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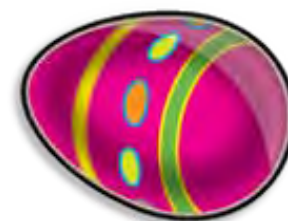
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2011 NFMS Mid-Year Meeting April 16, 2011

Kennewick, Washington
Building #5, Benton County Fairgrounds
1500 S. Oak Street
Saturday April 16 10 AM
with registration starting at 9:30 AM.

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ALAA will also have a meeting on Saturday at 2 pm, Building #5

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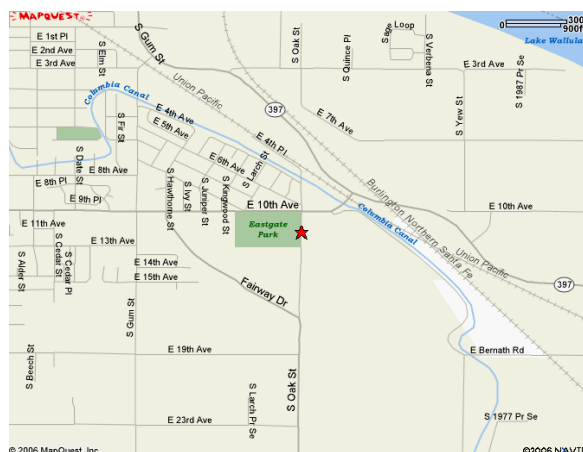
Email to Larry Hulstrom, larryhulstrom@live.com prior to April 1 indicating date of arrival and duration of stay.

A number of motels are throughout the immediate area.
See last month's newsletter for a list.

Directions to the Mid-Year Meeting in Kennewick, Washington at the Benton County Fairgrounds on April 16, 2011

Coming into the Tri-Cities area from the south on Highway 395 turn right (east) onto 10th Ave (the third stop light coming into town). Follow this about 3 miles. The fairgrounds will be visible on the right side just past and behind a park. Once at the Fairgrounds gate you will see the Show building to the right in Building #1. RV camping will be available near that building or in an adjacent area. Walk over to the show to obtain more specific directions for parking. Ask for the RV Camping Coordinator. The Mid Year Meeting will be held in Building #5 which is about 150 yards from Building #1.

From anywhere else coming into Kennewick it would be best to find your way to Highway 395 and take the turn east onto 10th Avenue and then follow it down to the Fairgrounds.



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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 Cancer Research. The collected stamps can be sent to the **Stamps Chairman**, brought to the NFMS Annual Show or given to your Federation Director in your club.

ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS**Where to send your money**

To NFMS Treasurer for:

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

Send to: Lyle Vogelpohl, see Treasurer this page.

To NFMS Endowment Fund Treasurer for:

1. Donations to Endowment Fund
2. Memorial contributions

Make check payable to NFMS Endowment Fund, send to Endowment Fund Treasurer.

To NFMS Scholarship Chairperson for:

1. Donations to AFMS Scholarship Fund
2. Memorial contributions to AFMS Scholarship

Make check payable to AFMS Scholarship Fund. Send to: Rose Alene Mc Arthur (see Scholarship this page).

To AFMS Endowment Fund for:

1. Donations to AFMS Endowment
2. Memorials

Send to: See AFMS Newsletter

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1. Memberships, new and renewals
2. Donations

Make check payable to ALAA
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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 \$1.50 per square inch.

Example: 3" x 4" ad = 12 inches

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

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 Editor**

To see this newsletter in living color and to see it by the first of the month go to

<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newslet2.htm>

and click on the month you want to see.

NEWS OF INTEREST



Judi Allison 1st VP

Time just continues to roll along, and I guess we need to be well rounded so we can roll along with it. I would guess the alternative to this might be that we get stuck in a rut. I try to keep the edges rounded off so I can smoothly move along. I think maybe I'm beginning to feel a little like that rounded out snowball, though, that keeps getting

bigger as it heads down the hill. As deadlines approach, I feel my "snowball" getting bigger.

I do think (hope) I have a handle on things, then I think of all the things I could be (should be) doing and wonder if my snowball will break apart before I get to the bottom of the hill. (Or perhaps through the Presidency of the Federation)

At any rate, I have managed (with some excellent advice and assistance) to put together a budget that will be ready to submit at the mid-year meeting in April. I have come up with some ideas for the main dish at the April Show potluck in Kennewick (since I fortunately read the newsletter for our club and found that I had volunteered to do such) I am marking dates on my calendar and planning for such events as the local show in Hermiston, as well as, the Lakeside Show. Then there is the Tri-Federation Rendezvous, the AFMS Meeting in Syracuse, NY at which I get the honor and privilege of representing our NFMS. After that comes the NFMS Show in Chehalis, WA, local club commitments and all the other things I seem to get my nose stuck into.

But, I do think that the things will all stick to my snowball and smooth out, so the trip "downhill" won't be too bumpy. I wish the same for all of you as you go about all you do. Let's all have smooth rolling and enjoy the ride as we go toward wherever our destinations happen to be. Till next time, enjoy, and look for sun and warm collecting weather.



Bulletin Editors' Contest Update

By Chris & Peggy Blickfeldt

I want to thank you for getting your entries in on time. They have been judged and were sent to the AFMS judges. Good

luck to all of you. Start researching for next year's contest as it sneaks up on us. For information please go to the NFMS website. I will try to keep any new information on it between newsletters. Thanks again and thanks for all the good work.



