2022 there was a discussion about changing to an Electronic Newsletter. We revisited that topic at the Mid Year Meeting in Kennewick in April 2023. This will be on the Agenda at the Annual Meeting in Billings in August.

It has become apparent that this change has become necessary. In a review of the Annual Budget, Treasurer's Report and the Endowment Fund Reports from the last couple of years one finds that the Newsletter is the single largest expense of the NFMS. Due to the Decrease in Dues by \$1.00 that was voted in at the 2019 Meeting in Lewiston Idaho the NFMS has had decreased income. This reduction ends after 2024. In order to pay bills, assets from the endowment fund were sold to pay bills. The last time it was \$20K. Over the last couple of years we have spent more than we took in. The Endowment Fund is significantly smaller than it used to be due to this and stock market fluctuations. The revenue from the Endowment Fund is being used to make up the loss of income from Dues Reduction. The Endowment Fund went from \$281,153 in Aug 2022 to \$254,880 in Mar 2023 due to the stock market. WE simply CAN NOT afford to keep depending on the Endowment Fund to make up our shortfalls in Income. I would emphasize that the NFMS is not currently in financial trouble, but this trend is not financially responsible. The Endowment Fund is not supposed to be used to pay Operating Expenses.

In order for the NFMS to remain financially healthy for the long term there are two options as far as I see. An increase of dues or a reduction in spending. My guess is that an increase in dues is not going to be popular. The cost of each Newsletter is about \$2000. Each copy about 50 cents per. Six issues costs the NFMS about \$3.00 or more per member/household. Ten issues about \$5.00. That is way more than you currently pay in dues (\$2.50). Keep in mind that part of your dues go to the AFMS so the NFMS really doesn't have much operating money from your dues. You can see those figures in the Treasurers Report, Endowment Fund Report which will be part of the packet at the Annual Meeting.

Currently the cost of Newsletter at six issues is expected to be up to \$14,000 for 2023. That is the minimum number of issues. Ten is the maximum. That would cost over \$20,000. Those costs will increase as inflation increases. An Electronic Newsletter would be pretty much Zero Cost. I would expect these savings can be used to do things like upgrade the NFMS Library to digital format and help keep the Endowment Fund intact.

I am asking that you consider this as I will be calling for a vote to accept this change. That is the first step in the process. It is expected that the change would be implemented sometime in early 2024. The details of how this will be implemented will be worked out in coming months. It should actually be fairly straightforward to get this done. As I will be leaving the Presidency this year I expect the incoming President will keep everyone informed and make it happen smoothly and efficiently.

Submitted by Darrell Coyle  
NFMS President

### NFMS Scholarship Honoree

The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies has selected Dr. Robert C. Thomas as the Scholarship Honoree for 2023. Dr. Thomas is a Regents Professor of Geology in the Environmental Sciences Department at the University of Montana Western. He received the Carnegie /CASE U.S Professor of the Year Award in 2009. He was appointed a Regents Professor by the Montana University System in 2010. He is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America, Montana Regents Teaching Scholar, recipient of the Humbolt State University Distinguished Alumni Award, the Geological Society of America Distinguished Service Award, the University of Montana Geoscience Alumnus Award and co-recipient of the Mike Malone Montana Educator of the Year Award.

He has co-authored over 75 publications including Roadside Geology of Yellowstone Country and Roadside Geology of Montana (2020 edition) which was awarded the 2021 High Plains Book Award. In 2020 he created the Montana Geology Facebook Page which has over 12,000 members. He currently works on sedimentation along the northern margin of the Yellowstone hot spot, remediation of grazing impacts on stream function, metal contamination on the upper Clark Fork and layperson books on the geology of Montana. He teaches summer geology courses for the Yellowstone Institute, the Yellowstone-Bighorn Research Association and serves as a technical advisor for the Clark Fork Coalition and the Nature Conservancy of Montana. He is deeply passionate about experiential education, using Western Montana's Immersion Scheduling System to engage students in authentic experience in the earth sciences.

As the NFMS Scholarship Honoree it is his privilege to submit nominations to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) for annually awarded scholarships. The nominees are to be earth sciences majors entering or currently in a Graduate Program. The students will be selected from a college or university of his choice. After the AFMS Scholarship Foundation convenes, reviews and confirms the nominees they will receive a grant of \$4,000 each. The names of these students will be announce at the combined AFMS/NFMS Convention in August 2023 in Billings Montana.

Submitted by Darrell Coyle  
NFMS President



# ROCKS for KIDS & TEENS!

## Future Rockhounds of America\* is starting a JUNIORS Newsletter!

Before the first issue goes to print, it needs a

- Newsletter **NAME** and
- Newsletter **MASCOT!**
- And they want **YOUR** help with that.
- Entry form is attached.

