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CFMS CALENDAR 2005

SEP. 11 – 17	Camp Paradise Earth Science Seminar
SEP. 18 - 24	Camp Paradise Earth Sci. Sem.
OCT. 30	Committee reports due.
NOV. 9	CFMS Scholarship Honoree nominations due.
NOV. 9	AFMS Scholarship Honoree Nominations Due
NOV. 12	Directors' Meeting
DEC. 9	Bulletin Contest Entries due

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FEB. 28	All American Club Book due
MAR. 19-26	Zzyzx Earth Science Seminar
JUNE 9-11	Federation Show & Meeting

Officers and Committees: send me event dates and due dates to include in this section

ATTENTION Officers and Committee Chairs: Reports for the Directors' Meeting were due October 30th. Don't forget: Banquet reservations, camping or motel reservations. Also, invite and encourage your members to attend this meeting.

Promote rockhounding display
your **ROCKHOUND**
STICKER

From The Editor's Desk

"Content"

Every month bulletin editors everywhere sit down at their computers or typewriter (some still use them) and say "what will I publish this month?" As an editor, I am fortunate because I have a resource of 5 officers and over 40 committees that should be (and many do) contributing articles. I also take every opportunity to solicit articles. Every time I come across a good idea or see something that is working for a club I ask them to "write it up for the Newsletter." Some contributors I started working on even before I became the editor. The response and contributions have been good so far this year. But the copy place still has plenty of paper and I would be happy to fill several more pages these last few months with article for and about CFMS. Not every committee has contributed an article and we need to know what you do and what you're doing.

Bulletin editors have a bigger challenge than me. They always seem to be looking for input. Many of them are 'bulletin writers, also. Every member of every club is a potential writer/contributor. They go on field trips and vacations, they go to shows and rock swaps, they are crafty and make things, they collect and study, they visit museums and other attractions, they have ideas, and scads of other things. A myriad of potential authors and articles. At the Editor's Breakfast in Roseville, Terry Yoschak gave us an article on "How to Write an Article for Your Club's Bulletin." (See page 10) With this handy guide every member can be an author. Get them started now and you may have some entries for the Bulletin Contest in December.

If you are still looking for content for your bulletin don't forget the AFMS, CFMS and the other Federation Newsletters available as hard copy and 'on-line.' The Federation counts on you, the editors, to help get the news of the Federation to your members.

Attention officers and chairmen: Don't forget we have a guest editor for the October Newsletter. Please help Mary by getting your articles to her on time (or early, if at all possible). Send your articles for the October issue no later than September 5th to:

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Dick Pankey, Editor

CFMS DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2005 FRESNO CA

By Colleen McGann, First Vice President

The ANNUAL FALL BUSINESS MEETING and election of officers for 2006 will be held at the Quality Inn at 4278 West Ashlan Avenue, Fresno, CA on Saturday, November 12, 2005 at 9 am.

The Business meeting will be held on Saturday, November 12 at 9:00 AM in the banquet room behind the restaurant. Directors bring your copy of the Agenda you receive in the mail. Any CFMS club/society member may attend the meeting and are encouraged to do so, but only delegates may vote.

ROOM RESERVATIONS must be made directly with the Quality Inns at 4278 West Ashlan Avenue, Fresno. Phone 1-559-275-2727. Please make your reservations by Nov. 1, 2005.

Be sure to tell them you are with CFMS in order to get special rates. Our special rate is \$62.00, plus tax per night for 2 persons, with additional charges for 3 or more. Take the Ashlan Avenue exit from Hwy 99 in Fresno. The Quality Inn is located on the west side of the freeway. RV camping is available for \$20.00 per night. **QUALITY INNS ACCEPTS NO PETS.**

THE CRACKER BARREL SOCIAL will be held Friday night November 11, 2005 at 7:30 PM in the Banquet room behind the hotel restaurant. Coffee will be served. Directors, please bring cookies, fruit, or other healthy munchies. Societies A through M bring snacks to the Cracker Barrel on Friday evening and N through Z bring snacks to the Saturday Directors meeting.

