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Kathy Moedl President



The NFMS show hosted by Butte Mineral and Gem Club last month was great! Due to my schedule I was unable to go on the field trips but I had heard good reports from those that went. Putting on a gem and mineral show is tremendous work. Hosting the NFMS adds that much more work. THANK YOU TO BUTTE MINERAL AND GEM CLUB stepping up and doing a great job!

Thanks also to the clubs and individuals who donated items to the Silent Auction. I have a certain weakness for this part of the show and couldn't help myself bidding every time I had the opportunity to walk by the booth. My favorite was the petrified turtle poop. I couldn't resist it. I was able to get some donated for the tables at the awards banquet. I hope no one was offended by it. It just made me smile.

The Awards Banquet was really nice. I love seeing all the hard work of those participating in the competitions rewarded. Congratulations to all of you! The Awards Banquet was also the scene for the installation of the new officers and I passed the gavel on the Don Innes (figuratively since Don was unable to be there). In September I join the ranks of has-been as a Past-President. I will represent the NFMS at the AFMS show I Jacksonville, Florida and be done.

I said a few remarks at the banquet and I will speak them to you. Even though my family promised to support me in the NFMS they haven't been there for the past 2 years (death and growing up tends to change plans), but it turns out that they didn't need to be here. The NFMS is my family, too, and I was embraced by all of you who helped me and sustained me in this job. I am grateful for the experiences I have had with the NFMS and my acquaintance with all of you who are involved. Thank you so much for the opportunity. After this month you will get to have a different face on the front page, too.



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Don Innes 1st Vice P resident



In preparing for this report I thought of our 4 R's: Rights, Responsibilities, Restrictions and Regulations. We actually need to know all of these so we know what we need to do in our hobby as well as private life.

As rock hounds we have to be aware of our environmental duties and rights and not damage our world. We should take from it only what we can use. We know the rules but there are careless people that cause problems, such as leaving trash, dangerous overhangs and not covering their digs. Most rock hounds are considerate and courteous.

Our club in North Bend, Oregon just completed a great Gem and Mineral Show, (our 51st) and looking forward to many more. This is when we get new members and let the community know who we are. We push our work shops, demonstrations and displays in the libraries, schools and our local BLM Nature Center.

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

Send to: Lyle Vogelpohl, see Treasurer this page.

To NFMS Endowment Fund Treasurer for:

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2. Memorial contributions

Make check payable to NFMS Endowment Fund, send to Endowment Fund Treasurer.

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1. Donations to AFMS Scholarship Fund
2. Memorial contributions to AFMS Scholarship

Make check payable to **AFMS Scholarship Fund**. Send to: Rose Alene Mc Arthur (see Scholarship this page).

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1. Donations to AFMS Endowment
2. Memorials

Send to: See AFMS Newsletter

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2. Donations

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Example: 3" x 4" ad = 12 inches

12 inches x \$1.50 = \$18 per issue of the Newsletter

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<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newsletters.asp>
and click on the month you want to see.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Warren Rood 2nd Vice President



I would like to add my thanks to the many fine folks of the Butte MT club for hosting a wonderful Northwest Federation Show. The building was just the right size, the display cases were awesome and the variety of dealers made it very tempting to open the pocketbook. What I noticed was that it takes many local club members along with many NFMS members from other clubs to organize the many activities such as the silent auction, the oral auction, the meetings and banquet. Kathy Moedl our president did an excellent job of leading out in the meetings and banquet. So, a great big thanks to everybody that was involved.

I had especially been looking forward to the field trips and was not disappointed. My family and I went on the Sunday field trip to find Diopside crystals growing in calcite and the elusive blue calcite. We had an excellent guide, good weather, great scenery and many lovely crystals were found. I also heard good reports and saw nice materials from the other field trips.

Next year our NFMS show will be hosted by the Hat Rock club of Hermiston, OR. Since they are a smaller club, I know they would appreciate help from all of our great NFMS family. It's not too early to consider how you could help. Circle your calendar and I will see you next August 15-17, 2014 in Hermiston.



