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PRESIDENTIAL PEARLS

By

Ronna Watkins



“Wisdom”

Fall is here and it is our last chance to get outside and collect before winter confines us to our shops. I will take in a few more shows before the weather limits our travel. There are still many shows to attend this year. In Washington, there are shows in Marysville, Bellevue, Maplewood, and Skaget. In Oregon, there are two shows in Canby just a couple of weeks apart, one by the Clackamette Club and the other by the Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Society. The Portland Regional Show has moved out of the Hillsboro Fairplex because they demolished it. So, take note and don't go to the wrong location! And in Idaho, Idaho Falls and the Hells Canyon Gem Club in Lewiston have shows this month.

We will have our NFMS Organizational Meeting in Lewiston, Saturday, October 20th, at 2 pm. at the Nez Perce County Fairground. I would like to thank the Hells Canyon Gem Club for their willingness to allow us space for this meeting at their show. The meeting is for officer and chairman business, but any member with business concerning the NFMS is invited to attend. Please let me know if you have something for me to put on the agenda. 509-673-0085 email: 4ronna@gmail.com.

Speaking of business, here is some business your club may consider doing:
Your club might consider hosting the 2020 NFMS Show. This is an excellent opportunity for any club! Contact

Keith Fackrell at krfackrell@gmail.com if you have questions and to submit your club's bid. Your club might consider submitting the nomination of a deserving member to the National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame. Check out the information here <http://www.rockhoundandlapidaryhalloffame.org>. And, contact Hidemi Kira for more information htkira@gmail.com. It sure would be nice to have someone from the NFMS indoctrinated into it.

Your club could contact Judi Allison for some Endowment Fund tickets. You can check them out and send her the stubs with a check, and the unsold tickets before the March AFMS Annual Show. Give your club members a chance to win some great prizes and support the fund, too. You can reach her at 541.720.4950 or email her at jms46@outlook.com.

Your club could submit your "Rockhound of the Year" to Laurie Ellis. Just write a short description of your rockhound(s) and send it to her 541.626.3131, 65shark@gmail.com.

And, don't forget to remind your members to keep collecting stamps for cancer. So, if you didn't have any new business at your next meeting, now you do!

Now, if I haven't already asked you to consider enough, I would like to ask you to include one more very important piece of business with your club, and that is the business of Land Access. We are very thankful to the volunteers of the American Lands Access Association for representing recreational rockhounds across the United States. They do very important work and keep us informed when actions threaten our hobby. Please ask your club to join ALAA and support their efforts that keep rockhounding from being limited any more than it already has been. Thank you.

One last thing before I close. This year when it is time to pay your annual club dues, don't wait till the last minute and don't let your dues lapse. You might not be considering how much work membership can be. When you pay your dues on time it makes it a lot easier for your club's membership secretary, your bulletin editor, and your treasurer. And, not only for your local club, but for the treasurer, directory chairman, bulletin editor, and circulation of the NFMS and the AFMS. So please pay your dues on time!

Well, it's time for me to go sort some rocks. I have almost 50 Juniors ready to learn about crystals this year. That is a lot of rocks to give out and a lot of material to prepare, so I better get to it. I hope everyone has a beautiful Autumn!

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FIRST VICE PRESIDENTIAL VARISCITES

by

Kenneth Zahn



About to lose access to one of your club's favorite collecting spots on Federal land because of restrictions noted in a draft Forest Plan revision (or expected proposals to Congress for establishing more "Big W" — Wilderness areas), proposed high-priority Sage Grouse habitat areas located nearby, proposed withdrawals of prime collecting areas from mineral location by politicians and bureaucrats vying for favor with local anti-mining groups, etc., etc? To best assure your future reasonable access and exclusive right to collect at those favorite spots, consider filing an unpatented mining claim *SOON* under provisions of the 1872 Mining Act, as amended. Many NFMS clubs hold such claims, so there is a lot of corporate knowledge in clubs in most of our NW states on how to do so, and how best to deal with the USFS or BLM (the primary federal agencies which manage lands in which we collect). So many western-state National Forest and BLM staffs are currently revising far-out-of-date Agency Management Plans that it's increasingly hard to keep track of the status of each document review processes. Be assured, however, that each one is out to restrict/limit access, close as many past roads and trails as politically possible, and clamp down on those elements of "multiple use" that are remotely related to prospecting, mining, "casual-use" collecting (you know — those awful "ground-disturbing" activities), and motorized or mechanized (bike) recreation. Once being managed as a "pseudo-wilderness" anyway, the next steps to Congress declaring the areas as full wilderness ("Big W") can be short, depending on the political leaning of your states' Congressional delegations and pressures from both the federal land agency staffs and outside lobbying groups. Once designated as Wilderness, nothing like minerals/fossils/petrified wood/agate can be dug, mined, collected, removed, or disturbed — *UNLESS* — you have a prior established right to do so via a valid mining claim. The steps are pretty simple, but must be carefully followed to yield a legal and protected collecting right. We'll save the details and federal-law reference citations for a later article, but you should consider inviting a knowledgeable member of another area club to brief your club or Executive Board on the issues involved and steps to be followed. Be sure to discuss the following (a "Cliff Notes" version of key topics; more is covered at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/mining-and-minerals/locatable-minerals/mining-claims/locating-a-claim> and at: https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/documents/files/PublicRoom_Mining_Claims_Brochure-2016.pdf):

