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The 2013 NFMS Mid Year Meeting will be held in Kennewick Washington in Building #16 at the Benton County Fairgrounds, 1500 S. Oak Street This is the same location as the past seven years and coincides with the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Annual Gem and Mineral Show which is held at the same location.

On Saturday April 20 the mid-year meeting will begin at 10 AM, with registration starting at 9:30 AM. RV camping is available at the Fairgrounds with electricity and water available for \$10/night. If you plan to use these facilities please send an email to Larry Hulstrom at [larryhulstrom@live.com](mailto:larryhulstrom@live.com) prior to April 1 indicating date of arrival and duration of stay so an accurate count can be kept and space can be planned. Payment will be collected upon arrival at the Fairgrounds. There are a number of motels throughout the immediate area in Kennewick. See last month's newsletter for full information.

The ALAA has a meeting place arranged at Kennewick Saturday, April 20 immediately following the NFMS meeting. There will be a "Round Table Discussion" regarding what is going on concerning public lands within the boundaries of the NFMS.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### President's Message By Kathy Moedl

Well, the weather is warming up slowly.

The piles of snow have melted. The crocus and daffodils are starting to poke their noses up out of the ground. Unfortunately, I tell the little flowers to go back! It's a trap! We will still have a hard spring before the snow stays away. I was in California in March and had a chance to do some rock hounding. We picked up some nice chalcedony and we were able to enjoy the warmer weather and firmer soil. It was good to finally be able to get out and enjoy the search for rocks.

I need to apologize for my typo error last month when I referred to the Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club as the Lakeview club. I had purchased a new computer with all new programs that I wasn't familiar with and erased my article before I could save it. In the retyping I made the error. If I make any typo errors this time I can blame it on my broken wrist and trying to type with a cast on my left arm. While I have never had an accident doing all my outside sports and activities (skiing, climbing, rock hounding etc.) I have had two accidents in the last four months, both of which involved walking. I am beginning to think that walking isn't a safe activity!

Speaking of the Mid Year meeting....

The NFMS is doing a great job and is a great organization compiled of volunteers making up the officers, committees, delegates and advisors. Thanks to all of you who volunteer your time and energies to making the NFMS such a success. Volunteers needed! We do have some committees that are in needs of new volunteers for Supplies and for Bulletin Aids. Please look at yourself and say, "I can do that!" and step forward. See you in Kennewick!



### Doctor's Advice... By Chuck Sonner, Safety Chair

Tom was not feeling well. He was short of breath and tired all the time. Gloria, his wife, told him to call Doctor Stone. Ben Stone was his doctor, friend and fellow club member. Tom and Ben belong to the same rock club. Doctor Stone made time for Tom the following day. At the doctor's office, Tom gave Ben a full rundown on all the problems he was having. The Doctor listened and took notes. He told Tom that the nurse would take a blood sample and after the results came back, would give him a call.

The call came in a few days later. Dr. Stone said not to worry. He would stop by Saturday and give him the results. To Tom and Gloria, Saturday was a long way off. Ben arrived around 10 am and asked if they would all go out to Tom's rock room in the garage. What he said next surprised both Tom and Gloria. Ben told Tom that their hobby was the problem. "You know I am over here all the time getting advice on how you do things. What I did not see was in plain sight." Dr. Stone

told Tom he had a mild case of heavy metal poisoning. "With time and some medication you will be back to your old self."

"The question is where did it come from?" said Dr. Stone. "I noticed dried leaves that are on your garage floor. That tells me the wind will blow back into the garage." He went on to explain that the high speed sanding that they both do puts dust into the air. "The dust mask we wear does not stop all the contaminates. How many times do we have to clean our glasses?" He went on to discuss the solder he was using. "I know you got it from an old club member. Do you know what is in the solder? Remember, when we were kids, we coated silver dimes with mercury. Would you let your grandchildren play with liquid Mercury?"

Ben pulled a copy of *The Complete Metalsmith* by Tim McCreight off the shelf. He had several pages devoted to safety information. Also, notes through out on do's and don'ts." Ben Stone spent several minutes going over what he saw as problem areas. "I am making the same mistakes as you. We need to rethink what we are doing." As he was leaving, Ben said "You will be fine in a few weeks if you, or should I say we, change a few bad habits."

