

2026 SHOW COUNT DOWN CALENDAR

Should be starting to think about what you would like to display. If you do not think you have enough alone, then now's the time to find someone to partner with, and plan out how you want to display your items. For those of you how have not yet signed up to assist with the setup, take down or taking part in, to do a display, no time to waste. Doesn't matter what you sign up for, even if for one day, in one slot. It takes team work to make a great show, and make sure it runs smoothly. May seem like April is a long way down the road, But with everybody's busy lives and schedules it will be here before you know it. And with only 2 meetings in between to address any questions

March

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| 1 48-days | 2 47-days | 3 46-days | 4 45-days | 5 44-days | 6 43-days | 7 42-days |
| 8 41-days | 9 40-days | 10 39-days | 11 38-days | 12 37-days | 13 36-days | 14 35-days |
| 15 34-days | 16 33-days | 17 32-days | 18 31-days | 19 30-days | 20 29-days | 21 28-days |
| 22 27-days | 23 26-days | 24 25-days | 25 24-days | 26 23-days | 27 22-days | 28 21-days |
| 29 20-days | 30 19-days | 31 18-days | | | | |

For those of you who are interested in

competing on the state and national level shows, now is the time to learn the rules and guidelines. Use the show to put together your display and be able to get it critiqued by members who are also judges for these shows. Find out what works and don't before to enter the competition events. Be better prepared for them. And for those of you who think my stuff isn't good enough, remember, we all started somewhere, none of it was perfect, and beauty is in the eye of the beholder. The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) Mid-Year meeting will be held in conjunction with our show this year on Saturday afternoon pf our show weekend. We will have visitors from throughout the NFMS wandering around our show. As mentioned for those wanting to compete, get feedback, hints, suggestions, etc. to help prepare for the real thing.

April

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| 5 13-days | 6 12-days | 7 11-days | 8 10-days | 9 9-days | 10 8-days | 11 7-days |
| 12 6-days | 13 5-days | 14 4-days | 15 3-days | 16 2-days Make sure you have your display items packed up | 17 1-day Set up Set up display cases | 18 Show day 9 – 6 Earth Day Event at the REACH |
| 19 Show day 10 – 4 Tear-down and return after show end | | | 23 | | | |

The location of the show is the Benton-Franklin County Fairgrounds, at 1500 S Oak Street, Kennewick in Building #2

We will need volunteers to help with retrieving the materials needed for the show from our storage units in Finley. This is one of the tasks along with the packing up and returning the items to the storage units is **where we could really use some of our younger members help**. Our older members can't move as fast and as long as we use to, and more susceptible to injury. Helping out also teaches you what needs to be done when the time comes to pass the torch on to the next generation in our club. Friday morning is set up time. That's when we get all the tables set up, you get your display cases set up, and our vendors get set up. For those of you entering displays, this will also give you a chance to look over your cases, check out the competition, and make any list minute tweaks before show time on Saturday. Any of you helping who have pickups to help transport some of the materials, would be of great help. **REMEMBER, GREAT SHOWS DON'T JUST HAPPEN, THEY TAKE TEAM WORK! WHEN ALL OF US DO A LITTLE, IT COMES TOGETHER AND MAKES A LOT.** I know that a lot of you put a lot of time and love into your projects and it shows. And you take pride in it. This is your time to shine and share with others what you did. Your work can inspire others to want to learn, or share by joining and growing our group. Whether it be an adult who wants to learn more about the rocks they have collected and what they can do with them, a family looking for activities that they can do as a family, or a young person looking for an artistic outlet and thirst to learn, and that they aren't the only ones who are fascinated by the rocks, minerals and fossils they have seen or found.