

WORLDWIDE ROCK TUMBLING CONTEST

presented by

Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society, Inc.

Rock Tumbling Contest Rules and Guidelines:



1. Mail or email the submission form between January 1 and June 1. The earlier you submit, the more time you have to work the rock. The mailed in submission form should include the \$39 payment to FRLMS Inc. Any applications from outside the United States will be charged additional costs for shipping.
2. The rough rock will be shipped to the applicant via US Postal Service. The 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 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.

Mail submission forms, payment, 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, contact tumbling@featherriverrocks.org, or call Lori at (530) 533-2968.

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Submission Form - Year: _____

Please submit this form with your \$39 payment (check or money order to FRLMS) by mail to the address below by June 1.

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. Fees cover the cost to ship rock.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please tell us how you heard about the contest!

- Entered contest previously
- Email
- Rock and Gem Magazine
- Friend
- Facebook
- My rock club: _____
- Other: _____
- _____

Three pounds of rock will be shipped to you via US Postal Service in early January or after your application is received. Please return only 5 polished rocks to the address below by August 15. 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

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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!!!