The above story is just that, "A STORY". The story form is used to give examples of what we are doing. The hope is to learn from our mistakes



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

Why come to the NFMS meetings? Well, there are lots of reasons. The first is to find out what is going on in the wider world of rockhounding. In our individual clubs we are like fish that swim around in a circle doing the same things and seeing the same people over and over again. Don't get me wrong, that is not a bad thing. We are drawn into strong friendships and each have our favorite places to go to gather the wonderful treasures God has provided for us.

But sometimes like the fish in the iddy - biddy pool (the young folks might need to have you sing this song to them to understand the reference) we need to try a different place to swim. To get out and meet other rockhounds, to find out what is happening in other parts of our Federation and to see some new lapidary materials can all broaden our outlooks and be deeply rewarding. I know that to meet with the people that I interface with in the Federation is usually a great joy. To see the hard work others put into their jobs within the Federation makes me glad that my local club is a member. It enriches the hobby for me. And of course, there is the rock. To go to another show some distance from my local one always rewards me with rock with new patterns, new tools, new books, a new appreciation of some form of my hobby that I have not seen before in my local area.

I invite all of you to make the commitment to occasionally attend an NFMS meeting and the accompanying show. Kennewick Washington is not that far to travel. Come "swim over the dam" and join us as we meet and discuss the issues facing us as rockhounds and have some fun too.



# CLEAN-UP OPPORTUNITY!



## ARE YOU WILLING TO DO A BLM/FORESTRY CLEAN-UP AS PART OF YOUR FIELD TRIPS ON PUBLIC LANDS?

### By Shirley Leeson, ALAA Vice President



ALAA is asking you to get involved. When you go out on a field trip on public lands, contact the BLM and/or Forestry or State Lands, and **offer to do a clean-up under their direction.** This is key. They will work with you on a location near your campsite, they will have someone on the day of the clean-up there to supervise and have trucks to haul away the trash, etc. TAKE PICTURES of the event. (They will most likely take pictures too)

If you are willing to participate, contact me and I'll send you some ALAA TRASH BAGS – they have our logo and the words "TRASH, Pack more out than In."

Have them in the front of the picture. The BLM, etc will give you plastic trash bags for the rest of the refuse and trash.

Send pictures with the club name, city and state, and the location of the clean-up and the government body who supervised the event to: [info@amlands.org](mailto:info@amlands.org) and we'll see they are put up on the website and also do a write up in the ALAA Newsletter. And I suggest you also send a picture and article to your regional Newsletter editor for recognition there too.

Let's get rockhounds recognized once again. It will help us when we ask the government to keep our public lands open for all of us.



NOTE: Sending ALAA trash bags will take time, PLAN AHEAD.

Pictures from the 2013 BLM Quartzsite Cleanup where 3 tons of trash were picked up



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**Dealers:** Thirty of the finest purveyors of jewelry, minerals, fossils, lapidary materials and hobby supplies

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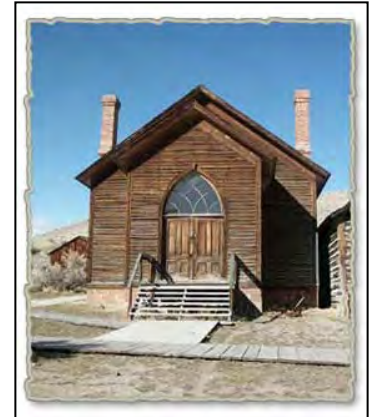
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## Butte Driving Tours

By Dick Wendel  
 Butte Federation Show Publicity Chair

**Bannack State Park** Take I15 South from Butte to near Dillon, then 278 West to the turnoff for the park. Bannack was founded in 1862 when John White discovered gold on Grasshopper Creek. As news of the gold strike spread many prospectors and businessmen rushed to Bannack hoping to strike it rich. In 1864, Bannack was named as the first Territorial Capital of Montana. After being in Bannack a short time, the Capital moved on to Virginia City. In 1863 gold had been discovered near Virginia City and many prospectors left in hopes of finding the mother lode in Virginia City's Alder Cr.

From the late 1860's to the 1930's, Bannack continued as a mining town with a fluctuating population. By the 1950's gold workings had dwindled and most folks had moved on. At that point the State of Montana declared Bannack a State Park. Today, Bannack is the best preserved of all Montana ghost towns with over sixty structures remain standing, most of which can be explored. Note: Bannack is a short drive South East from Crystal Park.



