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Hidemi Kira President

Hello to All,

First of all, I would like to thank Warren Rood again for coordinating the field trip to the Succor Creek area and thank the leaders who took us to each site. Warren should be writing about the trip in this issue, so please take a look. We did not encounter any wild fire, but it did impact the schedules and many changes had to be made. I attended the first 3 days out of the 4 days and there were some little surprises here and there, but overall I got some nice material and enjoyed the trip very much. I hope all who attended had fun and got nice souvenirs. Make sure you

work on the material you found and display it at our NFMS/AFMS Show in Albany next year!

Next, I would like to thank the members who attended the Organizational Meeting held at the Rice Museum on October 9th. Even being an irregular meeting held on Friday morning, the attendance was pretty good. We had 33 members from 19 clubs. I would like to thank again the Rice Museum's Executive Director, Julian Gray for kindly offering us to have our meeting there with no charge and letting the members attending the meeting to have free tour to the Museum. I would like to note that prior to the meeting, we had a short board meeting and it was very nice that the NFMS Past Presidents, Jon Spunaugle and Lauren Williams attended.

The meeting was a very casual, as announced, and it worked out pretty well. Following are some of the matters that came up.

- *Our Treasurer, Lyle Vogelpohl gave the financial report of the fiscal year September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015 and our Endowment Fund Financial Advisor, Jon Spunaugle gave a report and a talk on the Endowment Fund. Then a request of funding from the Endowment Fund for supporting a museum in Butte, Montana was discussed. We decided we need some kind of guideline and a committee was set to make a draft by the Mid-Year Meeting in April it would be discussed then.
- *Special award for the members who extremely contribute to the NFMS was discussed. CFMS (California Federation) have had a Golden Bear Award since 1964 and it is considered to be the most important award in the CFMS. In the NFMS to be the Scholarship Honoree has been considered to be equivalent to those kinds of special awards. However, there were some members who are not being recognized properly. The majority of the attended members felt a special award is necessary for the NFMS, so it was decided that Lyle will make a draft based on the Operation Procedure of the CFMS's Golden Bear Award by the next Mid-Year Meeting.
- *Historian position was discussed. It has been in the newsletter for quite a while that we are looking for a person for this position, but there were no responses. Since the material is stored near Idaho Falls Club, it would be ideal to have someone from that club to take the position. Our 1st VP Jim Bosley who belongs to Idaho Falls Club will be looking for candidates within his club.
- *Our Junior Chair, Audrey Vogelpohl mentioned the discontinuation of the Mini Miner online magazine and talked about her plans of the junior activities during the 2016 Albany show. And there was a discussions of encouraging junior activities.
- *Email newsletter distribution was discussed. It seems like it is not increasing as it should be. Our Secretary, Judi Allison will attempt to write an article to describe a possible method.
- *Talked about the 2016 NFMS/AFMS combined Convention and Show in Albany, Oregon. We are aiming to have 200 cases, so everyone was encouraged to put in cases themselves or recommend someone who has a good case preferably using NW material. We have enough loaner cases to be used at the Show. We talked about dealers, demonstrators, daily field trips, silent auction, and the field trips to the Prineville area following the show and etc. Our Bulletin Aids, Ronna Watkins mentioned that the deadline for the bulletin submissions is March 1, 2016 and reminded everyone to come to the Breakfast. Any good ideas are welcome and the details of the show should be in the newsletter as things progresses. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please email Show Chair, Janice VanCura at jvancura@peak.org.
- *Lenora Smith of the Oregon Rock Council talked about the Council and about their "Oregon State Capital Case" in Salem, which promotes rockhounding. She encouraged the members to take a look. And we talked about the importance of joining organizations as ALAA, Oregon Rock Council, Washington Rock Council and etc. to give rockhounds exposure and to gain strength.
- *Our new Stamp Chair, Chuck Sonner explained about the stamps and his new strategy using the eBay to sell the stamps.
- *There were several talks about encouraging members to donate to the AFMS Scholarship and to the NFMS Endowment Fund.

