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## AFMS JUDGES TRAINING CLASS

Arrival, Thursday Evening May 10, 2012

Orientation will be held in the High Sierra Conference Room 9<sup>th</sup> floor, 7pm

Holiday Inn, Sparks, (Reno) Nevada, 55 East Nugget Ave – Phone: 775-358-6900

Class: Friday May 11 & Saturday May 12, 2012

Hours: 9am to 5pm High Sierra Conference Room, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor

Evaluation of exhibits, Sunday morning, May 13, 2012

Immediately following evaluation of exhibits will be an evaluation of class.

Cost of the class will be \$20 for 2 days (Fri & Sat) which will include lunch

Dinner each day is on your own.... There is a restaurant in the hotel

For those who would like to attend, contact Dee Holland, AFMS Judges Training Chair at:

[beauholland@centurytel.net](mailto:beauholland@centurytel.net)

Cost of hotel room –1 room: 2 queen or 1 king: \$75 per day tax included, single or Double Occupancy

Breakfast: \$8 per person or \$15 for two

The hotel has offered the same price if you wish to come in early or stay later after the classes and see the town.

A TWO PAGE APPLICATION WILL BE IN THE NEXT AFMS NEWSLETTER, the first page will be information for the class. The second page will be for the Reno Gem & Mineral Society for space for exhibit and/or camper/motor home space.

.... MORE NEXT MONTH

## GOING TO QUARTZSITE THIS WINTER?

By Shirley Leeson, ALAA



For many of you the ritual of going to Quartzsite, Arizona is a yearly thing. If you are planning a trip there, please mark your calendar to include the ALAA meeting, Friday evening (for your convenience) January 20, 2012. Meeting is open to all and starts at 6:30pm.

Location: Quartzsite Alliance Church, 720 Desert View.

This is a “MUST” while you are in Quartzsite. We will have personnel from the Arizona Desert BLM Office who will address concerns on abandoned mines, closed roads, open areas to collect and answer questions on the Arizona BLM area around Quartzsite.

This is our second year. This year if you have something from your area of the country to address, please contact me and we’ll try and get you on the agenda.

The church is on the northwest side of Quartzsite. If you take Moon Mountain Road north to Tyson Road and turn left and go to the next street, Desert View, and turn right there is a big parking lot next to the church.

See you there, Shirley Leeson, ALAA, VP, [shirleyleeson@cox.net](mailto:shirleyleeson@cox.net)



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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE ON OCTOBER 15th

There will not be a December issue so make sure that you have your November and December articles to the editor by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### From the Editor's Rockpile By Beth Heesacker

Finally, after all these years I have a method for storing my rocks that will mean I do not have to keep moving them every time I acquire more. When we first started this hobby we purchased a small amount of rock and I had this great idea of storing it all in a corner of our garage. More rock later, we put up one of those canvas carports and started filling it up.

That did not last more than a couple of years since we bought a large collection consisting of 30 ton of lapidary material. The area between the garage and a small shed in the back then became our rock storage. I have to admit it is now stuffed to overflowing. The garden area (we have not had too much luck growing gardens since we usually find a long term field trip that comes up and so we are gone) has now been covered with concrete pavers and is our new rock storage annex.

Each one of these expansions has meant that the older rock has to be resorted, – you know, your tastes change - moved and restacked. I have been making apologies to my hubby about all the moving and re-moving over the last few weeks.

The corner of the garage is now cleaned out to provide room for other hobbies. The carport has been turned into a rock specimen “museum”. The garden is now covered with concrete and pallets of buckets of rock. And the driveway is a lapidary materials sales lot. I think we are rockhounds!!! And now you know why I call this column “From the Editor's Rockpile”. ☺



### Land Use Report By Andy Johnson

#### Members Call for Limitations on President's Authority to Unilaterally Designate National Monuments

**WASHINGTON, D.C., September 13, 2011** - Today, the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a legislative hearing on six bills that would limit the President's authority to use the Antiquities Act to unilaterally designate new National Monuments within certain states. Last year, an internal document from the Interior Department revealed 14 areas of federal land that the Obama Administration has identified as worthy of National Monument designation under the Antiquities Act. The proposed designations would lock-up millions of acres of public lands in the West, without local input or Congressional authority, and could restrict access for energy production, recreation, and other job-creating economic activities. To prevent unilateral Administrative action, these bills would require either state approval or authorization by Congress prior to a National Monument designation.

At the hearing, Members stressed the need for local input and the potential impacts these designations could have on jobs and economic growth.

### Mark Your Calendars:



**2012 NFMS Annual Meeting**  
May 18-20, Benton County Fairgrounds,  
Kennewick, WA

**2014 NFMS Annual Meeting**  
Hosted by the Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society  
in Pendleton, OR



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<b>September 10 - 11</b> Sat 10 – 5, Sun 10 - 5	Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society	Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Community Ctr, 9th Street and Orchard, Walla Walla, WA	Warren Rood 509 522 2330 warrenrood@yahoo.com
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<b>September 24 - 25</b> Sat - 9 - 6 Sun - 10 - 5	Hellgate Mineral Society	Ruby's Inn and Convention Center 4825 North Reserve Street Missoula MT	Bob Riggs 406 543 3667, 14 Holiday Lane Missoula MT 59801
<b>October 7 - 9</b> Fri 10 – 5, Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 2:30	Clallam County Gem & Mineral Association (CCGMA)	Boys & Girls Club, 400 West Fir Street Sequim, WA	Terry Stockman, terlin@wavecable.com PO Box 98 Sequim, WA 98382 or Foster Thompson fostert@olypen.com
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<b>October 8 – 9</b> Sat 10 – 5, Sun 10 – 4	Billings Gem & Mineral Club	Billings Hotel & Convention Center, 1123 Mullaney Lane, Billings MT	Lynn Edwards 406 855 3675 bentlyn77@yahoo.com
<b>October 15</b> Sat - 9 - 4	Eureka Rock and Gem Club	Senior Citizen Center, 1000 North 3rd East Mountain Home, ID	Margaret Stallknecht 208 740 0937 mestallknecht@yahoo.com
<b>October 15 - 16</b> Sat 10 – 6, Sun 10 - 5	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fairgrounds 1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston, ID 83501	Rick Westerholm 208 746 2101 PO Box 365 Lewiston ID 83501
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<b>November 18 - 20</b> Fri 12–7, Sat 10–7 Sun 11–4	Springfield OR Thunderegg Club	Willamalane Center for Sports and Recreation, 250 South 32 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Springfield, OR	John Randall 541 683 2661 PO Box 312, Springfield, OR 97472 or Bob Smith 541 736 0060
<b>November 19 - 20</b> 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
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