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Keith Fackrell President



Greetings!

First of all I want to thank all of you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President of this great organization, Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS).

For the last 45 days, I have been contacting those of you who have been serving as a Standing Committee Chairpersons in the past. You have served well and contributed much to the operation of NFMS. Without you and others like you in the past, NFMS would not be doing as well as it is today. Thank you for all each of you have contributed to this federation.

There are five Committees Chairpersons who have found it necessary to resign from the committee in which they have been serving - medical, employment and personal. You have served very well and we are losing great support from each of you.

Therefore, we are looking for five NFMS Members in good standing to fill the following positions:

1. Bulletin Aids
2. Endowment Fund/Financial Advisor
3. Junior Chair
4. Public Lands Advisory
5. Resolutions

If you are willing to volunteer for one of these positions or if you know someone who will volunteer for one of these openings, please contact one of the Executive Board Members ASAP! Thanks you for your consideration!

Midyear Meeting

The NFMS Mid year/Organizational Meeting will be held October 21, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in Lewiston, Idaho in the Little Red Barn at the Nez Perce County Fair Building, 1229 Burrell Avenue. There will be an Executive Board Meeting at the same place and date at 11:00 a.m.

The Hell's Canyon Gem Club Show will be held Saturday, October 21st and Sunday, October 22nd at the Fair Grounds. While in Lewiston, we can attend the Show, meet new friends and take time to see the beautiful scenery. Thanks to Jerry and Marylou Northrup for making arrangements for these meetings. Hope to see you all there!

Believe it or Not!

Following is a clip taken from an article on the internet. If you desire to read the entire article - go to Google - type in Trump's views on sage grouse. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke ordered a review of current sage grouse management plans in June, saying he wanted to see improvement in the bird's conservation while also taking into account the local economic growth and job creation. And after 42 Years, Yellowstone Grizzly Will Be Taken Off the Endangered Species List

The review task force came back with a list of recommendations that could relax rules related to the sage grouse around mineral leasing areas and allow for more flexibility in grazing management. Noting President Trump's executive order "Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth," the task force's review says: "A cooperative DOI and state effort can provide the flexibility for responsible economic growth and at the same time ensure conservation of [greater sage grouse] habitat." Zinke has ordered his agencies to begin implementing the recommendations immediately.

Beat The Heat!

This has been one of the hottest summers I can remember. There has been more days of 100 degrees and above than ever. This has also been a very busy Summer, trying to get my responsibilities for NFMS, TGMS and Church done on time.

Because we needed more rocks for our grab bag filling, we decided to go gather some. The weather was very hot so we decided to beat the heat. Jerrie and I left home at 3:30 AM and picked up Jerry and Charlotte Davis to make the 3-hour drive to our destination. We arrived at about 7:00 a.m. The temperature was great at this time. We picked up the needed rocks. After getting my truck started (dead battery) we made plans to stop at another place to get another type of rock. This took a little longer than expected! The temperature was HOT! We tried to find some shade so we could eat lunch. Imagine trying to find shade when the sun is straight above. No Chance!

We finally found shade at a very nice Park at Cove Fort, Utah, where we stopped, cleaned up, ate and relaxed for a while. We then made one more stop along the way to get another type of rock after which we had another 94 miles to get home. So much for beating the heat! We arrived home at about 8:45 p.m. Yes, we had 2 vehicles, plenty of water and food and we had a super time! It's fun to travel with great friends! Keep cool and Keep Rockn!



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SHOW COORDINATION. Your Federation provides a free service for NFMS members by listing your show in this Newsletter, on the NFMS website, two magazines ("Rocks and Minerals" and "Rock and Gem") and the on-line calendar from "Lapidary Journal". Please provide the date and time for the show, the club name and show title (if applicable), the location of the show, admission price, and most important a contact person with address, e-mail address and/or phone (e-mail is preferred). Please send your show information four to six months in advance to the Show Coordination Chairperson. If you see an error once your show is listed, or if your show is not listed, contact the Newsletter Editor.

