

# WORLDWIDE ROCK TUMBLING CONTEST

presented by

**Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society, Inc.**



## 2018 Rock Tumbling Contest Rules and Guidelines:

1. Mail or email the submission form between January 1 and June 1. The early you submit, the more time you have to work the rock. The mailed in submission form should include the \$30 payment to FRLMS Inc. Any applications from outside the United States will be charged additional costs for shipping. Payment can also be made online via our website and PayPal.
2. The rough rock will be shipped to the applicant via US Postal Service. The rough rock you receive will be loosely sized.
3. Applicants are permitted to remove (before or after your rough tumble) spalls, chips, cracks and any other imperfections on a grinding wheel. After this initial cleanup, the rock must be allowed to go through and complete the tumbling process without any further handwork. **No hand polishing or grinding is permitted after the tumbling process begins and after completion.**
4. The following is permitted and is determined by the tumbler: resizing of the initial rough rock, total number of tumbling stages, the grit types and sizes, the selection of pre-polish and polish materials, use of media, use of a burnishing process, the amount of tumbling time, and whether to use a rotary and/or vibratory tumbler.
5. Any substitution of the shipped rough rock is **NOT PERMITTED**.
6. When completed, select only five of your best stones to return for judging by August 15 to the address below. If more than five rocks are sent, the extra rocks will be indiscriminately removed and discarded. All tumbled rock sent in will become the property of FRLMS Inc. Remaining tumbled rock may be kept by the applicant.
7. All rock will be judged blind against the other contestants. Judges will not know the identity of the submissions.
8. During round one, judges will examine all submissions and determine the top seven as finalists.
9. During round two, judges will examine the finalists' rocks under a hand lens.
10. Judges look for the following: polish left in cracks, flaws in the workmanship (not the rock), coatings or anything that brings out the polish other than the work and wheel marks on the stone. Wheel marks will disqualify the applicant.
11. If a finalist is disqualified, the next contestant in line will take that spot.
12. The top three winners will receive \$250, \$100, and \$50 respectively. Winners will be notified and have their work displayed at the club's annual rock show in September 2018 at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds in Chico, California. If you do not want your name posted and/or displayed, please contact the club. Results will also be posted on the club's [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) by October 2018.

**Mail submission forms and the completed tumbled rock to:**

**Tumbling Contest, c/o Lori Millard, 2660 Cherokee Road, Oroville, CA 95965**

For more information, visit [www.FeatherRiverRocks.org](http://www.FeatherRiverRocks.org) or contact [tumbling@featherriverrocks.org](mailto:tumbling@featherriverrocks.org) or call Lori at (530) 533-2968.

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## 2018 Submission Form:

Please submit this form and with your \$30 payment (check or money order to FRLMS or online via PayPal on our website) by mail/email to the address below by June 1, 2018. The earlier the better! It gives you more time to tumble! Applicants with addresses outside the USA will be contacted with the cost of any additional shipping charges.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

FEATHER RIVER LAPIDARY  
& MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.



Please tell us how you heard about the contest!

- Entered contest previously
- Email
- My rock club: \_\_\_\_\_
- Rock and Gem Magazine
- Friend
- Flyer
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*Three pounds of Ramsey Agate from Nevada will be shipped to you via US Postal Service after January 1, 2018. Please return only 5 polished rocks to the address below by August 15, 2018. All submitted tumbled rock becomes property of FRLMS.*

*I have read the contest rules and guidelines form and agree to the rules.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**Mail payment & this submission form to:  
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**For more information, contact [tumbling@featherriverrocks.org](mailto:tumbling@featherriverrocks.org) or 530-533-2968.**

We welcome any and all comments to help us make this contest more exciting and enjoyable. Thank you for being part of the Worldwide Rock Tumbling Contest. GOOD LUCK!!!