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\*\*\*\*\* AND THE WINNERS ARE: \*\*\*\*\*

## Competition at the Northwest Regional Show Longview, Washington, July 2006

Submitted by Barbara Jacobsen, Judging Director

Six competitive cases were judged at the Northwest Federation Annual Show at Longview, July 14-16, 2006. On Saturday evening, July 15, the following Northwest Regional Trophies were awarded:

### Master exhibitor group, individual

- Trophy 18 – Phil Bolton, cabochons (CC-2), Mt. Hood Rock Club
- Trophy 22 – Steve Gustafson, petrified wood cabochons (G-3), Mt. Hood Rock Club

### Master exhibitor group, society

- Trophy 27 – Oregon Agate & Mineral Society, Educational (EGS-2)
- Trophy 18 – Mt. Hood Rock Club, Cabochons (CC-2)

### Advanced exhibitor group

- Plaque – Richard Hall, cabochons (CC- 7), Oregon Agate & Mineral Society

### Novice exhibitor group

- Rosette – Derek Whitmarsh, educational (EGC-4), Everett Rock & Gem Club

The Sweepstakes Award (judged best exhibit of the blue ribbon Master Exhibitor Group) was won by Steve Gustafson for his display of petrified wood cabs.

The Traveling Large Society Award was won by the Mt. Hood Rock Club.

Four Memorial Trophies, open to competitive and non-competitive displays, were also awarded.

- Steve Gustafson of the Mt. Hood Rock Club won the John "Ted" Hedin award for the best display of petrified wood.
- Troy Smith of the Mt. Hood Rock Club won the Rod Smith Award for the best display of all Northwest material.
- Keene Clay of the Mt. Hood Rock Club won the Darrell Dalton Award for the best display of obsidian.
- Jean Hunt of the Tualatin Valley Gem Club won the Lester Zeihen Award for the best display of minerals.

The judges for these awards and trophies were: Joe Slouber, Lamar Tilgner, Arlene Handley, Dee Holland, Russell Snook, Dick Glismann, Rocky Mc Call, Evan Day, Bonnie Glismann, Shirley Leeson, Jim Hoeschen, and Bill & Betty Luke. The clerks were Mary Bolton, Joan Day, and Merlia Tilgner.

## 2006 NFMS Junior Achievement Award Winner



Hello, my name is JEREMY ROOD, age 11, from the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society in Walla Walla, WA. In the category under age 12, I am the 2006 NFMS Junior Achievement Award Winner. Here is my resume:

### I) HOBBY RELATED ACTIVITIES

I have been on over 15 field trips over the past three years. My favorite field trip was at Crystal Park, Montana. My longest field trip was when our whole family went to the Pow Wow in Madras, Oregon for six days. I have a small collection but it is growing by the trip. I've polished a thunder egg and learned to make a cabochon. During a rock club meeting, we had a story telling contest regarding our hobby. I won grand prize in the kid's category. At our annual rock show, we juniors had a display case with all our rock crafts that we had made throughout the year.

### II) EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT ACTIVITIES

I am in the fifth grade and have mostly A's and B's. I have been involved in three different drama productions this year. Two of them were two hours long. In one of them I was on live television playing the part of a "bratty" little brother. This was my first time acting on television. My first acting job was as baby Jesus at a Christmas Eve service when I was six weeks old. In school, I play percussion in the beginning band and I also have been taking piano lessons for three years. I have played in 10 piano recitals since I was 7 years old.

### III) COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT ACTIVITIES

I volunteer my time helping to prepare and serve meals to the homeless at the Christian Aid Center in Walla Walla. I have also participated in Operation Christmas Child by filling a shoebox full of Christmas gifts for a poor child overseas. I have also mentored foster children in the Walla Walla Valley.

### IV) WORK ACTIVITIES

I have helped my older brother deliver the Union-Bulletin on his paper route. In the summer, my brother and I operate a lemonade stand in front of our house (Lemonade 4 U). Every night I am responsible for preparing the table and setting it before dinner. On Fridays I clean our first floor bathroom from top to bottom. I am also responsible for taking out the recycling bin on Friday mornings.

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## AWARDS, COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2006 BULLETIN AWARDS

Submitted by Darlene Denton, NFMS Bulletin Aids

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL EDITORS IN THE NFMS.

I was so glad to meet several of the New Editors at Longview July 15th. For those editors who were unable to attend the Editor's breakfast or Awards Banquet, you will receive your awards in the mail shortly. Keep sending in your bulletins to me & KEEP UP GOOD WORK!!!

#### LARGE BULLETINS

1st place: Skagit Gems, Skagit Rock & Gem Club, Mt. Vernon, WA. Vi Jones, Editor.  
2nd place: Facets, Columbia/Willamette Faceters, Portland, OR. Jerry Bartlemay, Editor.

#### SMALL BULLETINS

1<sup>st</sup> : Rockhound Special, Mt Baker Rock/Gem Club, Bellingham WA, Gary & Karen Hinderman, Editors.  
2nd: Crystal/Gem News, Mt Vernon, WA. No Puget Sound Faceters Guild, Bob Jimenez, Editor.  
3rd: The Geode, Lakeside Gem/Mineral Club, Kennewick, WA, Don & Gloria Outhet, Editors.  
4th: Oregon Rockhound Bulletin, Oregon Agate Mineral Society, Portland, OR. Lelani Pitman, Editor.  
5th: The Rock-It, Mt Hood Rock Club, Gresham, OR, Patty Amos, Editor.  
6th: W Seattle Petroglyphs, W. Seattle Rock Club, Seattle, WA. Mike Wall, Editor.  
7th: Rock Scoop, So. Douglas Gem/Mineral Club, Myrtle Creek, OR. Ted & Mary Arrowood, Editors.  
8th: Pebble Trails, Whidbey Island, WA. Bob Jimenez, Editor  
9th: Yakima Gem/Mineral News, Yakima, WA. Eloise Glass, Editor.  
10th: Rock Chip Reporter, Far West Lapidary, Coos Bay, OR, Alene Innes, Editor.

