

OGDEN-GRAM #2

For those who like to make their reservations early; the **Headquarters** for the **NFMS 2015 Show and Annual Meeting** is Ogden's "[Comfort Suites Hotel](http://www.comfortsuites.com/hotel-ogden-utah-UT422)". At this "full service" inn, we will not only have exceptionally nice rooms with full breakfasts included; but the committee luncheons and the Awards Banquet are also taken care of by their on-site restaurant. Just off I-15, it is a short drive to the show site, and 21st street is an easy access road to downtown Ogden with all of its attractions. For reduced rates, be sure to mention you are with the "NFMS convention". Call (801) 621-2545 or visit their website at "<http://www.comfortsuites.com/hotel-ogden-utah-UT422>".

On the other side of I-15 is the full hookup [Century Mobile Home and RV Park](http://centuryparkrv.com). They also will offer a reduced rate if enough folks make reservations. (801-731-3800) or "<http://centuryparkrv.com>") There is free dry camping in a paved parking lot right next to the Show; and the fairgrounds has several "electric only" spots next to the equestrian facilities about a block away.

The **NFMS Annual Meeting** will be at 4:00 on Friday afternoon, about 100 yards from the show building in the [Golden Spike Events Center](#). The **ALAA meeting** will be just before, at 1:00 Friday in the same conference room. We have invited [U.S Representative Rob Bishop](#), whose district includes Ogden, to speak to us. Mr. Bishop is the designated Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee in the incoming 2015 Congress! This is the key body for everything we Rockhounds are concerned about! Rob's schedule is not yet settled, but we are optimistic we can get him.

The **Awards Banquet** will be in the Baja Room of the Hotel, buffet style so we all get good hot servings. **Bob Jones**, editor of "[Rock & Gem Magazine](#)", will probably be our featured speaker at the Dinner. He will confirm this later (after his computer gets fixed. (Even HE isn't immune!))

Elsewhere in this NFMS newsletter, you will find the application forms for exhibiting at the Show. The same forms serve for both **Competitive and Non-competitive** displays. Just fill in the appropriate parts pertaining to your application. We will have at least 60 cases, with first priority given to Competitive exhibits; next to Non-competitive exhibits from folks in clubs outside of Ogden, and the rest from around the area. At Hermiston last August, the [Rice Museum](#) in Portland offered to bring one of their wonderful items, a special treat indeed.

In addition, we will be delighted if folks in the NFMS volunteer to **Demonstrate** their many skills during the Show. Let me know if you can do so, and I will have our Demo chairman call you for details. Also scour your yard and garage for good stuff to bring to the **Silent Auction**.

During the Show we will be treated to tours of the [Eccles Dinosaur Park](#) acres of life-size reproductions of these pre-historic creatures. In the main building are many more exhibits, and the **Palentology Laboratory** staffed by several volunteer Golden Spike Club members in association with the [Natural History Museum of Utah](#).

Field trips to Topaz Mountain and Wendover (in the West Desert) are on tap. More information later as ideas and the weather develop.

More details will follow in future Ogden-Grams. Questions? Contact Evan Day at 801-391-2912 or email to eday@sisna.com.

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