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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.

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1. Donations to AFMS Endowment
2. Memorials

Send to: See AFMS Newsletter

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Members, Non-members, clubs, etc. can advertise in the Northwest Newsletter. This service is provided to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter and is encouraged by the Federation. The only criteria for the ad is that it be hobby related (e.g. rocks, equipment, grit, shows, etc.).

Ads for the Northwest Newsletter are \$1.50 per square inch.

Example: 3" x 4" ad = 12 inches

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

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

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



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1st Vice President

Ronna Watkins

September...how fast the summer months flew by. Extreme heat, forest fires, and flash flooding has made field collecting difficult this year for many of us. A couple of the Yakima club's field trips were cancelled from the poor air quality due to fires here. Many of my friends were driven into their shops due to the hazardous air. Thankfully, there is always something to keep us busy in our hobby.

As my term as vice president started September 1st, I feel honored to serve and will do my best to fulfill the purpose of the NFMS, to listen to new ideas, help solve problems, and to influence others to be their best. Today marks ten days with several meetings for my rock club, two Juniors programs' start-ups, hosting a dinner, chemo, and training a new hire at work, so please, bear with me as I have a couple of important things I would like to let you know.

First, the NFMS mid year meeting will be held in Lewiston, Idaho. I am very excited about this because I have always wanted to take-in the Hells Canyon Club's show --and now I can. Please come to represent your club and take in the show. It's going to be fun! Secondly, I want to point out that there are only a few more months left in 2017 and a few things that come to mind as we wrap up another year are:

Encourage your club to enter the "All American" contest. There is still plenty of time to look back on the year and put together a record of your club's activities and accomplishments. Entering this contest will give your club recognition for all they do, and will make a very precious, permanent piece of history for your club.

As you look back on this year, you might write something to share in the NW Newsletter. You could write about an adventure you took, something new you learned (tips & tricks), or about a rockhound friend, collection, or new material. Share your hobby with others. You don't have to be an officer or a chairman to submit things to the bulletin.

Your club won't want to forget to spruce up their website getting it ready for the 2017 website contest. Help your webmaster/mistress by submitting some pictures from this year, and good information or articles to post. Then, make sure you get your club's website entered into the annual contest for some well deserved recognition. And, of course, don't forget the big pat on the back for your webmaster/mistress for keeping the club site up and running.

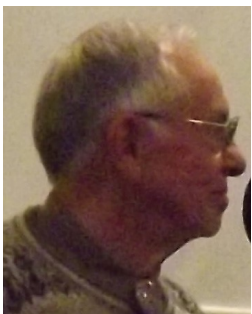
Have you submitted your "Rockhound of the Year" to Bev Bockman for publication? As another year ends your club should find the person that best fits this description in your membership and write something about them to submit. Give your special member(s) some regional, and possibly national, recognition.

Looking back on the year, I am sure your club has some aspiring Junior members. Be sure they are encouraged to participate in (and guided through entry to) the Junior Achievement Award contest. There are cash awards and recognition here for your enthusiastic young rockhounds. Won't you help them get it?

Now is the time to start looking through past issues of your bulletin and gather some of the articles, features, poems, and other submissions to enter into the 2017 Bulletin Contest. And, don't forget to get your editor some recognition by entering their best issue, too!

I hope this gives you some good ideas to wrap up the year with! As I close this month, I will tell you that I have some friends that have some ideas about what the NFMS could do to better serve its purpose, and I want to encourage them, and all our members to bring their ideas out for discussion and possible implementation where plausible. There is always a chance for improvement and all well-thought-out ideas are welcome. Inspire others by your passion and enthusiasm, and I will try to do the same.

See you in Lewiston.