Honorable Mentions: Emerald Gems, Eugene Mineral Club, Dean Axtell, Editor; Nisqually Rock News, Yelm, WA. Mike Smith, Editor; Owyhee Gem, Owyhee Gem/Min Soc. Canyon Co. Idaho, Heide & Bryan Foreman, Editors; Coastal Waves, Oregon Coast Agate Club, Newport, OR, Carol Willey, Editor; Boulder Busters, Hells Canyon Gem Club, Lewiston, ID. Barb Nash, Editor.

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(No First)  
2nd: Springfield TEGG News, Springfield, OR, Carma Schumann/Smith, Editor.  
3rd: Lake City RH News, North Idaho Mineral Club, Coeur de Alene, ID, Bev Bockman, Editor.  
4th: Rip Rapper, Mat-Su Rock/Mineral Club, Palmer, AK, Delight Rose, Editor.  
5th: Rock Note, Whidbey Island Gem Club, Oak Harbor, WA, Lee Dougherty, Editor.  
6th: Stones Throw, Bozeman Gem/Mineral Club, Bozeman MT, Dick Wendel, Editor.

#### NEW EDITORS

1st: Stone Age News, Marysville Rock/Gem Club, Sandy Baker, Editor.  
2nd: Hellgate Breezes, Hellgate Mineral Soc. Brittnai Walburn, Editor.  
3rd: Hatrockhound Gazette, Hatrockhound Gem/Min Soc. Hermiston, OR, J. Renee West, Editor.

4th: Golden Spike News, Ogden, UT, Cynthia Aeschlimm, Editor.  
5th: Grindings, Idaho Gem Club, Boise, ID, Doug Renken, Editor.  
6th: Carny Hound, South WA Mineralogical Soc., Paul Davis & Fran Wolffe, Editors.

#### ARTICLES

1st: "Ramblings of a Rockhound", Nisqually Valley RH Soc, Mike Smith, Author.  
2nd: "What I Learned from Competing", Columbia/Willamette Faceters, Jerry Bartlemay, Author.  
3rd: "Treasures on the Shelves", Eugene Mineral Club, Geni White, Author.  
4th: "Four Rockhounds on the Forth", South Douglas Gem/Mineral Club, Mary Newell, Author.  
5th: "A Trip to OMSI", South Washington Mineralogical Soc, Chuck Sonner, Author.  
6<sup>th</sup>: "Rock Trip", Marcus Whitman Gem/Min Soc, Warren Rood, Author.  
7<sup>th</sup>: "Field Trip", Clackamette Min/Gem Club, Hidemi Kira, Author.  
8th: "Rocked for Life", Magic Valley Gem Club, Shirley Metts, Author.  
9th: "Rocky Trails", Idaho Gem Club, Robert Ferguson, Author.  
10th: "John & Marsha Smith's Excellent Adventure", Hells Canyon Gem Club, John & Marsha Smith, Authors.

#### POEMS

1st in Adult: "Rock Club Christmas 2006", Marti Songeroth, Author.  
1st in 17 yr: "I am Rock", Nathen Plough, Author

#### SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

**For the longest Bulletin Editor in the Northwest Federation ESTHER DAVIS, 29 years - Hy Grader, Tualatin Valley Gem Club, Forest Grove, OR.**



**Chuck Sonner**

**NFMS President.**

This is my first message as the NFMS President. Over the next few months, I will write about some of the programs and plans I have for the next year. Some will involve reducing the costs that are incurred each year and others will involve increasing the Endowment Fund. I do believe that this is the direction our members have been stressing over the past few years.

I would like to take this time to thank the club members from both the Southern Washington Mineralogical Society and the Mt Hood Rock club that helped put on the Federation Show. The show exceeded all expectations in both the NFMS voice and silent auctions. This was due to the generous contributions from Federation members and clubs. Without your help, the fundraisers could not work.

Last, I would like to ask all the members to think hard about the Federation. There are committee positions open. We need Chairpersons and committee members. The NFMS will continue to stay strong if we are willing to volunteer.



**Patty Amos**

**NFMS 1<sup>st</sup> V. Pres.**

(No message at this time)



**Margaret Stallknecht**

**Education Chair**

Here's a quick note to thank all that made it to the Letha, ID Rock Show and especially Frank Posthuma and his lovely wife Darlene for

spending the day with us. A big THANK YOU to everyone that was at the Longview, WA show for all their support and encouragement towards the upcoming Educational projects and approval to have the NFMS show in 2008 in Ontario, OR.

Thanks to Frank, the T-shirts and Hats made it in. We have started selling the shirts for \$15.00 and the hats for \$10.00. I will have them here in Letha and will try to take them to as many shows and clubs as I can. You may contact me to order them. We were able to send shirts to Nashville, TN for the AFMS show, Butte, MT for the 2007 show, and to Ontario for for the 2008 show.