Kathy Moedl 2nd VP

There is a program on television called "My Strange Addiction". It was on one evening while I was working and listening with half an ear. The program featured a woman who was addicted to looking for rocks. No matter where she was she would start combing through the ground looking for rocks. My first thought was "why would that be considered an addiction?" Then my second thought was that it made total sense. I too am addicted to looking for rocks! And I even have a support group to help me with it. My support group is the Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society and that support group is affiliated with a larger support group called the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. What a great system we have supporting our addictions, making sure we can keep my addiction alive and well.

I am also most grateful to these support groups that also have come to my aid in the search for my husband Grant who was reported missing on March 2. What a great support group I belong to.

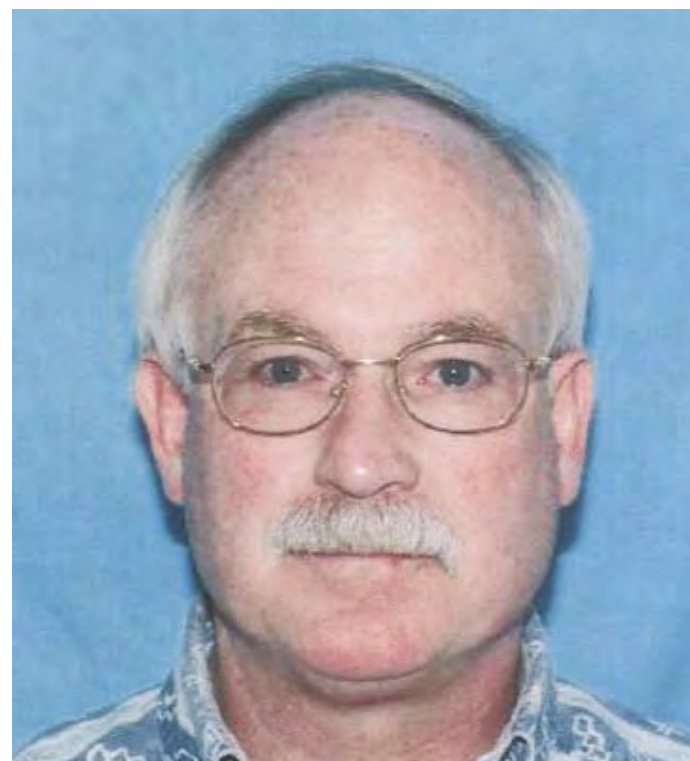
Missing !!

From your editor: Grant Moedl was traveling to some meetings in Boise, Idaho but did not arrive. He is 5-foot-6-inches tall and 150 pounds. He has blue eyes, gray hair and a mustache; he wears glasses. He was driving a company vehicle (First American Title). It is 2008 silver Subaru Legacy station wagon with Teton County plates: Idaho 1T194.

Anyone with information on Grant Moedl or the vehicle he was driving is asked to call the Madison County Sheriff's Office: 208-356-5426.

For up-to-date information go to Facebook.com and then type in Grant Moedl.

Our prayers are with Kathy and her family for a quick and positive ending of this tragedy.



NEWS OF INTEREST



Mark Your Calendars:

Inter-Federation Rockhound Rendezvous

Hampton Butte, OR - Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30, 2011

NW Rockhound Retreat

Hancock Field Station, Antelope, OR - Labor Day weekend, September 5-11, 2011

NFMS Mid-Year Meeting

April 16, 2011
Kennewick, WA

AFMS Annual Meeting

July 7-10, Syracuse, NY

NFMS Annual Meetings

2011 – July 29-31, Southwest Washington Fairgrounds,
Chehalis, WA

2012 – May 18-20, Benton County Fairgrounds,
Kennewick, WA



Now Is the Time

By Evelyn Cataldo

Now is the time to purchase your tickets for the AFMS Endowment Fund drawing. The drawing will be held at the

AFMS Show and Convention in Syracuse, New York in July. Pam Hecht, Chairman of the AFMS Fund, emails that she has 22 prizes to be awarded. There are pictures of many of the prizes on the AFMS website.

I will be at the NFMS Mid-Year Meeting in Kennewick with my roll of tickets. Tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. I have challenged each club to purchase five tickets. Tickets are also available for individual purchases. If you or your club will not be at the Mid-Year Meeting, send your check made payable to the AFMS Endowment Fund to me at the following address

Evelyn Cataldo
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All the monies collected go into the Endowment Fund and the interest earned on the Fund is used to support programs such as the Junior Badge Program, Judge's Training and Federation libraries. Thank you in advance for your ticket purchase.



PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE INTER REGIONAL RENDEZVOUS?

By Doug True

Now is the time to get your plans together as there are less than 90 days to go. We have a great 4 days scheduled for you. Surface collecting, digging, programs, potlucks and campfires. There will be a table with information on the area, road logs (directions with mileage, etc) to numerous other collecting locations. Eagle Rock, Bear Creek, Maury Mountain, Fischer Canyon, White Fir Springs, Dendritic Butte, Richardson Ranch and more.

After the Glass Butte trip on the 30th, Dick Pankey will be going to Davis Creek for several days. (He indicated that he would get extra permits for Davis Creek) This is a great location for rainbow obsidian.

If you plan on attending this rendezvous, please email us and confirm your attendance. There are several things that you will have to do, sign liability waiver, signup for your trips in advance, we ask that you bring some fire wood for camp fires. This is a "You pack it in, You pack it" out camp.

