

## OGDEN-GRAM #5 2-15-2015

As time gets closer, plans are firming-up for the activities associated with hosting of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies during Gemstone Junction 2015 (April 10, 11, 12). Some of the field trips and speakers during the show by individuals and our area clubs are now scheduled. An all-day trip to Topaz Mountain near Delta Utah is leaving Ogden early Friday, April 10. The "Mineral Collectors of Utah" will guide folks to an area where Topaz, Red Beryl, Garnet, Bixbyite, and Apache Tears may be found. The "Beehive Rock & Gem Society" (also in Ogden) is leading a trip on Saturday to an area near Wendover on the UT/NV border for Agate. A couple of our other sister-clubs are also considering short trips on Saturday and Sunday. As always, springtime weather in the Rockies is unpredictable so be prepared for cold & heat, sunshine & rain, gravel & mud, snow & dust!

Gary Warren, President of the "Cache Rock & Gem Club of Logan, UT, will speak Friday morning on his adventures editing a new volume of "Rock-Hounding in Utah". "Big Al" is the hero of Dr. Paul Bybee's talk on the huge predator "Allosaurus" on Saturday. Speakers from the Natural History Museum of Utah and the College of Eastern Utah (in Price, near the famed Cleveland-Lloyd dinosaur quarry) are also trying to arrange their schedules for us.

Everyone is invited to the Saturday evening Awards Banquet 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. In addition to a great meal and chance to mingle with Rock-hounds from all over the Northwest; here is a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear Bob Jones, Contributing Editor of Rock And Gem Magazine speak! He will be describing his adventures in Mexico inside the deep cave containing Selenite crystals the size of telephone poles. The Advance Registration form is on the website, and in the January Newsletter.

Club members from all over the Federation are encouraged to try their hand at competing for ribbons and trophies this year. A Blue Ribbon this year qualifies you for National entry at Albany, OR next year! We all have great material and crafted items worthy of Regional and National recognition. The registration form for competitive exhibits is on the website, and in the December 2014 newsletter. Contact Exhibits Registrar Evan Day by phone or text to 801-3912 if interested and need help in entering. Note that the deadline for entries was extended to April 1, by Judging Director Lauren Williams.

Dick Parks, Patty Amos, and the Mt. Hood Mafia are again handling the Silent Auction. Please bring lots of good Northwest material, it will go like hot-cakes down here. We will have a good supply of fabulous Utah stuff to reciprocate!

The Federation meeting will be held at 4:00 on Friday afternoon, with an ALAA informational meeting earlier at 1:00. We are still hoping to get U.S. Representative Rob Bishop to speak to the ALAA gathering, but his staff is having a hard time coordinating all the requests (he is chairman of the powerful "Natural Resources Committee").

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