



**Reminder:** All newsletter submissions must be received by the 25th of each month to be included in the following issue.

**Letters From Our Executive Board Officers:**



**Jennifer Haley -  
1st Vice President**

It is the time of the year when holiday season is upon us. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and are enjoying this time for creating lapidary arts and craft gifts for friends, family and club silent auctions. I am busy making gem and mineral sculptures which I love doing.

I am looking forward to the change of our federation’s fiscal year to January 1<sup>st</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup> beginning in 2026. This is a good change, and will make the work our treasurer does so much easier to work with when it comes to the various annual filings.

I am excited about the AFMS newsletter going 100% digital beginning Feb 2026. For some time now I was hoping this would happen. Normally each club would receive three copies of this newsletter as they are issued during the year, but seldom does the newsletter or AFMS news get passed around so all of your members are aware of it. This will be a wonderful way for your members to get to know the AFMS better.

The AFMS newsletter or the hotlink to the newsletter will be emailed to each of the regional federation editors for them to forward to the clubs in their federation. Each club will then email (forward) the same email or hotlink to their club members. The newsletter will continue to be posted on the AFMS website.

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### **Letters From Our Committee Officers Continued:**

It's always a proud moment when a past president of a federation becomes an AFMS president. Our own Ronna Watkins has begun her AFMS presidency this year, and will continue that position through October 31, 2026. Be sure to read her articles at the national level to all affiliated federations and clubs each month.

To quote Thomas Hood, a 1800's English poet, writer and humorist: "When was ever honey made with one bee in a hive?" That pretty much sums it up about the work people do that goes into your federation each year. We have a lot of busy bees doing good work together, and there's always room for more volunteers. It's also important for you to help us find candidates for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP each year too.

I'm looking forward to the Hellgate Mineral Society's show in March. From everything I'm hearing, they are going to be putting on a great show. A big heartfelt thank you to all of them and all their work for hosting the NFMS annual event.



**Judi Allison - Secretary (Treasurer Pro Tem)**

#### **Secretary Report:**

Hi everyone, I hope you had a wonderful, thankful Thanksgiving and are planning for a blessed Christmas. I had a nice relaxing day with

relatives having visited earlier. I will do the same for Christmas, with a trip to Spokane afterward to gather with my son, his six children and all the extras (including 10 great grands) for a nice visit. I will also spend time with my sister and my youngest daughter, so it will be a lovely end to a busy year.

The one thing I want to point out to all of you is the google survey that our Director from Marysville so graciously put together. PLEASE take the time to complete the survey. This is everyone's Federation so everyone should have a say. I know some of you may think, "It's not relevant to me." You may have an 'us and them' picture of the Federation. We are working very hard to help you all realize the value to all; therefore, we ask that you complete the survey and show the Executive Board what you really want and need out of the Federation. If you have not received the survey because your newsletter-club liaison only tells you to go to the website for the newsletter,

please ask to have the survey emailed to you. If you don't receive it any other way, I would be willing to send you the link. My email is nfmsec@gmail.com. (But please only do this as a last resort, as that is why we have contact folks in each of our clubs.) We will be looking forward to the results and will act on them when we have a direction to proceed. In the meantime, I think our current President, Michael is considering the purchase of a camera set-up and the necessary equipment to allow for zoom meetings. That way more people who are unable to travel will be able to join the meetings.

Our Past President is busy helping with readying our 2026 Meeting on March 20th in Missoula, Montana. It sounds like the Hellgate Club is preparing for a bang-up show. I have heard a rumor that if you are a director and attend the meeting, you may be able to get a free ticket to the banquet. I also heard a rumor that you might see some surprise entertainment there. Who knows unless you attend? So, plan ahead.

We are also laying the groundwork for our "organizational meeting" which will take place in the fall, since the annual meeting will be in the spring. The plan is to hold the meeting on Saturday of the Portland Regional Show in the Wingspan facility where the show is held. Hopefully this will give more people greater access.

Well, enough for now, since I still need to write something for Treasurer. Please read that article for the continued saga.