It is important to remember that all of this country has been hunted for years and you will not just find petrified wood all over the ground. What you find is based on the effort you spend either behind a shovel or time spent hiking the area. Great material is taken from this area every year.

See more on page 7 in this newsletter.

For an updated flyer contact Doug True at dtruefossils@yahoo.com



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From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

By the time you receive this newsletter I will have had my knee surgery and will now be what my husband calls his "bionic" wife. I was his "onic" wife when I only had one metal knee.

I sure hope that this helps me get around to all the rockhounding places I have had to either pass up or only explored within a few feet of the pickup. Prayers for a successful and rapid recover are appreciated.

There are so many exciting activities scheduled over the summer that are of interest to rockhounds. I hope that all of you get out and enjoy not only the rocks but the friendships of all our fellow hobbyists. Invite a friend along and see if they get hit by the rock bug (rock bugs hit, they do not bite). Invite them to your club's meeting. Grow the hobby one person or family at a time.

Be sure to have junior activities. I know that in my local club since we started having regular junior activities, the number of juniors coming to the meetings has mushroomed. I think that not only the juniors are having fun but their parents enjoy the meetings more too.

I also want to thank all of the contributors to this, and every, newsletter. They have provided the rich content that keeps me "cutting and pasting". Thanks again!!



SO YOU WANT TO EXHIBIT COMPETITIVELY

Dee Holland, NFMS Rules 2011

First off, have you exhibited at your local gem show or fairground gem and mineral section? This is really only a big step above that, and we'll be with you all the way. We're here to help. YOU are not alone.

Have you competitively exhibited in the past? Had a bad experience and said "never again." We want to calm your fears. Things have changed over these past few years, please try again....and we'll help you as much as we can.

The dreaded RULE BOOK! We've heard it all..... its too big; it's confusing; it's gigantic and imposing! Here's the TRUTH: It's only as big as the Division and class you, your self are interested in. Here's an example:

Division A, and the classes within that division are only three pages, (go to amfed.org; to the download section; the 2011 rules, and its pages 25, 26 and 27.) You also have to download Section I, Part I, General Rules and Definitions, (pages 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12). Now, is that imposing???

Have you ever wondered what Division A – Open, is all about? This might be an area where you would feel most comfortable. It's where you can put in cabs when you don't have enough for the same class in Division C, Lapidary. Or something that doesn't fit elsewhere in any of the other very specialized Divisions. Not enough specimens in the Mineral or Fossil Divisions? Division A gives you a great deal of flexibility and creativity in showing your pieces. If you're looking

for a place to put your exotic gem trees, they have their place in this Division.

Another Division you might consider is Division E, Educational. There are two areas here: A skill or craft, basically a "how to" with a twist, and a Concept – an idea brought forward with a conclusion. (to download this division, it's pages 70, 71, 72 and 73 (along with the same Section I, Part I – so if you've already downloaded this for another division you don't have to do it again – it's the same for all Divisions) There are two audiences you're exhibiting for – general and informed. General is the public, children and adults alike. Informed is for those people who have some knowledge in the subject.

If you have enough material to go into one of the other Divisions, consider these:

Division B – Minerals. This is a huge category including self collected specimens. Browse this if you are a mineral collector. This division covers 17 pages.

Division C – Lapidary. This covers cabochons, carvings, spheres, faceting and all other types of lapidary, polished material. This Division covers 18 pages.

Division D – Jewelry and Art metalcraft. This covers all forms of jewelry including wire-wrapping. Some have stones. This Division covers 7 pages.

Division E – see above

Division F – Fossils. This covers fossils from micro to large. But doesn't include Petrified Wood. This Division has 11 pages.

Division G – Petrified Wood and/or Wood Casts. This has two sections, polished including cabs and bookends, etc. And natural specimens. This Division has 4 pages.

Division H – Scrimshaw. These pieces must be done by hand, not machine. Color or Black. This Division has 2 pages.

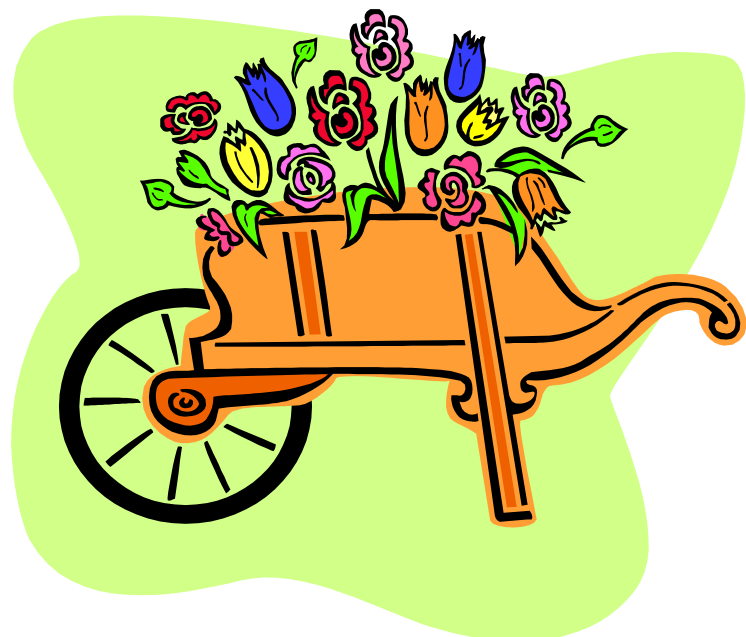
Division I – Beading. This includes weaving, stringing, and embroidery. This Division has 5 pages.