BANQUET AND INSTALLATION OF 2006 OFFICERS

Our Saturday Evening Banquet will begin at 6:00 PM with a no-host bar and Get-together. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$24.00 per person (includes tax and tip). Banquet reservations are due by Nov. 1, 2005. Mail your check (made out to CFMS) with dinner choice reservation to: CFMS, P.O. BOX 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657

MENU

Brooks Ranch green Salad
Halibut steak or Prime Rib
Vegetable medley, mashed potatoes, bread and butter
Cheese cake
Coffee and Iced Tea

To schedule CFMS Committee meetings, please contact Colleen McGann at (831) 212 - 1951 or colleen.mcgann@hds.com.

Camp Paradise

By Jack Williams, Camp Paradise Coordinator

Well that time of year is almost here again, are you ready for some fun and excitement? The last time I checked with Anna Christianson, we still had some vacancies for more students. If you've heard of all the fun, experiences and knowledge gained by so many of your friends at Camp Paradise and Zzyzx, but just haven't got around to it yourself, now is the time – get the application, fill it out, and send it in. You will be so glad you did. The location is fantastic, the instructors are top notch, the food is excellent, the price can't be beat and the company you keep, well, hey, what can I say they're Rockhounds, your favorite people.

Come see what the CFMS can do for you.

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

Convention Meeting—Roseville, CA—June 11, 2005

President Marion Roberts called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Cal Clason led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Chuck McKie gave the invocation and In Memoriam.

Marion introduced the Officers, past Presidents and New Directors. Gloria Tomcszk welcomed all on behalf of the Rockville Rock Rollers. AFMS President Bill Smith extended his greetings.

Executive Secretary Pat LaRue announced we have a quorum—77 Directors, 5 Officers and 27 Committee Chairs in attendance.

Ron Hasemeyer, #50 MGS of Castro Valley, moved we adopt the agenda. Seconded by Shirley Leeson, #85 San Diego MGS, and carried.

Ruth Bailey, #91 Santa Clara Valley GMS, moved we accept the standing rules. Seconded by Ron Hasemeyer, #50 MGS of Castro Valley. Carried.

Ron Hasemeyer, #50 MGS of Castro Valley moved that we accept the minutes of the previous Directors Meeting. Seconded by Jennifer Rhodes, #128 Reno GMS. Carried.

Bural LaRue presented the actions of the Executive Committee as included in the packet. Ron Hasemeyer, #50 MGS of Castro Valley, moved we accept the actions of the Executive Committee. Seconded by Shirley Leeson, #85 San Diego MGS. Carried.

Pat LaRue reported on delinquent societies. There are four clubs that remain delinquent.

C. J. Quitoriano presented the Treasurer's Report. Stanley Vance, #28 Fresno GMS, moved that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Seconded and carried.

Bural LaRue presented the application for membership of the San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Club. Ruth Bailey, #91 Santa Clara Valley GMS, moved that we accept the new club. Seconded by Ron Hasemeyer, #50 MGS of Castro Valley. Jack Caulfield, #38 Kern Mineral Society, moved that this motion be tabled. Following a second the motion to table was defeated. Following some discussion, the motion to accept the new club carried. President Roberts presented them with their certificate.

Chuck McKie, #25 Fairfield Lapidary Society moved that the Director of the new club be seated. Seconded by Jeane Stultz, #14 Conejo GMC. Carried.

Plans are progressing on the 2006 show to be held in Angels Camp hosted by the Calaveras GMS.

Ruth Bailey reports no new show bids in the north. Bob Stultz reported that there are no new show bids in the south. The site for the 2007 show in Palmdale was screened earlier this year. Show will be at the new fairgrounds. Everything will be held indoors in new air-conditioned buildings. Bids are being sought for 2008 and beyond.