#### **Treasurer Report**

Yes, we did have an individual (even a couple) step forward at the Federation show in Walla Walla. And, yes, our President did appoint Adam Pettitt of the Willamette Agate and Mineral Society as Treasurer until said time that he can be duly elected by the Assembly of Directors at the annual meeting in Missoula, Montana on March 20, 2026. And, yes, it is still a work in progress. It doesn't necessarily take an act of congress to get an individual added to an account, but that might have been quicker. To add an individual, of course you must have the signature: witnessed and notarized. Not only is it necessary to have the new individual complete such, all individuals that are listed on the account must also do so. And, of course, you can't just pick up the papers at the bank. There is a special phone number in la-la land that one must call to ask for the forms. Then the forms are sent snail mail to the individual

making the request. A couple of weeks later the forms arrive. An appointment is set up to have two individuals sign at the bank, as we live close enough. We are instructed to include a copy of the minutes detailing the appointment. Not only is there a form for each of the accounts (checking, savings, CD), but also a separate "signature card" for each. When we arrive at the bank to complete the task, we realize that there is no form for the CD. The bank personnel helps us by creating a form and adding a check mark that indicates it includes the CD. All these forms, the minutes detailing the appointment, a letter from the President stating such, additional instructions and explanations and the envelope for forwarding everything to the office in la-la land (Tampa, Florida) are sent to Adam. Adam completes his task, puts it all in an envelope and sends it off right around Halloween. Wednesday before Thanksgiving, November 26, I receive a letter dated November 13, stating the bank could not process our request because more information is needed. There is an additional "signature page" dedicated to the CD enclosed and instructions to detail the minutes. I am not certain if all this must be notarized again, as there is some mention of that. Then, of course, it must go back to Adam for his signature before being returned to the la-la land bank.

The reason I am giving you this detailed account is so you will know that, yes, it appears I will be taking care of the dues again this year. I was hoping folks would be able to send their money to Adam, but it appears he might not yet have the ability to do the banking necessary. Be on the lookout soon for the dues request and instructions for such. With any luck Adam will be officially able to conduct the banking process by the time you all (hopefully) see fit to officially elect him in March. Happy Holidays from the still reluctant Treasurer, pro tem. (Guess what my New Year's wish will be. - Judi

### **Safety Chair Article - Kathryn Larson:**

#### Seasonal Stress

Seasonal stress is a big one in my life. It starts getting darker early in the fall. When it's dark outside, I don't want to go anywhere or do anything except watch a movie and eat everything. Then the weather turns rainy and cold and I really want to hibernate.

I've found ways around this. Going outside and taking a walk during the day boosts my mood and mental health. It is also supposed to strengthen my immune system and it just feels good. More benefits include getting Vitamin D from sunlight, reducing stress and improving my focus and concentration. Being active also helps me maintain energy levels throughout the season.

When it is too nasty to go outside, I turn on all the lights, close the curtains and play music. Gathering with friends, playing board and card games helps the winter blues.

Hang in there. Winter is coming but so in spring.

Kathryn Larson

NFMS Safety Chair



**ADVANCE REGISTRATION**  
**Submission Deadline: February 20, 2025**  
**Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies**  
**and Hellgate Mineral Society Present**  
**Treasures of the Northwest**  
**Hilton Garden Inn 3720 N. Reserve St. Missoula, MT 59808**  
**March 21-22, 2026**  
**NFMS Meetings on Friday, March 20**



- **Complete Page 2 of this Advance Registration Form, one form per attendee**
- **Submit Page 2 and check as directed on Page 2.**

**Friday March 20, 2026 - First Lutheran Church, 2808 South Ave W, Missoula, MT 59804**

- 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM: Start the day with Coffee and Pastries
- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Editors/Webmasters Meeting
- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Editors, Officers, Committee Chairs, etc. Brunch & Social Time
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Officers/Committee Chairs, Judges/Clerks, Past Presidents Meeting