Hidemi Kira 2nd Vice President – in waiting

Greetings to all,

I had a wonderful time at this year's NFMS' 75th Anniversary Show hosted by the Butte Mineral and Gem Club. I would like to thank the Butte Club for hosting the great show and for their hard work. And thank you for voting me into the 2nd VP office. It is truly an honor to serve the NFMS in this position. I have not been heavily involved in the NFMS in the past, so I will need a lot of help in many ways.

As the Past President Judi Allison kindly introduced me in the past newsletter, I accidentally got into this hobby in the later part of 2002 with my wife Tomoko and got in deeper and deeper. My wife's hobby was mainly pottery and mine was drawing on egg shells from the size of quail to ostrich using pen and ink. After starting cutting and

polishing rocks and looking at beautiful minerals, we realized we can never beat Mother Nature's beauty and both gave up our previous hobbies.

Now that we are into rockhounding, we are enjoying this world so very much more. But on the other hand, we have been noticing the number of rockhounters is declining and the Rock & Gem shows we have been attending seem to be getting fewer every year. And in addition, there are the closures of the rockhounding sites. We will need to increase or at least sustain the population of rockhounters in order to continue to have fun.

From the NFMS Membership Report 2012-2013 provided at the NFMS meeting, I noticed there are some clubs increasing their number of members and I am sure they have some ideas to make it happen. It would be nice to know how they do it and I hope we can come up with more new ideas. If you have any suggestions or any concerns, please email me at htkira@spiritone.com if I am the closest contact in your area.

I appreciate all the education and support from the current Executive Board members at the NFMS show in Butte and look forward to learning more about the NFMS and how to work together.



Remember to
watch out
for our children
returning to school !!

NFMS SHOW AND MEETING



Big Sky Country = Big Rockhound Country

Great Show + Great Meetings + Great Field Trips + Great Friends + Great Rocks = ONE GREAT TIME

Pictures by Pete Knudson, Brad Larson and Beth Heesacker



NFMS DISPLAY AWARDS



Andy Johnson-1st Place-Advanced, Educational, Lakeside Gem and Mineral



Cheri George, 1st Place-Master-Jewelry, NFMS Club at Large



Denise Harrison-1st Place-Master-Cabochons, Clackamette Mineral and Gem



Joe Slober, 1st Place-Master-Minerals, Butte Mineral and Gem



Susan Magnan-1st Place-Novice-Beading, Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral



Marion Roberts-1st Place-Master-Spheres, NFMS Club at Large



Viven Roberts-1st Place-Master-Carvings, NFMS Club at Large

NFMS DISPLAY AWARDS

Pete Knudsen - Lester Ziehen Memorial Trophy – Minerals
Butte Mineral and Gem



Walter Watkins-1st Place-Junior-Petrified Wood Casts, Yakama Rock and Mineral



Nicholas Watkins-1st Place-Junior-Fossils, Yakama Rock and Mineral

THE COMPLETE LIST OF COMPETITIVE AWARDS AT BUTTE, MONTANA 2013

By Dee Holland, Rules Committee

JUNIORS

Nicholas Watkins	F-4	Plant & Animal Fossils	Trophy 32
Yakima Rock & Mineral Club			
Walter Watkins	G-10	Petrified Wood	Trophy 13
Yakima Rock & Mineral Club			

ADVANCED

Andy Johnson	EGC-2	Educational	Plaque
Lakeside Gem & Mineral			

MASTERS

Joe Slouber	BU-1	Minerals, Mixed	Trophy 2
Butte Mineral & Gem			
Denise Harrison	CC-2	Cabochons, 1 material	Trophy 18
Clackamette Mineral & Gem			
Vivian Roberts	CA-5	Carvings, Mixed	Trophy 41
Marion Roberts	CW-4	Spheres	Trophy 21
Cheri George	D-6	Jewelry without stones	Trophy 26
The three above are Members-At-Large			

Northwest Supplemental Trophies:

- John Hedin Memorial Trophy – Petrified Wood
Walter Watkins, Junior
- Isabella Mattison Memorial Trophy – Juniors
Nicholas Watkins, Junior
- Rodney Smith Memorial Trophy – All Northwest material
Jeff Nesper & Jay Nesper
- Lester Ziehen Memorial Trophy – Minerals
Pete Knudsen, Butte Mineral & Gem
- Sweepstakes Award
Denise Harrison, Clackamette Mineral & Gem

Many thanks to the Judges:

- Division B - Pete Knudson & Carol Cimolino
- Division C - Lauren Williams & Tom Burchard
- Division D - Marion & Vivian Roberts
- Division E - Shirley Leeson, Cheri George & Laura Cimolino
- Division F- Doug True & Evan Day
- Division G - Joe Slouber, Dee Holland & Kathy Moedl
- Division I - Shirley Leeson, Cheri George & Laura Cimolino

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Just a little more fun!!