We are doing a two-year, color calendar to advertise our shows. Any Gem Club that would like to advertise in the calendar for \$10.00, please get hold of me. Each club can then sell the calendars for \$2.00 to anyone that is interested in them. Our printing deadline is in October so that we can have them printed in time



for Christmas 2006. Anyone needing more information may call me at (208) 365-1653, or write to P. O. Box 171, Letha, ID 83636.

**NFMS Hats**

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## COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPINIONS

### AFMS Show and Convention

By Shirley Leeson,  
NFMS Historian

We just arrived back from the National Show and Convention in Nashville. We were well represented by President Frank Posthuma and 1st VP Chuck Sonner along with Rocky McCall who represented the Northwest at the AFMS Executive Committee.

Dee Holland & Dick Glismann represented the NFMS at the AFMS Rules Committee on Tuesday morning.

Frank and Darlene, along with Dick and Bonnie Glismann, Rocky & Loretta McCall, Dee Holland & Shirley Leeson and Dr. Bob Carlson, Fran Berting, and Bill and Janet Smith attended most of the events.

We had the pleasure of seeing Dr. Bob Carlson (Past President of NFMS) installed as incoming President of the AFMS, from Rocky MT, where he now resides, Shirley Leeson as President-Elect, current NFMS Historian, and Rocky McCall, 4th Vice President.

While not as many people were able to attend this year from Northwest, there was a representative group who enjoyed the camaraderie of the once a year event.

Attending the National Show and Convention is an important duty of the officers of NFMS. It's a time to get to know others in the same position and be able to communicate and share ideas and information with others. It was a very stimulating occasion.

### Wilderness Bills Pass

By Dee & Shirley Leeson

The San Diego Union, Tuesday July 25, 2006, reported the House passed a whole bunch of wilderness bills yesterday, UNANIMOUSLY! The Wilderness was in the following states:

CALIFORNIA: Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Act 277,000 acres

OREGON: Mount Hood National Forest (Mt. Hood Stewardship Legacy Act) 77,200 acres

IDAHO: Sawtooth and Challis National Forests,

Boulder-White Cloud Wilderness 315,215 acres

NEW MEXICO: Carson National Forest, Valle Vidal (Valley of Life) region in New Mexico (no acres reported)

Contact your SENATORS if you want to save the areas from being locked away. This means no grazing, no motorized vehicles, no rockhounding, no timber -- but a wonderful space for wildfires.....

The report in the paper said these bills have been in the works for years and "represent compromise among business owners, RANCHERS, local governments, recreation advocates, conservationists and American Indian tribes. We know ranchers in the Idaho proposed wilderness areas and they are not for it. The government is going to take away their ranches, some 6<sup>th</sup> generation people. In Idaho grazing has already been stopped and some of the ranchers had to sell their cattle for lack of grazing land in their area. They are being pushed off their land. This area in Idaho is the middle of a fantastic rock hunting area. If the other areas are like this, you know it's being pushed through by the enviros.

### News Release: Portland Regional Show New location and Layout.

The Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show is September 29-30 and October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. We have moved to the Portland Metropolitan Expo Center. It is located West of I-5 on the Oregon side of the Columbia river, (on Marine Drive), near the I-5 interstate bridge. This change puts us in a more central location with easier access for most people.

This year we will have an expanded layout with 5 additional dealers and ample space for demonstrations, competitive and non-competitive displays, silent auction and an expanded kids area that will include a treasure hunt and other games.

We are continuing the Geology Symposium as a feature of our show. The topic for this year is "The Visible Geology of the Portland Region". What are we looking at in the Portland area and how did it get to be the way it is. We have excellent professional Geologists as speakers. The symposium is on Saturday September 30, from 8-12. Admission is \$18, (Students and show volunteers \$11) and includes show admission for Saturday. For more information see the article in this issue of the NFMS news. We will have other educational offerings that are to be announced at the show. They will be free and less formal.

Show admission without the symposium is \$7 each day (\$5 for students). The Expo Center will be charging a fee for parking this year so bring friends and share the cost. You may also choose to leave your car at a park and ride and take the Max train. The Expo Center is the last stop on the north bound line. This show is a great opportunity for a trip with friends so plan ahead.

This is an excellent show with exceptional dealers and displays. We are still looking for more displays. If you put in a display, admission is free for you and one other person that you choose. Contact Patty Amos at 360-892-3716 if you would like to display at this show.

### In Memory of.....

A \$50 donation to the AFMS Scholarship Fund was received from the Everett Rock and Gem Club, with the following memorial:

OUR PRECIOUS MEMORY ... Life Member LaVonne Basler passed to a better place in this year of 2006. Everett Rock and Gem Club forever honors all the tedious work and vital support that LaVonne accomplished. Her greatest success was organizing a sixty-one year photographic history of Everett Rock and Gem Club during her tenure as Club Historian. Our Rock Club was spawned in 1939, so she really had to question and collaborate during discovery of who, when and what event was stored in the many files of photos. Now the ERGC archives are in order for the future.

Besides Historian, LaVonne was the Sunshine Chairperson for many years and edited our Pebbles Newsletter from 1990 to 1994. When the Everett Rookie Rockhounds were forming in 1996, LaVonne was a tremendous supporter of bringing Junior Rockhounds into the hobby as well as sharing many specimens and teaching aids for the Juniors to enjoy.

Yes, when we remember the famous history of Everett Rock and Gem Club, we will always remember Life Member LaVonne Basler.

### Writers/Contributors Needed

By Keene Clay

I have taken the opportunity to write a variety of articles in support of the NFMS show and other items of interest. Our editor, Bryan Schroeder, encourages our members to submit information that may be of interest to the membership. I am passing on the invitation to share your knowledge, programs, stories and help everyone get more enjoyment out of the hobby.

