

NORTHWEST GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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February 14 Program Speaker

Speaker: Monika Kress, San Jose State University, Dept. of Physics and Astronomy

Title: Searching for Meteorites in Antarctica

Abstract: Meteorites fall on the earth at a rate of 30,000 kg/year. Antarctica is an ideal hunting-ground for these precious samples of other worlds, so each year, the National Science Foundation funds a handful of scientists to search the icy wastelands to recover as many meteorites as possible. In this talk, I will discuss the science of meteorites and what it was like to camp out for two months in the most inhospitable place on Earth.

5:30pm: No-host social hour
6:30pm: Buffet dinner
7:30pm: Speaker program
All are welcome to attend – reservations are required if coming for dinner.

► [Reservations here](#) 

PROGRAM DINNER RESERVATIONS: NWGS members: **\$40**; Non-members: **\$45**; Full-time students : **\$20**. Add \$5 for LATE REGISTRATION. Make your reservation and payment on-line at www.nwgs.org (or mail your payment to *Northwest Geological Society, 4616 25th Ave NE #397, Seattle, WA. 98105* (must be received by Thursday prior to meeting)). Contact Secretary [Beth Tanner](#) with questions about dinner reservations.

If attending the speaker program only, a \$5 voluntary donation to help defray the meeting room cost is requested.

Location: Pacific Dining Hall at the [Talaris Conference Center](#), 4000 NE 41st St., Seattle, WA., 98105. **Directions:** See [on-line directions with map](#), or: from I-5 northbound or southbound in Seattle, take Exit 168B (NE 45th St.). Drive east on NE 45th St. past UW down the hill and past University Village. Turn south (right) onto Mary Gates Memorial Drive at the 5-way intersection. MGM Drive will curve east (left) and become NE 41st St. Continue several blocks to the [Talaris Conference Center](#) entrance on the north (left) side. We meet in the Pacific Dining room on the left (**SEE MAP ON P. 3**).

Upcoming Speakers and Field Trips

March 14: Keith Norlan, Armchair Geology of Zion, Bryce & Grand Canyon National Parks

April 11: Eric Cheney, UW ESS, The Geology of the Republic area and the Okanogan Metamorphic Core Complex.

May 9: TBA.

Spring Field Trip: Eric Cheney, UW ESS, Geology of Republic Area, May 5-7, 2017.

Fall Field Trip: TBA.

If you would like to volunteer to give a talk or lead a field trip for NWGS, please contact President [Jim Miller](#).

Please see the [NWGS website](#) for detailed announcements.

Contact webmaster [Julie Masura](#) if you have any announcements to post on the website.

Announcements

- The **2018 NWGS Symposium** will be May 16 (technical sessions), May 17 (public sessions), & May 18 (field trip).
- If you have an **unusual rock**, please bring it to show!
- Next **Board of Directors meeting**: no meeting in February; next meeting TBA, Talaris Conference Center.

YOU would like to be involved!

Photo Spotlight



Aerial view of Antarctica, an ideal hunting-ground for meteorites.

About NWGS

NWGS, a regional association of professionals, students & other persons interested in **geology**, provides a forum for the presentation and discussion of a wide range of geologic topics, emphasizing those of the Pacific Northwest of fundamental scientific interest.

YOU would like to be involved!

Program meetings: 2nd Tuesdays, October through May in the Pacific Dining Hall at the [Talaris Conference Center](#) in Seattle (see 1st page). Anyone may attend the speaker program, but a reservation is necessary for those wanting dinner (see 1st page). **Field trips (members only)**: one in late spring/early summer and one in late summer/early fall, usually of 1-3 days in length. **Membership** is open to anybody with a professional or amateur interest in geology. **Annual dues**: Professional: \$40; Student: \$5. **To join or pay annual dues**: send a check payable to NWGS to Secretary [Beth Tanner](#), 4616 25th Ave NE #397, Seattle, WA. 98105. Please include your name, address, home phone, email, and employer/affiliation (if any). Professional dues may now also be paid at www.nwgs.org.

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Recommended Readings

Case Western Reserve University, College of Arts and Sciences, [ANSMET](#), [The Antarctic Search for Meteorites](#) (web site)

Smithsonian *National Museum of Natural History* [Antarctic Meteorite Program](#) (web site)

Please send your reading recommendations to Newsletter Editor [Tom Bush](#).

