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Darrell Coyle

This is my first article as the President of the NFMS for the term of 2023. There is going to be a lot going on this year. The NFMS is hosting the AFMS Annual Meeting in Billings Montana in August 2023. Our Annual Meeting and Show will be held concurrently. The Billings Club has already been working hard and has the dates of August 3-6 reserved for the show and meetings. It is a great area and time of year for collecting agates, petrified wood, jasper and marine fossils on the Yellowstone River and there are locations in the Pryor Mountains for fossils and agates, Wild Horses and Ice Caves. Pretty sure there will be field trips. I intend to make my reservations as soon as possible. Montana gets full during tourist season. There are many State Parks to visit. I would recommend Lewis and Clark Caverns and Makoshika. Dozens of Historical Sites and Museums. Rocky Mountain Museum in Bozeman, the Mineral Museum in Butte. The Montana Dinosaur Trail is quite the experience. This could be the year to take a long vacation with the NFMS/AFMS Convention as the main reason to make the trip.

There are a couple of things I want to discuss with the membership. First, I want to talk about our volunteers. I would like to thank everyone for their involvement in our Committee and Officer positions. The Federation runs on volunteers and sometimes the volunteers need to hear that their work is appreciated. I hope those that are able will continue to fill the positions they currently are in. If you know someone who could help, please ask them personally to fill the vacant positions. Some of our volunteers are doing double duty and could really use the help. Please step up and volunteer. Many of these positions are actually quite easy and enjoyable.

Secondly: Budget. Oh, the B word. The next year could be difficult due to economic conditions. The endowment fund is likely to continue to have low returns. Income is probably going to be less than the Annual expenses. The Dues Offset is also a significant loss of income. The single largest expense is the printing of the Newsletter. I would encourage you to give me some feedback on ways to reduce expenses and positive ideas on ways to increase income.

The PRGMS Show in Portland was excellent. Plenty of vendors and activities. The folks who put the show on did a great job. Your hard work is appreciated. Thank you for hosting the NFMS Convention and giving the NFMS space for the Silent Auction. There were several people who worked the Silent Auction the entire Show. Thank You for that hard work also. The show cases were great. Competitive cases were judged both by the PRGMS and NFMS. Ribbons and Trophies were awarded. Truly impressed by it.

STAMP UPDATE

Ed and I are working on sorting the new batch of stamps (to add to the old batch of stamps) that we have received from so many NFMS members. The latter is from those who brought stuff to the Portland Regional Rock Show and handed off to me on Sunday. I was surprised at how full the five banana boxes were! We received albums, old postcards, and lots of bags ' stamps. Thank you everyone who sent material! We will have an opportunity to sell some of the material to collectors in January. Some of the material will be batched into lots for a big auction that follows in May. A special shout out to the person who donated the framed love stamps. I'm hoping that finds a new home on one of the walls of our stamp club members... what a great gesture of generosity! If that goes well, we will be creating similar "art" for sale from the topical stamps you've donated. Ed has already created one with the American flag.

Aaron Currier  
Stamp Co-chair

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Jennifer Haley , 1st Vice President

Hi Everyone,  
I am sorry I missed you all at the grand annual NFMS-PRGMS show and convention. I really wanted to be there. I had booked a trip to Scotland before there were plans for this year’s NFMS convention. Unfortunately, the dates coincided.

In recent years clubs have been encouraged to update their field trip maps which are on public land. Some of you may be familiar with CFMS’ experience of having a national monument planned out in one of their collecting areas which they have been enjoying for the past 100 years. The clubs made sure their route numbers and roads were written down so they could submit them to be included in the BLM planning. The planning hasn’t been finalized yet, but BLM publicly stated for the record last month they have no intention of preventing rockhounding in the monument. You can imagine that was music to every rockhound’s ears who have been involved in this planning.

You can see the value in making sure someone or more than one person in your society has current mapping. Sometimes public land management changes their numbering systems on signs, sometimes weather or people on a joy ride knock them down. In any case, document your roads and routes so you are prepared in case land management decides to make changes which would have impacts on your field trips for the future. Since you are already going out on a field, document it for your society’s files.