Beverly Moreau presented the proposed changes to the Scholarship Committee ORs tabled at the November Directors meeting. Ron Hasemeyer, #50 MGS of Castro Valley moved that we accept the changes in the alignment of the committee. Seconded by Fran Todd, #2 American Opal Society. Ruth Bailey, #91 Santa Clara Valley GMS moved that we amend the original motion to delete "permanent" and insert "on going". Seconded by Isabella Burns, #55 Monterey Park Gem Society. Following a count of hands, motion to amend passed. The original motion to change the alignment of the committee carried.

Shirley Leeson, historian, noted that CFMS will celebrate its 70th anniversary in 2006. She suggested that something special be planned to celebrate. She volunteered to head the committee. Emphasis was placed on not putting the burden on the host society. Shirley Leeson, #85 San Diego MGS, that this committee be formed. Seconded by Cal Clason, San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society Carried.

New Business:

PROGRAM AIDS. Cheri George announced that the Podium People would be reprinted for the November Directors Meeting. She asked meeting participants for help in finding new speakers willing to be included in the publication.

ALL AMERICAN CLUB. Dorothy Beachler has the report in the packet. Reminded clubs that letter writing campaigns can be included in fulfilling item #6. If persons attending the AFMS event pick up books, please her know.

BULLETIN AIDS. Anna Christiansen reminded those present of the Editors Breakfast. Encouraged clubs to have their editors enter the contest. The judging sheets provide excellent guidelines. Encouraged more junior article entries. Asked editors to promote Camp Paradise.

BY LAWS. Beverly Moreau said the report was the material approved earlier in the meeting.

CAB CASES NORTH. Bob Pevahouse announced the cases had been displayed at 7 shows so far. A pictorial display promoting Earth Science Studies is now available.

CAB CASES CENTRAL. CJ Quitoriano announced the cases had been displayed at 7 shows. Asked clubs which don't have cabs in the cases to donate one for display.

CAB CASES SOUTH. Not present.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR. Dick Pankey thanks everyone for the contributions. Would like each committee to report at least quarterly. Little reminders by e-mail do help bring in information. No newsletter in July. September deadline is July 21. Will have substitute editor in September. Details in August newsletter.

CFMS REP TO AFMS. Pat LaRue acknowledged the hard work of Jim Brace-Thompson as AFMS Jr. Advisor. Reminded clubs that they need to send names of persons who are to receive the AFMS Newsletter to the AFMS Central Office.

EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES. Cal Clason spoke about the 20th anniversary at Zyzxx. 65 persons participated at the workshop. An additional 46 attended the Bar B Q on Saturday. Jack Williams is the 2005 coordinator at Camp Paradise. A report was left on the table for pick up. Still have vacancies.

EDUCATION THRU SHARING. Loretta Ogden has report in the packet. Certificates of participation will be given at the banquet.

CFMS ENDOWMENT FUND. Ray Meisenheimer thanked everyone for their donations. A suggestion was made to donate collections to the CFMS Endowment Fund.

AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND. Bural LaRue promoted the raffle to benefit the AFMS Endowment Funds. Pictures of donated items are on display and tickets are available. Drawing will be in St. Louis.

FIELD TRIP NORTH. John Stockton reported on possible upcoming field trip in Northern California. Has report on the table for pick up. A function of the CFMS chairpersons could be serving as a clearing house for trips.

FIELD TRIP SOUTH. Bob Fitzpatrick reported that 93 persons attended the Afton Canyon trip. Several trips are planned in upcoming months. Check the CFMS website for details. Needs help leading trips.

FAC. Report was in the packet. Ron Hasemeyer, #50 MGS of Castro Valley moved that we approve the report of the FAC. Second by Jeane Stultz, #14 Conejo G&MC. An objection was raised to the paragraph discussing the definition of a member, etc. since he feels we already have this. Motion made to delete that paragraph. Seconded and carried. (Names not audible on tape.) Amended report was accepted.