Overall, I think we were able to share lots of our thoughts and it was a good opportunity to discuss many subjects. If you have any concerns towards the NFMS or have any ideas or suggestions to make the NFMS a better place, please email me at htkira@spiritone.com and I will promise I will follow it up.

There will be no December issue, so please have a great Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope you will enjoy working on your newly found treasures.

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1. Dues and supplies
2. Donations for the general fund
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Scholarship

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

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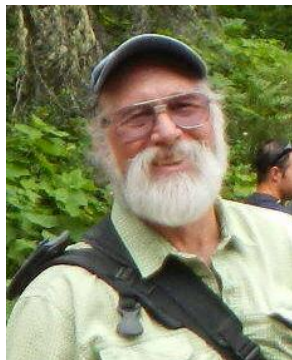
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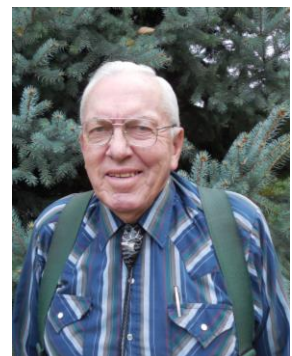
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1st VP's REPORT



Jim Bosley 1ST Vice President

No Report Submitted.



Keith Fackrell 2nd Vice President

I feel it is a privilege to serve as 2nd Vice President in the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. I feel it a privilege to work with and learn from the great people I am associating with. This is going to be a challenging, yet educational experience. I will do my very best to fill this position. Thanks to each of you who had any part of the process in nominating, accepting and voting for me.

My first call to duty was to attend the NFMS Organizational meeting in Hillsboro, Oregon. My wife, Jerrie and I drove to Hillsboro and was very surprise to see the miles and miles of recently burnt areas from Ontario through most of the Columbia River Gorge to Portland, Oregon. We were told that the fires had burned just 4 days before we got there. Upon arriving, we settled into our motel, then after we were given 3 different directions, we finally located the Rice Museum of Rocks and Minerals where the meeting was to be held the next day. This museum is well worth the visit if you get into the area. There were many large beautiful polished rock slabs from all over the United States on display.

The meetings were informative, and we met many super people. This was the starting point of helping me learn what is needed for my job. While at the Executive Meeting I was asked to attend the American Federation of Mineralogical Society in Austin, Texas as a Delegate. (Just two weeks to drive home from Portland, Oregon, arrange for someone take care of our calves, and drive to Austin, Texas).

I must have agreed to go to Texas, because here it is October 22, 2015 and I am sitting in the AFMS Delegates meeting in Austin, Texas. Delegates from all the federations in AFMS are in attendance.

President Marion Roberts reports that AFMS is operating very well with both assets and people doing a great job.

Outgoing NFMS President, Warren Rood, in a written report, told about the week long Lapidary retreat they held. This is a must for all who are interested in learning from seasoned instructors. About eight different subjects were taught. You can read more about this Retreat in the NFMS Newsletter. Rood encourages early sign up because there is a waiting list.

Hidemi Kira, current NFMS President reported that NFMS Juniors have increased 70% since 2007. (Side note) No Juniors in NFMS applied for an award in 2015. We can work harder on this.

AFMS Scholarship Foundation's total Contributions are down this year compared to last year according to Jon Spunaugle, AFMS Treasurer. Spanaugle said that lower levels of support for the Foundation by rockhounds could risk our current status as a "public charity" and risk a chance of our status to a "private foundation" by the IRS. This could subject the Foundations's investments to a one to four percent excise tax and could jeopardize our level of educational awards.

He also reported that the total amount of Educational Grants, paid since the inception of the AFMS Grants program, has paid scholarships for 610 students to attend 132 Universities and Colleges.



From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

It is winding down toward the end of the year. That does not mean that all the activities of the year are slowing down. In fact, I am sure that they are picking up in speed and in quantity as we work our way through the final months. Thanksgiving and Christmas with all the gift shopping, food shopping, cooking, wrapping of presents, trip planning, All of these tend to make us tired and sometimes irritable.