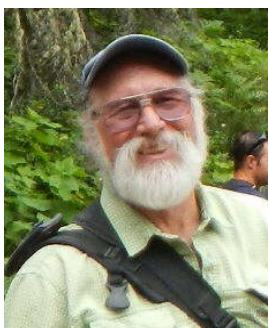


2nd Vice President

Kenneth Zahn

With the summer collecting season winding down in Montana's Northwestern Rocky Mountains, I look forward (sure I do!) to sorting rocks the next several months and getting some ready for delivery to shows in the Region this next year for your shows' silent- and live-auction tables. At 81, I might encourage some of our other "more senior" members to also consider their "stashes" of local material to see if some can be spared for sale at your nearby area shows and meetings (yes, I know, it's probably like mine -- all unique, precious, and hard-won). I've found, though, that auctions of good local material really help newer members to the hobby see what can be found on field trips, start a collection, and boost enthusiasm for club participation.

As the "newbie" among the NFMS Officers, I'll be "learning the ropes" this winter and hope to get to shows in each of the Federation's states by next summer. With a new Secretary of Interior in place in the Trump Administration, I am also hopeful that we'll see some relief the next few years from the seemingly endless drive to limit access to Western-state BLM land (and Forest Service land, too, under USDA control) for recreation that includes responsible field collecting and some motorized use. I am honored to be able to serve you.



Past President

Jim Bosley

Thank you for the privilege of being your NFMS president for the last 12 months. I have had attended shows in all the states in the NFMS and made friends with many wonderful and giving rockhounds. There are many challenges facing the rockhounding community in the future, such as, access to public lands, replacing NFMS committee chairs as they retire, volunteers to be NFMS officers and clubs to host the NFMS shows each year. On the local level the individual clubs face these same challenges, as well as, the recruitment and retention of new members, keeping the club relevant to younger members and their children, and hosting the annual show.

I am asking all of you to volunteer and take a leadership position in your local club, give a demonstration, give a talk to the youth program, take a new member on a field trip, pass on your knowledge to the next generation. If we all do a little piece of the work within the club and the federation, then none of us will be overwhelmed with duties. The rewards you receive in smiles and friendship outweigh the time and effort required as a volunteer.

Thank you for a great year.

NFMS Show News



Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies

80th Anniversary Show & Convention

April 27-29 2018

Hosted by the Yakima Rock and Mineral Club

Central Washington State Fairgrounds Modern Living Building and Pioneer Hall

1301 Fair Ave, Yakima WA

The Yakima Rock and Mineral Club is honored to host the 80th anniversary Northwest Federation Show and Convention April 27-29, 2018. Show hours will be as follows:

Friday	April 27	10:00am-6:00pm
Saturday	April 28	10:00am-6:00pm
Sunday	April 29	10:00am-4:00pm

To keep the Federation membership informed as plans for the show develop and solidify, monthly updates will be published that showcase show themes, special events, and featured displays.

This issue of the Federation newsletter showcases silversmithing and jewelry arts offerings. Artists and teachers, Chris and Peggy Blickfeldt, have agreed to offer a class on introductory silversmithing techniques. You may recognize them from their association with the lapidary arts classes that are offered each fall at the Hancock Field Station in Oregon. For this two day class participants will design and make a silver pendant using sterling sheet and wire silver. Introductory techniques for cutting and soldering will be emphasized. All materials and tools needed to complete a pendant will be provided. Pre-registration is required and the class is limited to the first 10 people who sign up. If you have ever had an interest in dabbling in jewelry art this offering is right up your alley.

Another event will feature a competition involving students from area high schools which have jewelry art programs. The competition will have three categories: wire wrapping, fabrication with no soldering, and fabrication with soldering. This event will take place on Saturday April 28. Come and watch as the students utilize the skills they have learned.

A third event we are working on is an opportunity for show participants to learn how to make their own cabochon. Stay tuned for updates as this event takes shape.