GOLDEN BEAR. There will be 3 honorees announced at the banquet.

HISTORIAN. Past President memorabilia is on display.

INSURANCE. Fred Ott presented a liability insurance program for covering Officers and Directors. Our current policy covers events related to bodily injury and property damage liability. The new program would protect Officers and Directors in the event of suit by someone who is unhappy with the action of someone. John Martin spoke regarding an incident affecting him and another non-profit organization to which he belongs. Cost to cover CFMS would be \$3500. Member clubs would be able to secure similar coverage for \$250. Following discussion, motion to purchase this coverage was made by Ron Hasemeyer, #50 MGS of Castro Valley. Seconded by Bob Harper, #114 Victor Valley GMS. Carried.

INTERNET. Don Ogden said report was in the packet.

JR. ACTIVITIES. Jim Brace-Thompson has a report in the packet dealing with the merit badge program. 43 societies across the country (11 in California) have involved their juniors in this program. Program information available on AFMS website.

MUSEUM. Report in the packet.

NOMINATION. Still looking for a Secretary.

PLAC. Frank Monez has report in the packet. Norvie Enns discussed Black Rock Desert issues. Keep your hands off the boundary markers. Taking these put us in a very bad light. Stay 200 feet away from all springs. This rule will be enforced. Beware of open mine shafts! If you find one, contact Norvie so he can notify the proper authorities. Have an opportunity to gain 2 collecting areas. May require some amount of stewardship from CFMS. John Martin is not aware of any issues in Southern California. Need help on this committee.

PUBLICITY. Steve Blocksage has a report on the table. Seeking feedback from club show dealers. Working with owner of benitoite mine about possible fieldtrips.

RULES. Dee Holland reported on this year's competition. Diamond Pacific wishes to give their trophy each year. If a qualifying competitive entry is not available, a non-competitive display will be considered.

SAFETY. Chuck McKie needs hard copy of suggestions.

AFMS SCHOLARSHIP. Report in packet. Montella Lopez presented certificates to club, which made donations. An auction to benefit this cause will be conducted in St. Louis.

CFMS SCHOLARSHIP. Report in packet.

SLIDE LIBRARY. Revised list in packet. Encouraged entries in the AFMS Program competition.

TAX ADVISOR. Mike Kokinos continues to assist clubs. A new person is in charge at the state office which approves requests.

SHOW DATES. Dee Clason urged clubs to use the form when sending in show information. Don't wait until the last minute!

Gold nugget winners were Ron Hasemeyer, Sue Zabaldano, Bural LaRue, and Bob Lynk.

Next meeting will be in Fresno, CA on November 12, 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Bural LaRue

CFMS Secretary

BILL ALLMEN

December 13, 1912 - July 6, 2005

By Jeane Stultz

We are saddened to report that William "Bill" Allmen, husband of CFMS Past President, Lois Allmen, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 6, 2005 with his loving family at his side. He was 92 years old and celebrated 65 years of marriage just days before his death. He is survived by Lois and six children.

Bill was a long-time member of the Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society and had actively participated in many rock related activities. In addition to supporting his club, he displayed his spheres, clocks and other creations at many gem and mineral shows and volunteered for many years in the Gem & Mineral Building at the Ventura County Fair. He accompanied Lois to ZZYZX and Camp Paradise every year and was her most ardent supporter last year when she served as CFMS President. He recently attended the 2005 CFMS Show and Convention at Roseville with Lois.

He will be sorely missed, not only by his family but also by his many friends. If anyone wishes to make a donation in Bill's name, it may be sent to the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies Endowment Fund.

CFMS Scholarship Seeks your Help

By Isabella Burns, Chairman, Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is looking for honorees for 2006. After reading this list of previous honorees, please think about someone whose name is not on the list that you feel should be. Send the name of that nominee to me or any member of the CFMS Scholarship Committee along with a short resume of the contributions that your nominee has made toward the purpose and goals of the CFMS. Honorees do not have to be a member of a CFMS club or society if they have contributed to our objectives in the study of earth science, mineralogy, paleontology, and/or lapidary arts.