Make sure that you take time to slow down. Take time to relax. Take time to care for yourself. We all try to live up to the expectations of those around us. Sometimes the frustration of having so much to do ends up tying our relationships with those around us in knots, and they are not pretty bows like those on top of our Christmas presents. Remember that all of the ads out there are to make you want to buy, buy, buy; even if you do not need the item, the fancy gadget, the brand new whatever.

Slow down and really think about what is important. Take time to slow down enough to love and care for those around us. That will be the best Thanksgiving get together and the best Christmas present your friends and family could receive. Keep it simple. Keep it full of joy. And you will be blessed too.



2016 NFMS AFMS Show Update

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Show in Albany Oregon in July. In this newsletter are applications for display cases. We would really like to showcase northwest material since this is the AFMS show and it would be great to show the other Federation members what we have in the Northwest. We are hoping to have over 200 display cases. So please consider either competing or putting in a non-competitive display.

As a reminder the show dates are July 29th through the 31st, with the AFMS meeting on the 28th. The week after the show will be a multi-federation field trip out of Prineville. See you all there. For more information see our club webpage wamsi.org.

Janice Van Cura, Show Chair



NFMS/AFMS Competitive Display Form

Competitive Cases By Lauren Williams

It is time to start getting your Competitive Case ready for Competition in Albany next July. Remember, it is you and the Rule Book. You do not compete against other people. It is how well you can follow the rule book and being consistent in setting up your case, such as case liners and labels. Take the extra time on the workmanship of your pieces and the setup of your case. The AFMS is coming to town so if you get a score of 90 or above by the NFMS judges your case will automatically 'fly up' to the AFMS level and will be judged again by the AFMS judges to make you eligible for both NFMS and AFMS trophies. Applications will be published next year in this newsletter. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact anyone on the judging committee or anyone that you know who has already won at the NFMS or AFMS level.

NFMS/AFMS COMPETITIVE ENTRY FORM

Treasures of the Northwest
Linn County Fair & Expo Center – Albany, Oregon
July 29 – July 31, 2016

COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT ENTRY DEADLINE: June 29, 2016

All entries may be set up beginning Thursday July 28, 2016 from 9 am to 8 pm. **All entries must be ready for judging by 8:30am Friday the 29th.** And may not be removed prior to the close of the show Sunday, July 31, 2016. All exhibits must be removed by 5 pm Sunday.

SECURITY WILL BE FURNISHED
TWO GUEST PASSES PER EXHIBITOR WILL BE PROVIDED.

Cases will be assigned space on display bases approximately 40 inches high. Exhibits are limited to 150 watts of power per case, and exhibitor should supply a three prong extension cord to reach the power supply under the tables. (Normally 10 feet) If borrowing a case power cords will be provided.

Please complete all information on the entry form and the certification form and mail or email to the competitive exhibit registration chairman for acceptance and acknowledgement. Mail to: **Dee Holland, P.O. Box 23, Tendoy, ID 83468.** or beauholland@centurytel.net

You must fill out a separate application for each entry. **ENTRY DEADLINE: June 29, 2016**

Refer to the AFMS Rules Updated to January 2016 for Competition. For updated rules, go to: www.amfed.org

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Signature _____

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(AFMS RULES)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SOCIETY _____

This display is to be entered in (check one) _____ NFMS or _____ AFMS Direct

EXHIBITOR GROUP: MASTER _____ ADVANCED _____ NOVICE _____ JUNIOR _____
SOCIETY _____ JUNIOR SOCIETY _____

EXHIBIT DIVISION: _____ EXHIBIT CLASS: _____

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I hereby certify that all material in competition by me is my own property, or if Society all material belongs to members of the society. All work except minor findings or where otherwise allowed by the rules was completed by me. I have read the current rules and agree to abide by them.

Exhibitors Signature _____

PRINT NAME: _____

Exhibitor's Society: _____

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Title _____ Date: _____

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NFMS/AFMS Non-Competitive Display Form

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

SOCIETY _____ **City State** _____

Do you have your own case? _____ **Size: Width** _____ **Height** _____ **Depth** _____
Do you want to borrow a case? _____ **Cases will be available on a limited basis. Basic size: 4 ft x 2 ft x 2 ft.** Loaner cases do not always have risers, but will have liners.