Division UV – Fluorescent minerals and specimens. This Division has 4 pages.

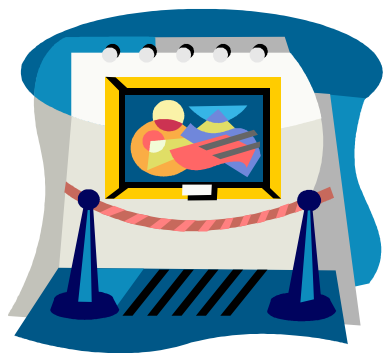
We hope this gives you some idea of the various areas your collection fits in.

Next month – more on lining, labels, and quality or workmanship.

Questions: you can reach me at: Dee Holland – beauholland@enturytel.net



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National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame

By Doug True

It's time to nominate the artist that has spent a life time sharing their talents with others. That special person with outstanding metal craft or lapidary skills, Is there a person in your club or federation that is worthy of and is nationally known and has been involved in the earth sciences or lapidary arts for at least fifteen years

- To make a nomination: List Name, Address, Phone Number and E-mail (if Known) of your nominee
- Choose a category: Minerals, Lapidary, Metalcraft, Fossils, Education or Tribute (deceased)
- Include the name of a contact person as well as his or her address, phone number and e-mail.
- Mail to Steve Weinberger, P.O. Box 302: Glyndon, MD 21071-0302
Or e-mail to escrystals2@verizon.net
- Include as much information as possible about the nominee and the reasons he/she should be inducted into the National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame
- Nominations may be made at any time
- Balloting on the nominations will generally be in the spring of each year. Any nomination that is submitted too late for the current year will be included the following year

If you have any questions or need more information please call or email me: email to: dtruefossils@yahoo.com
Doug True (Northwest) (406) 670-0506
Hall of Fame Consultant



Rockhounds of the Year

By Vi Jones

The **Hell's Canyon Gem Club** of Lewiston, Idaho has a real gem of a guy in **Lynn Enger**. He has in an easy-going good-humored way of ably guided our club through years of adventures. He is always accessible, willing to share his knowledge, and willing to take on office after office for the betterment of our club. Equally at home guiding our acquisition of a claim, teaching us to muck around on it and identify our finds, balancing the budget, or explaining intarsia, this gentleman is an all-around good guy.

Our little club has yet to fulfill our dream of having a workshop of our own but Lynn is happy to teach us individually in his own immaculate workshop. What a thrill to make our very own star garnet blaze forth under his guidance.

Thank you, Lynn Enger, Hell's Canyon Gem Clubs' 2011 Rockhound of the Year!

Submitted by Rose Alene McCarthur, Federation Director

The **Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society** of Ogden, Utah honors **Richard and Caryn Gabel** as Rockhounds Of The Year for 2011.

The Gabel's rock-hounding passion began over four decades ago. Richard joined our Society in the late 1950s as a junior member and Caryn in the late 1960s. They have been involved in the Annual Rock and Gem shows for many years. Together they have devoted hundreds of hours to club activities. Their dedicated and determined involvement in club affairs has resulted in successful gem and mineral shows, a web page for the society, a club PO Box and telephone number for the society's business.

Richard has served as President, Vice President, Show chair and Co-chair, Board Member and various other assignments. Currently, Caryn is the society's Historian and Richard is a Board Member. Thank you Richard and Caryn for helping maintain our club for all these years—you are a very special couple!

Submitted by Tom Burchard, Vice President

The **Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society** of Hermiston, Oregon, nominate **Jackie Koppány** for our Rockhound of the Year for 2011.

Jackie has tirelessly worked to make our club an active, exciting group to take part in. She has created ideas for more hands-on meetings and even taken charge of most aspects of making them successful.

She created and maintains our club website and continues to improve on its content. Jackie is our NFMS Director. She donates her time, talents and goodies to help make our club successful. She even donated a bracelet she made to the AFMS Endowment Fund. Jackie is truly our "Rockhound of the Year."

Submitted by Judi Allison, Secretary/Treasurer

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Directions: From the North – Driving from Prineville, Oregon go east on highway 380 to mile marker 44, turn south (or right) on Camp Creek road and drive south until you get to the junction of Van Lake Rd. Watch for signs (all but the last several miles are paved)

Facilities: The campground is a large pasture. This is a “dry camping” area and with porta potties. It can accommodate all sizes of motorhomes and trailers and is also very good for tenters. You will be camping on private property and need to follow some basic rules, No off road except camp area, no cutting of fire wood and **NO ROCK COLLECTING ON THE RANCH.** If you have questions check with camp host.