1979-80	Claude Schapers	1993-94	Wes Lingerfelt
1980-81	Bob Deidrick	1994-95	Joe & Beverley Hafeli
1980-81	La Docia Ellis	1994-95	Jerry Harr
1981-82	William Allaway	1994-95	Richard Knox
1981-82	Sharr Choate	1994-95	Jim Strain
1982-83	Ben Chromy	1994-95	Myron Zents
1982-83	Les Darling	1995-96	Juanita & Bob Curtis
1984-85	Francis Marshall	1995-96	Cat Keator
1984-85	Cleo Adams	1995-96	Howard Gray
1984-85	Dave Wilbur	1995-96	Dr. Peter Sadler
1984-85	Jessie Hardman	1996-97	Debbie Bunn
1985-86	Dr. William Wise	1996-97	Grant & Toni Ewers
1985-86	Marion Godshaw	1996-97	Ken & Nora Hawkins
1985-86	Vince Morgan	1996-97	Arthur & Rosamond Riggle
1985-86	Eleanor Learned	1997-98	Jim Nelson
1986-87	Allen Mitchell, MD	1997-98	Sam Borges
1986-87	Ruth Bailey	1997-98	John & Fern Jenkins
1986-87	Carmelita Swarts	1997-98	Virginia Grafton
1987-88	Agnes Hall	1998-99	Kathleen Springer
1987-88	Charles Howell	1998-99	Lillian & Ed Heiss
1988-89	Carl & Ellen Schultze	1998-99	John Peck
1988-89	David Champion	1998-99	Beth Pinnel, Bob & Bill DePue
1988-89	Fred Sellers	1999-2000	Laura & Tony Meredith
1989-90	Dick Swartz	1999-2000	Charles McKie
1989-90	ToySato	1999-2000	Pat LaRue
1989-90	Keesa Stewart	2000-01	Jack Donahue
1990-91	Bill & Isabella Burns	2000-01	George Snyder
1990-91	Larry Bidwell	2000-01	Beverly Moreau
1990-91	Bob King	2001-02	Francis Lau
1991-92	Shirley Leeson	2001-02	Dr. Walter E. Carr, Jr. MD
1991-92	Red & Edna Powell	2002-03	Sugar White
1992-93	Bob & Jeane Stultz	2002-03	Jim Brace-Thompson
1992-93	Margaret Norton	2003-04	Greg Andersen
1992-93	Ray & Florence Meisenheimer	2003-04	Keri Dearborn
1992-93	Chuck & Addie Davis	2003-04	Dick Flaharty
1992-93	Charles Leach	2003-04	Jack <u>Williams</u>
1993-94	Francis & Annelies Nash Bernie &	2004-05	Robert Fulton
1993-94	Carol Mauldin	2004-05	Peggy Ronning
1993-94	Jean Hamel	2004-05	Debbie & Mark Wartenberg

All American Awards Program Report

By Dot Beachler, All American Club, Chair

The CFMS is fast approaching a very special birthday. Yep, a 70th birthday and the celebration will start at Angel's Camp next June at our CFMS show.

Now-**ATTENTION ALL CLUBS**. It is not to late (nor too early) to get started. Pick a chairman, form a committee, start collecting pictures and articles about your club and its activities. Check out the forms to see what is required, what you will be judged on and what you need to do so that you won't have any blanks. Let's get your entry in the All American Program Awards so we can celebrate, too. What better way to show our united effort for CFMS, and to show the other Federations in the AFMS that we are a very strong Federation.