**Friday March 20, 2026 - @ Hilton Garden Inn, Salon A**

- 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: NFMS Annual Meeting

**Saturday, March 21, 2026 – Hilton Garden Inn, Salon A**

- 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Juniors Cracker Barrel
- 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM: Presentation (Topic to be determined)
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM: Presentation (Topic to be determined)
- 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Presentation (Topic to be determined)

**Saturday, March 21, 2026 - First Lutheran Church, 2808 South Ave W, Missoula, MT 59804**

**This is a Non-Alcohol Event and Setting**

- 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Awards Banquet  
 There is a maximum of 75 banquet tickets, first come, first served.
  - The NFMS is pleased to offer "Free Admission" to the first 40 NFMS Society Directors to register.
  - Contact Steve Stiff to confirm availability of "Free Admission" prior to submitting an Advanced Registration.
  - A Society Director's name and society will be taken to confirm and issue a "Free Admission".
  - **Any issued Society Director "Free Admission" not claimed will be back-billed to that Society by NFMS.**

### Treasures of the Northwest

Hello from the mountains of Montana and welcome to the Hellgate Mineral Society (HMS) Annual Gem and Mineral Show, the *Treasures of the Northwest*, and the 2026 Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) Convention. The show is set for Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22, 2026.

The show is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 3720 N Reserve St, Missoula, MT 59808, Phone (406) 532-5300. The Hilton Garden has set aside ten rooms for NFMS members and vendors on a first come, first served basis.

Daily admission is \$5.00 per person, with children under 12 free when accompanied by a paying adult. The show will be offering exhibitions on wire wrapping, flint knapping, silver smithing, gold panning, and fossil prepping. Fun activities include raffles for rock-hounding paraphernalia, hourly door prizes of vendor-donated gems and minerals, the sale of grab bags of rock and mineral specimens, a silent auction, and a Spin-to-Win. Fun activities for the younger crowd include a mineral dig, geode cracking and a kids-only silent auction.

As the show is in March, and the show is in Missoula, the ability to have field trips is sharply curtailed. So, new this year, we are offering the opportunity participate in "onsite field trips" where attendees can sift for sapphires, sift for garnets, sift for sunstones, and pan for gold.

The HMS show is hosting eighteen vendors. There are also three club tables with six club members (three on Saturday and three on Sunday) displaying and selling their wares.

Please check out the Hellgate Mineral Society on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/HellgateMineralSociety/> and online at <https://hellgatemineralsociety.org/>

For show information, please contact:

Neil Maier, show co-chair and club president, [nam56@yahoo.com](mailto:nam56@yahoo.com) 406-546-6013

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Steve Stiff, NFMS coordinator and club vice president, [steven.stiff@bresnan.net](mailto:steven.stiff@bresnan.net) 406-529-2671

For information on Missoula and the surrounding area, please check out the following:

<https://destinationmissoula.org/where-to-stay>

<https://destinationmissoula.org/hotels-motels>

<https://destinationmissoula.org/bed-and-breakfasts>

<https://destinationmissoula.org/cabins>

<https://destinationmissoula.org/campgrounds>

<https://destinationmissoula.org/guest-ranches>

<https://destinationmissoula.org/lodges>

<https://destinationmissoula.org/pet-friendly>

<https://destinationmissoula.org/rv-parks>

<https://destinationmissoula.org/resorts>

<https://destinationmissoula.org/vacation-homes>

Steve Stiff  
Vice President, Hellgate Mineral Society  
NFMS Show Chair 2026





**NFMS Competitive Exhibit Entry Form**  
**Submission Deadline: February 20, 2026**  
**Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies**  
**and Hellgate Mineral Society Present**  
**Treasures of the Northwest**  
**March 21-22, 2026**



**Hilton Garden Inn 3720 N. Reserve St. Missoula, MT 59808**

**EXHIBIT SET-UP RULES:**

All competitive exhibits must comply with the AFMS/NFMS rules updated January 2024. For complete rules and updates go to: <https://www.amfed.org>.