- Materials considered "Locatable" within BLM and USFS (they are slightly different). Also, certain types of Federal lands can't be claimed. Check the BLM LR2000 database to be sure the area is "unclaimed."
- Form and format for posting a conspicuous "Location Notice" (many states have preferred forms) at the discovery site, and work needed to be performed upon location — and annually.
- What constitutes erection of proper "Corner Posts" denoting claim corners (and end-line midpoints in some states). State laws govern what posting techniques are legal within federal lands within the state.
- Time period within which you must file a "Certificate of Location" with the appropriate County Recorder's Office (most often 30 days). Some states specify a format, but most accept form formats used in other states as long as their core required elements and form layouts are met. I like Nevada's. Ask the Recorder what is needed and how the pages need to be spaced to accommodate their recording stamps and filing data.
- Proper map abstract with drawing of claim lines and corners, etc., to also be filed with the County, if required.
- Time period within which to also file the "Certificate" and map abstract with the BLM office in your state, after filing it properly with the County Recorder. One main BLM Office in each state administers the federal filing and record-keeping activities for all claims located on any federal lands within that state. Currently, BLM now requires new claim map abstracts to show the full section boundaries that encompass your claim.
- Two methods — each with different forms and info requirements — are available to the claimant for annually updating the claim status if you intend to continue using it the following year: a flat annual maintenance fee (approx. \$155 but no details needed on what work you did the previous year), or \$10 if filing a "Small Miner's Maintenance Fee Waiver;" requires info on work done in past year and checking corner markers; heavy penalties (\$ fine and jail) if fraudulent -- since the \$10 cost is so inexpensive.
- Costs. Initial filing with County: Varies; usually in \$25-\$50 range. Initial filing with the main BLM office in your state: currently \$212. Annual Maintenance fee \$155 or \$10 — depending.
- If use only non-powered hand tools and keep surface disturbance below a "significant" level, you usually need not submit a "Plan of Operation" for USFS or State review. Procedures are slightly different with claims on BLM land.

SIMPLIFIED SUMMARY: Check with BLM "LR2000" database to assure the spot is not already claimed. One "location" posting at the field site, 4 corner markers erected, 2 "Certificate of Location" and map abstract filings (County and main State BLM Office), approx. \$250 filing in filing costs, and you're set for the first year if you keep disturbance small and use only non-powered hand tools. And, most importantly, you can't be denied reasonable access or be denied your exclusive right to collect there if the area, in the future, becomes "withdrawn from Mineral Location" or becomes "Wilderness." Yes, the agencies will check and hassle you on whether it's a "locatable material, disturbance levels, meeting all laws, etc., but, if done right, this process will best assure you will still have the right to collect there.

USDA Forest Service seeks public comment on improving management of mineral, oil, and gas resources

[Press Office \(link sends e-mail\) \(202\) 205-1134](#)

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 AT 9:00 AM EDT - WASHINGTON, DC — Today the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service published Advance Notices announcing its plan to revise two parts of the agency's regulations. The Forest Service seeks public comment on its work to improve outdated and inefficient regulations for locatable minerals and oil and gas resources on national forest lands.

"This is one of many efforts that our agency is undertaking to focus on our priority of regulatory reform," said interim Forest Service Chief Vicki Christiansen. "Our goal is to make our processes as simple and efficient as possible while ensuring a sustainable environment for future generations."

