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It is always a special time when we can all get together at the Annual Show hosted by one of our clubs. These events are a special tradition our Federation has looked forward to for generations. Not only is it a meaningful and fun time for us, it is for the hobby of the Earth Sciences & Lapidary Arts and Crafts too. The public looks forward to attending our shows just as much as we do.

As clubs, you open windows to the wondrous, beautiful, curious, sometimes humorous, and enjoyable world of the mineral kingdom. More and more people have been discovering the fun in the science and enjoying the skill in the arts that we have known about for years. You have built the hobby to what it is today. Now

that is a lot to celebrate!

We need volunteers and donations at the Silent Auction Table at Hermiston! These auctions are a fun way to bring in money for the federation each year, and you get the benefit of going home with great rock material and hobby related items for yourselves.

Please bring good rock, jewelry and hobby related items you know others will want to bid on.

Consignment Silent Auction Opportunity- In the anticipation of making this auction more profitable, NFMS members will be able to bring no more than two pieces for a long-term auction on a 70/30 consignment basis. 70% of the proceeds will go to the seller/30% of the proceeds will go to the NFMS. It's a gem of an idea, and a win-win for you and your Federation.

The one stipulation so we can offer the consignment at the auction, is we need volunteers to help run the auction during the 3 days of the show. Please contact me if you can volunteer, and bring a friend to hang out with you to help. Of course, you can always donate items without participating in the consignment aspect.

This year a beautiful donation of a large primo fossil starfish valued at \$200 will be up for auction at the show. Proceeds from the highest bidder will be gifted to the Hatrockhounds as an extra way to say, "thank you," for hosting this year's Federation show. This auction will be held with the Live Auction on Sunday, May 12th at 2:30pm, Meeting Rm EOTEC.

What's that famous quote, "One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well," Send in your Advanced Reservations for the Editors/Webmasters Breakfast, Awards Banquet, Officers/Committee Chairmen, Judges/Clerks and Past Presidents Luncheon.

The Executive Committee has been thinking long and hard on many issues. Some have been easier than others of course to work on this year. We have resolved the problem too many of you were having with not receiving the hardcopy newsletter. When we explored the problem, we basically found the mailing list was in a mess. From what we can tell, it's needed a good spring cleaning for a number of years. There were not only names that weren't on the list, but names that shouldn't have been on the list. Unfortunately, it looks like the federation may have been wasting a few hundred dollars every year on mailing the newsletter to people who shouldn't have been on the list, between printing and postage costs.

Thank you to Andrew Lacey-NFMS Treasurer, who called our attention to the fact, "a one list system," is the best system for the Federation to run smoothly. From now on, when your club gains new members and drops members throughout the course of the year, you must send that information directly to Andrew. Do not send that information to Circulation or Directory. This way Andrew will always have the most current master list of NFMS membership, compiled from the annual dues, and the changes in membership during the year you send him.

Our NFMS newsletter editor will be retiring at the end of this fiscal year. Kathy has been a great editor for our federation, and always a jewel to work with. We really appreciate all the work she has done for the NFMS. The September/October issue will be the last issue she works on, so NFMS needs to find a new editor soon. Might your club editor jump in for the task? Sometimes, all it takes is just asking someone. Kathy is happy to help the new person get started.

NFMS Newsletter-For the past five years the NFMS has been committed in giving its clubs reduced dues to help support them through the covid years. The NFMS actually had given reduced dues prior to that when covid first arrived. Each Executive Committee since that time has needed to do some serious creative thinking and adjustments each year to make everything work. Admittedly it's been extremely tight, beyond tight, even with receiving a large portion of money from our Endowment Fund these past several years to cover operational expenses. The Endowment Fund was not created to pay these expenses, but we needed to use that money to help us all get through those very tough years. I'm very grateful the NFMS was able to do that.

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For matters related to this newsletter (i.e. content, advertising, etc.) contact the editor. For matters related to this newsletter distribution (new members, address changes, etc.) contact the Circulation Chair.