NFMS Auction Results -- Thank you!

By Lyle Vogelpohl, NFMS Treasurer



Auctions held at the NFMS Show and Convention in Butte August 9th-11th, 2013, were a success thanks to the great materials received for the auctions and for the open wallets of the bidders.

Two faceted stones that were auctioned at the Saturday night banquet raised a total of \$500.00 for the AFMS Scholarship Fund. Thanks to Dee Holland and Ed Romack for this event.

The Silent Auction raised a total of \$2,254.70 for the NFMS Endowment Fund. Dick Parks, Patty Amos and their helpers worked all weekend to auction off a great assortment of materials donated by many clubs. A special thank you to ALL involved.

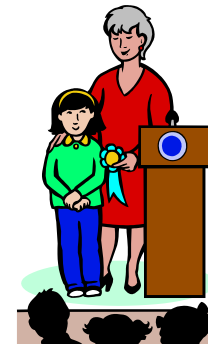
Sunday afternoon an Oral Auction was held to benefit the NFMS General Operating Fund. This auction sold donated materials by the lot - bucket, box, etc. A total of \$2,383.00 was raised by this event.

Thank you to auctioneers Doug True and Marion Roberts and ALL of their helpers including Dick Parks, Clara Walker and Chuck Sonner. And thank you to those who donated such great material for this auction.

NFMS Junior Achievement Awards

By Audrey Vogelpohl

NFMS Juniors Committee Chair



NFMS Junior Achievement Awards were presented at the Convention in Butte, Montana to three Junior members this year. Each was very involved in their rock club, their school, the community, and home. Outstanding!!!

Along with Certificates, the following also received monetary amounts from the Junior Achievement Fund:

From **Magic Valley Gem Club** (Mark Livingstone, Jr Advisor) winner was Tyler Hansen, age 15.

From **Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club** (Paul Heesacker, Jr Advisor) winners were Clayton Leckband, age 13; and Nina Leckband, age 11.

The application for next year's awards will be in the Northwest Newsletter early in 2014.



Rockhounding and ALAA

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Greetings to all ALAA Members and Rockhounds from Southern California,

That's correct Southern California where many rockhounds live and play. Without your watchful eye both the positive and negative experience of rockhounding gets overlooked and is missed. So, in order to move forward and remain fair and balanced your help is greatly needed. When legislative or Land Management issues arise in your

Rockhounding area, whether on public lands, (BLM, USFS, State, County or City), or even on privately owned land, let the American Lands Access Association State Representative <http://www.amlands.org/6715.html> or any ALAA Officer <http://www.amlands.org/6694.html> know about the issues and the details that are affecting your rockhounding Experience. (If you do not have a state representative, join ALAA and become the State Representative for your state.) The issues can then be investigated and a course of action may be suggested to help correct or enhance the issue of concern. When note worthy rockhounding issues pop up, just drop an email to ALAA Information e-mail at info@amlands.org with the details of the issues and concerns, they then can be addressed. More information about rockhounding and ALAA can be found on the ALAA Website www.amlands.org

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Rockhounds of the Future By Audrey Vogelpohl, NFMS Juniors Chair

Juniors are our Future ... and the AFMS Badge Program is an exciting road to travel. There are now 20 badges on which our Junior members may work.

An excellent family activity and one of the newest is the Map Badge, and of 5 requirements listed only 3 need to be completed to earn the badge. Requirement #4 is about using the GPS .. Global Positioning System ... and learning to use a receiving device such as a handheld GPS receiver or even a smartphone. One fun way to learn how to use GPS is geocaching .. a game of treasure hunting or a variation on hide-and-see. Junior members of West Seattle Rock Club, under the direction of their Junior Advisor April Hichens, went on their first geocaching

adventure ... they are pictured at the waterfront bench where they found their 1st cache. They located 3 more caches within a mile radius, and then joined the adult members at the annual potluck picnic.