I love those old hand drawn field trip maps that are older than me. I like to frame and hang them up, so by all means you don’t have to crumble and toss the old artwork, just keep in mind sometimes things change. You also want to make note of what you are collecting of rocks, gems, minerals or fossils in those favorite spots.

The CFMS had the unfortunate experience of having a national monument dropped on their collecting area, but they are having the good fortune in having a great staff of BLM who wants to work with them in the planning of the monument. It takes rockhounds getting involved and staying involved when things like this happen, and knowing rockhounds and public lands management can work well together.

Lora R. Hall, NFMS 2<sup>nd</sup> VP



Answering the Questions of "What" and "Where" May Help Attract New Members  
Even before the pandemic many clubs were struggling to attract new members and keep existing members engaged. So, how do we do that? The first step is to look at why people join a rock club, and the second step is to make sure your club offers those opportunities.  
From my experience one of the top reasons folks join a rock club or mineral society is because want to learn more about either geology or lapidary. Many have been lifelong casual rock collectors and know

little or nothing about their finds. Still others picked up a box of rocks at a garage sale or maybe they inherited grandpa’s rock collection. They will often show up at their first meeting with a rock or two, or maybe a bucket full hoping someone will appreciate and identify their treasures.

Folks also seek out clubs hoping to learn lapidary skills and how to make something with their finds. Second to “What is it?” the question I hear the most is “What can I do with it?” follow by “What it is worth?” A club that has members willing to spend time answering these questions will have an easier time attracting and keeping new members. Some clubs have two meetings a month; one that is a business meeting and one that is a social or educational meeting. Others have one meeting that frequently starts with a short business meeting followed by a social hour, educational presentation, or demonstration.

When it comes to questions new and prospective members ask, “Where did you find that?” comes in close to the top and that brings us to field trips. You can attract new club members by offering field trips. The Hellgate Mineral Society in Missoula signed up 68 new members at their annual show by highlighting club field trips at their education table. The display included specimens from numerous field trip locations, rockhounding tools and safety equipment, popular guidebooks, and handouts of the summer field trip schedule. If your club doesn’t already host field trips, consider adding one or two. If your club has field trips, consider using them as a selling point. Field trips are so much more than an opportunity to collect specimens. It is where club members get to know each other and build friendships. Many successful clubs have a mix of both short one-day trips and longer over-night camping trips. The bottom line is your club needs to be about more than a monthly business meeting. If you have a tip that works for your club, consider sharing it with me and I will include it in next months article.



Lora Hall  
NFMS 2<sup>nd</sup> VP



Hellgate Mineral Society Field Trip  
to Snowbird Mine, MT



# Past President Larry Hulstrom

Thanks to all who came to the annual meeting in Hillsboro OR. It was a great show hosted by the Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show Association and thanks to the many volunteers that did such a great job. It was also great to see many of our fellow Rockhounds that we haven't seen in person for such a long time.

The annual meeting was attended by 27 delegates/directors from 20 clubs from the NFMS region. Minutes from that meeting will likely be sent out within the next month and appear in a future newsletter. The awards banquet was a fun time for all that attended, including some trophies that were awarded. George Last, the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Honoree for 2022 gave a fascinating program on the status of the Coyote Canyon Mammoth Dig Site located near Kennewick, WA and one of the student scholarship winners Mandy Abel was in attendance and briefly discussed her graduate studies. A special voice auction was held at the banquet. Jennifer Haley, NFMS 1<sup>st</sup> VP, made two mammoths (see the last newsletter), one of which was given to our guest speaker George, and the other was auctioned off and won by NFMS Treasurer Linda Harvey. Including a gem tree made by Judi Allison and Jerry Northrup's hat that was passed around (to hold the cash) the NFMS netted \$430 for the Scholarship/Endowment Fund.

The new officers sworn in at the banquet will do a great job in the coming year as we strive to recover from the pandemic and the shakey economy we are all facing at the moment. I am beginning to repack my bags so I can represent the NFMS at the annual AFMS meeting and convention in New Orleans in a little over a week. I will report back what I learn in the December issue.