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

SAVE STAMPS PROGRAM. NFMS members are encouraged to use and save commemorative stamps. The money generated from the sale of these used (cancelled) stamps is then donated to Junior Fund. The collected stamps can be sent to the **Stamps Chairperson**, brought to the NFMS Annual Show or given to your Federation Director in your club.

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To NFMS Treasurer for:

1. Dues (new and renewal) and supplies
2. Donations for the general fund
3. Donations to Junior Achievement
4. Advertisement in this Newsletter

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

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

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



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President's Message (continued)



We have to face the facts, not only with the reduced dues, but when we go back to normal dues, the income we receive from dues does not cover the hardcopy newsletter and the AFMS dues. We've had to reduce the hardcopy publication of the NFMS Newsletter to 6 issues instead of 10, and we've looked where we could tighten up expenses even with some expenditures going up.

The gift of reduced dues was calendared five years ago to come to a close at the end of this fiscal year on August 31st. It's been coming to all our attention for quite awhile now, that we don't have an alternative way to reduce our Federation's expenses except to raise dues or go with an electronic newsletter, or both. We won't be raising dues this year, even though we need to. We will be changing to an electronic newsletter this summer beginning with the July/August issue. I know this will be a disappointment for some of you, and assuring to others in the understanding that we can't avoid not making this change.

In preparation for the electronic newsletter, our NFMS editor has a new format ready to go, which has been tested and can be printed on a home printer on 8.5x11 paper. Judy Allison has started the roster, adding the name each club sends her of their designated contact person who will receive the newsletter from Judi. The club will then forward the newsletter electronically to their membership. If your club has not been in contact with Judi, please do so your club won't miss any issues. Club members can also read the newsletter online.

I know this is a change, but it's going to turn into a very good change for the future of your federation as a whole and as clubs. Please start talking with your club members about new ideas and projects for the federation. There's room now to dream about these things we didn't think we could do before, and actually make them happen. The NFMS has a lot to look forward to.

Jennifer Haley, NFMS President

NFMS 1st Vice President

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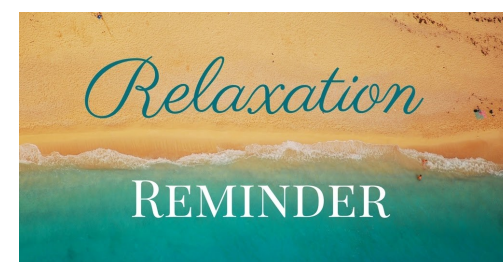


It's that time, time as your 1st Vice President to write an article for the newsletter. This is probably one of the hardest things about being an officer is finding something insightful, meaningful and newsworthy to say each month. And like most of you I am gearing up for spring, trimming trees turning over the garden, cleaning up rock saws, and planning the first trip of the year. I am also helping my youngest son journey through the last three weeks of his seven-year college career, a journey that has been long and hard for a young man with dyslexia. So, frankly I really don't have much to say other than we all have times in our life where we need to take it one day at a time and try to carve out a few minutes in that day to be grateful for what we have.

When we volunteer for a position in the NFMS or AFMS, or maybe in one of our clubs, is important to not let that responsibility weigh so heavily on our shoulders that we forget to have fun. As the 1st Vice President it was my responsibility to prepare the budget for the coming year and I can assure you, that WAS NOT fun! But it was necessary and with the help of everyone on the executive committee, and my husband who is way better at spread sheets than I am, we muddled through. I guess if I have one message, it is that "WE" muddled through, and next year's finances look fantastic.

That's true with so many volunteer positions. Rarely are you alone. There's always someone to step in and help and someone who has your back. So, when it is springtime in Montana and your mind is elsewhere, know that there are others feeling exactly the same way. Go for a short explore, cut a few rocks, open a tumbler, or start a new batch, make that cab that has been calling your name, and remember to enjoy life because it is short and precious.

Lora Hall
NFMS 1st VP



NFMS 2nd Vice President

Michael Rhodes



IT'S SHOWTIME!

Not only is it time for the annual NFMS meeting and the Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Show, but it is the middle of the Gem and Mineral show season. In the past two months I have visited one Utah show and spent a week involved in the setup and operation of a second show. I am guilty of spending money I don't really have on rocks I probably can do without, one definition of a rockhound!