It has been said that knowledge is power. The purpose of the NFMS newsletter is to keep members informed of the activities of the organization and to inform them of different aspects of the hobby. The more we know, the more we are likely to be involved and the stronger our organization will be.

You may think that you don't have anything to offer. Consider some of the following topics that are of interest to the general membership.

- Successful club programs
- Features recognizing a special person in the club (living or deceased)
- Collecting locations in your area
- Recollections about a favorite trip
- Information about geological processes and formations
- Tips about faceting, capping, fossil preparation, micro-minerals, or surfacing flats.
- Shop tips and equipment maintenance
- Special museums, displays or events that you discover that deserve recognition
- Political issues that effect rock hounding and rock hounds
- Upcoming events such as the Rock hound Retreat or a rock swap.

This is a small sample of the possible ways that you can share information for the betterment of our hobby. I'm sure that I am not the only one that likes to write and has something to share. Articles can be e-mailed to NFMSnews@verizon.net. If you have ideas about articles and you want to discuss them with him, his number is 509-371-1572. The deadline for submission is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication.

Help Bryan offer the membership an interesting and valuable newspaper. You do have something that is worth saying and we want to hear what it is.



#### TELL ME ABOUT ARAGONITE.

ARAGONITE is chemically the same as calcite (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) but is less common and crystallizes in the orthorhombic system. It is slightly harder and heavier - H. 3.5 to 4; Sp. Gr. 2.9. Aragonite does not cleave as distinctly as calcite, although it, too, bubbles strongly in dilute hydrochloric acid. Aragonite is usually white, gray or cream. The mother-of-pearl lining of sea shells is aragonite. Flos fern is a branching growth of pure white aragonite in mines and caves. Coral, formed by plants and animals in warm seas, is also aragonite. Precious coral is valued for gem and ornamental use. Via SCFMS Newsletter 7-8/06 & Rocks & Minerals

## **“The Visible Geology of the Portland Area” 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Portland Regional Symposium**

From the Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Association.

We drive over under and through the mountains and valleys of the Portland Area. The Columbia river passes by with deceptive volume and power. We have witnessed historical volcanic eruptions and devastating landslides. We live on volcanos and volcanic formations that are constantly altered by earthquakes. We are the only city in the US that has an active volcano within the city limits. What are we looking at and how did it all get here? What are the implications for our future?

These are some of the questions that will be asked and answered at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual geology symposium sponsored by the Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show association. The program features prominent Geologists from the area and will help us to understand the unique and changing and somewhat unstable area that we call home.

Our first speaker, (to be announced), will lay the groundwork for the larger structures of the area. The origin and significance of Mt Hood, Mt St Helens, Larch Mountain, Rocky Butte, the Boring Lava Domes, Mt Tabor, the West Hills and other visible structures will be explained. What are the forces that brought them all to their present location and appearance.

The second presenter, Scott Burns, PHD of Portland State University, will discuss the visible effects of faults and the land forms that they have created. What is the significance of the West Hills fault and the Oatfield fault? What other faults are noteworthy in the area? What happens when the Cascadia Subduction Zone off the coast of Oregon decides to slip? Are we ready for the inevitable?

The third speaker is Ian Madden, PHD from Oregon State University. He will show the many effects created by landslides in the greater Portland area. When we have heavy rain, our steep slopes become unstable. What happens when you combine saturated soils with an earthquake? What was the cause of the slide that closed I-84 several years ago and how likely is it to happen again?

Our final speaker is John Thompson from the Ice Age Floods Institute. He will outline the sculpting effects of the floods that inundated the Columbia Basin 12,000 to 15,000 years ago. The floods came through the Gorge at 1000 feet deep and covered the Portland basin with 350 feet of water. Those floods created major features including gravel bars hundreds of feet thick and miles long. They were the source for the lakes of Lake Oswego and “rockwood potatoes” of Rockwood. We have built freeways in their flood channels and use their gravels to build our city. We grow our food in the rich soil that they deposited. All of this is visible if we know what we are looking at or how it was formed.

If we aren't asking these questions, perhaps we should be. Can we live in such a moving and active place and not be in awe of the power and unnerved by the possibilities? Our speakers are some of the recognized experts in the area and will share some of their insights into the fascinating geological features that we call home.

This program will be held from 8-12 am on Saturday, September 30, 2006, as part of the Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show. The symposium will be at the Portland Metropolitan Expo Center located at 2060 N. Marine Drive. The cost for the symposium is \$18 for adults and \$11 for students. The price includes admission to the show for Saturday. For advanced registration contact Keene Clay at 503-558-8500 or by email at odroc@comcast.net. Space for the symposium is limited.

The 27<sup>th</sup> Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show has moved to the Expo center and will have more dealers, demonstrators, displays and many exciting activities for children. The show runs Friday and Saturday from 10-6 and Sunday from 10-5. Adults are \$7 per day and students are \$5 per day.

For more information, contact Keene Clay at 503-558-8500 or Taylor Hunt at 503-662-4790.

