

Welcome to Billings, Montana  
July 30-August 2, 2009

I would like to take a few minutes to welcome you to the AFMS/NFMS Show and Convention. There will be a number of special exhibits designed to make this a show you won't forget for many years. Come join us and enjoy seeing the Moon Rock from NASA, a life sized Cave Bear, Dinosaurs, a world class Ruby Collection, a rare Yogo Sapphire Collection, a Polar Bear carving (4ft high, weighing 2000 lbs) and much more, as we are adding things everyday.

We also look forward to seeing your special exhibits, so please take some time and think about what showcases you would like to enter, and also your collection or your craftsmanship that would make a great competition exhibit. Let's show the country what the Northwest has to offer.

We hope you plan your vacation around this show, and visit the many wonders that Montana has to offer: Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, the Dinosaur Trail including Makoshika State Park, Little Big Horn Battle Field, where General Custer fought, Pompeys Pillar, and lots more, plus great areas for boating, fishing, camping and hiking.

Plan on spending the entire week after the show taking advantage of our planned field trips collecting Montana Agate, Jasper, Petrified Wood, Bear Canyon fortification agate, a variety of fossils such ammonites, nautiloids, pine cones, stromatolites, crinoids, coral and others. There will also be a guided Geological Tour of the Pryor Mountains, a guided tour of the Stillwater mine smelter and several self guided tours for quartz crystals, opal and Montana sapphires. Check out the NFMS website for all information and forms.

As we get closer to the show, special articles will be published giving more information on all of the field

trips, and things to see and do in Montana. You don't want to miss this show.

Doug True

Show Chairman

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