Listed in the resources for this Map Badge's GPS requirement are 2 websites:

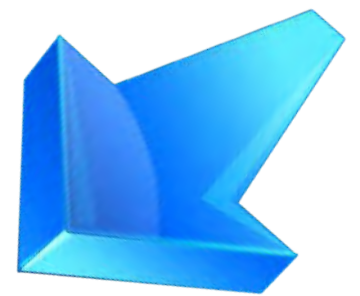
- (1) http://eet.sdsu.edu/eetwiki/index.php/GPS_and_geocaching_in_education which is an overview and introduction to geocaching on a website created by professors and graduate students at San Diego State University;
- (2) <http://www.geocaching.com> .

Juniors can use this activity to also satisfy requirements toward earning the Rocking on the Computer badge AND apply the geocaching trip toward the Field Trip badge.

What is your group of Juniors doing? E-mail me at nfmsjunior@comcast.net.



The Multi-Federation Field Trip: Terry, Montana July 31, August 1, 2, 3, 2014 By Doug True, NFMS Field Trip Chair



Location: Terry, Montana. Hosted by the city of Terry. We will have full use of a beautiful 2 city block park, with swimming pool, Dry camp all around,

rest rooms and showers,

BBQ one night with live music, Sunday breakfast, rock swap, museum. More updates later.

Trips: Numerous trips to Gravel Bars on the Yellowstone River, most access through private property. Areas where I have hunted almost every year for 40yrs. What to find: Montana Agate, Jasper, Pet Wood, fossil coral, stromatolites, numerous other oddities.

Trips: Fossil Country Pierre and Bear Paw formations, collect on ancient sea beds to find ammonites, baculites, scaphites, nautiloids, and many other shells, 70-95 million years old.

Trips: We are also working on several areas to collect dinosaur fossils from the Hell Creek Formation (up-date later)

Trips: Take a guided tour through the Eastern Montana Badlands, once in a life time trip. Calypso Trail.

Start planning now !!!

Bring the kids and come spend four days with us
in Eastern Montana for a life time experience.

For more information contact Doug True, Fieldtrip Chair, (406) 670-0506, or email dtruefossils12@yahoo.com

COMMITTEE REPORTS



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

There is so much information to shoe-horn into this newsletter I can hardly get a word in



EDGEWISE.



AFMS Scholarship Foundation

**What is it? What does it do?
How can you and your club help?
By Evelyn Cataldo**

The object of the Foundation is to accumulate a Fund; that only the income from the Fund can be used to finance scholarships.

Each year, in each of the participating Federations, the Fund awards two graduate students in the earth sciences \$2,000 per year for two years. Within each participating Federation, the graduate students are chosen by an honoree named by the President of that Federation. The honoree is generally either a professor in earth sciences or someone within the Federation whose contributions to the hobby have been very extraordinary.

Contributions to the Foundation can be made at any time, for any reason, by anyone. Many clubs made donations to the Foundation in memory of a fellow rockhound. These donations can be from a club or an individual. When a contribution is in the "In Memory Of" category, the family will be advised that the donation has been made.

Considering today's low rate of return on investments, it is very important to keep the Fund growing with new contributions. Even if your club can send only \$10, \$20 or \$50 annually, every dollar counts. What a wonderful way to honor an outstanding individual in your club by making a donation in his/her name. Or, the donations can be made just because it is a worthy cause. Some clubs donate annually to the Fund.

Please discuss the AFMS Scholarship Foundation at your next meeting and see if there is a way your club can help grow the Fund and allow the scholarships to continue being awarded annually.

Please send all donations/contributions to me and I will forward them to the Fund's treasurer. Thank you,
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All MEMBERSHIP UPDATES, including new members so they can receive this newsletter as soon as possible, should go to Tom Burchard, Circulation Chair and to Carol Willey, Directory Chair.

See the second page of this newsletter for address information for these Chairmen and Chairwomen.

Thank you!

COMMITTEE REPORTS



AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year By Evelyn Cataldo, AFMS ACROY Chair

Has your club selected an outstanding member as your “2013 AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year”?