## **To Sleep Perchance to Dream**

*By Glenn Musick, Timpanogos G&M Society  
1st Place Adult Articles, 2006 RMFMS Bulletin Contest*

In July of 2003, after our family returned from a successful trip to Montana's Crystal Park and a side trip to the sapphire digs near Phillipsburg. I read an article in one of my vintage 70's Rock and Gem magazines about the Royal Peacock and other black opal mines in the Virgin Valley. The seed was planted. In that same month, the current Rock and Gem ran an article on the Bonanza opal mine opening its diggings to the public for the first time. It had to be an omen! I had to go. I went to the Internet to get more facts and figures. Eighty dollars a day to dig the mine, \$35 to work the tailings and 10 hours driving time. Maybe some day. Soon it was October. The mines closed for the season in about a week. What the heck. The planted seed had sprouted into a large bush and one of the branches was whacking me alongside of the head. On Thursday I decided to blow off work the next day. I packed my sleeping bag, rubber mat and some tools and began my journey at 6:00 a.m. with thoughts of black opals dancing in my head.

At about 3:30 p.m. I pulled into Denio Junction and noted that there were quite a few deer hunters and very meager groceries to choose from in the small country store. I ended up buying a loaf of bread, potato chips and some sardines, which were unfortunately saturated, in some red-hot chili sauce (and me with gringo mouth). Big mistake, leaving my reading glasses in the Blazer!

In about half an hour, I arrived at the Royal Peacock campground. Never did see a sign for the Bonanza mine (could it be closed for the year?) There was a free camping area about 2 or 3 miles back which had a hot springs pond, changing room and outhouse, but I decided to splurge and pay the \$ and have use of a high powered and flushable toilet and be closer to the action when the 8:00 a.m. rush to the mine would occur.

I had time to ogle the specimens in the small rock shop at the campsite. So this is what I would be looking for. For the most part the high-priced beauties were petrified wood, which to some varying degrees had been displaced by opal. Some were white (like Australian) others were bright green and blue. Others were black. When there was mostly wood and just little unworkable specks of opal flashing, it was called “conk”. The price of conk was a little steep, apparently because of its rarity. They did have some cheaper rocks for sale, such as fluorescent (amophic?), but was an off-white color.

Under long-wave light in the store it fluoresced a kryptonite bright green. I asked the nice lady in the rock shop if I could go out and look for rocks in the hills surrounding the campsite. She said, “sure” so off I went to take advantage of the rapidly disappearing daylight. In the gully heading south and up a moderately sloped incline, I found several decent samples of fluorescent opalite and other jasper which I hoped might light up under my cheap black light back home.

That night I rolled out the mat in the back of my Blazer, rolled up the windows to keep the bugs out and thought to myself, “maybe this camping thing isn't so bad after all.” I have never been an avid or even somewhat happy camper.

After about an hour of sleep, it got cold. I put on my heavy coat and went back to sleep. In about 2 hours it got colder. I pulled up the hood on my coat and put my shoes back on my stocking feet. Nature called. At least I didn't have to worry about putting my shoes on first before dashing to the real toilet about 25 yards away. To make a long story short, or a short night really long, nature kept calling and I kept cussing that cheap, flimsy sleeping bag until the first light of morning appeared. I later learned that the overnight temperature had dropped to the middle teens that night.

At about 7:00 a.m., after my last marathon 40 minutes of R.E.M. sleep, I peered out of my frosted over windows at a nearby hillside cliff and saw two wild donkeys staring down at the campsite. I'm not sure, but it seemed as if they were smiling and joking about the heavily clothed man crawling out of that frosty Blazer, blowing steam out of his mouth as if it were the dead of winter.

At 8:00 a.m. sharp the caravan of rockhounds headed to the mine, which was about a mile from camp. I decided to go the cheap route and noodle the tailings while the other 20 or so prospectors staked their hillside territories on the open mine pit. The tailings were made up from what had been worked over on previous days. The tractor would push the fresh pile to a spot about 20 yards from the open pit. In the 10 acres surrounding the mine area, there were huge piles of dirt outcroppings from many years of active mining.

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## NFMS JUNIOR ROCKHOUNDS "Junior Achievement Awards"



### Juniors Chairman

#### Gary Buhr



Hello, my name is JASON ROOD, age 13, from the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society in Walla Walla, WA. I am the Second Place Winner in the 2006 NFMS Junior Achievement Awards and here is my resume:

#### D) HOBBY RELATED ACTIVITIES

I have been a member of the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society for the past three years. I have been on over 15 field trips. My favorite field trip was to Naches, Washington near Mt. Rainier National Park. I really enjoy digging for rocks, especially thunder eggs. I have polished thunder eggs and learned to make a cabochon.

My longest field trip was when our whole family went to the Pow Wow in Madras, Oregon for six days. I have an ever-growing collection of rocks, minerals and gems. At our annual rock club show, I have displayed my rock crafts in the junior display case.

#### II) EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT ACTIVITIES

I am in seventh grade at Rogers Adventist School in College Place, WA and have mostly A's and B's. I have also been involved in drama productions at school and have performed in Cordiner Hall on stage as Lad in "Scrooge" and also in "It's a Wonderful Life" for the past five years. In school, I play clarinet in the junior high band. I also have been taking piano lessons for five years and have played in 15 piano recitals since I was 8 years old.

#### III) COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT ACTIVITIES

I volunteer my time helping to prepare and serve meals to the homeless at the Christian Aid Center in Walla Walla. I also volunteer for a program in the community called "Lunch On Us" which serves lunch to the homeless every Saturday. I have helped raise over \$100 for local charities and also raised money to send to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. I have also participated in Operation Christmas Child by filling a shoebox full of Christmas gifts for a poor child overseas. I have also mentored foster children in the Walla Walla Valley.