To report a change of email or postal address or request to be removed from mailings, notify Membership Chair [George Bennett](#). Questions or comments? Contact President [Jim Miller](#).

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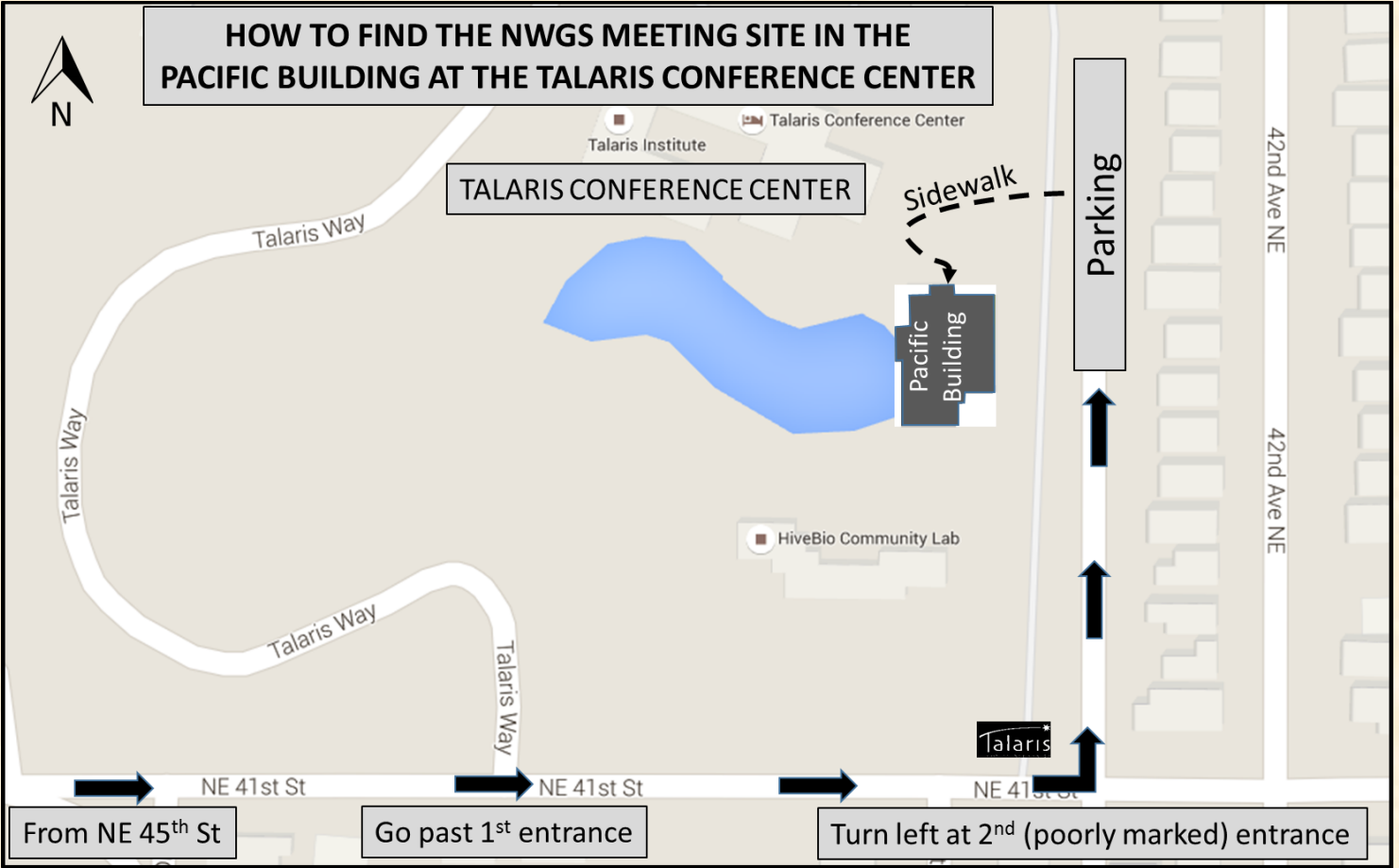
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HOW TO FIND THE NWGS MEETING SITE IN THE PACIFIC BUILDING AT THE TALARIS CONFERENCE CENTER



From NE 45th St

Go past 1st entrance

Turn left at 2nd (poorly marked) entrance