If you keep driving west on hwy 278 and continue west on hwy 43 at Wisdom and the Big Hole Valley [is known for its Beaver Slide method of stacking hay] for about 10 miles you'll arrive at the **Big Hole National Battlefield**. The Battle of the Big Hole in August of 1877 was the turning point of the Nez Perce War, a five month war during which the U.S. Army tried to force the tribe on a reservation. Guided Ranger talks are available as are self guided walks.

Continuing back to Wisdom and staying on hwy 43 you'll be in the

Calvert Tungsten Mine collecting area. Next take the hwy 569 turnoff and head north up the Scenic Highway past the Stack State Park near Anaconda and on to Butte

### For another historic trip head west to: Anaconda, MT

**Anaconda** was founded by Marcus Daly, one of the Copper Kings, who financed the construction of a smelter on nearby Warm Springs Creek to process copper ore from the Butte mines. In June 1883, Daly filed for a town plat for "Copperopolis," but that name already graced a mining town in Meagher County. Instead, Daly accepted the name "Anaconda".

In 1903, the Socialist Party of America won its first victory west of the Mississippi when Anaconda elected a socialist mayor, treasurer, police judge, and three councilmen. Initially, the Anaconda Copper Mining Company tolerated them, but when the Socialists gained political power and threatened to implement reform, the company systematically undermined the radical party. City workers and councilmen refused to cooperate with the new mayor, and the company began to fire Socialists. In the long run labor lost ground in Anaconda and the company exerted ever greater political control.<sup>[1]</sup>

The Anaconda Company expanded smelting capacity over time, and by 1919 the Washoe Reduction Works could boast that its 585-foot (178 m) smokestack (Anaconda Smelter Stack) was the tallest masonry structure in the world and that the smelter-refining complex constituted the world's largest nonferrous processing plant. In 1980, Atlantic Richfield Company closed the smelter, bringing an end to almost a century of mineral processing. Since then, an operation for environmental cleanup was put into place by the Environmental Protection Agency and executed with the assistance of ARCO. The multi-million dollar cleanup and investment has resulted in the formation of "Old Works" Golf Course, a championship 18-hole course designed by Jack Nicklaus



### Continuing further west from Anaconda on hwy 1 you'll go past beautiful Georgetown Lake and arrive in Phillipsburg.

**Phillipsburg** voted as one of the "Prettiest Painted Places in America" its home to the oldest operating school, jail, and opera house in Montana. Long the county seat of Granite County, Phillipsburg has a rich history in silver mining and ranching. The roots of the area started as a booming mining town in the late 1800's. Its historic downtown is full of beautifully restored buildings from that era. Today these buildings are full of friendly shops, saloons, and other enjoyable establishments. It is situated 30 miles south of I-90 on the famous Pintler Scenic Loop, also known as Montana Highway 1.

Phillipsburg has claimed "sapphires from the greatest deposit in the world." Now in addition to finding your own sapphires and motoring around Georgetown Lake, add a live professional theatre in the oldest Opera House in Montana, historic shopping in the lovingly restored commercial business district, tasting and watching candy being made with antique equipment in the World's Greatest Candy Store, exploring local ghost towns, lunching and dining in the old eating establishments, and relaxing in the evenings in the renovated old hotels and saloons. Did you come to Montana to collect some Sapphires?

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A short drive up the Shalkaho Pass hwy [38] you'll find the **Gem Mountain Sapphire Mine** 22 miles west of Philipsburg at the south end of the Sapphire Mountain Range. They've been mining Sapphires at Gem Mountain since 1892. Gem Mt. is the only business in the area that owns and operates a Sapphire Mine one of the few left in the state of Montana. Gem Mt. produces it's our own sapphire gravel concentrate. Sapphire Mining is a lot easier today than it used to be. The dirt is dug up for you, washed, and concentrated and brought to the store by the dump truck load. The gravel is sold by the bucket. Gem Mt. supplies all the tools and equipment needed for you to find your own Montana Sapphires. Five gallon buckets of gravel are \$20 and should keep you entertained for a couple of hours.