#### IV) WORK ACTIVITIES

I have had many jobs over the summers such as pet-sitting for neighbors and getting their mail while they were gone for the entire summer. In the summer, my brother and I operate a lemonade stand in front of our house (Lemonade 4 U). I also have responsibilities around the house such as taking care of my animals (two guinea pigs, an iguana and two fire belly newts and fish). I clear the table and load the dishwasher every night after dinner. I also clean the living room on Fridays and bring in the garbage can from the road on a weekly basis.



Hello, my name is NATHAN SHACKMANN. I'm sixteen years old and a sophomore at North Mason High School in Belfair, Washington. I have been a member of Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society (KMGS) since November of 2001 and I was a second place NFMS Junior Achievement Award Winner in 2004. NOW, in 2006 I have been voted to be the First

Place Winner of the NFMS Junior Achievement Awards, so it pays to be persistent! Here is my winning resume:

#### D) HOBBY RELATED ACTIVITIES

- a. I am a junior member at KMGS.
- b. I have entered a Jr. display case in every Fall Festival of Gems since I became a member in 2001.
- c. I have also entered junior display cases at the Kitsap County Fair every August.
- d. Twinn Rivers, Green Mountain, Red Top Mt., Lucas Creek, Little Naches, Fossil Creek, Beaver Valley, Prineville (Oregon), Ochoco Mountains (Oregon), Sweethome (Oregon), Heather Lake, Rimrock Lake and Saddle Mountain are all rock hounding sites I have visited.
- e. My best and favorite display was in the recent Fall Festival of Gems this last November. I had decided to go beyond cabochons, creating knife and dagger blades of Obsidian, Purple cow, Agate and Jasper, with hand carved hemlock and white pine wood handles.
- f. Created rock critters, ming trees, jewelry, wire wraps, cabochons, and other lapidary material.
- g. A personal rock and mineral collection too long to list.
- h. Additional hobbies include motorcycle riding, repairing small combustion engines and wood working.
- i. My name has been mentioned in the Junior's section of the Northwest Newsletter and KMGS Hard Rock News

#### II) EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT ACTIVITIES

- a. Currently an Honor Roll student.
- b. Was accepted into West Sound Technical Skills Center for precision machining and manufacturing, which I will begin in the fall of 2006.
- c. Nominated by two teachers for student of the term.
- d. Passed the Microsoft Office Specialist Exam.
- e. First Aid certified in CPR.
- f. Invited into Advanced Placement Literature and U.S History.
- g. Attended lecture at the Western Washington University Geology Department.
- h. Received North Mason Wrestling participation certificate.
- i. Third Place Ribbon at the Timberline High School wrestling tournament.

#### III) COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT ACTIVITIES

- a. I am a member of the Sunny Slope Improvement Association, where I volunteer on a regular basis setting up and taking down chairs, tables and decorations before and after each event or meeting. I have also done various chores including ticket sales, food sales, booth operating, bingo helper, yard maintenance, etc.
- b. Volunteered to Chaperone fourth graders at Camp Spillman for the Students in the Water Shed Program (hosted by North Mason High School).
- c. As a member of KMGS, I help to set up and take down tables and chairs for every meeting and help members carry heavy items. I also help to load and unload multiple boxes of junior supplies for each meeting.
- d. Since 2002, I have helped with setup and take down of every November Fall Festival of Gems and worked at the show doing roving security watches and running junior stations.
- e. Volunteer to help with KMGS setup and take down at the Kitsap County Fair every year.
- f. Volunteered to display at the Puyallup show.

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- g. Most recently volunteered to help with the KMGS auction; delivering items to the highest bidder
  - h. Donated rocks and mineral specimens to the KMGS auction.
  - i. Created a one-piece wooden DNA strand model and received a perfect score, and donated it as an example for other science classes to use when my teacher asked for it.
- IV) WORK ACTIVITIES
- a. Cut and stack firewood.
  - b. Yard maintenance for neighbors and our own yard.
  - c. Blazed trails on heavily wooded property.
  - d. Helped friends with an interstate move from Oregon to WA.
  - e. Dispose of house garbage to the transfer station.
  - f. Filled pot holes on a private dirt road.
  - g. Build peeled log benches for family and friends.
  - h. Recently applied for the Engineering Aid Program for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and am awaiting a reply (accepted in July!).
  - i. For a business idea I would like to open a machine shop that would allow me to produce unlimited wood, stone and metal projects.



One highlight of the 2006 NFMS Annual Show and Convention was the appearance of ALYSSA CARNES from the Rock and Arrowhead Club of Klamath Falls, OR. She attended the Annual Meeting as a non-voting Junior Delegate from their Rock Club and is pictured with her Grandmother, Kathy

Milem. Wonder if Roy Ford Sr has helped ALYSSA become interested in the workings of the NFMS? How exciting to note that this is ALYSSA'S second consecutive year of attendance, will she be President in the future? We are very thankful that Bev Dillon of the Skagit Rock and Gem Club was on the spot with her digital camera to capture so many precious moments.

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I went to the freshest pile I could find and began digging and sorting and grabbing any glassy looking rock chip or petrified wood, while glancing over at the string of avid, hard-working opal seekers hacking away at the thick, gooey clay. There were a few tiny chips, which seemed to exhibit some opalescence, but for the most part, I was striking out. Then the clouds came. I couldn't see the glimmers of glass that might indicate possible opal so I decided to get up and walk around the nearby hills. Lots of interesting jasper. What did Dayle Gurney say again? "What would I do with it anyway?" I walked back towards my fresh pile along the road where the tractors traveled, between some of the older tailings that were plentiful in the area. When I came to a spot about 40 yards shy of my Blazer, I flipped over a crumbly petrified chunk of wood. Even though the sun was still hiding behind the clouds, I was stunned by the most beautiful red, green and black opal I had ever seen. The smile on my face was probably wider than those 2 donkeys as I began to fill my pockets. It was almost like a dream as I sifted through the old tailing dirt fill for more of the crumbled limbcast. Every piece of the 4" x 3" wood was opalized with the core being black and the bark or rind being extremely bright green.