In fiscal year 2017, over \$1.2 billion dollars' worth of oil and gas were produced from National Forest System lands, resulting in payments to local, state and federal governments of approximately \$145 million, creating significant value for many communities. Outdated regulations are still a barrier however. For example, there is a backlog of nearly 2,000 pending Expressions of Interest in leasing oil and gas on about 2 million acres. Updated regulations and procedures are needed to ensure the Forest Service and stakeholders have an efficient process to support local economies and protect and conserve valuable environmental resources.

Locatable minerals produced from National Forest System lands are important for medical and infrastructure development as well as cars and common household items, including appliances, smart phones, and computers. Forest Service economists estimate that the revenue generated from mining locatable minerals topped \$1 billion in 2016 and supported more than 1,500 direct and 5,500 indirect jobs.

"We want to strengthen communities and provide jobs," said Christiansen. "At the same time, we are committed to protecting water supplies, supporting aquatic and wildlife habitat, and ensuring a sustainable environment for future generations."

The public has until October 15, 2018 to comment on two Advance Notices of Proposed Rulemaking published in the Federal Register. One notice addresses locatable minerals and the other oil and gas resources. Instructions about how to comment are included in the Federal Register notices: [36 CFR part 228 subpart A \(link is external\)](#) and [36 CFR part 228, subpart E \(link is external\)](#).

For more information about USDA Forest Service, visit <http://www.fs.fed.us>.



SECOND VICE PRESIDENTIAL VERDELITES

By

Beth Heesacker



“Creativity
&
Compassion”

In my last article I tried to define what a volunteer is. The portion of the definition that I liked best was “expresses a willingness to undertake a service”. Note that it does not say “someone who is asked to undertake a service” although that is what happens many times.

The best kind of volunteer is someone who, when they see a need, steps up to “undertake a service”. Now even before this happens, a person needs to have a clear view of what their gifts, their abilities, are. So, what can you do? Do you run a household, plan and make meals, balance a budget, manage a group, coach a sport, start your own company, etc. Each of these activities have given you experience that is not only valuable to your family or company but is also of value to your club.

From another viewpoint what do you want to learn? Volunteering for your club can be a way to expand your experiences. Planning, budgeting, managing, coaching, etc. are all abilities that can be grown and expanded by volunteering for your club. I know of one teenager that volunteered for a club as Field Trip Chair. He did a wonderful job and it gave him a wealth of experience. He had the “willingness” and put it to good use.

So, what do you do when your show chair asks for help, or your nominating committee announces an opening in your club Board or Officers? Usually any one of these opportunities, these “services”, do not require much in the way of time. There of course are some that require more time and commitment, such as a show chair or newsletter editor, but these do not have to be your first “service”.

Start small, get the experience, enjoy being of service. Each club has different needs. You have different skills. Look around in your club and find a match. Don't wait to be asked but “express[es] a willingness”.



SECRETARY'S SAPPHIRES

by

Judi Allison



“Record Keeper”

A Flip of the Hat

Since I seem to wear a few different hats, I decided to combine my message information.

As Secretary of the NFMS, I would like to invite you to not only attend the Hells Canyon Annual Show in October, but also to take in the organizational meeting for NFMS on Saturday, October 20th. This will be an informal meeting allowing for the continued connections of our Federation. Remember that anyone can attend the meetings. It is a great way to get to know more about the great organization we are a part of.

As NFMS Representative for the AFMS Endowment Fund, I would like to offer tickets to those who wish to purchase some or are able to sell them to others. The AFMS Endowment Fund helps our Federation by providing winning video presentations to add to our Library (see page 5 or our Membership Directory). It also funds the Junior Rockhound Badge Program. You can support the Fund by purchasing tickets for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The tickets provide a chance to win one of a number of prizes donated by members of all the Regional Federations. You could also help by donating an item of \$75 or greater value for the raffle. I will have tickets on hand at the meeting in October

As AFMS Rockhound of the Year Chairman, I urge you to submit a worthy recipient of your club for the honor of your club's "Rockhound of the Year". It is a simple process. Simply write a brief account of why they deserve the award, submit it to Laurie Ellis, NFMS ROY Chairperson and she will take care of the rest. Your member will have the account written up in both the NFMS and AFMS Newsletters. They will also receive a certificate from each.