Speaking of active, Southern California had better get moving. In checking the past entries in this program, I find that most of the books are from Northern California. Since 2000, one club, the Roseville Rock Rollers, has entered each year. Running a close second with four entries are Fossils For Fun and Sutter Buttes Gem and Mineral Society. How about it Southern California? Are you going to let them get away with the recognition that they are All American Clubs?

Bulletin Contest

By Anna Christiansen, Bulletin Aids, Chair

For Bulletin Editors that are interested in entering this year's Bulletin Contest, that will be held at the Federation Show sponsored by the Calaveras Gem and Mineral Club in 2006. Please read the following information carefully.

Only bulletins published from January 2005 to December 2005 will be considered for this contest.

The contest is open to all Editors in the CFMS. There are several different categories in which to enter. The rules and entry forms will be published in the **October CFMS** newsletter and will be on the **CFMS website (cfmsinc.org)** under forms. **Deadline for the entries is December 9, 2005. (No exceptions.)** Editors should also be going through your bulletins and submitting appropriate articles from your members. There are several categories: Adult articles, Junior articles, Adult Technical articles, poems, etc.

CFMS ENDOWMENT FUND AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL ROCKHOUNDS

By Ray Meisenheimer, Chair CFMS Endowment

Many of us are getting older and have less energy to work with the large collection of rocks and minerals we have accumulated. We now know that we can never cut and polish all of the material still in the sheds and yard. Many good rockhounds have passed on and their material is slowly being covered with leaves and grass. I am chairman of the CFMS Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund was formed to provide a stable source of income to financially assist the programs and services the CFMS provides to its members. We certainly could use this material--all large collections, to be donated to CFMS Endowment Fund. The donation are tax deductible. We can use rocks, minerals, fossils, equipment and any other material related to the hobby. For more information or if you have any questions, please call me

FEDERATION DIRECTORS AND EDITORS, PLEASE pass this information on to your members.

How to Write an Article for Your Club's Bulletin *In Twelve Steps*

By Terry Yoschak, Roseville Rock Rollers Bulletin Editor

Based on "Getting Your Club to Write," by Dennis Westman, Minnesota Mineral Club, in *S.C.R.I.B.E. Newsletter*, Oct-Dec 2004 and *On Writing*, by Stephen King, Simon & Schuster, 2000.

- Step 1. **Pick a subject that interests you.** It could be a story about something you've done (collecting agates, panning for gold), or it could be research about something you've never done (digging up dinosaur fossils in Antarctica).
- Step 2. **Map it out.** Planning is everything. You have to figure out how to get from A to Z in your story. Outline with pencil & paper the bare bones of your story. Jot down important things you "must have" in the article (where the collecting took place, how many gold nuggets you found). Keep in mind the five W's of journalism: Who, What, Where, When, Why. Your outline should include all of them.
- Step 3. **Start writing.** Don't worry about spelling, grammar, or punctuation. That's what editors are for. Refer back to your outline, use your own voice, and let the story flow naturally, as you would tell it to a friend. With your outline, you won't forget all those exciting tidbits you might have left out if you were just spouting off to your friends.
- Step 4. **Plot, characters, scenery, and dialogue.** If you were submitting a movie script, you'd be kicked out of the producer's office for leaving any of these items out. A story can't be a story without them; it won't "sell" to the audience. Let's cover those four items in the next few steps.
- Step 5. **Plot.** Writing is not rambling. The ideas of Beginning, Middle and End are universal to all stories. Usually a normal timeline is followed, where "what happened next" is the rule. The most common exception to this rule is a flashback ("The saber-toothed cat plunged into the sticky tar pit, unaware that his fossilized bones would be left for us to find 20,000 years later.")
- Step 6. **Characters.** The people who are in the story: it's your job to describe them, from height, age, hair color and clothing, to habits and attitude. Simply writing that "Jake drove us as far as Mesquite," is not the same as writing, "With Jake's spiky green hair and his crazy attitude towards other drivers on the road, we feared we'd never make it to Mesquite." Strictly, only people can be characters, but no one will complain if animals, plants and rocks have personalities in your story as well.
- Step 7. **Scenery.** The setting of the story, including the natural landscape and the man-made objects in it (roads, tools, vehicles, buildings, etc.) This is where you can really get imaginative with descriptions, since no two people see the same object in the same way. If you want to describe a yellow crystal as "lemony" or an empty desert as "filled with the promise of geological secrets," it's up to you.
- Step 8. **Dialogue.** What the characters say in the story. Though many stories are written without dialogue, it's usually more interesting if you include some. Writing that "Julie was excited about her fossil find," is less interesting than writing, "We all heard Julie yell, 'I think I found a complete tooth!'" Internal dialogue -- describing your thoughts and emotions -- also adds to a story, making it more compelling than a "just the facts, ma'am" report.
- Step 9. **Go back and revise.** You've written your story by now, following Steps 1 through 8. But it's pretty rough; it could be better. Go back over it, maybe read it out loud to a friend, add a few things you forgot, or cut out some unnecessary sentences. Substitute a better word or phrase for the ones you wrote originally. Polish it. Rockhounds all know that most everything looks better with a good polish on it.