When I returned to the Blazer I began to pull the pieces out of my pocket and put them immediately into a bucket of water. That's what I though I read on the Internet to avoid crazing or cracking of the opal. Soon the other miners began to spread the word and they all came to admire the find of the day. When one of the mine owners came over he brought his camera and took pictures of the opals and informed me that I shouldn't put these opals in water since they had already naturally stabilized over the course of years, so I took them out and put them in the car to dry. This is where the story becomes painfully eerie or maybe even a little weird. Maybe not as weird as Richard Peterson's witching stick weird, but still, out of the ordinary. Have you ever had that realistic dream where you find gold nuggets or diamonds, or in my

case, old valuable coins? In my dream I would stuff my pockets full, knowing that it was for real. Then when I wake up I would instinctively reach for my pockets. Not only were there no coins, but my pajamas had no pockets.

Within minutes of taking my opals out of the water, the flashes of color began to disappear. All I had left was several pieces of crumbly petrified wood. Had the water ruined them?

I noodled my pile as the sun reappeared, returning to my "hot" spot a few times, then called it a day at 4:00 p.m. I left for Winnemucca after paying the nice lady my \$35 and bought a nice little limbcast of conk for another \$35.

I was happy to spend the night in a decent hotel after a reasonable prime rib (no hot sauce) dinner. Sure beats that loaf of plain white bread and chips.

The next morning, Sunday, I loaded up the Blazer and was amazed to see my opals becoming brighter once again. I put a couple of the larger pieces on the dashboard and within a few hours they were as magnificent as ever.

The season opens this month (May) and I for one am going to make the trip again. I'm not sure whether I am taking the cheap route (\$35 at Bonanza or now \$40 at Royal Peacock) or go all out for the \$300 truckload of virgin mine dirt at the Rainbow Ridge, but one thing for sure if I find opal, it won't go in my pockets or in a bucket of water. It will go on the dashboard of my blazer. (Original Source: *Rock Chips*, Timpanogos G&M Society Provo Utah, June 2006)

**What's in the Bottle?**  
By Don Monroe, AFMS Safety Chair

In your shop, studio, garage or barn have you ever asked yourself that question? Well, I have and one situation sticks in my mind. I was putting the finishing touches on a home-built trailer that I needed to transport our basic household necessities to my first duty station when I entered the Army. A close friend came by to bid us farewell and brought with him his two-year old son and his wife. While we admired the trailer, the little boy spotted a coke bottle sitting on one of lower beams in the garage and walked over and took a swig. The little kid choked and sputtered and cried because he wanted coke. The father then asked the question "what is in the bottle". I really wasn't sure other than I thought it was a mixture of penetrating oil of some sort. My first thought was "stupid kid" and my second thought was that I was the stupid kid for having an unknown, unmarked, substance in the wrong container. The best part of the story was that the kid was fine, and his mother eventually spoke to me again. It really did not have to turn out that way and I felt so fortunate. Now, I always try to label things. Via AFMS Newsletter June-July 2006

**Portland Regional  
Gem and Mineral Show**  
Sept. 29-30 and Oct 1, 2006

**New location:**  
Portland Expo Center  
2060 N. Marine Drive, Portland

**Expanded dealers, displays, activities, silent auction  
and kids area and fun. Materials from around the  
world.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Geology Symposium:**  
"The Visible Geology of the Portland Area"  
Sat. Sept 30, 8-12.  
Adults \$18, Students and show volunteers \$11.  
Symposium seating is limited. Fee includes show admission for Saturday.  
For pre registration contact Keene at 503-558-8500

**Show admission \$7 adults, \$5 Students, each day.**  
Registered volunteers are free. Free admission for two if you have a display. For  
more information visit our web site at [prgms.com](http://prgms.com)  
or call Keene at 503-558-8500

# 2006 Gem & Mineral Show Calendar

*Third Annual*

## McDermitt Rock & Gem Show

Come have fun – again – Rockhound Rendezvous

*Diamond A Motel*

(in the parking lot out front)

**US Highway 95, McDermitt, Nevada**

**September 21 - 24, 2006**

Rooms Available – or Just Come Up for the Day!

**For information:** call: (775) 532-8551, fax: (775) 532-8552 or email: rocks@diamondamotel.com

A large selection of agates, jaspers, opals, petrified wood, and jewelry will be available for sale from many dealers  
Field trips are planned!