The year will be ending soon, so now is the time to submit those honorees for publication in the newsletters. Each club is allowed one submission of an individual or husband wife team plus one junior per year. Tell the world in 100 words or less why this member(s) is important to your club. Send the submittal to

Viola Jones, P.O. Box 2841, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273
or email Vi at
rocks1x1vi.george@frontier.com.

Vi will send the submittal to the *Northwest Newsletter* and onward to me for publication in the *A.F.M.S. Newsletter*.

If you have any questions, contact Vi Jones or myself, Evelyn Cataldo, cataldoevelyn@yahoo.com.

CORC Introduction By Del Walker



I am writing to introduce you to a new club in Central Oregon. Our name is "CORC" - Central Oregon Rock Collectors. We are a small club with about 45 members. We draw from the areas of Redmond, Prineville, Madras, Bend, Sun River, and Lapine. We enjoy spending time with others who share the same interest in collecting. Our goal is to have one field trip a month, never repeating the same place in one year. We encourage participation with other clubs and everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. Please visit if you are in our area on meeting night. We are in a wonderful area for a wide variety of great collecting. You never know, we may even take you to a special area of collecting on one of our field trips.

We meet every third Wednesday of the month at Ray's Foods in Redmond, Oregon. The meeting time is 7:00 p.m. We don't meet during the winter months from December through March. If you go to Arizona during that time, you will probably see many of us there.

THANK YOU AND HAPPY COLLECTING.



NFMS Club-at-Large By Lyle Vogelpohl, Treasurer

The NFMS Club-at-Large was formed in August 1989 to provide membership in the NFMS to individuals who, for whatever reasons, have no “Home Club”, and to whomever else wishes to belong to the NFMS.

Members in good standing of the NFMS Club-at-Large shall have all the rights and privileges of the NFMS. They shall receive the NFMS Newsletter, one copy per family household.

They shall be eligible to enter cases into competition at the NFMS and AFMS levels.

They may be represented by a Director and a Delegate at mid-year and annual meetings. These representatives are from the members of the NFMS Club-at-Large.

Current annual dues (January 1 to December 31) are \$5.00 (adult) and \$2.50 (junior; age 18 and under). NFMS Club-at-Large keeps \$1.50 per member for miscellaneous expenses (postage, membership cards, envelopes, receipt books), with the balance paying the annual NFMS dues (of \$3.50 adult and \$1.00 junior).

Persons wishing to become members of the NFMS Club-at-Large may do so by sending their name, address, phone number, and dues of \$5.00 for each adult and \$2.50 for each junior to the NFMS Treasurer.

Upon receipt of the information and dues payment, the treasurer will issue a NFMS Club-at-Large membership card for each paid member. The treasurer will provide the NFMS Newsletter Circulation Chair and the NFMS Directory Chair the names and addresses to be added to their respective membership lists.

Lyle Vogelpohl, 8810 37th Avenue SW, Seattle, WA 98126

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IT'S IN THE MIST, IT'S IN THE MIST

By Chuck Sonner, Safety Chair



Sounds like a horror movie. Well, it might not be a movie and yet still a horror. This month's article comes from several sources and discusses your grinding unit.

We all know that some of the minerals that make up the rocks we work with are dangerous. What we don't think about is we might be breathing in these dangerous minerals. Most of the older grinding units have fresh water flowing to the grinding wheels. The newer units have sprayers that pickup recycled water. This water contains the minerals we are removing and are now in the mist in greater quantities. This problem is amplified when the space we are working in is small. These newer units can be fixed with a little work and a fish tank pump. It is a good idea to wear a mask with both units to make the situation safer.

One last note: add this item to your list of dangerous minerals, **SiO2**. This is the chemical signature for the most common rock we work with, the silicate family (agate, jasper, petrified wood etc.).