### **A short 40 miles to the west of Butte you'll find the "Museum "town of Deer Lodge.**

The second oldest town in Montana, **Deer Lodge** is a historically rich community. Deer Lodge was first discovered by Indians and then later during the Lewis and Clark expedition when the men were helped over the continental divide and through the neighboring Bitterroot Mountains by the Native Americans of the area. The landscape of the area is both prairie and mountainous.

In the 1850's Johnny Grant settled in the Deer Lodge Valley and established what was to become one of the largest ranching operations in the country. Today the Grant-Kohrs ranch is a National Historic Site and still a significant working ranch. It consists of 1,500 acres and has 90

structures. In early 1870's, Deer Lodge was selected as the site for the Montana Territorial Prison. It was built by convict labor, and opened its doors in 1871 where it remained in use until 1979. Guided and self-guided tours lead visitors beyond the gray stone wall and towers through the now unused prison with its 4-tiered cell block, gothic facade and huge prison yard. The 120 Montana Auto Museum is also part of the Prison tour. Powell County has a number of other museums of interest. It also has diverse industries, farming, ranching, mining, timber harvest, lumber and other wood product production and tourism.

### **Our last suggested tour is only a 90 minute drive south of Butte is the historic town of Virginia City/ Nevada City**

**Virginia City** is a living town of 150 year round residents who host the West's best preserved gold mining town from the 1860s. Visitors walk the same boardwalks that desperate Vigilantes once patrolled. Guests are transported to a time when rowdy miners mingled in saloons and restaurants with women of negotiable affection.

View over 100 historic buildings complete with artifacts and furnishings. Ride the stagecoach, attend a live theater show and stay the night in homey historic lodging. Shop in unique gift and specialty shops, enjoy fine dining and old-fashioned bakery and candy shop goods.



**Nevada City**, just 1.5 miles away has 14 historic buildings original to the site plus a collection of more than 100 other historic buildings saved from locations all over Montana. The town provides a great backdrop for Living History weekends available through the summer months. Visit the Nevada City Music Hall with a collection of historic music machines, gaviolis and player pianos--the largest music machine collection in the world open to the public.

So when the Butte Federation show is over or you're on the way, be sure to visit some of these historic Southwest Montana locations; take your time and explore and enjoy.



## Mailing of Folded Rock Club Bulletins By Beth Heesacker

My bulk mailing guru and my local Post Office assure me that the new rules published last month in this newsletter only apply to those bulletins that are **bulk mailed**. Since my club mails so few and uses first class postage we can continue as we always have. You might want to use the larger sealing tabs and move them up to within an inch of the top to comply with the new standards just to make it easier to get your bulletins safely through the machinery.