By the time the federation show and meeting are over, 18 club shows will have occurred this year and there are 10 more in the next few months. The dates are listed at the end of this newsletter.

If you can make it to the NFMS/Hatrockhound show in Hermiston, OR this month, come to the federation meeting and see how some of the decisions are made regarding the operation of a federation with 60+ member societies and several thousand members in 6 different states. Volunteer to serve on one of the standing committees, all need your help. As the saying goes "many hands make light work."

If you can't make the federation meeting, visit one of the remaining shows, support those shows and the vendors that make a show enjoyable. Volunteer to help with your own club's show. Volunteer to work on committees in the club you belong to. It has been said that "the world is run by those who show up." So show up, get involved, help make your club and your federation the best we can be!

Warmer weather also means field trips, so join in, be safe, stay hydrated, follow the AFMS Code of Conduct and, as always, Rock ON!

Michael Rhodes
2nd VP NFMS



Meet your Bulletin Aids Chair – Priscilla Hall-Ford



Hello fellow rockhounds. I am Priscilla Hall-Ford, and I am a 3rd generation rockhouser, and my daughter who is now interested is a 4th generation rockhouser. I am the Secretary, Newsletter editor and NFMS Director of Oregon Agate and Mineral Society.

My interest in rockhounding started while watching my grandfather make cabochons in their basement. Every year my grandparents would have an open house at Christmas time and invite club members over and I got to help out at the party and meet the club members. When I was about 8 my grandparents Gertrude and Bill Hall took me with them on a rockhounding trip to the Richardson Ranch.

There I got to get into the Sunset agate bed and help dig out one of the largest pieces of sunset I have ever seen. To this day I still yet to see one bigger.

I can remember helping grandma and grandpa setting up their cases for a few local shows. My grandfather took me over to Camp Hancock and taught me how to make my first cab. A memory I will never forget. I had the honor to give back this last summer and was asked to go back there and teach others to make their own cabs. I am also teaching my daughter and she will be putting in her own case this year.

Life took me in a few different directions. After high school, I met and married Bob Ford. He was a Naval Aircrewman in the U.S. Navy. We were soon transferred to San Diego, and we had two beautiful kids, Elizabeth and Robert. Then on to Okinawa Japan for a 3 year tour of duty. After returning back state side we decided to settle down near family. During the time our kids were growing up I was active in just about all they did.

My husband and I opened up Bobs Automotive, so I was able to be a stay at home mom. I was able to help with little league, softball, 4-H, even started our own 4-H club and became a leader and after a couple years was voted in to be the assistant superintendent and that lasted 10 years. I was even the key leader for 3 years and was in charge of a group of youths showing at the state fair. Then on to high school years our son was into Football and Wrestling. They both decided to try out the Lewis and Clark Young Marines, and yes, I was asked to be an adult volunteer and help out. They both got their honorable discharges when they graduated high school. A year later our daughter went into the Navy and our son went into the Marine Corp.

It was a very hard time when our daughter was in the Persian Gulf the same time our son was in Iraq. During that time, I spent many hours working with the American Legion Auxiliary. I was President of our Unit and then District President while my husband was District Commander. At the same time, I was a life member of the VFW auxiliary and was a president for one year. I worked as a service officer helping veterans with their paperwork for VA disabilities.

Around that time frame, my father, Richard Hall, was helping grandpa in cutting rock and was deep into a big project. They built a working replica of the grist mill! All out of petrified wood. To this day it still mesmerizes all who see it. Later, after my grandparents and my father passed, my mother let me know that she was ready to go back to meetings. I was surprised when I walked into a meeting and recognized a few of the members. It was like going into a family reunion. I was soon joining the society and getting into all the fun.

I was asked to take on doing the clubs newsletter and was asked to fill in for the Secretary and the very next year I was voted back into Secretary position. One night, my mother brought a small box of slab pieces that my father had sketched out shapes on. She handed me the box and told me I should finish them. It felt good to be working them as I could feel both my father and grandfather watching over my shoulder. The Portland Regional show was coming up and I felt it was so appropriate for those to be my first case.