**EXHIBIT SETUP: FRIDAY MARCH 20, 2026, 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

- All entries must be ready for judging by Saturday, March 21 at 8:00 AM.
- Exhibits may **NOT** be removed before Sunday, March 22 at 5:00 PM.
- Cases will be assigned space on display tables approximately 30 inches high.
- Display cases **WILL NOT** be opened at any time during the show without a member of the NFMS Rules Committee present.
- **Competitive Exhibitors receive a free 2-day pass.**
- ***There is no entry fee for a competitive exhibit.***

**ENTRY FORMS:**

- Complete one **two-page** entry form per display case.
- Please provide all information requested on the **two** pages of the **NFMS Competitive Exhibit Entry Form**.
- For Junior Exhibits, the Society Officer certifying the exhibit completes Page 1.
- For Society Exhibits and Junior Society Exhibits:
  - The Society Officer certifying the exhibit completes Page 1.
  - Each Exhibitor completes Page 2.
  - Submit Page 1 and all Page 2s together.
- Mail or e-mail the completed pages to:  
**Larry Hulstrom, 5409 West 26th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99338**  
**E-Mail: [rockhound132@charter.net](mailto:rockhound132@charter.net)**

**Liability:**

It is mutually agreed that the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Hellgate Mineral Society shall not be liable to any Exhibitor in whole or in part. This includes the property of the Exhibitor and/or injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submission of this signed entry form constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EXHIBITOR RULES AND LIABILITY (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM – PAGE 2**

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

**EXHIBITOR:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIETY/JUNIOR SOCIETY: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBITOR GROUP:** (check one)☐

MASTER

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ADVANCED

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NOVICE

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JUNIOR

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SOCIETY EXHIBIT

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JUNIOR SOCIETY EXHIBIT

EXHIBIT DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_ EXHIBIT CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

For JUNIOR entry, date of birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

**DISPLAY CASES:**

Display cases are required. Display cases will be available on a limited basis, first come, first served.

The basic case size is 4 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft. Liners and/or risers may or may not be available.

Do you need a display case? ☐ Yes ☐ NoIf **NO**, what is the size of your display case? Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_**EXHIBITOR CERTIFICATION:**

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 were completed by me. I have read the current rules and agree to abide by them.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICER CERTIFICATION:**

I certify, as an officer of the above-named Society, that the exhibitor is a member in good standing of that society, and to the best of my knowledge, is eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the rules.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

HELLGATE MINERAL SOCIETY

**NFMS Non-Competitive Exhibit Entry Form****Submission Deadline: February 20, 2026****Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
and Hellgate Mineral Society Present****Treasures of the Northwest****March 21-22, 2026****Hilton Garden Inn 3720 N. Reserve St. Missoula, MT 59808****Exhibit Setup: Friday March 20, 2026, 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

- All entries must be ready for judging by Saturday, March 21 at 8:00 AM.
- Exhibits may **NOT** be removed before Sunday, March 22 at 5:00 PM.
- Cases will be assigned space on display tables approximately 30 inches high.
- Display cases will not be opened at any time during the show without a member of the NFMS Rules Committee present.
- **Non-competitive Exhibitors DO NOT receive a free 2-day pass.**
- ***There is no entry fee for a non-competitive exhibit.***

**Entry Forms:**

- One entry form per display case.
- Please complete all information on this entry form and submit via mail or email to:
  - Mail: Steven Stiff, 4013 Thomas Pl., Missoula, MT 59803
  - Email: [steven.stiff@bresnan.net](mailto:steven.stiff@bresnan.net)

**Liability:**

It is mutually agreed that the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Hellgate Mineral Society shall not be liable to any Exhibitor in whole or in part. This includes the property of the Exhibitor and/or injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submission of this signed entry form constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

**Exhibit Information (please print legibly):**

Adult Exhibit (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Exhibit (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Society Exhibit (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Banquet Menu**

**Served Buffet Style**

### **Starters (6:00 PM)**

- **Fresh Vegetables & Dip**
- **Fresh Fruit**

### **Entrée (6:30 PM)**

- **Georgia Chopped Pork**
- **Country-Roasted Chicken**
- **St. Louis-Style Spareribs – Original Style**  
(take 2 please)
- **Creamy Coleslaw**
- **Wilbur Beans**
- **Buttered Corn Niblets (corn off the cob)**
- **Corn Muffin (take 2 please)**