Show Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
Sept 9-10 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Hellgate Mineral Society 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual, "Treasure State Treasure's"	Ruby's Inn & Conv. Ctr. 4825 N. Reserve Missoula MT	Bob Riggs, 14 Holiday Ln., Missoula MT 59801 406-543-3667
Sept 9-10 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4:30	Umpqua Gem and Mineral Club – Annual Show	Douglas County Fairgrounds, Douglas Hall, Roseburg, OR, exit 123 from I-5	Don Young, 541-672-2936, deyoung1953@msn.com or David Snyder, 541-679-7553
Sept 16-17 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society Annual Show	Castle Rock Fairgrounds, Cowlitz River & A St, Castle Rock	Diann Thurston 503-728-4274
Sept 16-17 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society, 37 <sup>th</sup> Annual Show	Walla Walla Co. Fairgrounds 9 <sup>th</sup> St. & Orchard, Walla Walla	Jack Edwards 509-529-3673 edwards@wwics.com
Sept 29-Oct 1 Fri 10-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show 26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Show "Cascade of Gems"	Portland Metro Expo Ctr 2060 Marine Dr., Bldg D www.expoctr.org	Kirby Harris 360-574-7195, twofilm@yahoo.com Steve Nelson 503-397-5284
Sept 29-Oct 1 Fri ? Sat ? Sun ?	Clallam County Gem & Mineral Soc. (Sequim, Washington), "Earth's Treasures"	Guy Cole Conv. Center Carrie Blake Park 202 N. Blake Road Sequim, Washington	Foster Thompson, Show Chair, (360) 681-7981 Wanda Power, Vendors-Demos (360) 681-2323
Oct 14 Sat 10-4	Eureka Rock & Gem Club, Rock and Gem Show	Mt. Home Senior Center, 1000 N. 3 <sup>rd</sup> East, Mountain Home	Margaret Stallknecht 208-365-1653 mestallknecht@yahoo.com
Oct 14-15 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Marysville Rock & Gem 32nd Annual "Rocktoberfest"	Jr. High Cafeteria 7th St. & State Ave Marysville, WA	Doug Baker 360-658-7874, dougandsandy@comcast.net
Oct 21-22 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Hells Canyon Gem Club, 40 <sup>th</sup> Show, "Wonders of Rock & Fossil"	Nez Pearce Co. Fairground, 1229 Burrell Ave, Lewiston ID	Jack Edwards 509-529-3673 edwards@wwics.com
Oct 28-29 Sat 9-6 Sun 10-5	Clackamette Min. & Gem Club "Gifts From Nature 2006"	Clackamas Co Fairgrounds, Pav. Bldg, 694 NE 4th Ave., Canby, OR	Hidemi Kira 503-682-6132 htkira@spiritone.com
Oct 28-29 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Bellevue Rock Club, Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE (I-90, exit 13)	Bruce Himko Brucebecky@comcast.com (425) 957-1284
Nov 3-5 Fri 12-7 Sat 10-7 Sun 10-4	Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club, 49 <sup>th</sup> Annual Show	Oakway Center 112 Colburg Road (exit off hwy 126)	Jim Nelson (541) 687-8100
Nov 10-11 Fri 5-9 Sat 10-6	Chugach Gem & Min Soc., Annual Rock & Mineral Show	Sheraton Anchorage Hotel, Josephines (top floor), 401 East 6th Ave	Anita Williams, 907-345-2541, 907-345-2541 fax awilliam@alaska.net
Nov 10-12 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	BEMS (Boeing) & NW Opal Assoc., 2nd Annual South Sound Gem, Opal and Mineral Show	Expo Hall, Puyallup Fairgrounds, Meridian St S & 9th Ave SW	Steve Mackey (253) 759-8903 smackey@harbornet.com
Nov 11-12 Sat. 9-5 Sun. 10-5	Skagit Rock & Gem Club, "Treasures of the Earth"	Sedro-Woolley Community Center 720 State Street	Tina Anderson (360) 293-9600
Nov 18-19 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Kitsap Mineral & Gem Soc., Fall Festival of Gems	Kitsap Co. Fairgrounds 1200 Fairgrounds Rd. Bremerton, WA	Dave Reimers 360-275-5986 dnkreimers@earthlink.net
<b>2007 below</b>	<b>2007 below</b>	<b>2007 below</b>	<b>2007 below</b>
Feb 10-11 Sat 8-5 Sun 9-5	Whidbey Is. Gem Club, Annual Sweetheart of Gems Show	Oak Harbor Senior Ctr. 51 S.E. Jerome St. Oak Harbor, WA	Keith Ludemann 360 675-1837 slabs@whidbey.net
Mar 10-11 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Magic Valley Gem Club, Rock and Gem Show	Boys & Girls Club, 999 Frontier Road, just East of C.S.I., Twin Falls, ID	Julia McLinn (208) 733-2444 flykid@cableone.net OR Mickey Tanner
Aug 3-5 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Butte Min & Gem Club <b>NFMS 67th Annual "Richest Hill on Earth"</b>	Civic Center 1340 Harrison Ave (I-90, exit Harrison Ave, turn north), Butte MT	Pete Knudsen (406) 723-8524

## ROCKHOUNDS, WE NEED YOUR HELP

For over 40 years my late parents, Jon and Lucille SAMS, roamed this country picking up rocks. The family is holding a clear-it-all-out-rock-sale.

Please join us on September 16, 2006  
6735 Lakeside Dr NE, Salem, Oregon.  
Sale hours from 9am to 5pm.

There are tons of rocks, in hunks, chunks and small pretty specimens.

We have Montana agate, Brazilian agate, dry head, Saddle Mt. wood, obsidian, thundereggs, & much more. Some of the inventory is from areas no longer open for digging.

Most material will sell for 50 cents per pound.

**Directions:** Take 260A off I-5, Turn east onto Chemawa Rd (This street is called Lockhaven if you go west, that's the wrong way) Continue on Chemawa Road about 1/2 mile to the intersection of 99E. Turn Left. From 99E go not quite 1 mile, turn right at Lakeside Drive. We are 1 mile northeast on the left, Grey house with white roof.