This will be my 3rd year showing and working towards my master. It's like an oyster. You don't know what you have until you cut it, grind it, shape it, polish it and it turns out so beautiful you want to wear it. To take what looks like an ordinary rock and make it into a piece of jewelry is amazing to me. I am proud to continue what my grandfather started. I have hyphenated my maiden name with my married name as a way of honoring my roots and keeping my grandfather's legacy alive.

When I'm not working rocks or going to meetings, I am a Sweet Adeline. I sing in a women's barbershop a Capela chorus. I enjoy getting together with other singers and hearing all 4 parts coming together in harmony. Last year I was voted by my chorus as their Sweet Adeline of the year.

On the flip side of that, I also enjoy going up to my daughters hobby farm and working with the goats. After they are done kidding, my daughter milks them and we make goat milk soap. We opened a business and sell the soap and other products at local vendor and farmers markets. We also make soap with sheep milk and pig fat. Our other products we make include cuticle cream, hand lotions, foot balms, lip balms, beard balms, bath teas and bath salts. We also have a line of pet friendly products from bath soaps to paw pad hard lotion. All the herbs, flower petals and honey we use are all home grown. (yes, even the pig fat).

This year I am excited to get the chance to meet all of you. I have been asked to be your Bulletin Aids chairman this year. A job I have not done before, so this will be a new experience for me. We already have articles coming in for the contest and boy am I glad I'm not a judge.



Tribute to an Old Rockhound



Bill Hendrickson, 84 who started Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary Society along with friend Bill Ice, passed away August 31, 2023. They started the club in 1999 and in 2000 Bill Hendrickson became president of the club. During that time Bill was also the chairperson of the Rock and Gem Show which was held on Fathers' Day weekend in Reedsport, Oregon in the community center.

Bill loved to travel to explore new places and find new rocks. He found joy in searching for the perfect rock, which involved trial and error. So many rocks were necessary to find the perfect one. He enjoyed making spheres from the various rocks he found or those that were brought to him. It would take him 36 hours to make a sphere and he would laugh stating he had enough to keep him busy for more years than he could count.

Bill and Virginia were married in 1957, and that same year they followed family to Oregon. Bill worked at various positions at local mills including Menasha and Weyerhaeuser where he retired.

Bill was known for his woodworking skills and his talent for creating beautiful pieces. He was a kind hearted man always willing to lend a helping hand and never shy about sharing his thoughts.

With Bill's vast knowledge of the club and his experience in running the Rock and Gem Show, he will be greatly missed.

Submitted by Bob and Shirley Strickler
Lower Umpqua Gem and Mineral Society

Cascade Rock, Gem & Jewelry Show

Free admission and parking

Free rock for every kid

A great event for families

All kinds of rock from amazing rough to incredible cabochons, jewelry, beads, slabs, and more!

Fantastic minerals, gems, fossils & metaphysical specimens

JUNE 29-30, 2024 **NEW DATES**
10am - 5pm

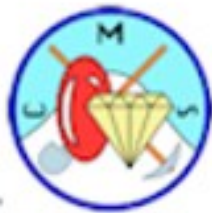
Vendors from all over the Pacific Northwest - all indoors

Raffle and door prizes

Silent auctions every 15 minutes

KENT COMMONS **NEW LOCATION**
525 4th Ave. N.
Kent, WA 98032

www.cascademineralsociety.org



Hi all

The time is here!

NFMS Show at

Hermiston, Oregon: May 10-12

If you forgot to get in your advanced registration, there are still a few spots left for the banquet.

Call Judi at 541-720-4950 and let her know you would like a ticket.

Come enjoy the show and see what Northeast Oregon has to offer.

We'll be seein' you!

UPDATE for the AFMS Uniform Rules, 9th Edition

The new AFMS website has been launched. Unfortunately the link provided in the March/April edition has now been changed. The new 9th Edition of the Uniform Rules can now be found at <https://www.amfed.org/contests/Rules>.