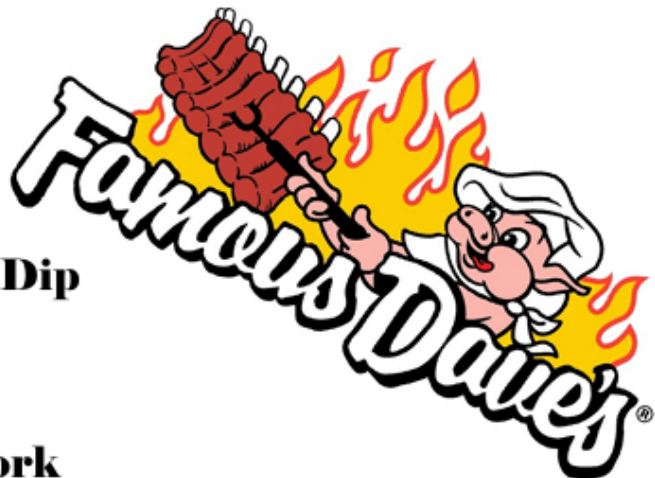
### **Dessert:**

- **Fresh-Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies**
- **Chocolate Chip Brownie Bites**

### **Refreshment:**

- **Coffee**
- **Tea**
- **Lemonade**
- **Water**

**Catered by Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que**  
**Missoula, Montana**



## **Rock of the Month: Barite**

Barite, or barium sulfate ( $\text{BaSO}_4$ ), is a staple of mineral collections thanks to its impressive crystal forms, wide range of colors, and remarkable density. Despite its often delicate, bladed crystals and pastel hues (white, blue, yellow, and even vibrant orange) barite is surprisingly heavy, a trait that frequently surprises new collectors. Specimens commonly form striking rose-like clusters or plate-like stacks, sometimes called "desert roses" when combined with sand. Notable barite localities include Morocco, England's Cumbria region, Colorado's Stoneham pocket, and the Elmwood Mine in Tennessee.

Historically, barite has been an essential industrial mineral, most notably used as a weighting agent in drilling mud for oil and gas exploration due to its high density. Its name is derived from the Greek *barys*, meaning "heavy," reflecting this defining characteristic. Barite has also been used in paints, medical imaging, and even in early forms of fireworks. While its commercial uses are significant, it is the mineral's aesthetic appeal, especially its brilliant transparency and dramatic crystal clusters, that has elevated it to collector status worldwide.

Collectors value barite specimens for their variety and visual impact. Transparent blue crystals from Colorado, clusters from Tennessee, and bright orange blades from Morocco each bring a distinct personality to a display case. Barite often forms alongside fluorite, calcite, and galena, creating visually impressive combinations that further enhance its desirability. Although fragile, well-formed barite crystals make for striking centerpiece specimens, earning the mineral a lasting place among the classics of the mineral-collecting world.

