

# PORTLAND REGIONAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW ASSOCIATION

## MINI NOVICE FOSSIL COMPETITION

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**PURPOSE:** To allow Fossil Collectors to enter into competition with a minimum number of fossils which will promote competitive fossil collection and preparation.

1. All Exhibitors shall be Novice, that means having never won the top award (Blue Ribbon) in any Fossil Competition in the Portland Regional or at any other show.
2. ALL FOSSIL SPECIMENS MUST HAVE BEEN COLLECTED IN THE FIELD AND PREPARED BY THE EXHIBITOR.
3. All entries shall be delivered, set up and picked up after the show by the exhibitor. There will be no mail-in entries or proxy entries.
4. The exhibits shall include either plant, vertebrates, invertebrates, or a combination of fossil specimens. The number of specimens will be a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of ten (10), to illustrate a good representation variety.
5. The exhibitor will prepare and display fossil specimens in a well organized manner.
6. The Exhibit Chairman will provide a standard 24" x 24" x 48" lined, lighted display case to hold all specimen exhibits. (two (2) per case) The exhibitor will prepare their display to fit in a 22 x 22 inch square area.
7. Subdivision "THUMBNAIL" or "MICROMOUNT" will be OUT OF CLASS in Mini Novice Fossil competition.
8. The Exhibitor must post OUTSIDE the case, information relative to their display specimens. This may be a list, notebook, file cards or posters. Information must include a list showing where the exhibitor obtained the scientific name for each specimen, the name of the publication or article, the author, date of publication, page number, plate and figure number of any illustrations. Reproduced copies of pages may also be used. It is preferable to cite a publication for each name, however if the exhibitor was unable to find a published reference for that fossil, they must give the name of the individual or institution who identified the specimen for the exhibitor. Other information pertinent to the fossil may be used.
9. The Exhibits Chairman will provide an appropriate trophy for the Mini Novice Fossil class.
10. All entries will be judged on the following basis:
  - 30% - Labeling
  - 15% - Showmanship
  - 20% - Quality
  - 30% - Workmanship/Specimen Preparation
  - 5% - Reference Listing
11. Entries will be judged by Qualified judges using these rules and the latest AFMS listings, with the judges decision being final.