Collecting Trips: The organized collecting trips will start on Friday morning. All trips will leave at **8:30 AM, SHARP ???**, from the campground. We will be running a maximum of 50 collectors to three separate locations on Friday, Saturday and Sunday You will have to signup each day on a first come first served. **THREE TRIPS WILL BE LEAVING FOR THE THREE LOCATIONS EACH OF THE THREE DAYS.**

Schedule:

Thursday, May 26	Arrive at camp: Welcome potluck dinner and get together with camp fire.
Friday, May 27	Daily Field Trips #1 Hampton Butte #2 Paulina Area #3 Camp Creek Area. Evening : BLM * Talk on Geology of the Area USFS * Newly Discovered Calderas Camp Fire -
Saturday, May 28	Daily Field Trips #1 Hampton Butte #2 Paulina Area #3 Camp Creek Area. Evening : All Rendezvous Potluck Dinner and Camp Fire
Sunday, May 28	Daily Field Trips #1 Hampton Butte #2 Paulina Area #3 Camp Creek Afternoon and Evening: Rock Swap, Wood identification by Walt Wright.
Monday, May 30	Daily Field Trips Glass Butte, Open Day you may go to any of the collecting areas
Tuesday, May 31	Break camp to head for home or other adventures

Plan on several potluck dinners, and daily happy hours. Bring firewood for evening campfires. We plan on having a good time and collecting some good material.

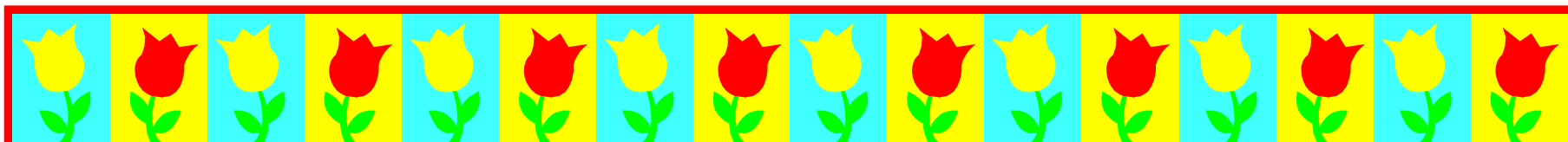
Please notify one of the Federation leaders early, but no later than May 20th if you plan to attend. E-mail (or call) if you have questions or need more information. This will be a great opportunity for rockhounds from all over to meet one another, to share stories, and information about collecting in their home areas. Be sure to bring material from your favorite collecting sites to show and share, trade or sell.

Come join us for a great Inter-Regional Rendezvous of collecting, fun and fellowship.

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For more detailed information and schedules please see the March Northwest Newsletter.



NEWS OF INTEREST



ASK NOT WHAT ALAA CAN DO FOR YOU, ASK YOURSELF WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR ALAA...

By Shirley Leeson, Vice President – ALAA

I hear it all the time... "what's ALAA going to do about the problem?" Here's the problem, YOU ARE ALAA. Simple, if you have a problem it's not ALAA's problem to fix it, YOU have to bring the problem to ALAA, ask for help and then lead the charge to get it fixed. Remember, the other side has had at least 40 years to get their point across. We're just getting out feet wet in the arena of public opinion.

These days rockhounds are getting involved in all areas of the government. Local issues can involve rockhound activities. Be aware that clean water, pollution, dust and other things you might not even equate with rockhounding, gold panning, and metal detecting might be on a local docket. Watch your local newspapers for agenda items to be discussed. Local TV news might alert you to something pending that might be of concern to you as a rockhound. Watch for public notices from government agencies.

Here are some things you can do to prepare yourself:

- Research the problem
Find out who is responsible for bringing the problem forward. Use your computer as a research tool. You'd be surprised what you can learn by doing a search on Google, or whatever search engine you use.
- Find out why that individual or organization thinks they have a problem.
- Look for solutions, or compromise.
- Be articulate. If you are speaking or writing a letter/report.
- Be concise. Spend some time working your message.

You'll sometimes find help and solutions from outside the rockhound community. There are many other organizations who are working on multiple uses of public lands. Reach out to them and ask if they are having the same problems.... Road closures, new ambiguous regulations, interpretations of the regulations at the management level.

Do you feel strongly enough to bring your concerns to your local City or County Council? Speak before the Forest Service, or speak at a BLM hearing? State Fish and Game, as well as Federal Fish and Game may have an impact on rockhounding... be aware.

Have you even spoken before a body? Terrifying though it may be, YOU CAN DO IT. Know your subject. Be articulate and concise. Have a handout of what your points are and leave it with the group who organized the meeting. Get on their mailing list. Get business cards of important people in the room and ask if you can speak to them personally about the subject at a later date. Look around, look for people with like concerns, don't be afraid to ask for help. YOU don't have to stand alone, bring a group with you. Let them know there are a group of you who care about the issue.

- Never go into a meeting with a chip on your shoulder.
- Be friendly and attentive to what others have to say.

YOU'RE the one who's going to make the difference, ALAA is here to help.

Shirley Leeson, Rockhound Activist, shirleyleeson@cox.net



False Spring

By Belle Meyers

It's time to start sharpening all your tools,
Brush up on all the Good Sportsman rules.
The rains have come, the drought is broken,
And I'm ready to go, tho I'll get a soakin'.

The rocks are washed clean and ever so bright,
You might even find 'em on a moonlit night.
So, come on, let's go on a Rock Safari,
If you find only one, you won't be sorry.

The ground is wet, the diggin's easy,
But watch out now or you'll get sneezy.
So head out today for the valley or hills,
And I hope you find a million thrills.

Jaspers a-plenty with colors so bright,
You might even find a perfect Dendrite.
Opals and Agates and Petrified Wood,
You'll find you've never had it so good.

But maybe you'd rather head for the ocean,
On second thought, that's a very good notion.
I heard on TV that where we always go,
They've just reported a foot of new snow.