REGISTRATION FORM

Silversmithing Class: Deadline March 30, 2018

This class is limited to the first 10 people who register and it is anticipated that it will fill quickly. The class will be offered Saturday April 28 2:00pm-6:00pm and Sunday April 29 10:00am-2:00pm. The minimum age is 16 or 14 if registering with a parent. All participants need to provide their own safety goggles. There will be no refunds after April 15, 2018. Class reservations are transferrable. Class fee includes a 3 day show pass.

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Cost \$85:00 All materials and tools needed will be included in this cost.

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NFMS HISTORIAN NOTES

By Linda Barlow

NFMS Convention History:

February 5, 1938:

First formal meeting in Olympia Washington. Officers elected. Attendance of 500.

October 16th, 1938:

Hosted by Oregon Agate & Mineral Society @ Multnomah Hotel in Portland, Oregon. The business meeting was presided by Dr. Dake and 150 enjoyed the banquet. There were 18 commercial & 48 private exhibits. On Sunday, it was opened to the public with the attendance of 3000: "the largest gathering of its kind ever held in America".

October 14th & 15th, 1939:

Hosted by Gem Collectors Club of Seattle, Washington. Delegates represented 20 member organizations. Officers included: President Ray C. Gruhlke from Olympia, Washington, Vice-president Charles Flory, Secretary Mrs. Alma Fenton, & Treasurer, Rev. Byron W. Travis.

October 12th & 13th, 1940:

Hosted by Columbian Geological Society @ Davenport Hotel in Spokane, Washington. Delegates represented 25 clubs. The banquet price was \$1.50 with only 350 tickets available! Officers at this convention were President Milton F. Reed from Seattle, Washington, Vice-president Phil Brogan, Secretary Mrs. Lloyd Roberson, & Treasurer Charles O. Fernquist. The first Directory was issued in 1940 printed by Don Major who donated his work as a printer & who managed to get enough ads to pay for the paper & ink.

August 30th & 31st, 1941:

Hosted by Oregon Agate and Mineral Society in Portland, Oregon. Walter Sutter fluorescent exhibit continued to be highlight of shows and required a 5 ton truck to transport it from Tacoma to Portland! It included a "Pirates Treasure Chest" of fluorescent gems. The Bob Ross cabochon exhibit from Seattle was "again a feature in its Class". Officers presiding were President J. Lewis Renton of Portland, Oregon, Vice-president Don Major, Secretary A.W. Hancock, & Treasurer Dale Lambert.

1942:

Scheduled for Boise, Idaho. Cancelled d/t outbreak of war and travel restrictions.

1946, August 31-Sept 1: Hosted jointly by Idaho Gem Club, Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society, & the Snake River Gem Club with 23 clubs represented. Officers who presided during 5 year interval were President Don Major of Tenino, Washington, Vice-president E.E. Walden, Secretary M.F. Sandoz, & Treasurer Dale Lambert.

1947. August 30-31:

Hosted by Gem Collectors' Club in Seattle, Washington with 50 delegates attending the business meeting. Convention site was changed from Masonic Temple to the Civic Auditorium in order to accommodate all those requesting space for exhibition. Membership now 1501 with increased dues from 10 to 20 cents! Officers presiding were President E.E. Walden (Boise, Idaho), Vice-president Lloyd Roberson, Secretary Mrs. J. Frank Murbach, and Treasurer Dale Lambert.

This year the AFMS, American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, was formed in Salt Lake City, Utah with Lloyd Roberson & Earl Van Deventer representing the Northwest Federation.

1948, Labor Day Weekend:

Hosted by the Montana Society of Natural & Earth Sciences in Bozeman, Montana. There were 34 clubs represented A standard membership card was established and a mat of the Northwest insignia was given to each club. Officers presiding were President Llyod Roberson (Seattle, Washington), Vice-president Harvey Murdock, Secretary Mrs. J. Frank Murbach, & Treasurer Paul Brannan.