Larry Hulstrom, AFMS Uniform Rules Chair for 2023



AFMS/CFMS Gem & Mineral Show & Convention in Ventura

2024 NFMS Honorary Awardee of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Award

by Jennifer Haley, NFMS President

Each year since 1965 the AFMS Scholarship Fund Foundation has been honoring an individual or couple, from six of the seven AFMS Federations as an Honorary Awardee. The seventh Federation has their own annual scholarship award which is why they do not participate.

The honored shall have made great contributions towards the realization of the avowed purpose and goals of the NFMS. As a NFMS/AFMS Award Winner, the individual or couple chosen are given the honor and privilege of selecting an Educational Institution within the territory of the NFMS, in which to select two Post Graduate Students studying for their Master's or Doctor's Degree in the division of the Earth Sciences or Jewelry Arts.

These students will each receive a scholarship grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the AFMS Scholarship Fund Foundation. Since 1965 the Foundation has awarded \$2,083,050.00 to 700 students in the Earth Sciences or Jewelry Arts.

The money raised for the AFMS Scholarship Fund Foundation has been made by donations, specifically by individual club members and clubs affiliated with the AFMS across the United States. The object of the Foundation is to accumulate a Fund, using only the income from the Fund to be used to finance Scholarships.

The principal cannot be used for any purpose whatsoever hence the usefulness of the Fund is perpetual.

Selection of an Award Winner and the students has always been a cherished part of our NFMS year. We received three nominations this year for the award which was inspiring. All were wonderful candidates, but we can only choose one each year. The nominees who weren't chosen this year will be reviewed for the award again next year, along with any new nominations we receive from members of the NFMS.

The NFMS awardee this year is Dr. Collin Kaeder. He has been with the Oregon Agate and Mineral Society since 1974 which warmed our hearts. His passion for rocks began when he was a little boy. He and friends would search through the gravel driveways of neighbors to find agates. His education led him to become a Dr. of Anesthesiology. After retiring, he enjoyed making canoes and soon got back into digging and cutting rocks. He invites anyone interested in the lapidary arts to his home where he teaches how to cut thunder eggs, polishing, tumbling, and making cabs. He loves to show his skills at making lamp shades and picture windows. He can work a rock saw like nobody's business. He has been a great resource for his club in the identification of all kinds of rock and is an excellent resource when it comes to safely working with various kinds of rock material.

Every year Dr. Kaeder has been active in volunteering as an instructor at the NFMS Rockhound Retreat-Camp Handcock, held at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI). He volunteers at his home society's annual show held at (OMSI) and has held the office of President for his society twice. Our congratulations to Dr. Collin Kraeder as the 2024 NFMS Honorary Awardee of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Award. He has inspired and mentored many and has added more joy to the many joys of the Earth Sciences and Lapidary Arts to those in the NFMS and to the public. We thank you!

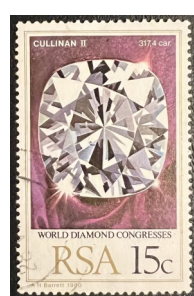
Stamp Committee Update

There's not much to report from the stamp committee. Ed and I continue to sort stamps from collections that were donated. We have a pretty decent lot set up for the next auction coming up in May. I've personally enjoyed looking through the foreign stamps that were sent awhile back... It takes awhile to sort through them, but I'm putting them in batches to try and get the most out of our efforts. We will have another \$50 coming to NFMS in the meantime.

Regards
Aaron Currier
Stamps Chairman

Rock Stamps of the Month - D

Diamonds are a very popular topic, especially for countries in Africa where a lot of diamonds come from. Here are stamps depicting diamonds from South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Ghana, Zimbabwe, and Australia. I particularly like the one from down under because it has holographic printing on it. Dolomite, on the other hand is not as popular as diamonds, but there's a good reason it's on a Yugoslavian stamp... they are home to a specific genetic type of hydrothermal-sedimentary dolomite, unknown to be found anywhere else in the world. Now, if you want to talk dinosaurs, There are hundreds of stamps... They are way more popular as a topic than diamonds. The final picture is a 5-stamp set from England. If you could see the colors, you would know why it's one of my all-time favorite stamp sets.