Via Carny Hound 5/10

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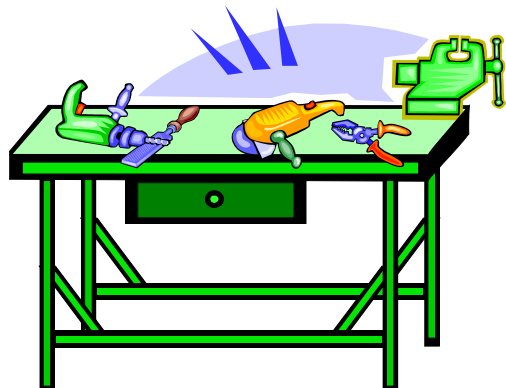
Double shows

April 16th & 17th
Saturday - 10-5 pm
Sunday - 10-4 pm

Yakima Rock Show
Yakima National Guard Armory
2501 Airport Lane
Hosted By: Yakima Rock & Mineral
Info - Marti Sondgeroth - 509-248-6401
marthams@q.com

Tri-Cities Rock Show
Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick
Hosted By: Lakeside Gem & Mineral
Info - Don Cataldo - 509-430-4910
dae@bioguardtech.com

NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT



NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT

Labor Day Week

September 5 through 11, 2011

For a detailed schedule, see the March Northwest Newsletter.

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The cost to the attendee will be \$270.00 for room and board, \$45.00 for workshop fee and if you desire a guided one day trip to the Fossil Beds, it will cost you \$35.00. If you take the full package, that will be \$350.00

If you must have an Electric RV hookup (no water or sewer), there will be a \$15.00 charge for the week.

If you need additional info, please call Lamar Tilgner at 503-666-2905 or Email at lstilgner1@frontier.com





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PUBLIC LANDS ISSUES



Public Lands Advisory By Andy Johnson

New Wild Lands Policy Announced

On December 23, 2010, DOI Secretary Ken Salazar and BLM Director, Bob Abbey announced the signing of Secretarial Order 3310. This is new policy affirming BLM's authorities to protect BLM administered lands with wilderness character under the law. It allows designation through the planning process of a new category of protected lands called "Wild Lands."

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 1, 2011 - Today at a Natural Resources Committee hearing, Republican Members soundly rejected the Obama Administration's new "Wild Lands" order. This Secretarial Order, issued without public consultation, attempts to designate Wilderness areas without Congressional approval. Numerous state and local officials testified at today's hearing that this order could lock-up public lands, destroy American jobs, block recreational opportunities and prohibit American energy production.

"This hearing, and the testimony from elected officials today, exposes and begins to address the detrimental impact that the new public lands designation will have on western jobs and livelihoods," said National Parks, Forest and Public Lands Subcommittee Chairman Rob Bishop (UT-01).

"This new policy will significantly impact many existing and planned activities on BLM lands, including mining, grazing, oil and natural gas development, motorized, and other forms of recreation. These restrictions ... will hurt all Americans who enjoy recreational outings on our national lands. This arbitrary order should be rescinded immediately to restore the delicate balance between development and preservation of federal lands that Congress intended when it passed the Federal Land Policy and Management Act," said Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee Chairman Doug Lamborn (CO-05).

"Our country already suffers from excessive government regulations. The Administration's Wild Lands order will restrict our economic development by preventing access to valuable public lands and sources of energy, timber and minerals, and will hinder our ability to create jobs in areas with record high unemployment," said Congressman Jeff Denham (CA-19).

"Secretarial Order 3310 promises to make an intolerable situation even worse, by locking up even more BLM land, creating de facto wilderness areas without Congressional action or oversight, and without the support of local communities that will be adversely impacted. This Order will not only prevent consideration of normal forestry, it will eliminate recreational uses such as snowmobiling, trail biking, motorcycling and other motorized access. The elderly and handicapped will be shut out entirely. Order 3310 is elitist and exclusive, rather than inclusive," said Dennis C.W. Smith, Jackson County Commissioner (Oregon).

Wilderness Areas in Owyhee County - Idaho

The Omnibus Public Lands Management Act (P.L. 111-11) designated six Wilderness areas in Owyhee County. Landscapes in these areas range from

river canyons over a thousand feet deep to vast expanses of sagebrush and grassland plateaus that provide habitat for sage-grouse, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, songbirds, raptors, and numerous rare plant species. This high desert, sagebrush steppe habitat was previously underrepresented in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The river canyons in Owyhee County are the largest concentration of sheer-walled volcanic rhyolite and basalt canyons in the western United States. Some are nearly twice the height of the [Washington Monument](#) on the [National Mall](#) in Washington DC. River enthusiasts come from around the country to challenge the famous whitewater rapids of these rivers.

The same law that designated the wilderness areas also requires the BLM to complete a travel management plan (TMP) for routes in Owyhee County but outside the wilderness boundaries. Routes that access the wilderness areas and trailheads or other areas of interest in the wilderness areas will be addressed in the TMP. The [Owyhee County TMP website](#) has the base maps being used for travel planning and instructions on how to comment during scoping for the TMP. Rock hounds must respond to insure that their outdoor interests and activities are noted and acknowledged by BLM

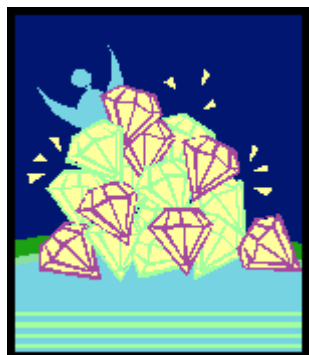
Washington Department of Fish and Game Officials have temporarily shelved plans to seek increased enforcement authority pertaining to public conduct on lands which the agency controls or manages. Currently the WDFG prohibits the collecting of rocks, minerals; fossils etc on WDFG lands and seek criminal and monetary sanctions against the public for such conduct. The Washington State Mineral Council, ALAA and other organizations and individuals have successfully voice opposition to this plan and requesting that they be placed in the communication loop as stakeholders

**Easter is
April 24, 2011**



The Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY is sponsoring the AFMS / EFMLS combined convention and is hosting the annual Syracuse Gem & Mineral Show to be held the week of July 7 – 10, 2011.

