

OGDEN-GRAM #3, 15 January 2015

Updated details regarding the Annual Meeting and Gem Show (April 10-12, 2015) of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies are on our website: <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/> . Click on right hand side of home page at "Federation Show". Our webmaster, Brad Larson, has prominently posted the fine videos regarding things to do in Ogden, along with video of our April 2014 Golden Spike gem show. There are also the "Ogden-grams" from the Federation Newsletter giving specifics on arrangements. Additional messages will appear on the website and in the Newsletter each month.

As mentioned in the last Ogden-Gram, the **Headquarters Hotel** is Ogden's "**Comfort Suites**". At this "full service" inn, we have exceptionally nice rooms with full breakfasts included; and the committee luncheons and Banquet are also taken care of by their on-site restaurant, "**Cactus Red's**". 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>". **MARCH 25th is the Cut-off date** for guaranteed reduced rates (about two weeks before the show).

The **Saturday evening Awards Banquet** is at 7:00, with a "No-Host" happy hour starting at 6:00. The buffet entree' is your choice of BBQ ribs or Baked chicken, with Baked Beans, "Million Dollar Potatoes", Salad, Dessert, etc. The **Past Presidents' and Officers'** luncheon will be at noon Saturday, so that those desiring to travel part way home on Sunday can do so. That meal is Salad, Fettuccine & Spaghetti noodles served with Marinara Meat Sauce and Creamy Alfredo Sauce. The **Bulletin Aids Committee** meeting is at 8:00 Saturday morning, and will match the regular Hotel Guests' complimentary buffet with eggs, meat, potato, oatmeal, waffles, etc.

For folks dining on **Thursday and Friday** evenings, I can recommend **Cactus Red's**, "**Jeremiah's**" on 12th St, "**Harley & Bucks**" downtown on Washington, or on Historic 25th St. at "**Bistro-258**" (25th is loaded with great restaurants!). I've also recently been to **Brewski's** on 25th for pizza and drinks, and listen to Bend, Oregon's "Broken Down Guitars" band on tour. Couldn't have been nicer! The young crowd was dumbfounded that senior people like us could enjoy the same atmosphere and music. Lots of good conversations; had several offers to buy us another round.

The **Registration form** for the **meetings and meals** is elsewhere in this Newsletter (exhibit forms were in Ogden-Gram #2, and are on the Website). As time gets closer, plans are firming-up for field trips and speakers during the show by individuals and our area clubs. More details will follow in future Ogden-Grams. Questions? Contact Evan Day at 801-391-2912 or email to eday@sisna.com.