SO THERE'S A  
**CONTEST!**  
SUBMIT YOUR IDEA FOR A  
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by June 30



They will also be looking for your original news articles



SOON, like stories about your favorite rocks, field trips, photos of things you make with rocks and fossils. Maybe about why you like Rock Club. Maybe about projects you are doing, or awards you win with rocks. Check with your leader for more details.



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### Calling all junior journalists, writers, poets, photographers, and artists...

Do you want to see your work in print? We are looking for articles, poems, photographs, and art for the new Junior's Newsletter. The newsletter needs your rockhounding articles, photos, artwork, poetry, and other contributions. It could be an article about one of your favorite rocks, minerals, or fossils. Perhaps an article with photos of one of your favorite collecting spots. Maybe you would like to show off your lapidary jewelry you made. Or, you may have created poetry or artwork about rocks, minerals, or fossils. The only requirements are that you must be under 18 years of age and your contribution must be original and related to rockhounding, geology, paleontology, or the lapidary arts.

To submit your work, have your parent complete the SUBMISSION FORM below and return it with your work to [youth@amfed.org](mailto:youth@amfed.org). Please submit your written work as a word .doc or .pdf and artwork should be submitted as a .jpg or pdf.

There is NO deadline to submit work for the newsletter. Submissions will be accepted throughout the year!

Submitted by Lora Hall  
2nd VP NFMS  
AFMS Junior Programs Chair

### SUBMISSION FORM

FOR THE JUNIOR TO COMPLETE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of the article or other contribution:

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Rock club name:

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School (optional – your school will receive a copy of your published work)

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Signature of junior:

\_\_\_\_\_

FOR THE PARENT TO COMPLETE

I grant permission for the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies to publish this article or other contribution, along with your child's name, age, and rock club, both electronically and in print. Your child retains the right to publish elsewhere, anytime, and anyplace in the future.

Please note that any photo(s) with identifiable children's faces will need each child's parent's permission to publish.

Parent's name (printed):

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Parent's signature:

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Parent's email address:

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Street address:

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City or town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please scan or snap a photo of the completed form and send it to [youth@amfed.org](mailto:youth@amfed.org) along with your article or other contribution for the junior's newsletter.

**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 Billings Hotel and Convention Center, 1223 Mallowney Lane, Billings, MT. on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:cwalk12377@gmail.com)  
(Please note, email address is NEW)

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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*Find Your Montana Treasures*  
at the  
**Billings Gem & Mineral Show**

**Billings Hotel & Convention Center**  
1223 Mallowney Lane, Billings MT

**August 3-6, 2023**  
Thursday-Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm  
Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm

**Tickets at the Door**  
Adults \$8.00 per Day  
\$15 for 4-Day Pass  
**Children Under 12**  
Free Admission with Paid Adult

**Book a Room**  
Visit [BillingsHotelMT.com](http://BillingsHotelMT.com) or Call (406) 248-7181  
(mention the show for special rate of \$109/night)



For updates, scan code or visit  
[Show.BillingsGemClub.com](http://Show.BillingsGemClub.com)  
Questions? Contact us at  
[Guests@BillingsGemClub.com](mailto:Guests@BillingsGemClub.com)

Dealers offering gems, crystals, minerals, fossils, agates, jewelry, and more...

**Kids Activities** including Wheel of Fortune, grab bags, gem scoop, silent auction, prizes...

**Raffle Prizes & Silent Auction**

**Display Exhibits** of competitive and non-competitive geological displays (entries due 8/1/23)

**Speakers & Special Programs**

**Special Exhibits**

- Museum of the Rockies
- Judith River Dinosaur Institute
- Carter County Museum
- Wyoming Dinosaur Center

**Field Trips**

- Bear Canyon Agates: Mon. Aug. 7
- Bear Paw Formation Fossils: Tue. Aug. 8
- Montana Agates: Wed. Aug. 9
- Cedar Creek Fossils\* and/or Collecting Dinosaur Bones\* (fee): Thu. Aug. 10 and/or Fri. Aug. 11

Billings Gem & Mineral Club is Proud to Host Our Annual Show and the Annual Conventions of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies



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**2022 Rockhound of the Year**

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**Mary Sparks**

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*Judi Allison*  
Chair, AFMS Rockhound of the Year

*Laurie Ellis*  
NFMS Chair, AFMS Rockhound of the Year

## AFMS/NFMS Annual Convention Schedule for 2023

Listed here, you will find information about some of the activities taking place at the Billings Show. Along with the list here, there will be speakers on various subjects throughout the weekend. Know that you are welcome to attend the meetings. You will need an advance registration for the luncheon, banquet, and breakfast. You can find a registration form on the NFMS website under Federation Show (upper right side of home page)

### Wednesday, August 2

**Display Case Setup:** starts at 10:00 AM – If you have agreed to put in a display, whether it is competitive or non-competitive, this is when you can start that process.