1949:

Hosted by the Eugene Mineral Club in Eugen, Oregon at the University of Oregon campus. The first regular Newsletter was issued this year mimeographed with 2-3 pages. No directory was issued this year as it is being printed only every other year. Officers presiding were President Harvey Murdock (Bozeman, Montana), Vice-president Harry M. Rhorer Jr., Secretary Mrs. Richard Rice, & Treasurer Paul Brannan.

Early conventions were the catalyst for the formation of many societies throughout the Pacific Northwest & even the country. Several hobby publication like "The Mineralogist" by the Northwest's own Dr. H. C. Dake with & comments were responsible for the rapid growth.

The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies held its first meeting on June 12, 1947 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The effort was spearheaded by Dr. Richard Pearl, author of numerous hobby books who represented the Rocky Mountain Federation, Dr. Ben Hur Wilson of the Midwest Federation, & Dr. H.C. Dake of the Northwest Federation. The First Annual Meeting of the American Federation resulted from this organizational meeting was held in Colorado in June of 1948.



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& GEM CLUB**

PRESENTS

“Treasures of the Earth”

**A GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL
& JEWELRY SHOW**

NOVEMBER 11 & 12, 2017
SATURDAY 9-5 SUNDAY 10-4

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**7th Annual Rockhounds'
Rock, Gem and Jewelry Sale**
Saturday, October 7, 2017, 9 am to 5 pm
Pinecrest Event Center, 560 E. Anderson, Idaho Falls
Next to Fred Meyer
\$3 Admission; Children 12 & Under Free

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Rockhounds of the Year

Hatrockhounds are pleased to present **Elmer and Marilyn Ringering** as our Rockhounds of the Year, 2017. Longtime members, Elmer and Marilyn generously give of themselves and their knowledge. Elmer is a great source of information about rocks and locales. Marilyn's baked goodies delight all. We give them our thanks and gratitude.



From the Editor's Rockpile

By Beth Heesacker

Summer is almost gone. Areas of Oregon are dry from the unusually high heat and many are burnt. The rains are supposed to start soon and help out in our state. Some friends of ours were traveling to Glacier National Park in Montana and so when they got back I wanted to see some pictures so they pulled out a bunch of postcards. Huh?? The smoke was so thick that if they had taken pictures they would have been just shots of gray smoke. We came close to losing the Multnomah Falls Lodge and some people in the Gorge lost their homes. That does not take into account the tragedies from the effects of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. And Hurricane Jose has some of those same places in its sights. Then Hurricane Maria. Not a good summer in many ways.

But we have a few more weeks of rockhounding in the Pacific Northwest yet before winter sets in. And I have a very busy month ahead myself in October. The Pacific Northwest Friends of Mineralogy Symposium (October 13-15 in Kelso, Washington) is coming up and our North West Micro Mineral Study Group will have a room with microscopes and free micro minerals at the Symposium. The topic of the Symposium is the Minerals of the Pacific Northwest. Then as Show Chair for our rock club's annual show I will be finalizing all the details with our wonderful crew for our show in Canby, Oregon on October 28-29. Then the holidays come one after another.

I hope this winter is not as cold and filled with snow and ice like last winter. We will probably be snowbirds again like this year if we can get out between storms and head south. Maybe the Southern California Micro-Mineral Symposium and the Tucson Show with some time in Quartzsite for some rest and recreation. We went to the Bisbee area last year to get a feel for the mining there. I will need to do some research on another area to investigate to fill in some of the time between shows. It is wonderful to be retired!!!

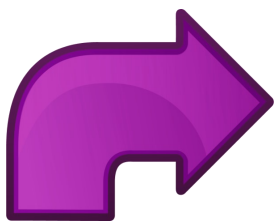
Who's your favorite RockStar?

What makes them special?

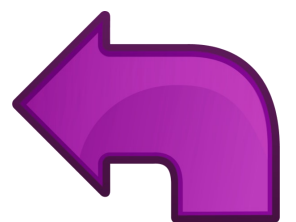


Tell us about them in 100 words or less. Nominate them for Rockhound of the Year!! Send your submissions to 65shark@gmail.com. All nominees will be recognized, but the timing depends on when you send it in.

