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The Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals Annual Summer Festival Coming in August Includes Appearances by ‘Fred and Wilma Flintstone’

Hillsboro, Ore.....The Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals will hold their 13th annual Summer Festival this year August 6 and 7, 2016. The weekend festival includes 20 vendors selling minerals, fossils, gems, and jewelry. Event activities include gold panning, lapidary and jewelry making demonstrations, and a variety of rock and mineral activities for families and people of all ages. The festivities include live music and local food will be available for purchase. This year ‘Fred and Wilma Flintstone’ and their famous ‘Flintstone Mobile’ will be at the event both days. Both days include a silent auction and door prizes. The festival hours for both days are 10am to 5pm and admission costs are \$5 for adults and free to anyone 17 years old and under.

This is the Rice NW Museum’s largest festival and draws thousands of rockhounds and gem and mineral enthusiasts to the Museum grounds. Museum Director, Julian Gray added, “This year’s event promises to be the largest and best in years. Summer Festival at the Rice Northwest Museum is great fun for everyone.”

Featured Exhibitors include:

- Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club
- Columbia-Willamette Faceter’s Guild
- North America Resear4ch Group
- Northwest Mineral Prospector’s Club
- Oregon Agate and Mineral Society
- Oregon Museum of Science and Industry
- Tualatin Valley Rock and Gem Club

Summer Festival at the Rice NW Museum is an annual event held on the first full weekend of August.

The Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals is home to a world-class collection of rocks and minerals recognized as the finest in the Pacific Northwest and one of the best in the nation. The Museum is located in Hillsboro, Oregon just west of Portland (exit 61 off of Highway 26). Its educational programs include organized school field trips as well as ongoing educational outreach throughout the community at large. A variety of public and private events are hosted throughout the year as well. The Museum is listed on the National Registry for Historic Homes for its unique architectural style and its use of natural stone and extraordinary native Oregon woodwork throughout the building.

For more information about the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals, call (503) 647-2418 or visit www.ricenorthwestmuseum.org or www.facebook.com/RiceNWMuseum.