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The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C.: With one of the largest collections every assembled and permeate and traveling exhibitions you can

see things like the Hope Diamond, the Carmen Lucia Ruby and a 60 carat Juniper Ridge faceted Opal from Chuck & Ken Newnham

The Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum, Marion, KY: www.clementmineralmuseum.org . From 1920 to his death in 1980 Mr. Clement accumulated one of the largest and finest collections of mineral specimens in the world. He was the founder of the four mining companies for Fluorspar, used in steel among other things (even Andrew Jackson had a mine). The museum also has gemstone carvings, equipment, documents and photographs of early mining

Stone 'N Bones Museum, Ontario, Canada: www.stonesnbones.ca
With a 10,000 square foot museum and over 6,000 objects on view this is one of the biggest museums in Canada, with lot of fossils and minerals.

The Creetown Gem Rock Museum, Galloway, Scotland: www.gemrock.net . A family run museum with one of the best crystal and mineral collections in Europe, has a black light crystal cave.

The Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum, Phoenix, AZ: mines.az.gov/General/museum.html
One of the best mining museums that happens to have a mineral display that is the finest in the world from 1884 to today, includes rocks from the moon landing and a 240 quartz geode.

The A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum, Houghton, MI: www.museum.mtu.edu . The museum specializes in Cooper but includes one of the largest systematic mineral collections for public viewing. Including a Guinness Book of World Records copper specimen.

The University of Arizona Mineral Museum, Tucson, AZ: www.uamineralmuseum.org . With a treasures of the Queen Exhibit and over 2,000 specimens on display of a collection of over 19,000 specimens, they specialize in minerals from Arizona and Mexico

Via Dusty Rocks 6/10

NFMS Member Clubs - Gem and Mineral Show Calendar

Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
April 1 - 2 Fri 8:30 - 6, Sat 9 - 5	Panorama Gem and Mineral Club	Fort Colville Grange Hall, Hwy. 20, Colville, WA	Bill Allen (509) 935-8779 sago@theofficenet.com
April 2 - 3 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	The Rock, Gem and Craft Show Mount Hood Rock Club	Mt Hood Community College Gym 2600 SE Stark, Gresham, OR	Mary Jean Dowell 360 721 9095 mjdowell@fs.fed.us
April 2 - 3 Sat 10 - 5, Sun - 10 - 4	South East Idaho Gem & Mineral Society	Bannock County Fairgrounds Commercial Bldg Pocatello ID	Kevin B. Taylor, 208-232-4269 246 Washington Avenue, Pocatello, ID 83201
April 8 - 10 Fri 10 - 6, Sat 10-6 Sun 10 - 4	Golden Spike Gem And Mineral Society	Golden Spike Event Center, 1000 North 1200 West , (1181 North Fairgrounds Road for GPS) Ogden, UT 84404	Cynthia Aeschlimann, PO Box 12835, Ogden, UT 84412 club@goldenspikegem.org
April 8 - 10 Fri 10 - 6, Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 5	Rock Rollers Club 52nd Annual Gem, Jewelry, Rock and Mineral Show	Spokane County Fair & Expo Center North 604 Havana at Broadway Spokane, WA	Gerry Pfeiffer, 509-294-1927 pfeiffer@webband.com
April 9 - 10 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	"Golden" Family Affair - 50th Anniversary, Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Show	Bloedel Donovan Park 2214 Electric Avenue, Bellingham, WA	Wes Gannaway, 360-384-4209, debnwes@comcast.net
April 15 - 17 Fri 9 - 6, Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4:30	Willamette Agate Mineral Society 56th Annual Show	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 South Pacific Hwy West, Rickreall, OR	Kristi Edwards, 541-738-6811 edwardskk@gmail.com
April 16 - 17 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club 50th Annual Parade of Gems	Yakima National Guard Armory 2501 Airport Lane, Yakima WA 98931 New Location	Marti Sondgeroth 509 248 6401 evenings, cell 509 910 3484, marthms@q.com
April 16 - 17 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club NFMS MID-YEAR MEETING	Benton County Fairgrounds 1500 South Oak, Kennewick WA	Dom Cataldo dac@bioguardtech.com PO Box 6652, Kennewick, WA 99336
April 16 - 17 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral Society	Idaho Falls Recreation Center Memorial & B Streets, Idaho Falls, ID	Kevin Landon 208 357 3847 sklandon@bridgemail.com
April 23 - 24 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4	Grays Harbor Gem and Geology Society	Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds 32 Elma/McCleary Rd., Elma WA	Gary Emberly, 624 Fairmont Place Aberdeen, WA 98520 360-533- 6196 Melissa624@hotmail.com
April 30 - May 1 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	West Seattle Rock Club	Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40th Ave SW, Seattle, WA	Audrey Vogelpohl, 206-932-3292, avogelpohl@comcast.net www.westseattlerockclub.org

NFMS Member Clubs - Gem and Mineral Show Calendar (cont.)

