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Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals 14th Annual Summer Festival August 5 & 6

Hillsboro, Ore. The Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals will hold their 14th annual Summer Festival this year August 5 & 6, 2017. The weekend festival includes 30 vendors selling minerals, fossils, gems, and jewelry. Event activities include gold panning, lapidary and jewelry making demonstrations, crack-your-own geodes, and a variety of rock and mineral activities for families and people of all ages. Author Pat McMahan will be signing copies of his book "Agates: The Pat McMahan Collection." Copies will be available for sale at the Rice Museum booth. The festivities include live music, and local food will be available for purchase. Both days include a silent auction and door prices. The festival hours for both days are 10am to 5pm and admission costs are \$5 for everyone ages 5 and up.

This is the largest annual festival at Rice NW Museum and drew a record 1400 rockhounds and gem and mineral enthusiasts to the Museum grounds last year. 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 Research 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 61B 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 Register of Historic Places 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.