Thanks, Laurie Ellis



IMPORTANT NOTICE



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

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

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

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

THANK YOU.



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2017 AFMS ANNUAL MEETING by Evan Day

UNIFORM RULES Committee:

The first event of this year's national convention of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies in Ventura, CA. was a meeting of the AFMS Uniform Rules Committee on Wednesday, June 7. As chairman of the Northwest Federation's Rules and Awards committee, I attended as the NFMS's delegate. Different than most such meetings there were no controversial resolutions from the Regional Federations, and we only discussed minor editorial corrections in the Meteorite Class, a new category adopted at Albany, OR in 2016.

ANNUAL MEETING:

The morning of Thursday, June 8, saw much the same scenario at the AFMS Annual Meeting. In attendance were the AFMS Officers, all seven Regional Presidents and Vice Presidents. NFMS President Jim Bosley and First VP Keith Fackrell represented us. The only thing of note brought up was a brief discussion of Sage Grouse regulations status, and of course the folks from back East and California had no clue on this issue which severely impacts rockhounding in the Northwest.

AFMS SHOW:

This year's show on Friday-Sunday was hosted by the California Federation and the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society in two huge buildings of the Ventura County Fairgrounds, right on the ocean beach. All 40 dealers were housed in one, and the second had all the exhibits, juniors, demonstrations, etc. with food trucks in the plaza between. They provided many excellent talks and lectures; ranging from local geology to our old friend Bob Jones (Editor of Rock & Gem) fun talk on his world travels over 80 years of rock-

hounding. The Editors and Webmasters' meeting was held on Sunday, while I was enroute home.

EXHIBITS

About 1/3 of the main building was devoted to exhibits, about 200 in all, including 77 competitive entries from across the country. This required 95 judging sessions since new Master entries from the CFMS which got 90 points in Regional judging automatically were re-judged by the AFMS three-person teams. It was a very full Friday of work for about 20 judges from across the country. I personally judged about 15 cases of Meteorites, Jewelry, Minerals, and Fossils. The Meteorites were especially fun since I was involved in preparing and adopting the new rules in 2016, and now I was eyeball-to-eyeball judging for the first time ever with two real exhibits. The Host club twisted arms to get their members to compete, and got great response, but several wound up in the wrong category (the committee corrected many errors before judging). We usually evaluated cases Disqualified for identifying the exhibitor in the case, etc. as though they were valid entries, to help the exhibitors try again next year. As expected at a national show, the Non-Competitive exhibits were very good, I spent most of Saturday afternoon with them.

BANQUET:

The Awards Banquet was held Saturday evening at the Poinsettia Pavilion Country Club. The affair started with a convivial "Happy-Hour", followed by Dinner with very good food from a hot and plentiful buffet. The California Federation and AFMS Awards were expeditiously passed out. The California crew presented a Special Award to Don Depue of Diamond Pacific for years of support to Zyzx (equivalent to NW Rockhound retreat)

NFMS Bulletin Editors

[Editor's note: First, we currently do not have a BEAC to submit bulletins or articles to for the year 2017.

I hope that this will be remedied shortly but I do not have a name yet.



Information from the AFMS follows and if we do not have a BEAC, as I understand it, we can submit directly to the AFMS if we wish to.]

Important AFMS dates you need to know for 2018:

AFMS entries must received by the AFMS judges by January 5th.

Remember :

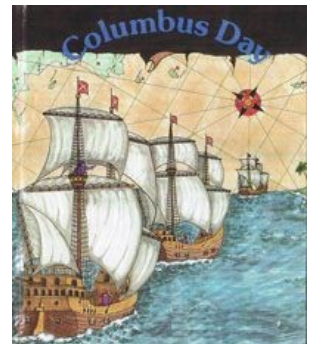
Anyone who won 1st Place in the 2016 or 2017 contest is ineligible to enter the same category for 2018.