Larry Hulstrom, Past President

## NFMS Youth in the News

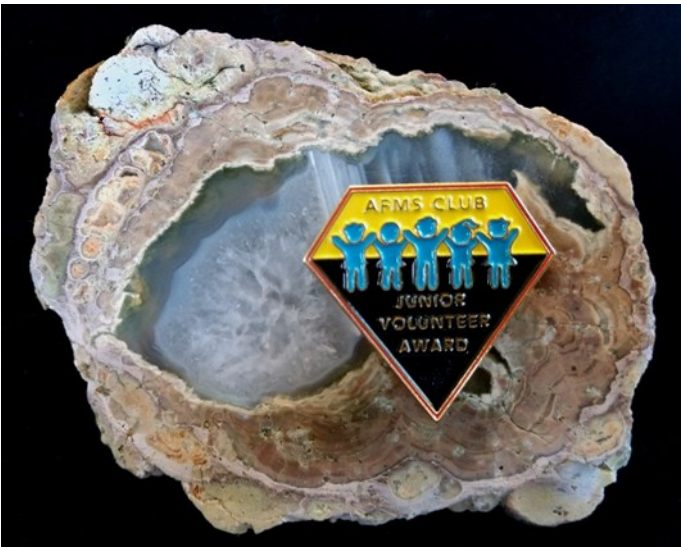
The new AMFS Future Rockhounds of America Volunteer Award is for juniors age 10-17 who contribute 20 hours or more of volunteer hours to their sponsoring club or society. Teens and pre-teens can be an asset to your club. In fact, some of them will become the lifeblood of your club in a few years. The FRA Junior Volunteer Award is meant to start them down that path. Junior members often help set up and take down at meetings, assist at rock shows, and maybe even help teach younger kids. Whether it's working at a show, filling grab bags, or making cookies for the next club big event, they deserve recognition. This award requires real work, provides real acknowledgement, and gives older juniors pride as they mature into adult members.

We would like to recognize three NFMS youth members who earned this award in 2021.

**Jacob Fitch**  
Hellgate Mineral Society, MT

**Josiah Fitch**  
Hellgate Mineral Society, MT

**Elisheba Fitch**  
Hellgate Mineral Society, MT



***Congratulations to these talented and dedication youth members!***

For more information about this award and other AMFS youth programs visit our new website at [www.juniors.amfed.org](http://www.juniors.amfed.org).

Sincerely yours,  
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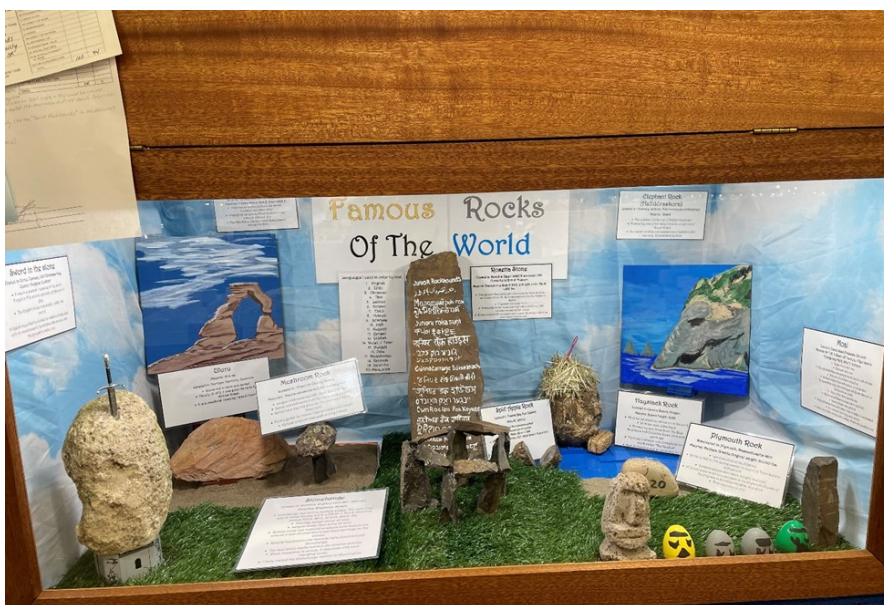