Description of Material to be presented _____

Signature: _____
Be sure and make a copy for your use.



Start Your Plan for the All American Club Yearbook!

by Regina Kapta, Chair. rmkapta@comcast.net

The All American Club Award is given to the individual club Yearbook that highlights a club’s activities for the past year, including group activities, individual member participation, workshops and shows. Credit is given for member attendance at regional and national shows, holding officer positions on various committees, writing to state representatives, involvement in ALAA, and junior programs and workshops - activities that reflect an active club that makes membership worthwhile for everyone. The AACA awards are recognition of these activities, with bronze, silver and gold levels and an overall 1st place gold award.

Take a look at what your club has accomplished this past year, and give credit where credit is due!. The more members contribute to the yearbook, the more completely it can serve as an historical document for the club. Start now to canvas members for documentation, letters, flyers or other materials to fill in some gaps just might make the difference between a good club and a great Club Yearbook entry.

Take advantage of the guide that is on the AFMS web site written by John Washburn. “An All American Club Yearbook: A Guide for Preparation.” This gives an explanation of each section, and what judges look for in rating the entries. It also highlights areas that are usually the weakest for many clubs and offers suggestions to improve those areas, as well as hints and tips for organizing the book.

Remember, some highlighted activities will be awarded bonus points, such as participation entries in Competitive Displays, utilization of the FRA junior program, and for club members volunteering as Judges for any of the AFMS sponsored contests.

The deadline for entry in the AFMS contest is April 15, 2016. Check with your regional chairs for their deadline. A copy of the Entry Form for year 2016 is on the AFMS web site <www.amfed.org/AACA.htm>. Via AFMS Newsletter 11/15

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Rest In Peace Liz Rudd By Evan Day

On November 1, 2015 Liz Rudd, who has touched the lives of so many people passed away peacefully, surrounded by family at the age of 91.

Growing up in foster homes during World War II, it was a difficult time. In 1939 she moved to Berlin to seek employment. Her first day on the job was also the day Germany invaded Poland. In 1948 she married Ivan Rudd in Germany. Materials for a wedding dress were non-existent. Ivan ordered a nylon parachute through the army and with the help of friends a beautiful wedding dress was created for Liz and her bridesmaids. In September 1948, Ivan and Liz departed Germany and moved to Ogden, Utah. Speaking very little English she enrolled in night classes to learn English, but her German accent remained strong, which gave Liz her unique personality. In 1955 she received her U.S. Citizenship.

Liz was active as a Girl Scout Leader for 20 years. She was also a member of the Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society for 26 years. Through requests from the members, Ivan and Liz, along with fellow "rockhounds," established the Ogden Natural History Museum, which is currently located at the Eccles Dinosaur Park. Liz was a volunteer at St. Benedict's Hospital Auxiliary for 18 years. As volunteer president she established the Encore Shop, a consignment store located at St. Benedict's Hospital, to raise funds for hospital equipment. It remained open for 24 years.

Christmas was a special time of the year for Liz. For 12 years she created Christmas items and sold the items at Christmas boutiques. She collected numerous Christmas decorations and her home was a "Christmas Showcase" of holiday spirit.

Liz is survived by her husband, Ivan; her daughters, Beverly and Stephanie; and granddaughter, Kim.

Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 514 24th St., Ogden, Utah. Interment, Lindquist's Washington Heights Memorial Park, 4500 Washington Blvd. A Celebration of Life was held on November 14, 2015 In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity in her honor.

Send condolences to the family at www.lindquistmortuary.com.



NFMS Dues are DUE !!! By Lyle Vogelpohl, Treasurer

NFMS dues need to be sent to me by January 10, 2016, along with the other requested information. Your club will receive a packet of information and forms by the first part of November 2015. If your club does not receive this packet, please let me know right away. The packet contains 3 items.

1) A letter of instructions on how to complete the other items in the packet. NFMS dues are **based on who was a member of your club in 2015** \$3.50 for EACH ADULT member and \$1.00 for EACH JUNIOR (18 and under) member. (NOT based on who has already paid their dues for 2016.) The NFMS pays the AFMS \$.75 for each adult and junior member from these amounts.