Future Rockhounds of America

Congratulations to all who have earned their badges! Those with a ★ are earning their 2nd badge after earning all 20 merit badges.



Rocks and Minerals

Marysville Rock and Gem Club

Emilidna	JJ
Christian	Lily
Rebeka	Joanna
Faith	Leah



Collecting

Marysville Rock and Gem Club

Emilidna	Logan
Christian	Adrina
Grady	J-J K.
Benjamin	Graecilyn
	Sakura



Showmanship

Hellgate Mineral Society

Hudson B.



Leadership and Citizenship

Hellgate Mineral Society

★ Elisheba F.
Gabe M.

A very special recognition goes to the following kiddos for doing at least 20 hours of volunteer work to earn the -Junior Volunteer Award Pin-Great job, guys!!!



GABE M. AND ALEX M.

both of the Hellgate Mineral Society

If you want to know more about this special award, please visit www.juniors.amfed.org for more information.



We also wish to recognize our newest young members! These kiddos are getting a patch that recognizes them as members.

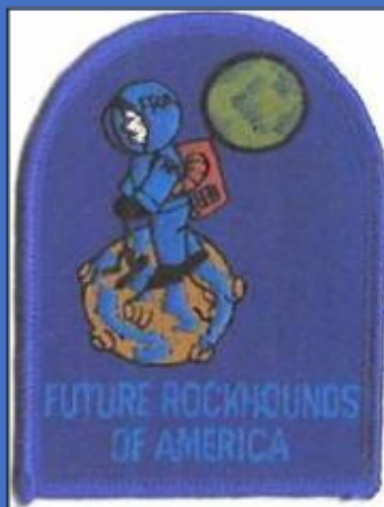
Hatrocks Gem and Mineral Society

Samuel
Elly
Mataya



Marysville Rock and Gem Club

Emelidna
JJ
J-J K.
Benjamin
Lily
Malachi
Rebeka
Joanna
Faith
Leah
Graecilyn
Grady
Sakura



Willamette Agate Mineral Society

Emily L.
River S.
Kahlan M.
Dominic C.
Chloe C.
Cora N.
Willow M.
Amanda
Madelyn P.
Victor P.

Hellgate Mineral Society

LaRae Shaver
Ken Valgenti

NFMS Clubs' Show Schedule -- 2024 (continued page 8)

May 4 th & 5 th 2024 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Everett Rock & Gem Club	Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Weikel Event Center 18359 Cascade View Dr, near Monroe WA Use East Entrance & watch for signs	Jon Elmgren everettrockclub@hotmail.com
May 4 th & 5 th 2024 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Umpqua Gem and Mineral Club	Douglas County Fairgrounds 2110 Frear Ave Roseburg, OR 97470	Jay Thomas (503) 400-2090 jrthoms2@gmail.com Dustin Hall (541) 817-3729
May 10 th 11 th & 12 th 2024 Fri 10 - 6 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	NFMS SHOW at Hatrokhound Gem & Mineral Society	2024 NFMS Show Eastern OR Trade & Event Center 1705 East Airport Rd Hermiston OR 97838	Show Chair Mike Filarski (541) 571-2593 stonemorlin1@netscape.net
May 11 th & 12 th 2024 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Bozeman Mineral & Gem Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds 901 North Black, Bldg 1 Bozeman MT 59715	Linda Johnson bgmcmnt@gmail.com bozemangemandmineralclub.com www.facebook.com/Bozeman-Gem-and-Mineral-Club-371591339519
May 18 th & 19 th 2024 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Butte Mineral & Gem Club	Butte Civic Center Main Arena 1340 Harrison Ave Butte MT 59701	Jerry D'Arcy (406) 491-2054 jkdudding@gmail.com