## ***PRGMSA Show Highlights***

**Junior Award winner Teddy Bunch from the Hermiston Hatrockhounds receiving the Junior Sweepstakes Award and the Isabelle Mattison Memorial Trophy from NFMS Judging Director Josh Hulstrom**

### **Winning Junior Display Case**



**George Last (AFMS Scholarship Foundation Honoree) and Linda Harvey (NFMS Treasurer) share a laugh with the two mammoths created by Jennifer Haley before they go their separate ways**

**Larry Hulstrom accepting an award for his competitive mineral case**



**Larry Hulstrom thanking Roberta Hanson, show chair, for putting on such a great show**

## **RockHound of the Year chair**

**By Laurie Ellis**

Howdy Hounds! It's been a rocky road, but that means some of our hounds have had extra room to shine!

Who plans the activities for your meetings? Who arranges the field trips? Who works the shows? Who wrangles new members? Who always brings the ice cream? Who makes you feel welcome at every event? I hope you've still been out hunting, and honing whatever rock habits you have. Looking forward to hear about your Super Rockhounds!

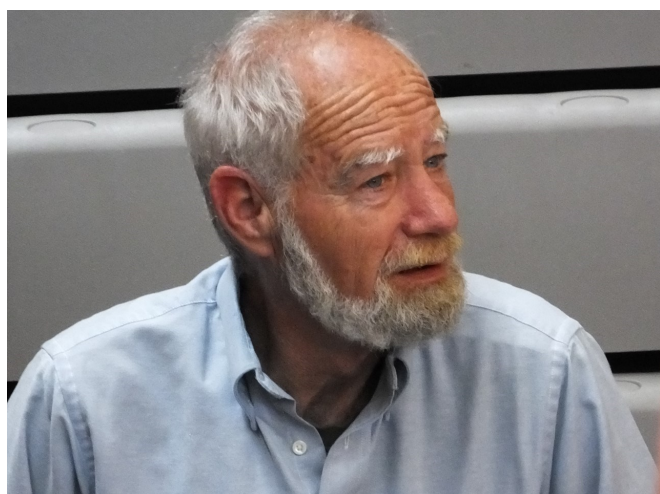
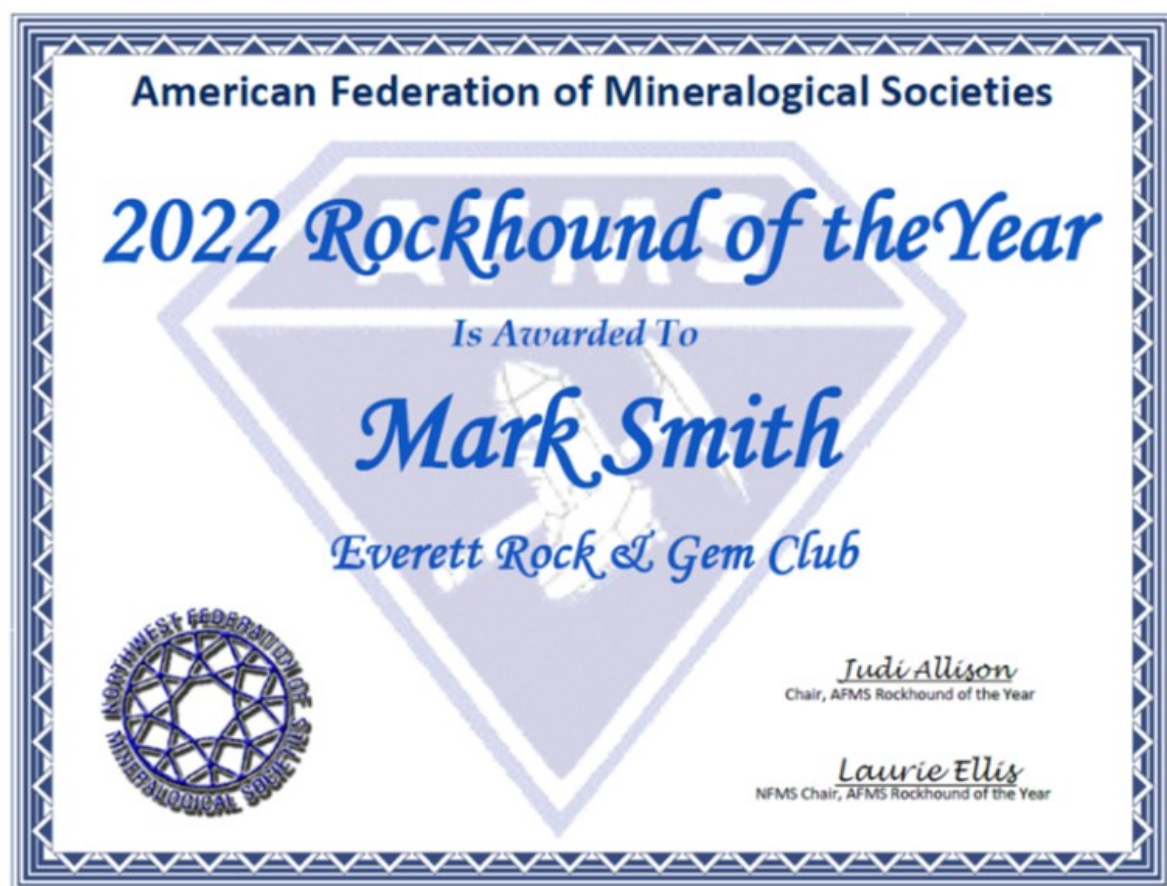