### Thursday, August 3

**AFMS Uniform Rules Meeting:** 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM-This meeting is to discuss and possibly update the AFMS rules for competitive displays. Decisions about possible changes have to be voted on by the Assembly of Directors at the AFMS meeting.

**AFMS Annual Meeting & Scholarship Meeting:** 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Each Federation has official representation by two directors: the current President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. As with the NFMS Annual meeting, this is when all official business is conducted. The Scholarship meeting following the AFMS Annual meeting is to take care of any business relevant to the Scholarship Fund. This is a separate entity which grants scholarship money to graduate students from each region (except Southeast, as they have their own) who are studying in the area of earth sciences.

### Friday, August 4

**NFMS Annual Meeting:** 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – This will be when all the official business of the NFMS will be conducted. Directors from each club make up the voting assembly. Even if you are not a director, you are welcome to attend.

**Meet & Greet:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – This will be a casual evening activity we will learn more about at the time.

### Saturday, August 5

**Juniors Cracker Barrel:** 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM – This meeting will be a great place to learn more about our Junior Clubs, how to be an effective leader and general all around good information. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

**ALAA Meeting:** 10:30 AM – 12:00 P- Attend this meeting to learn about the importance of keeping informed about things going on that affect our ability to pursue our hobby. ALAA (American Land Access Association) is a group that, unlike our individual clubs, has the ability to lobby for our rights to use our public lands.

**Past Presidents, Officers, Judges & Chairpersons Luncheon:** 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM- This is simply a social time to get together and enjoy each other's company. What better time than over some good food?

**Social Hour:** 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM- As stated; a casual time to visit with our fellow rockhounds before the banquet.

**Banquet & Awards Dinner:** 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM- This will be the time when awards will be presented. Installation of the new officers will take place. And there will be a couple of goodies auctioned off.

### Sunday, August 6

**Editors & Webmasters Breakfast:** 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Attendees will find out who has won various contests. Certificates and awards will be given out.

**Live Auction:** 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM This live auction is open to all. Bring your money, so you will be ready to bid.

Submitted by Judi Allison NFMS Secretary

Hello fellow Rockhounds, this is Joshua Hulstrom NFMS Judging director for 2023 Billings Show.

Our next annual meeting is quickly approaching. Just wanted to remind everyone that the closing date for competitive and non-competitive cases is approaching. It will close on July 1st so if you plan on displaying, please make your decision soon.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Submitted by  
Joshua Hulstrom NFMS Judging director

## NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule -- 2023

|   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| July 21st, 22th & 23rd<br>Fri 9 - 6<br>Sat 9 - 6<br>Sun 9 - 5             | Washington Agate & Mineral Society               | Tenino City Park on Park Avenue<br>(next to the Quarry House and swimming pool)<br>Tenino WA 98589  | Daniel De Boer<br><a href="mailto:keylock1@live.com">keylock1@live.com</a><br>website: <a href="https://wamsolympia.com">https://wamsolympia.com</a>   |
| August 3rd - 6th<br>Thur 10 - 5<br>Fri 10 - 5<br>Sat 10 - 5<br>Sun 10 - 4 | Billings Gem and Mineral Club                    | NFMS and AFMS Show<br>Billings Hotel and Convention Center<br>1223 Mullowney Ln<br>Billings MT  | Doug True<br><a href="https://billingsgemclub.com/contact-us">https://billingsgemclub.com/contact-us</a><br>(406) 200-8778   |
| August 4th, 5th & 6th<br>Fri 10 - 5<br>Sat 10 - 5<br>Sun 10 - 4           | Far West Lapidary & Gem Society                  | The Mill Casino<br>The Salmon Room<br>3201 Tremont St<br>Hwy 101 North Bend OR  | Debbie McPherson ( 541) 404 4970<br><a href="mailto:Mcdeb1111@gmail.com">Mcdeb1111@gmail.com</a><br>Howard Clements (541) 396 3635<br><a href="mailto:howardclements34@gmail.com">howardclements34@gmail.com</a>   |
| Aug 12th & 13th<br>Sat 10 - 5<br>Sun 10 - 5                               | Maplewood Rock & Gem Club                        | Maplewood Rock & Gem Clubhouse<br>8802 196th St<br>Edmonds WA   | Linda Willemarck<br><a href="mailto:info@maplewoodrockclub.com">info@maplewoodrockclub.com</a><br>Website: <a href="http://maplewoodrockclub.com">maplewoodrockclub.com</a>  |
| August 18th, 19th & 20th<br>Fri 9 - 5<br>Sat 9 - 5<br>Sun 10 - 4          | Willamette Agate and Mineral Society             | End of Summer Rock Show<br>Polk County Fairgrounds<br>520 S Pacific Hwy W<br>Rickreall, OR 97371  | Ken Stubenrauch<br><a href="mailto:wams.riverofgems@gmail.com">wams.riverofgems@gmail.com</a><br><a href="http://www.WAMSI.net">www.WAMSI.net</a>  |
| Sept 8th, 9th & 10th<br>Fri 11 - 5<br>Sat 9 - 5<br>Sun 9 - 4              | Southern Washington Mineralogical Society        | Cowlitz County Fairgrounds<br>Event Center<br>1900 7th Avenue<br>Longview WA  | Vicki Johnson (360) 751 8031<br><a href="mailto:vickijrocks@msn.com">vickijrocks@msn.com</a><br>Crystal Teel (360) 355 6424<br><a href="mailto:swmineralogicalsociety@gmail.com">swmineralogicalsociety@gmail.com</a>  |
| Sept 9th & 10th<br>Sat 9 - 5<br>Sun 10 - 4                                | Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association       | Vern Burton Community Center<br>308 East 4th Street<br>Port Angeles WA  | Kathy Schreiner<br>(360) 460-0827 <a href="mailto:kmsjes@olypen.com">kmsjes@olypen.com</a><br><a href="http://Sequimrocks.org">Sequimrocks.org</a>   |
| Sept 9th & 10th<br>Sat 10 - 5<br>Sun 10 - 5                               | Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society             | Walla Walla County Fairgrounds<br>Community Center Building<br>831 Orchard St, Walla Walla WA   | Warren Rood <a href="mailto:warrenrood@yahoo.com">warrenrood@yahoo.com</a><br>Bruce Hlmko <a href="mailto:brucenbecky@comcast.net">brucenbecky@comcast.net</a>   |
| Sept 16th & 17th<br>Sat 10 - 5<br>Sun 10 - 4                              | Cascade Mineralogical Society - Kent WA          | Green River College Phys Ed Facility<br>12401 SE 320th Street<br>Auburn WA  | Kat Koch (425) 765-5408<br><a href="mailto:vendorchair@cascademineralsociety.org">vendorchair@cascademineralsociety.org</a><br><a href="http://www.cascademineralsociety.org">www.cascademineralsociety.org</a>  |
| Oct 6th, 7th 8th<br>Fri 10 - 6<br>Sat 10 - 6<br>Sun 10 - 5                | Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Association | 42nd Annual Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show<br>Wingspan Event Center Building<br>At the Westside Commons<br>801 NE 34th Avenue, Hillsboro OR 97124 | Linda Harvey<br><a href="mailto:lindaharvey2010@gmail.com">lindaharvey2010@gmail.com</a><br>-<br>For more information go to:<br><a href="http://www.PortlandRegionalGemandMineral.com">www.PortlandRegionalGemandMineral.com</a>   |
| Oct 7th<br>Sat 9 - 5  | Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society              | Annual Members Rock, Gem, Jewelry<br>Bonneville Co. Fairgrounds<br>1542 73rd S, Idaho Falls, ID   | Monique Lake (208) 757-8036<br><a href="mailto:moniquelake1@gmail.com">moniquelake1@gmail.com</a>  |
| Oct 7th & 8th<br>Sat 10 - 5<br>Sun 10 - 5                                 | Marysville Rock and Gem Club                     | The Evergreen State Fairgrounds Display Bldg #500<br>14405 179th Ave, SE Monroe, WA<br>(Off Hwy 2, Just west of Monroe, WA)                               | Christina Morrissey<br><a href="mailto:cmvw@frontier.com">cmvw@frontier.com</a><br>Website: <a href="http://www.marysvillerockclub.com">http://www.marysvillerockclub.com</a><br><a href="https://facebook.com/Marysville-Rock-and-Gem-Club-213484905338173">facebook.com/Marysville-Rock-and-Gem-Club-213484905338173</a> |
| Oct 7th & 8th<br>Sat 10 - 5<br>Sun 10 - 3                                 | Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club                 | Willamalane Adult Activity Center<br>215 W C Street<br>Springfield OR 97477   | Dean Burkhart<br>(541) 744-1919  |
| Oct 21st & 22nd<br>Sat 10 - 5<br>Sun 10 - 4                               | Hells Canyon Gem Club                            | Nez Perce County Fair Grounds<br>1229 Burrell Avenue<br>Lewiston ID 83501   | Mary Lou Northrup<br>(208) 816-8329<br><a href="mailto:mldj1@yahoo.com">mldj1@yahoo.com</a>  |
| Oct 28th & 29th<br>Sat 10 - 7<br>Sun 12 - 6                               | Chugach Gem & Mineral Society                    | Midtown Mall<br>600 E Northern Lights Blvd<br>Anchorage AK  | Paul Burger<br><a href="mailto:cavemonpaul@hotmail.com">cavemonpaul@hotmail.com</a>  |