This instruction sheet also contains order information about the 2016 NFMS Directory. The NFMS Directory includes NFMS Officer and Committee information, all society club and member information, a quick reference sheet to each club's meeting date, NFMS Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, and the NFMS Program Library catalogue. Each club is provided a free copy each year. Individuals may purchase their own copy for \$10.00.

2) A sheet for your club's information, including club name, website, mailing address, meeting place and time, contact person, and your 2016 officer and committee list. There is space on this form for the names of the 3 persons in your club to whom the AFMS Newsletter will be sent. I forward those names on to the AFMS. The final items on the sheet are spaces for the calculation of your club's dues - adults and juniors --AND space for NFMS Directory orders.

3) This item is the one that I will ask for the most assistance from your club. We ask that you please **update the membership list we send to your club**. Please do NOT send a copy of your club roster. Think of it this way, the NFMS files contain over 3600 names and addresses. If you send your club roster they must be checked line by line against our data base - a tremendously time consuming task. We ask that you **update our list** by crossing out names of members who are no longer with your club. And **list on a separate sheet of paper** the names and requested information of those members who moved, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of your members who do not appear on the provided list.

Thank you for your help in seeing that your club gets this job done promptly ... dues are due by the 10th of January.



Rockhounds of the Year

The **Mount Hood Rock Club** takes pride in presenting **Dick Parks and Patty Amos** as our Rockhounds of the Year for 2015. Patty is a Past President of Mount Hood Rock Club and Past President of the NFMS as well as editor of our Mount Hood Rocket Newsletter. Dick has been Treasurer of our club and is very active in leading field trips for the club and for the Federation. They store club supplies at their place and are very active in club activities.

When shows come up they always have a fine exhibit or two to help make the show more complete. We are very pleased to have them as club members.

Scot Jackson is the nominee from the **Panorama Gem and Mineral Club** of Colville, WA. As a member of this young club he has actively participated in many events. He has served as trustee for 2 three year terms. He hosted the club members at his home, running a shop there for 6 years and helping with lapidary instruction, and built a room on his house for sphere machines.

Field trips have been a great interest for Scot and his committee members, and this year proved very demanding with the heat and fire season—but they put together and carried out an ambitious field trip schedule. This required identifying areas and making pre-trips to confirm access and materials, leading the trips under physical hardship during the entire field season with unflagging effort. He has been a mainstay at every club show—setting up and running the “Kids Corner”, and always there to help where needed. We are proud to call Scot “Rockhound of the Year” for 2015.

AFMS Meeting 2015 Report



AFMS 68th Annual Meeting Report By Hidemi Kira

In this issue, I would like to write a short report regarding the AFMS (American Federation of Mineralogical Societies) 68th Annual Meeting & Show held in Austin, Texas hosted by the SCFMS (South Central Federation). The show was combined with the Austin Gem & Mineral Society's 54th Annual Show held from October 23 to 25 and the AFMS Meeting was on October 22, one day prior to the show.

Our immediate Past President Warren Rood was supposed to be attending this meeting as the NFMS President of 2014-2015 and I was supposed to be there as the 1st VP of 2014-2015. Warren had an eye problem and had to cancel the trip at the last minute, so we had to find someone who could be there. Despite the short notice, our 2nd VP, Keith Fackrell was able to make the arrangement to be there, so I represented Warren and Keith represented me and it all worked out fine. I am so thankful Keith was able to attend. It made the NFMS look good to have the both positions filled in. And I am glad Keith's wife Jerrie and my wife Tomoko also attended the AFMS meeting and the other meetings.

Setting up a local Show usually needs lots of energy. If it is a Regional Federation Show, it will take a little more energy. And if it is an AFMS Show, it will take even more energy to set it up. I am sure the SCFMS and the Austin Gem & Mineral Society spent lots of time and energy to make this event happen and would like to thank them for their efforts.