## Rockhound of the Year Mark Smith

Mark Smith, member of the Everett Rock & Gem Club was the epitome of a master rockhound. He and his wife Fran joined our club in 2017 and his impact was immediate. He quickly joined the Board but he also stepped up to help in so many ways. He made a huge difference in our corner of the world.

Need help with the Juniors- Mark will teach the kids how to open fossils. Need an electrician for the Show, Mark steps up. Trouble with your faceting machine -he can adjust that too. There really was no one quite like him. He and Fran would take off in truck and trailer and find beautiful specimens all over the U.S. They'd sell some to pay for their travels and donate boatloads to the club. They'd hit Tucson each year with a budget and buy prizes for our club. Mark & Fran stopped in at Miles City, MT after a North Dakota/Montana trip with family. Mark was helping a couple camped next to them find Montana moss agate in a gravel pit nearby. They had a ball. Mark wasn't feeling well afterwards and had a heart attack. We were unprepared and stunned. Mark passed doing what he loved and truly made an entire club and community lucky to know him.

By Jon Elmgren



## The Glory of Sharing-A Rockhound's Paradise

The time had come-that time of the year.

The annual show and meeting were here.

It had been awhile with false starts and cancelled hope.

The two years were tough ones, but we strived to cope.

The planning was done, and a fine job it was.

The people arrived. The place was abuzz.

Thanks to PRGMSA-the regional group. Folks had come because they knew the scoop.

The Wingspan Commons is a great big place.

Cases, dealers and shoppers had lots of space.

The volunteers all did their part, Working their areas with lots of heart.

The workers at the door welcomed the crowd,

While the auction folks called for bids out loud.

The air was festive and full of fun.

It was obvious to everyone.

Almost eighty cases on display. . .

Evidence of folk's hard work and play.

Judges assessed the assembled goods and made note of what they found.

When they were done with their work, ribbons and trophies did abound.

The annual meeting brought old friends and new.

Some discussions were long but disagreements were few.

Saturday's banquet served great food and time to relax,

Complete with fun, some mammoths and some mammoth facts.

If you missed it, never fear.

Mark your calendar for next year.

Billings, Montana is the place to be, With AFMS/NFMS and all to see.

One thing is certain. It can't be beat. Rockhound Heaven is wherever we meet!