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May 24 th - 26 th 2024 Fri & Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	AFMS/CFMS Gem & Mineral Show & Convention	Ventura County Fairgrounds 10 W Harbor Blvd Ventura CA 93001	(805) 312-8467 info@vgms.org https://2024cfms-afms.com
May 25 th - 26 th 2024 Sat 9 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Clackamette Mineral & Gem Corp	Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4th Ave Canby OR 97013	Andrew Wulfhorst (503)753-2905 ajwulfhorst@gmail.com
Jun 13 th thru 16 th 2024 Thur, Fri, Sat 9-5 Sun 9 - 4	Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow	Cook County Fairgrounds 120 S Main Street Prineville OR	Jim McCoy phone/text (530) 999-8045 www.prineville.rocks
Jun 14 th 15 th & 16 th 2024 Fri 10 - 5 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Lower Umpqua Gem & Mineral Society	In memory of Bill Hendrickson Reedsport Community Center 451 Winchester Ave Reedsport OR 97467	Bambi Darling (541) 420-8014 100 River Bend Rd Sp 68 Reedsport OR 97467 reedsportrockshow@gmail.com
Jun 22 th & 23 rd 2024 Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society	Ravalli County Fairgrounds 100 Old Corvallis Rd Hamilton MT 59840	Faith Farley (406)961-3347 Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Soc on FB bitterrootgemandmineral.org
Jun 28 th 29 th & 30 th 2024 Fri & Sat 10-5 Sun 10 - 3	Mt Hood Rock Club	Kliever Memorial Armory 10000 NE 33rd Drive Portland OR 97211	Shane Gerrard mhrcdc@gmail.com www.mthoodrockclub.com
Jun 29 th & 30 th 2024 Sat 10-5 Sun 10 - 5	Cascade Mineralogical Society	Kent Commons 525 4th Ave. N Kent WA 98032	Kat Koch (425) 765-5408 vendorchair@cascademineralogicalsociety.org
Jul 20 th & 21 st 2024 Sat 10-5 Sun 10 - 5	Darrington Rock and Gem Club	Mansford Grange Hall 1265 Railroad Ave (behind IGA) Darrington WA 98241	Ed Lehman (425) 334-6282 wemced@gmail.com
Jul 26 th 27 th & 28 th 2024 Fri & Sat 9 - 6 Sun 9 - 5	Washington Agate & Mineral Society	Tenino City Park 300 Park Ave W. Tenino WA 98589	Doug Shank wamsolympia@gmail.com
Aug 2 nd 3 rd & 4 th 2024 Fri & Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Far West Gem and Lapidary Society	Mill Casino (Salmon Room) 3201 Tremont Ave North Bend, Oregon 97116	Debbie McPherson mcdeb1111@gmail.com
Aug 16 th 17 th & 18 th 2024 Fri & Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Willamette Agate & Mineral Society	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S Pacific Hwy Rickreall OR	Ken Stubenrauch wamsriverofgems@gmail.com
Sept 7 th & 8 th 2024 Sat 10-5 Sun 10 - 4	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Longview Fairgrounds Cowlitz County Event Center 1900 7th Ave Longview, WA 98632	Crystal Show & Dealer Chairman swmineralogicalsociety@gmail.com
Sept 21 st & 22 nd 2024 Sat 10-5 Sun 10 - 4	Billings Gem and Mineral Club	Eagle Seeker Community Center 1125 Broadwater Ave Billings, MT 59102	Doug True / Nancy Watkins (406) 200-8778 infor24@billingsgemclub.com
Sept 21 st & 22 nd 2024 Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 4	Clallam County Gem & Mineral Assoc	Vern Burton Community Center 308 East 4th Street Port Angeles WA 98292	Kelly Hagood kmhagood@gmail.com www.sequimrocks.org
Oct 4 th 5 th & 6 th 2024 Fri & Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Show	Wingspan Event & Conference Center at the Westside Commons 801 NE 34th Ave Hillsboro, OR 97124	Roberta Hanson prgmsa.president@gmail.com https://portlandregionalgemandmineral.com www.facebook.com/groups/prgms
Oct 5 th & 6 th 2024 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Marysville Rock & Gem Club	Evergreen Fairgrounds (Bldg 500) 14405 179th Ave SE Monroe WA 98272	Brian Murril bmurril@aol.com (425) 346-9313 http://www.marysvillerockclub.com

Happy Father's Day