Some of you may have heard about the weather condition in the Austin area. It was not very pleasant and we had a fair amount of rain. However, the rain was not too bad compared to the very heavy traffic. The AFMS meeting was to start at 9 am and I was able to be there prior to the meeting time, but many seemed to have been delayed due to the rain and the traffic. The meeting was postponed to 9:30 am, but still it seemed the attendance was fairly low. The meeting place was set in a huge hall with no PA system and it was pretty difficult to hear what was going on. We heard they were able to save a significant amount of money by renting that huge hall instead of renting the regular meeting room. The meeting itself went pretty smoothly with the majority of the reports in the packet, which was prepared and handed out prior to the meeting.

Good news for the NFMS is that our Doug True (our NFMS Field Trip Chair) is now officially the 2nd VP of the AFMS! And I was able to distribute the packet for the 2016 AFMS/NFMS Meeting & Show and was given the opportunity to advertise the 2016 AFMS/NFMS Show. I am sure the results of the Meeting and Show will be in the AFMS Newsletter, so please check out the AFMS Newsletter online at www.amfed.org for details. And as I wrote last year, if your club belongs to the Federation, that means you are a member of the AFMS as well. So please check out what the AFMS is doing by going to the above site.

We also attended the AFMS Scholarship Meeting, SCFMS's Annual Meeting and the ALAA Meeting together with Keith and Jerrie. Attending other Federation's Meetings is a good opportunity to learn something different. I attended the banquet and found I won a raffle prize for the AFMS Endowment Fund again this year. I won last year for the first time and got it 2 years in row. I proved that "If you don't buy, you don't win", so please consider purchasing the tickets from now on! Unfortunately, Keith and Jerrie could not attend the Banquet, but they attended the Editor's Breakfast to gather information for their club.

The show had 33 dealers, Austin Club's Booth, Silent Auction, Demonstrations, the Paleontology Society of Austin Booth, and several other booths. There was a very impressive "Food Table", which was one of the best I have ever seen. It even had a little puppy with "Pet Food" and a "Poop".

Regarding the display cases, there were 19 competitive cases, which were mostly minerals and it looked pretty good. However, besides the competitive cases, they had only 26 regular display cases. And among the 26 cases, there were 2 with only some magazines, 6 with one large piece of rock with no labels. There were only 3 cases in which Texas material was used. I know that Texas produces some of the most beautiful Plume Agates in the US such as Alpine Plume, Marfa Plume, Bouquet, Pom Pom and Canadian River. I was hoping to see some of the best of those plumes at the show, but unfortunately did not see any. I couldn't even find any of those plumes among the dealers as well and felt a little sad. Maybe there are not that many "Plume Fans" in Texas. Well, I was able to get some Texas material at the Silent Auction, which was pretty good. And it was very nice to see again some of the friends we made last year in Tulsa, Oklahoma. And of course, we made some new friends in Austin and they are the biggest treasure you can get attending these Meetings and shows!

Well, next year is our turn to host the AFMS Meeting and Show. I hope we all can do our best to make it successful and to have everyone from other areas of US have fun and a good experience!