By Judi Allison

## Remember To Acknowledge Your Volunteers

I understand that it has been a rough few years for many of our rock clubs. However, now that many of our clubs are returning to regular meetings and activities, it is time to start thinking about your 2022 newsletter editor, article contributors, and website volunteer.

I am the NFMS Bulletin Aids Contest Chair and, this year, the Website Contest Chair.

I have been the Bulletin Aids Chair for a few years, and the entries have always been bleak, considering how many clubs we have in the NFMS. The most entries I have ever had for a single year were from four clubs, and last year only one club.

**I want all the clubs in our federation to seriously consider recognizing their volunteers who keep your club news bulletin and website running. Anyone in your club can submit an entry on behalf of your club: A club member, editor, author, board member, nonclub member, etc.**

Bulletin categories for the competition include "Mini" (six pages or less), "Small" (7-11 pages), "Large" (more than eleven pages), and "New Editors" (any size bulletins). In determining page count, do not count any page that information generally doesn't change, like the club contact page, the mailing label page, and full advertising pages.

Article categories are “Original Adult Articles," "Advanced Adult Articles," "Written Features," and "Drawn Features." But what is the difference?

A feature is generally a short article, such as president or field trip reports, hobby-related humor, shop hints, member biography/ accolade, a book review, etc. Original Adult Articles has many subcategories, so check out the form.

Original Advanced Adult Articles are written by authors who have won a 1st place trophy in AFMS Adult Articles, earned a living in the earth science field, or had professionally published an article or book.

There are categories for "Junior Articles" and "Special Publications. "There is also a contest for drawn features like originally drawn cartoons, poetry, puzzles, quiz, sketch, or drawings. Also, let's not forget our webmasters or web admins.

We must not forget our club websites. It is my understanding that there are only one or two clubs that submit their websites each year. The club website doesn't have to "sing and dance." Consider whether your website is current and shows information that members use and find helpful. Do people in your area find your website when searching for a rock club? Does your website link to your club's Facebook page?

**This year's contest covers the calendar year, January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. All submissions must be received by Wednesday, February 15, 2023.**

The link for the various bulletin contest forms is here: **<https://www.amfed.org/editor/BEAC/contest.htm>**.

The link for the website contest form is here: **<http://northwestfederation.org/WebsiteContest.asp>**.























I prefer all submissions be made by email. If you have an article on a single page or two, attach the entire newsletter with the completed contest form and I will find the article. Please submit each entry in a separate email.























If you submit your website, you must email only the completed contest form. The email address “bulletin aids at gmail dot com.” is for **all contest submissions only!**

If you have questions or want to contact me directly, my personal email is "talking kat 2 at yahoo dot com." My cellphone number is 425-765-5408.


Now let's have a good contest this year!!























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

























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

















































With the end of the year coming up I will once again be sending out the notice to all current NFMS Club’s for payment of NFMS dues and updates to Directory rosters for 2023. The notices are sent out by email to the contact at your club so if that has or will be changing soon, please send me the new contact information before November 15, 2022. If you received your information in the mail last year, it will be sent by mail again this year to your Club’s address. Dues for 2023 will remain at \$2.50 per adult and \$1.00 per junior. The NFMS Endowment Fund is subsidizing \$1.00 of the normal \$3.50 adult dues which is a great help to us all. If you don’t receive your dues notice before December 1, 2022, please contact me. There has been a bit of trouble with the mail over the 2021-2022 years.










































































Business aside - make sure to take time to watch the changing colors of fall and may your holidays be filled with joy.































































































































































