Jessica Himple

Everett Rock and Gem Club



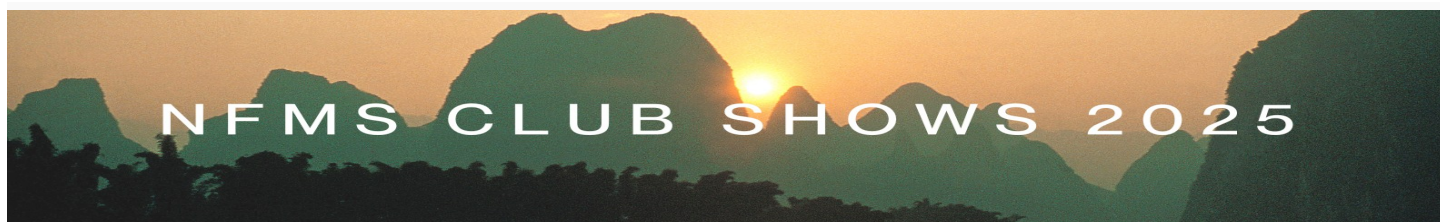
Barite - Linwood Mine, Iowa



Barite - Tex-Mex Mine, New Mexico



Barite (on fluorite) - Annabel Lee Mine, Illinois



<b>Dec 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Sat 10 - 5</b>  <b>Sun 10 - 5</b>	<b>Maplewood Rock and Gem Show</b>	<b>Maplewood Rock and Gem Clubhouse</b>  <b>8802 196th St. SW</b>  <b>Edmonds, WA 98026</b>	<b>Michele McGraw</b>  <b>shows.maplewoodrockngem @gmail.com</b>  <b>info@maplewoodrockclub.com</b>
<b>Feb 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Sat 9 - 5</b>  <b>Sun 9 - 5</b>	<b>Whidbey Island Gem Club</b>	<b>Oak Harbor Senior Center</b>  <b>8851 SE Jerome St.</b>  <b>Oak Harbor, WA 98277</b>	<b>Victoria Lovett</b>  <b>Vick o rama (at) hotmail.com</b>  <b>info@maplewoodrockclub.com</b>
<b>March 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup></b>  <b>Sat 9 - 5</b>  <b>Sun 10 - 5</b>	<b>Hellgate Mineral Society</b>  <b>2026 NFMS Show</b>	<b>Hilton Garden Inn</b>  <b>3720 North Reserve St.</b>  <b>Missoula, MT 59801</b>	<b>Neil A. Meier</b>  <b>(406) 546 - 6013</b>
<b>April 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Fri 10 - 5</b>  <b>Sat 9 - 5</b>  <b>Sun 10 - 3</b>	<b>Mt. Hood Rock Club and Gem Show</b>	<b>Jackson Armory</b>  <b>6255 NE Cornfoot Rd.</b>  <b>Portland, OR 97218</b>	<b>Roberta Hanson (503) 449-3543</b>  <b>Shane Gerrard (971) 322-6263</b>  <b>mthoodrockclub.com</b>
<b>April 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Fri 9 - 6</b>  <b>Sat 10 - 6</b>  <b>Sun 10 - 4</b>	<b>Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society</b>	<b>Golden Spike Event Center</b>  <b>Weber County Fairground</b>  <b>1000 N. 1200 W.</b>  <b>Ogden, UT 84401</b>	<b>Margie Miller</b>  <b>(385) 205 - 9187</b>  <b>goldenspikegem.org</b>
<b>April 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Sat 10 - 5</b>  <b>Sun 10 - 5</b>	<b>West Seattle Rock Club</b>	<b>Alki Masonic Temple</b>  <b>4736 40th Ave SW</b>  <b>West Seattle, WA</b>	<b>Annette Nelson</b>  <b>show@westseattlerockclub.org</b>  <b>westseattlerockclub.org</b>



## NFMS & AFMS SHOWS FOR 2026



### ***2026 American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show***

ST. Charles, Illinois

May 21-24, 2026

Hosted by the Midwest Federation

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### ***Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) Show***

### ***Treasures of the Northwest***

March 21-22, 2026

(Meetings on March 20th)

Hilton Garden Inn

Missoula, Montana

Hosted by the Hellgate Gem and Mineral  
Society

**Come Join the Us**



### **NFMS EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS 2025-2026**

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**Judi Allison (pro tem),** Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society, 1701 NW 11<sup>th</sup>. St., Hermiston, OR, 97882, (541) 720-4950, [nfmssec\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:nfmssec(at)gmail.com)

### **NFMS STANDING COMMITTEES**

**BUDGET:** 1st Vice President (see above)

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\* Clubs need only to send contact info for their board members. Contact clubs directly to reach out to specific members.

### **EDUCATION/ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD :**

**LORA HALL HELLGATE MINERAL SOCIETY,** PO BOX2095, FRENCH-TOWN, MT 59834, [SILVERTIPMINIS\(AT\)MSN.COM](mailto:SILVERTIPMINIS(AT)MSN.COM)

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