Happy Holidays



NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule

December 5 & 6 Sat - 9 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Winter Bazaar Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Maplewood R&G Clubhouse, 8802 196 th ST SW, Edmonds WA	Mike Collins 206 714 6861
Feb. 12-14 Fri - 9:30 - 5:30 Sat - 9:30 - 5:30 Sun - 9:30 - 5:30	Oregon Agate and Mineral Society	OMSI (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry), 1945 SE Water Avenue Portland OR	Ginny Deppa ginnydeppa@gmail.com 503 232 0970
Feb. 13 - 14 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. 27 & 28 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Idaho Gem Club	Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood Street Boise ID 83714	Brent Steward 208 342 1151 rocksbybrent@gmail.com
March 4 & 5 Fri - 8:30 - 6 Sat - 9 - 5	Panorama Gem and Mineral Club	Stevens County, Fairgrounds, Columbia Avenue, Colville WA	Bill Allen 509 935 8779 or 509 936 2446 sagostore2@plix.com
March 5 & 6 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	East KingCo Rock Club	Pickering Barn 1730-10th Avenue NW Issaquah WA	Cindy Smith cndysmith@gmail.com PO Box 2203, Redmond WA 98073
March 12-13 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 4	Magic Valley Gem Club	Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Merchant Building #1, 215 Fair Avenue, Filer ID	Shirley or Rocky Metts 208 423 4827 rmetts@magicvalleygemclub.org
March 12 - 13 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Rock and Arrowhead Club	Klamath Co. Fairgrounds 3531 South 6 th Street Klamath Falls OR	Marv Stump 541 882 8341 POB 1803 Klamath Falls OR 97601 Garwin Carlson 541 882 8276
March 18 - 20 Fri, Sat - 10 - 7 Sun - 10 - 5	Timpanogos Gem and Mineral Society	Spanish Fork Fair Grounds 475 South Main Street Spanish Fork, UT	Karl Powell 801 319 6115 timpanogosrock@gmail.com
March 19-20 Sat - 9 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Hellgate Mineral Society	Hilton Garden Inn 2730 North Reserve St. Missoula MT	Bob Riggs 406 543 3667 robert.riggs3@gmail.com
March 25-27 Fri, Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 4	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA	Spokane County Fair & Expo Ctr, N. 604 Havana & Broadway, Spokane WA	Vonnie Dillon 509 951 8173 showchair@rockrollers.org
March 26 - 27 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Club	Bloedel Donovan Comm. Cntr., 2214 Electric Avenue, Bellingham WA	Lori Nettles 360 961 7873 lorinhardy@yahoo.com www.mtbakerrockclub.org
March 26 - 27 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Sweet Home Rock and Mineral Society	Sweet Home High School Gym, 1641 Long Street Sweet Home OR	Joe Cota 541 451 2740 or Ed Anderson 541 944 2124 ela4rocks@gmail.com PO Box 2279 Lebanon OR
April 8 - 10 Fri - 9 - 6 Sat - 10 - 6	Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society	Golden Spike Event Ctr, Weber County Fairgrnds, 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden UT	Deborah Blake 385 205 9187 gemshow@goldenspikegem.org
April 9 & 10 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society	Idaho Falls Recreation Ctr, Corner of Memorial Drive and B Street, Idaho Falls ID	Dave Gunderson 208 523 2355 or Kevin Landon 208 357 3847 PO Box 2362 Idaho Falls ID
April 16 & 17 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club	Benton County Frngds. 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA	Mary Lou Omstead 509 783 2798 PO Box 6652 Kennewick WA 99336
April 22 - 24 Fri & Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Mt Hood Rock Club	W.P. Jackson Armory, 6255 NE Cornfoot Road, Portland OR 97218 [NOTE LOCATION CHANGE]	Wayne King mhrcshow@gmail.com 503 284 7195
April 23 & 24 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40 th Avenue SW Seattle WA	Diane Christensen diane@purms.org 206 439 3606 www.westseattlerockclub.org
April 30 - May 1 Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Everett Rock and Gem Club	Everett Com. College, Walt Price Student Fitness Center, 2206 Tower Street, Everett WA	Fritz Mack 425 232 0809 rockngemmack1@gmail.com PO Box 1615 Everett WA 98206
May 7 & 8 Sat - 9 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds, I-5 Exit 123 Roseburg OR	Sue Woodman 541 672 3486 rocksandhorses3@gmail.com or Eileen Paul 541 672 5229 beadpatch@mydfn.net
May 7 & 8 Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Al Bedoo Shrine, Aud., 1125 Broadway Ave, Billings MT	Doug True dtruefossils12@yahoo.com 406 670 0506
June 3- 5 Fri, Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club	Swiss Park 9205 198 th Avenue East Bonney Lake WA 98390	Nancy LeMay bees2knees@att.net 253 347 0794 info@puyallupgemclub.org
July 29-31 Fri, Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 10 - 4	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society AFMS and NFMS MEETINGS	Linn County Expo Center, Albany Oregon	Janice Van Cura 541-753-2401 jvancura@peak.org , www.wamsi.org
October 22-23 Sat: 9 - 6 Sun: 10 - 5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club	Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, OR 97013	Beth Heesacker, heesacker@coho.net , 4145 NW Heesacker Rd., Forest Grove, OR 97116