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NFMS ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT By Jack Edwards



The following are highlights and accomplishments of the NFMS Endowment Fund Committee for the 2017-18 business year.



“Wealth with Balance”

Vacant positions on the Endowment Fund Committee were filled with the selection of Jack Edwards as committee chairperson and Norma Long as committee secretary. Both are long time members the Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society. They join Lyle Vogel-pohl, committee treasurer and Jim Brain, committee financial advisor. Ken Zahn, by virtue of his position as NFMS 1st Vice-president, automatically becomes a member of the committee.

Charles Schwab Investments has managed the invested assets of the Endowment Fund for the past year. Edna Nelson, past committee chairperson, was removed from the list of persons authorized to access the account and Jack Edwards was added. Invested assets returned 8.2% during the past business year.

Throughout the year most committee business was conducted via the internet through phone calls, e-mails and reviews of draft newsletter articles and briefing papers. The work of the committee was shared in periodic articles in the NFMS newsletter. A committee open to all federation delegates where proposed changes to the operating procedures was discussed was held prior to the annual meeting in Yakima. (There was a limited attendance by Delegates.)

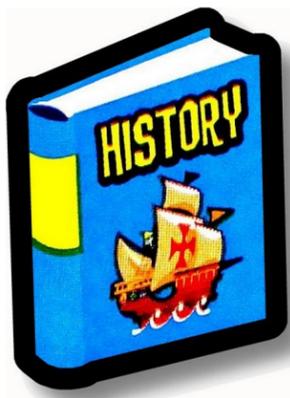
The committee's operating procedures were updated to bring them in line with directions outlined in the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act. The major changes from the previous version of the operating procedures were a) updated terminology and investment guidance, and b) establishment of a written spending policy for the Endowment Fund that specifies that 4% of the fund balance be spent each year. The new operating procedures were approved unanimously by the delegates at the 2018 NFMS annual meeting in Yakima.

Throughout the year the committee tried to solicit ideas, with limited success, as to how the federation membership would like to see the Endowment Funds be spent. In the absence of proposals, it was moved, seconded and approved by the Delegates in attendance at the annual meeting in Yakima to use endowment funds to credit member society dues owed an amount equal to \$1.00 per member for the 2017-18 year.

The committee continues to solicit ideas on how the federation membership would like to see Endowment Funds monies be spent. Based on the current endowment fund balance and the fund spending policy it is estimated there will be about \$9500 available next year. In the August-September, 2018 NFMS newsletter the committee again requested the federation membership send them formal suggestions of projects or programs that they would like to see funded by the fund in 2018-19 business year. We hope to have a list of projects put together by January 1st, 2019.

All in all it has been a good year for the Endowment Fund Committee and we look forward to serving the federation another year.

Jack Edwards, Endowment Fund Committee Chairperson



HISTORIAN HIDDENITES

By Linda Barlow

“GOLDEN GEMBOREE” was the 50th CONVENTION AND SHOW on September 9-11, 1988. It was held at Benton-Franklin Counties Fairgrounds, Kennewick, WA.

Host society: Horse Heaven Gem and Mineral Societies, Inc., Show Chairman: Jon Spunaugle

NFMS Officers 1987-1988:

PRESIDENT: DEE HOLLAND, VICE-PRESIDENT: DR. BOB CARLSON,

SECRETARY: JUNE CAVALLI, TREASURER: TOBY COZENS



“Connection with Knowledge”

FEATURED EXHIBITS:

GOLDEN TOPAZ	WORLD’S LARGEST FACETED-GEM	SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
STATUE OF LIBERTY	JADE CARVING	Don & Pat Snyder
PLACER GOLD	FROM MONTANA	Leroy Battershell
WIRE GOLD	FROM LIBERTY, WA	Junior Jordan
INTARSIA MOSAICS	BEAUTIFUL PICTURES IN STONE	Leonard Perkins
ROCK FOOD DINNER	ALL FOODS ARE NATURAL	
TABLE	ROCKS & MINERALS	Mothers Rock Shop
CENSER	JADE CARVING	Don & Pat Snyder