## NFMS MEMBER CLUBS' SHOW SCHEDULE

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| <b>April 6-7</b><br>Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5                    | Southeast Idaho Gem & Mineral Society                                       | Bannock County Fairgrounds<br>10558 Ifft Road, Pocatello ID                                    | Anna Capell 208 221 9458<br>PO Box 3089 West Neeley Loop<br>American Falls ID, 83211   |
| <b>April 12-14</b><br>Fri 9-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4         | Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Club   | Golden Spike Event Center, Weber County<br>Fairgrounds, 1000 North 1200 West<br>Ogden UT       | Cynthia Aeschlimann PO Box 12835<br>Ogden UT 84414-2835<br><a href="mailto:club@goldenspikegem.org">club@goldenspikegem.org</a><br>801 648 5060  |
| <b>April 13-14</b><br>Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5                  | Idaho Falls Gem & Mineral   | Idaho Falls Recreation Center<br>B Street, Idaho Falls, ID                                     | Jim Bosley 208 520 1819<br><a href="mailto:jbosley@cablone.net">jbosley@cablone.net</a>  |
| <b>April 19-21</b><br>Fri 9-6, Sat 10-6<br>Sun 10-4:30    | Willamette Agate and Mineral Society  | Polk County Fairgrounds<br>520 South Pacific Hwy West, Rickreall OR                            | Contact: Etheleen Flippo 503 623 4247<br><a href="mailto:reflippoo@hotmail.com">reflippoo@hotmail.com</a>  |
| <b>April 20-21</b><br>Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4                  | Yakima Rock & Mineral Club  | Washington National Guard Amory, 2501<br>Airport Lane, Yakima WA 98903                         | Marti Sondgeroth 509 248 6401<br>(evenings) <a href="mailto:marthms@q.com">marthms@q.com</a>   |
| <b>April 20-21</b><br>Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4                  | Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club<br><b>NFMS Mid-Year Meeting</b>               | Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds, 1500<br>South Oak, Kennewick WA                            | Mary Lou Omstead <a href="mailto:mlofbo@yahoo.com">mlofbo@yahoo.com</a><br>509 783 2798  |
| <b>April 27-28</b><br>Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5                  | West Seattle Rock Club  | Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40 <sup>th</sup> Avenue<br>SW, Seattle WA                            | Lyle & Audrey Vogelpohl 206 932<br>3292 <a href="mailto:avogelpohl@comcast.net">avogelpohl@comcast.net</a><br><a href="http://www.westseattlerockclub.org">www.westseattlerockclub.org</a> |
| <b>April 27-28</b><br>Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4                  | Grays Harbor Geology and Gem Society  | Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds, 43<br>Elma-McCleary Road, Elma WA                             | Gary Emberley 360 533 6196<br><a href="mailto:melissa624@hotmail.com">melissa624@hotmail.com</a>   |
| <b>May 3-5</b><br>Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6<br>Sun 10-4          | Rock Rollers Club of Spokane WA   | Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, N.604<br>Havana at Broadway, Spokane WA                     | Mike Shaw 509 251 1574<br><a href="mailto:mikeshawmoose@yahoo.com">mikeshawmoose@yahoo.com</a>   |
| <b>May 11-12</b><br>Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4                    | Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club  | Gallatin County Fairgrounds<br>901 North Black, Bozeman MT 59715                               | Dan Carter or Jerry Hancock 406 599<br>6063 Box 11001 Bozeman MT 59719   |
| <b>May 18-19</b><br>Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5                    | Hatrockhound Gem & Mineral Club   | Hermiston Community Center<br>415 South Highway 395, Hermiston OR                              | Mike Filarski<br><a href="mailto:stonemorlin1@netscape.net">stonemorlin1@netscape.net</a> 541 922<br>5091 cell 541 571 2593  |
| <b>May 18-19</b><br>Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4                    | Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society  | First Interstate Center, Ravalli County<br>Fairgrounds, 100 Old Corvallis Road,<br>Hamilton MT | Mike McConnell<br><a href="mailto:micker1949@yahoo.com">micker1949@yahoo.com</a><br>406 777 0536   |
| <b>May 31, June 1-2</b><br>Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5<br>Sun 10-5 | Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club  | Swiss Park<br>9205 198 <sup>th</sup> Avenue East<br>Bonney Lake WA                             | Nancy LeMay 253 987 6751<br>PVGMC PO Box 134 Puyallup WA<br>98371, <a href="mailto:info@puyallupgemclub.org">info@puyallupgemclub.org</a>  |
| <b>June 1-2</b><br>Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4                      | North Idaho Mineral Club  | Kootenai County Fairgrounds,<br>4056 North Government Way,<br>Coeur d'Alene, ID                | Bev Bockman <a href="mailto:bockbb@aol.com">bockbb@aol.com</a> 208<br>773 5384   |
| <b>June 1-2</b><br>Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5                     | Everett Rock & Gem Club   | Everett Community College, Student<br>Fitness Center, 2206 Tower Street, Everett,<br>WA        | Fritz Mack POB 1615 Everett WA<br>98206 425 232 0809   |
| <b>July 19-21</b><br>Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5<br>Sun 10-4       | Lower Umpqua Gem and Lapidary Society                                       | Reedsport Comm. Ctr.<br>451 Winchester Avenue<br>Reedsport OR                                  | Bill or Virginia Hendrickson<br>541 271 6816, 69833 Stage Road North<br>Bend OR 97459  |
| <b>July 27-28</b><br>Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5                   | Northwest Montana Rock Chucks   | Flathead County Fairgrounds<br>265 North Meridian<br>Kalispell MT                              | Milah Gano or Joe Berg 406 844 3560<br>PO Box 433 Lakeside MT 59922<br><a href="mailto:mallards_g@hotmail.com">mallards_g@hotmail.com</a>  |
| <b>August 2-4</b><br>Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5<br>Sun 10-4       | Far West Lapidary and Gem Society   | North Bend Community Center<br>2222 Broadway, North Bend OR                                    | Don Innes 541 396 5722<br><a href="mailto:doninnes.innes20@gmail.com">doninnes.innes20@gmail.com</a>   |
| <b>August 9-11</b><br>Fri 9-5, Sat 10-5<br>Sun 10-5       | Butte Mineral and Gem Club<br><b>NFMS' 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show</b> | Butte Civic Center<br>1340 Harrison Avenue, Butte MT   | Pete Knudesen 406 723 8524<br>1301 West Gold Street Butte MT<br>59701  |
| <b>August 9-11</b><br>Fri 10-9, Sat 10-9<br>Sun 10-6      | Port Townsend Rock Club   | Jefferson Co. Frgrnds<br>4907 Landers St., Port Townsend WA<br>98368                           | Dave Eddie 360 379 5633<br>PO Box 237 Port Hadlock WA 98339  |

