



Portland Regional Gem & Mineral Association
"Cascade of Gems"
Wingspan Event and Conference Center, Hillsboro, OR
Exhibitor Advisory and Supplemental Rules

LOCATION:

The Wingspan Event and Conference Center is at Westside Commons, south of Cornell Road, across from Hillsboro Airport, and north of the MAX station and Park & Ride. Consider taking MAX to avoid parking fees.

SETUP:

Set-up begins Thursday at noon, and ends at 8:00 p.m.

JUDGING:

Judging begins on Friday at 9:00 a.m. When you arrive, check in at the registration desk to receive your display-space location and a packet containing ribbons, passes, and other materials.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Exhibitors are responsible for the cost of accommodations at nearby hotels, motels, or campgrounds.

PARKING AND DRY CAMPING:

Dealer RV parking and camping are permitted at Westside Commons; tent camping is prohibited. Thirteen RV spaces are available for \$35 per night, including the Transient Lodging Tax. PRGMSA assigns spaces on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a space, contact Sue Steward and pay the camping fee to PRGMSA. Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

CASE LIGHTING:

Limit case lighting to 150 watts per case and use LED lights whenever possible. The exhibit chairperson may approve exceptions for special exhibits upon request.

ACCESS:

Keep your case closed throughout the show. If an emergency requires you to open it, contact the exhibit chairperson; security must be present.

KEYS TO CASES:

In classes requiring the exhibit to be opened, the exhibitor, rather than the Rules Committee, may elect to remove the required items for judging to the judging area and return them to the exhibit after judging is completed. Keys to cases that must be opened must be left with the Rules Chairperson or a delegated assistant. Cases are to be opened in the presence of a security officer.

REMOVAL OF CASES:

At the close of the show on Sunday, an announcement will direct all guests to leave the building. Once the building is clear, a second announcement will authorize exhibitors, dealers, and show volunteers to remove exhibit cases, fixtures, and dealer merchandise. All exhibits must remain in place until closing unless the show chairperson approves earlier removal for an urgent need.

NAMES/LABELS:



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Noncompetitive displays may include your name or a personalized club badge. Clearly label all rocks, gems, fossils, jewelry, and other materials in your case to enhance its educational value for viewers.

Below only pertains to the PRGMSA Competition & Trophies

AWARDS PRESENTATION:

The awards program will be held Saturday at noon in a conference room. Check with the show front desk for the location and pick up all awards at the program.

SPECIAL-COMPETITIVE TROPHIES:

Certain trophies are available to be awarded to noncompetitive exhibitors. However, for you to be eligible for a trophy, please indicate your interest in receiving a trophy in writing when filling out your exhibit registration.

COMPETITIVE TROPHIES:

All exhibits will be judged under the AFMS Uniform Rules Book, 8th Edition, including all updates, except for the Al Gerding Memorial (Single Faceted Stone), President's Trophy, and Mount Hood Trophy. To be considered for any of these awards, indicate your interest on the application.

1. An Association Award for the best display of Northwest Lapidary Material. All material must originate from within the boundaries of the Northwest Federation. Indicate on the application that you wish to be considered.
2. The Mini Cab Award for a limited number of specimens or units prepared by a novice. Please see: [Rules for PRGMSA Competitive Trophies and Special Awards](#) below.
3. The Mini Mineral Award. Please see: [Rules for PRGMSA Competitive Trophies and Special Awards](#) below.
4. The Mini Fossil Award. Please see: [Rules for PRGMSA Competitive Trophies and Special Awards](#) below.
5. The Mini Jewelry Award. Please see: [Rules for PRGMSA Competitive Trophies and Special Awards](#) below.
6. The President's Trophy award of the President's personal choice.
7. A Sweepstakes Award to the best competitive exhibit in the show. Determined by a special judging team and selected from all Master Trophy winners.
8. The Mount Hood Trophy is presented by the Mount Hood Rock Club as a non-competitive exhibit, based on originality, showmanship, and public appeal. Not open to dealers.
9. An Association Award for the best case of Spheres in the show displayed by a Non Dealer.
10. A Junior Sweepstakes Award to the best junior competitive Exhibit in the show. Determined by a special Judging Team and selected from all Rosette winners in the junior group.
11. A Junior Display Trophy presented by the Portland Regional to the best Non-Competitive Junior case.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

1. An award to the Visiting Club with the greatest total footage of displays, based upon a percentage of membership.



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2. An award to the Sponsoring Club with the greatest total footage of displays, based upon a percentage of membership.
3. The Al Gerding Memorial Award: To the best single stone faceted by a novice. Please request the rules for this award category if you plan to compete.
4. An Association Award for the best non-dealer display in the show of "All Oregon Lapidary Material" judged and awarded by the Oregon Council of Rock and Mineral Clubs. Please request the rules for this award category if you plan to compete.
5. Show attendees select the People's Choice Award winner by vote.

RULES FOR PRGMSA COMPETITIVE TROPHIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS:

Rules for the PRGMSA competitive trophies defined in the preceding sections can be found on the PRGMSA website under the "[Application to Exhibit](#)" tab found at:
<https://portlandregionalgemandmineral.com/application/>