The Horse Heaven Societies were organized in the winter of 1957-58 at a time when there was no Host Society for the 1958 NFMS Convention. The members of the Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club, Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society, Touchet Valley Rock Club, Hatrockhounds and the Oregon Trail Gem & Mineral Society met and decided to form a group to host the 1958 Show since none of these clubs felt they had enough members to be capable of hosting the Convention themselves. In just eight months, these clubs were able to host the Show in the Pasco High School gymnasium. Again, in 1960, when there was no host for the upcoming Convention, the group put in a bid and were hosts for the 1961 Convention which was held in conjunction with the Southeastern Washington Fair in Walla Walla. By this time, the Three Rivers Mineralogy Society had joined the group and the Hatrockhounds were disbanding. The Touchet Valley Rock Club had disbanded by 1968 when the group was host for the Convention held in the gymnasium of the Columbia High School in Richland. The first Past Presidents luncheon was held during this Show with Dr. Dake, first NFMS President, in attendance. In 1979, Horse Heaven was again the host for the NFMS Convention, this time at the Benton-Franklin Counties Fairgrounds in Kennewick. A special feature of this Show was the first Past Presidents Row featuring exhibits by former leaders of the Federation. Now, in 1988, the Hatrockhounds have rejoined the group and Horse Heaven is proud to host their fifth Convention in honor of the Northwest Federation’s Fiftieth Anniversary.



EDITOR’S EMERALDS

By Linda Barlow

THE ONLY THING CONSISTENT IN LIFE IS CHANGE!

Most people have difficulty with change. I hope, as your new editor, you look on the changes with wonder like you look at your rocks. As a Metaphysician, I live with rocks and gems having body, mind, & spirit applications. I’ve done a play on words to stretch your knowledge with new insights to our beloved rocks.



“Incites Activity”

You might ask, “How do rocks affect me?” Better yet, ask “How can we use rocks to affect us?” Rockhounds decorate their inside their homes with rock display cases, constructing pictures, and in their gardens. They use rocks of all sizes (micro to macro), shapes (Cubic or Isometric, Hexagonal, Rhombohedral or Trigonal, Tetragonal, Orthorhombic, Monoclinic, and Triclinic), and colors (clear to black inclusive). Others adorn their bodies with earrings, necklaces, and rings. I do all of the above! My front door is bordered with petrified wood. The dining room corner has a triangular china closet for rocks, not dishes! My entertainment center highlights crystals and rocks for healing uses and classes I teach. If I serve you a drink, your glass will be set on a coast from my slabs of rocks to prevent sweating onto the wood surfaces. Crystals hang from my dining room light twinkling and reflecting as the morning light shines. My garden plants are embedded with crystals and stones especially selected and embedded in the soil. The birds enjoy their gems while splashing in the bird bath. What is your choice of rock use? Do you choose the lapidary arts, healing arts, or decorative arts for rock expressionism? I look forward to hearing about your communion with rocks and crystals; all are gems.

Hope you’ve enjoyed the changes. Your comments are always welcome.



NFMS RULES & AWARDS COMMITTEE

My name is Bob Gibson and I am currently the NFMS Rules and Awards Chairman. The NFMS Competitive Exhibits Team has a big problem, we need two or three NFMS members to step up and join the team.



The committee consists of the Judging Registrar, the Judging Director, and the Rules and Awards Chairman.

The Judging Registrar registers those who want to enter competition in the NFMS Show. The Judging Director selects the judges and runs the actual judging of the competitive cases and hands out the Plaques at the Awards Banquet. The Rules and Awards Chairman oversees the other two and helps where needed. Specific duties of the team members may be found on the NFMS web site under the sub heading of By-Laws. Page 22 lists OP COMMITTEE -2, RULES & AWARDS COMMITTEE.

The people we need should be willing to serve for the three year cycle of Registrar, Judging Director and then Chairman, and be willing to learn what each position does: nothing hard, just time spread out over the yearly NFMS show. It would be great to have someone young enough to cycle through a couple of times.

Lauren Williams, this years Judging Director, has offered to train the new members. Lauren has many years of experience in leadership roles in both the NFMS and the AFMS but has reached the age where he feels another three year cycle would be too many. Unfortunately, Lauren and I are the same age.

Lauren writes "Currently Dee Holland and I are the only two people in the NFMS who knows the system from start to finish. So we really need to find others who are willing to learn the system and learn by doing the work. I will hold anyone's hand to learn the system." We need to tap into this reservoir of knowledge before it disappears forever.

Please, step forward and help keep this committee viable. My contact information is listed on the second page of this newsletter.