NFMS MEMBER CLUBS' SHOW SCHEDULE

September 7-8 Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Frear St, Roseburg OR 97471	Janet Stringfellow 541 643 4037 soldbyjanets@yahoo.com
September 14-15 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5	Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society	Walla Walla Co. Frgrnds, Com. Center, 9 th Street & Orchard, Walla Walla WA	Jack L Edwards 509 520 1182 jcedwards1475@yahoo.com
September 14-15 Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5	Clallam County Gem and Mineral Association	Vern Burton Community Center, 308 East 4 th Street Port Angeles, WA	Jennie Bourassa 360 681 0372 PO Box 98 Sequim WA 09382
September 21-22 Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5	Hellgate Mineral Society	Hilton Garden Inn, 3720 North Reserve Street, Missoula MT 59806	Bob Riggs 14 Holiday Lane Missoula, MT 59801, 406 543 3667
September 21-22 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	S. Washington Mineral. Society	Castle Rock Fairgrounds 120 Firlane Road, Castle Rock WA	Jackie Furuli jfuruli@yahoo.com 360 431 0059
September 28-29 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Billings Hotel and Conv. Cntr., 1223 Mullowney Lane, Billings MT	Doug True 406 670 0506 dtruefossils12@yahoo.com
October 5-6 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4:30	Springfield Thunderegg Club	Guy Lee Elementary School, 755 Harlow Road, Springfield OR	Jim Nelson 541 687 8100 tworockyj@aol.com , Patrica Engleman thunderegg.rockclub@gmail.com
October 11-13 Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Clubs	Washington County Fair Complex, 873 NE 34 th Avenue, Hillsboro OR	L. Smith Portland.regionalDealerChair@gmail.com PO Box 5401 Portland OR 97228
October 12-13 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Totem Middle School Cafeteria, 7 th Street & State Avenue, Marysville WA	Brian Murril 425 346 9313 bmurril@aol.com
October 19-20 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fair, 1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston ID	Linn Enger 208 746 4957 engerocks@yahoo.com
October 26-27 Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5	Clackamette Mineral & Gem Gold Jubilee	Clackamas County Frgrnds, 694 NE 4 th Ave, Canby OR 97013	Rick Mauer 503 691 6395 tallerricardo@juno.com
October 26-27 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Bellevue Rock Club	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish Blvd SE, Bellevue WA	Dave Scott 425 643 0546 lagger175@yahoo.com
November 9-10	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Clubhouse, 8802 196 th St. SW, Edmonds WA 98026	Lauryn MacGregor little-toad@att.net PO Box 5657 Lynnwood WA 98046
Feb 8 & 9, 2014 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 9 - 4	Whidbey Island Gem Club	Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE Jerome Street, Oak Harbor WA	Keith Ludemann 360 675 1837 rock9@whidbey.net
Feb 14-16, 2014 Fri 9:30-5:30 Sat 9:30-5:30 Sun 9:30-5:30	Oregon Agate and Mineral Society	OMSI 1945 SE Water Ave. Portland OR 97214	Sonia Watt soniawatt@yahoo.com or Jim Urbaniak nygiants1931@yahoo.com
March 1 & 2, 2014 Sat - 10 - 6, Sun - 10 - 5	East KingCo Rock Club	Pickering Barn, 1730 - 10 th Avenue NW, Issaquah WA 98027, (across from Costco)	Robin Feiner 206 579 8448 PO Box 2203 Redmond WA 98073
Mar 7, 8 & 9, 2014 Fri 9 - 5, Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Tualatin Valley Rock and Gem Club	Washington Co. FairPlex 873 NE 34 th Avenue, Hillsboro OR	Mitch Metcalf 503 726 9168 president@tvgc.com
Mar 29 & 30, 2014 Sat - 10 - 6, Sun - 10 - 5	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society	Sweet Home High School Activity Gym, 1641 Long Street, Sweet Home OR	Joe Cota 541 451 2740 PO Box 2279 Lebanon OR 97355
April 12 & 13, 2014 Sat - 10 - 6, Sun - 10 - 4	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club	Washington National Guard Armory, 2501 Airport Lane Yakima WA	Marti Sondgeroth marthams@q.com 509 248 6401 evenings
April 26 & 27, 2014 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Society	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Street Kennewick WA	Mary Lou Omstead 509 783 2798 PO Box 6652 Kennewick WA 99336
April 26 & 27, 2014 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Aiki Masonic Temple 4736 40 th Avenue SW Seattle WA	Lyle Vogelpohl 206 932 3292 PO Box 16145 Seattle WA 98116