May 7 - 8 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club	Gallatin County Fairgrounds 901 North Black, Bozeman, MT	Sally Griffin 406 451 4362 griffin830@yahoo.com or Dan Carter 406 586 4552
May 14 - 15 Sat 9 - 5, Sun 9 - 4	The Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Society	First Interstate Events Center, Ravalli County Fair Grounds, 100 Old Corvallis Road Hamilton, MT 59840	Steve Vieth, 406-369-5489 viethsteve88@gmail.com or Mike McConnell, 406-360-4944 micker1949@yahoo.com
May 21 - 22 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Hatrockhound Gem & Mineral Society	Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Hwy 395, Hermiston, OR	Mike Filarski, Show Chairman, email: stonemorlin1@netscape.net
June 3 - 5 Fri 12 - 5, Sat - 10 - 5 Sun 11 - 4	Puyallup Valley Gem and Mineral Club	Fruitland Grange 11102 86th Avenue East Puyallup WA 98373	Nancy LeMay 253 952 6212 bees2knees@att.net or puyallupgemclub.org
June 11 - 12 Sat 10 - 6, Sun - 10 - 6	Butte Mineral & Gem Club	Butte Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Avenue (ext 127 North) Butte, MT	Pete Knudsen, 406-496-4395 PO Box 4492, Butte, MT 59702
June 18 - 19 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4:30	Oregon Coast Agate Club, Rock'n The Coast - 48th Annual Rock and Mineral Show	Yaquina View Elementary School Multipurpose Room, 351 SE Harney St. (just off Hwy 20, south at the light), Newport, OR	K. Meyer 541 265 2514 (Mon-Sat 10-5 PST), PO Box 293 Newport OR 97365
July 7-10	AFMS AND EFMLS ANNUAL MEETING	New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY	http://www.amfed.org/show2011.htm for more information
July 23 - 24 Sat 9 - 6, Sun 9 - 5	Washington Agate and Mineral Society	Parkside Elementary School, on Stage Street South (take I-5 exit 88), Tenino, WA	Daniel De Boer keylock1@live.com 5107 Brenner Rd NW Olympia, WA 98502
July 23 - 24 Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 10 - 4	Northwest Montana Rock Chucks - 4th Annual Gem and Mineral Show	Flathead County Fairgrounds - 265 N. Meridian Rd., Kalispell, MT	Milah Gano 406-844-3560 mallard_g@centurytel.net Jim or Vi Hoover 406-862-1316
July 29 - 31 Fri 10 6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	NFMS ANNUAL MEETING AND SHOW	Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, Chehalis, WA	Chuck Sonner csonner2011@gmail.com
August 5 - 7 Fri 10 - 5, Sat 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 4	Far West Lapidary & Gem Society	North Bend Community Center 2222 Broadway, North Bend, OR	Don Innes 541 396 5722 donin11@hughes.net PO Box 251 Coos Bay OR 97420
September 10 - 11 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Umpqua Gem and Mineral Club "OREGON REALLY ROCKS"	Douglas County Fairgrounds, 1-5 Exit 123, Roseburg, OR	Eileen Paul (541)672-5229 beadpatch@cmspan.net
September 17 - 18 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 4	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fairgrounds, A Street and Cowlitz River, Castle Rock, WA 98611	Jackie Furuli 360 431 0059 jfuruli@yahoo.com or Dave Furuli 360 430 4092
October 8 - 9 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Totem Middle School Cafeteria, 7th Street & State Avenue, Marysville, WA	Bill Moser 425-238-8222 bill- jj@comcast.net or George Haage 425-339-2272 haag@gte.net
October 22 - 23 Sat 9 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Clackamette Mineral & Gem "Rock & Gem Heaven in 2011"	Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4th Avenue, Canby OR 97013	Rick Mauer 503-691-6395 tallerricardo@juno.com or Bea Settle 503-631-3128 rockhound@clackamettegem.org
November 19 - 20 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society	Kitsap County Fairgrounds, President's Hall 1200 NW Fairgrounds Road Bremerton WA 98311	Jim McClure pogy2@centurytel.net 253-265-3011, www.kmgs.org



WINTER BLOND

As a trucker stops for a red light, a blonde catches up. She jumps out of her car, runs up to his truck, and knocks on

the door. The trucker lowers the window, and she says "Hi, my name is Heather and you are losing some of your load."

The trucker ignores her and proceeds down the street. When the truck stops for another red light, the girl catches up again. She jumps out of her car, runs up and knocks on the door.

Again, the trucker lowers the window. As if they've never spoken, the blonde says brightly, "Hi my name is Heather, and you are losing some of your load!" Shaking his head, the trucker ignores her again and continues down the street.

At the third red light, the same thing happens again. All out of breath, the blonde gets out of her car, runs up, knocks on the truck door.

The trucker rolls down the window. Again she says "Hi, my name is Heather, and you are losing some of your load!"

When the light turns green the trucker revs up and races to the next light. When he stops this time, he hurriedly gets out of the truck, and runs back to the blonde.

He knocks on her window, and after she lowers it, he says... "Hi, my name is Mark. It's winter in St. Louis and I'm driving the SALT TRUCK!"

Via Hidden Treasures 3/11, Wanda Carpenter off the net