Best Regards, Bob Gibson, Chairman

NEBULA NOTICES

By

Ronna Watkins, President



“Inspiring”

Dear NFMS Mineral Club Leaders,
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One last instruction: We'd like to email each issue to the following leaders in your club or society:

Contact Person

President

Bulletin Editor

Juniors Program Leader(s)

Webmaster

Not all of these leaders are listed with email addresses in the annual NFMS guide book. Please inform me of all the leaders and their email addresses who should receive each issue, and I'll add them to our email list.

Best wishes to you all. Thank you for your enthusiasm and hard work building our great hobby.

Sincerely, Darryl Powell (aka Diamond Dan)

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8th Annual Members Rock, Gem and Jewelry Sale

Saturday, October 6, 2018, 9 am to 5 pm

Pinecrest Event Center; 560 E. Anderson, Idaho Falls
(Next to Fred Meyer)

\$3 Admission; Children 12 & Under Free





AFMS Code of Ethics

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and Will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

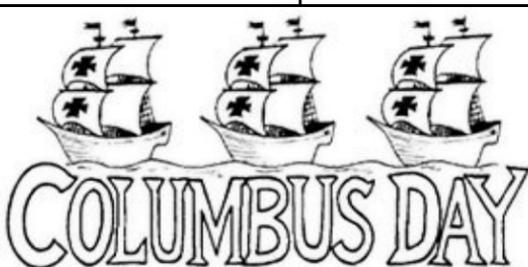
I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.

NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule

October 6 & 7 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Totem Middle School Gym, 605 7 th Street NE, 7 th Street and State Avenue, Marysville WA	Brian Murril 425 346 9313 bmurril@aol.com Website: http://www.marysvillerockclub.com
October 6 Sat - 9 - 5	Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society Members' Sale	Pinecrest Event Center, 560 East Anderson Idaho Falls, ID	Bill Thielbahr: (208)-524-0139; e-mail: tbar@srv.net
October 12 - 14 Fri - 10 - 6 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show Association	NEW: Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4 th Avenue, Canby OR 97013	Linda Harvey 503-310-3036 PO Box 5401 Portland, OR 97228 lindaharvey2010@gmail.com www.PortlandRegionalGemandMineral.com
October 20 & 21 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fair 1229 Burrell Avenue Lewiston ID 83501	Mary Lou Northrup 208 743 6944 milandjl@yahoo.com
October 27-28 Sat: 9 - 6 Sun: 10 - 5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem	Clackamas County Fair-grounds, 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013	Beth Heesacker heesacker@coho.net , 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116
October 27 & 28 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 10 & 11 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 collmall@comcast.net
November 10 & 11 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Skagit Rock & Gem Club	Sedro Woolley Comm. Ctr., 703 Pacific Street Sedro Woolley, WA	Debbie Frank skagitrockandgem@gmail.com
December 8 & 9 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 collmall@comcast.net
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February 9 & 10 Sat. 9 - 5 Sun. 9 - 4	Whidbey Island Gem Club 54th Annual "Sweetheart of Gem's" Show	Oak Harbor Senior Center, 51 SE Jerome, Oak Harbor WA	Keith Ludemann 360 675 1837, rock9@whidbey.net
March 16 & 17 Sat - 9 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Hellgate Mineral Society	Hilton Garden Inn 3720 North Reserve St. Missoula MT	Neil Maier atthoodz@yahoo.com 406 240 1079
March 22 - 24, 2019 Fri - 10 - 6 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA	Spokane County Fair & Expo Center N.404 Havana at Broadway Spokane WA	Mike Shaw , 509 251 1574 showchair@rockrollers.org
March 30 & 31 Sat. 10 - 6 Sun. 10 - 5	Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club 58th Annual Rock and Gem Show	Bloedel-Donovan Park, 2214 Electric Ave., Bellingham WA	Dick Carr, rjcarr@juno.com
April 13 & 14 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - April Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins, 206 714 3922 collmall@comcast.net
April 27 & 28 Sat. 10 - 5 Sun. 10 - 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40th Avenue SW, Seattle WA	Annette Nelson, wsrc.show@gmail.com
August 10 & 11 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - Rock and Mineral Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins, 206 714 3922 collmall@comcast.net
November 9 & 10 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - Show	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collmall@comcast.net
December 7 & 8 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club - Rock and Mineral Sale	Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mary Ann Collins 206 714 3922 collmall@comcast.net



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