NFMS Clubs’ Show Schedule -- 2022 - 2023

2022			
Nov 12th & 13th Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Skagit Rock & Gem Club	Sedro Woolley Community Center 703 Pacific Street Sedro Woolley, WA	Debbie Frank <a href="mailto:skagitrockandgem@gmail.com">skagitrockandgem@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.skagitrockandgem.com">www.skagitrockandgem.com</a>
2023			
Feb 11th & 12th 2023 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 9 - 5	Whidbey Island Gem Club	57th Annual Sweetheart of Gems The Center in Oak Harbor 51 Jerome St, Oak Harbor WA	Victoria Lovett <a href="mailto:vick_o_rama@hotmail.com">vick_o_rama@hotmail.com</a>
Feb 25th - 26th 2023 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Idaho Gem Club	Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood Boise ID 83714	Brent Stewart (208) 342-1151 <a href="mailto:rocksbybrent@gmail.com">rocksbybrent@gmail.com</a>
Feb 25th - 26th 2023 Sat 10 - 7 Sun 12-6	Chugach Gem and Mineral Society	Midtown Mall 600 E Northern Lights Blvd Anchorage AK	Paul Burger <a href="mailto:cavemonpaul@hotmail.com">cavemonpaul@hotmail.com</a>
Mar 4th & 5th 2023 Sat 10 - 7 Sun 12-6	Chugach Gem and Mineral Society	Midtown Mall 600 E Northern Lights Blvd Anchorage AK	Paul Burger <a href="mailto:cavemonpaul@hotmail.com">cavemonpaul@hotmail.com</a>
Mar 3rd - 5th 2023 Fri 10 - 5 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Tualatin Valley Gem Club	64th Annual Rock and Gem Show Forest Grove National Guard Armory 2950 Taylor Way Forest Grove OR	William Harvey Jr. <a href="mailto:WLHARVEYJR@msn.com">WLHARVEYJR@msn.com</a> <a href="http://www.tvgc.org">www.tvgc.org</a>
Mar 4th & 5th 2023 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	East King Co Rock Club	Pickering Barn 1730 10th Ave NW Issaquah WA	Kim Villines (425) 828-3872 <a href="mailto:earthlightgems@gmail.com">earthlightgems@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.EastKingCo.org">www.EastKingCo.org</a>
Mar 4th & 5th 2023 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society	O'Conner Field House 2207 Blaine Caldwell ID 83605	Paul Deveau (208) 994-8025 PO Box 1053 Caldwell ID 83605 <a href="mailto:devidaho@q.com">devidaho@q.com</a> <a href="http://www.OwyheeRocks.com">www.OwyheeRocks.com</a>
Mar 18th & 19th Sat 9 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Hellgate Mineral Society Missoula MT	28th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Lapidary Sale Hilton Garden Inn 3700 North Reserve St., Missoula MT	Neil Maier or Lora Hall <a href="mailto:info@hellgatemineralsociety.org">info@hellgatemineralsociety.org</a> <a href="http://hellgatemineralsociety.org">http://hellgatemineralsociety.org</a>
Mar 25th & 26th Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Club	61st Annual Rock and Gem Show Pioneer Pavillion 2007 Cherry St, Ferndale, WA	Wes Gannaway <a href="mailto:debnwes@comcast.net">debnwes@comcast.net</a> <a href="http://www.mtbakerrockclub.org">www.mtbakerrockclub.org</a>
Mar 25th & 26th Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Sweet Home Rock and Mineral Society	73rd Annual Sweet Home and Mineral Show 1641 Long Street Sweet Home, OR	Joe Cota (541) 451-2740 Ed Anderson (541) 451-1577 <a href="mailto:ela4rocks@gmail.com">ela4rocks@gmail.com</a>
April 29th & 30th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club	Benton County Fairgrounds BLD 2 1500 South Oak Kennewick WA	Larry Hulstrom (509) 308-8312 <a href="mailto:rockhound132@charter.net">rockhound132@charter.net</a>
April 29th & 30th Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple (West Seattle) 4736 40 <sup>th</sup> Avenue SW West Seattle WA	Annette Nelson (206) 379-3677 <a href="http://www.westseattlerockclub.org">www.westseattlerockclub.org</a>
Aug 3rd - 6th Thur 10 – 5 Fri 10 - 5 Sat 10 – 5 Sun 10 – 4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Billings Hotel and Convention Center 1223 Mullowney Ln Billings MT	Doug True <a href="https://billingsgemclub.com/contact-us">https://billingsgemclub.com/contact-us</a> (406) 200-8778