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| <b>August 10-11</b><br>Sat 9 – 5, Sun 10 – 5   | Maplewood Rock and Gem Club              | Maplewood Clubhouse<br>8802 196 <sup>th</sup> St. SW<br>Edmonds WA 98026                  | Lauryn MacGregor <a href="mailto:little-toad@att.net">little-toad@att.net</a><br>PO Box 5657 Lynnwood WA 98046  |
| <b>September 7-8</b><br>Sat 9–5, Sun10–4       | Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club                | Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Frear St,<br>Roseburg OR 97471                           | Janet Stringfellow 541 643 4037<br><a href="mailto:soldbyjanets@yahoo.com">soldbyjanets@yahoo.com</a>   |
| <b>September 14-15</b><br>Sat 10–5, Sun 10–5   | Marcus Whitman Gem and Mineral Society   | Walla Walla Co. Frgrnds, Com. Center, 9 <sup>th</sup><br>Street & Orchard, Walla Walla WA | Jack L Edwards 509 520 1182<br><a href="mailto:jcedwards1475@yahoo.com">jcedwards1475@yahoo.com</a>   |
| <b>September 21-22</b><br>Sat 9–6<br>Sun–10–5  | Hellgate Mineral Society                 | Hilton Garden Inn, 3720 North Reserve<br>Street, Missoula MT 59806                        | Bob Riggs 14 Holiday Lane<br>Missoula, MT 59801,<br>406 543 3667  |
| <b>September 28-29</b><br>Sat 10–5, Sun 10 – 4 | Billings Gem and Mineral Club            | Billings Hotel and Convention Center<br>1223 Mullowney Lane<br>Billings MT                | Doug True 406 670 0506<br><a href="mailto:dtruefossils12@yahoo.com">dtruefossils12@yahoo.com</a>  |
| <b>October 5-6</b><br>Sat 10–6, Sun 10-4:30    | Springfield Thunderegg Club              | Guy Lee Elementary School, 755 Harlow<br>Road, Springfield OR                             | Jim Nelson 541 687 8100<br><a href="mailto:tworockyj@aol.com">tworockyj@aol.com</a><br>Patrica Engleman<br><a href="mailto:thunderegg.rockclub@gmail.com">thunderegg.rockclub@gmail.com</a> |
| <b>October 26-27</b><br>Sat 9 – 6, Sun 10 – 5  | Clackamette Mineral & Gem Golden Jubilee | Clackamas County Frgrnds, 694 NE 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Ave, Canby OR 97013                   | Rick Mauer 503 691 6395<br><a href="mailto:tallerricardo@juno.com">tallerricardo@juno.com</a>   |
| <b>November 9-10</b>                           | Maplewood Rock and Gem Club              | Maplewood Clubhouse<br>8802 196 <sup>th</sup> St. SW<br>Edmonds WA 98026                  | Lauryn MacGregor <a href="mailto:little-toad@att.net">little-toad@att.net</a><br>PO Box 5657 Lynnwood WA 98046  |



**Clubs, please note that any SHOW INFORMATION should go to Pat Lambert, Show Coordinator. She will then send the information out to the rock magazines, websites and to this newsletter.**

**All MEMBERSHIP UPDATES, including new members so they can receive this newsletter as soon as possible, should go to Tom Burchard, Circulation Chair and to Carol Willey, Directory Chair.**

**See the second page of this newsletter for address information for these Chairmen and Chairwomen.**

**Thank you!**



**Earth Day**

**April 22nd**