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

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



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY



COLUMBUS DAY

OCTOBER 9

COLUMBIA-WILLAMETTE FACETERS' GUILD'S 42ND

Gemstone + Jewelry

Fundraising Auction

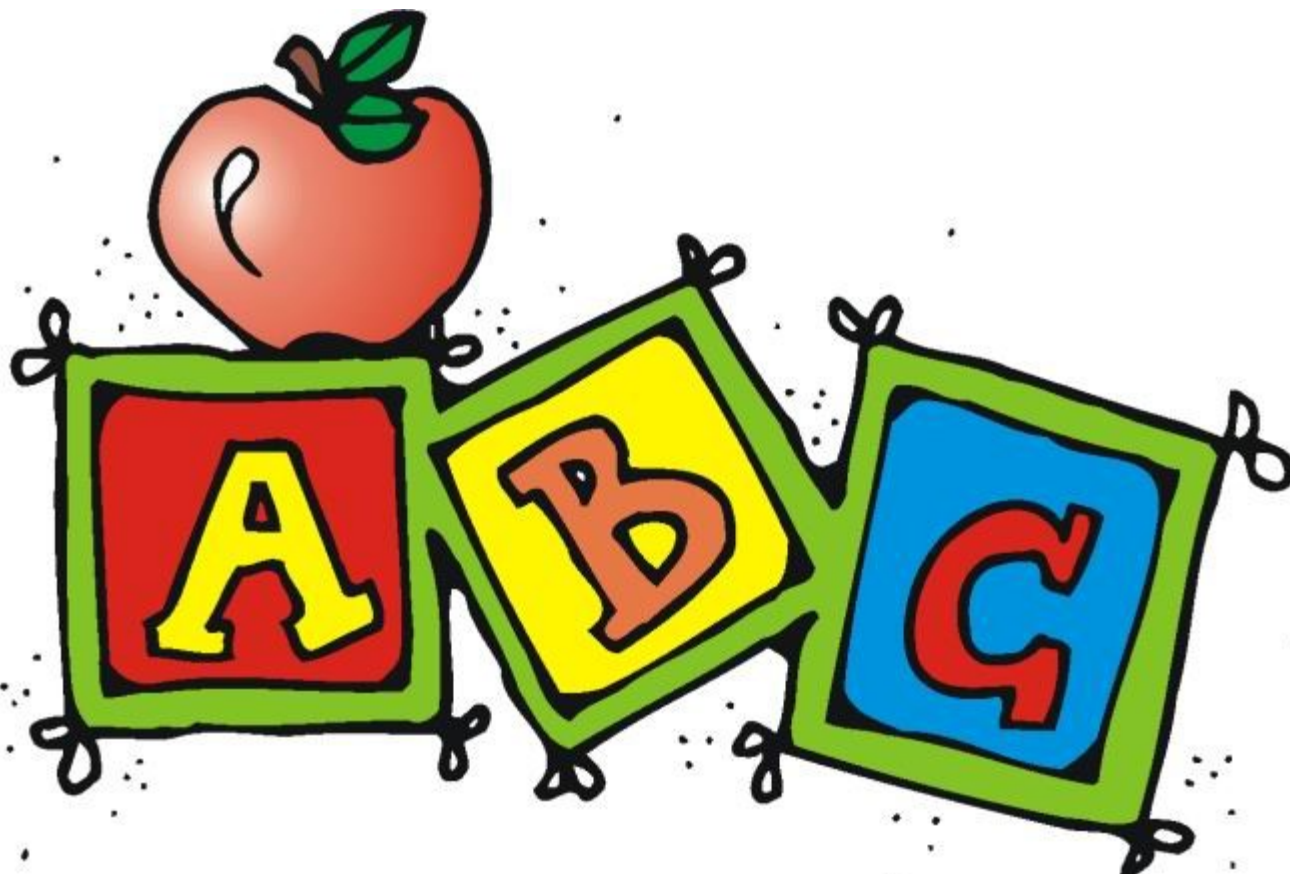
Saturday, November 4th

5:30 PREVIEW	7:00 AUCTION	OMSI 1345 SE WATER AVE	\$10 CREDITED BACK WITH PURCHASE OF AUCTION STONE
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LOOSE GEMSTONES
GEMS SET IN STERLING SILVER

NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule

October 7 Sat - 9 - 5	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society	Pinecrest Event Cntr, 560 E. Anderson, Idaho Falls ID	Bill Thielbahr tbar@srv.net 208-524-0139
October 7 & 8 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Totem Middle School Gym 7 th Street and State Avenue Marysville WA	Bill Moser bill-jj@comcast.net 425 238 8222 http://sites.google.com/sit/marysvillerockngemclub
October 13, 14, & 15 Fri - 10 - 6 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Association	Washington County Fair Complex 873 NE 34 th Avenue Hillsboro OR 97124	Linda Harvey lindaharvey2010@gmail.com Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Association PO Box 5401 Portland OR 97228
October 21 & 22 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 4	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fair Building, 1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston ID	Linn Enger 208 746 4957 engerocks@yahoo.com
October 28 - 29 Sat - 9 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4 th Ave, Canby, OR	Beth Heesacker, heesacker@coho.net , 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116
October 28 & 29 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Bellevue Rock Club	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish PKWY SE Bellevue WA 98008	Bruce Himko PO Box 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009 bellevuerockclub@comcast.net
November 11 & 12 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collmal@comcast.net
November 11 & 12 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Skagit Rock & Gem Club	Sedro Woolley Comm. Center, 703 Pacific Street Sedro Woolley, WA	Eric Self 360 840 8342 skagitrockandgem@gmail.com
December 9 & 10 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collmal@comcast.net
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Feb 24 & 25, 2018 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Idaho Gem Club	Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood Boise ID 83714	Brent Stewart 208 342 1151 rocks-bybrent@gmail.com
March 3 & 4, 2018 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	East King Co Rock Club	Pickering Barn 1730 10th Avenue NW Issaquah WA	CindySmith showchair@eastkingco.org 206 953 3456
March 10 & 11, 2018 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Magic Valley Gem Club	Twin Falls County Fairgrounds 215 Fair Avenue Filer ID	Chris Funk 208 539 5369 or Jon Cromer 208 293 5846 rmetts@cablone.net Magic Valley Gem Club PO Box 725 Twin Falls ID 83303
March 23-25, 2018 Fri, Sat - 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane, WA	Spokane Fair & Expo Center, N.604 Havana at Broadway, Spokane WA	Mike Shaw 509 251 1574 showchair@rockrollers.org
April 7 & 8, 2018 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 3	Springfield Thunderegg Rock Club	Goshen Grange 85628 Dillard Access Rd. Eugene, OR 97405	Trish Adams cadnshac2@comcast.net 541 517-3617
April 21 & 22, 2018 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA	Mary Lou Omstead 509 783 2798 PO Box 6652 Kennewick WA 99336
April 27 - 29, 2018 NFMS Show and Convention Fri - 10 - 6 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 4	Yakima Rock and Mineral Club	Central WA State Fair Park Modern Living Building and Pioneer Hall 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima WA 98901	Kurt Junt or Ronna Watkins yakima_rockhounds12@yahoo.com 509 433 7841 Yakima Rock and Mineral Club PO Box 326 Yakima WA 98907 www.yakimarockclub.com www.facebook.com/YakimaRockndMineraClub
May 5 & 6, 2018 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg OR	Jim Barber PO Box 1264 Roseburg OR 97470 541 378 8264 www.facebook.com/Umpquagem



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SCHOOL!**