- Step 10. **Give your story a title.** A catchy title is always a plus, and will draw readers to your story. "Titanic" is a better title than "An Interrupted Ocean Voyage." But don't go overboard! A simple, appropriate title is still better than a contrived, overly cute one.
- Step 11. **Space is a consideration.** Everyone who writes for publication in print (bulletins, newspapers, magazines) must deal with space limitations. Cutting your work is often necessary. Writer Stephen King says that you should always cut out or condense at least one-third of everything you've written. It's like over packing for a trip: when you return home, you realize that you didn't need to cart around all that extra baggage. In the real world, an editor will have to cut your story if you don't do it yourself.
- Step 12. **Prepare for next time.** If you weren't entirely happy with your first story, think about future possibilities. Carry a small notebook with you and jot down observations about people, scenery, conversations, etc. You'll be surprised how easily this will guide you in completing Steps 1 through 8.

Museum offers Junior Ranger Program

By Peggy Ronning, CA State Mining and Mineral Museum

The staff at the California State Mining and Mineral Museum are excited about their newly upgraded Junior Ranger Program activities. If you bring your kids, grandkids, or junior club members between the ages of 7 and 12 to the museum, make sure you ask the Ranger at the admissions desk for information about the program. Kids must be at least 7 years old to be Junior Rangers, but the museum offers an activity with a mineral prize for younger kids, so they won't feel left out.

Junior Ranger activities are fun for the family and increase your enjoyment of the museum. The Junior Ranger Program consists of completing a scavenger hunt that will guide you around the museum. Or, if you visit on a day when our Museum Guide is available, you can get a guided Junior Ranger Tour. You must also complete two activities in the Junior Ranger Adventure Guide. We have customized these activities especially for the museum.

After completing the required activities, the Ranger on duty will swear in all new Junior Rangers and issue them with a Junior Ranger Badge and Logbook. If kids complete Junior Ranger activities at other California State Parks, they can earn additional awards. If your kids are already Junior Rangers, make sure they remember to bring their Logbooks when they visit the museum!

The goal of the Junior Ranger Program is to help families connect with the natural, historic, and cultural resources that make each park special. We hope that this will inspire them to appreciate and care for their parks and for resources in general. We want our Junior Rangers and their families to become active partners in preserving and managing lands both within and outside State Parks.

If a visit to our museum is not in your immediate plans, you can participate in the Junior Ranger Program at a California State Park closer to home. Even if the park does not have an active Junior Ranger Program, you can print out a Junior Ranger Adventure Guide from the State Parks website and take it to the park (www.parks.ca.gov click on *Adventures in Learning* and then on *Kids*. Then click on *Junior Rangers*). After filling out the Adventure Guide, ask a Park employee to sign the last page of the book. Then, the next time you visit a park with an active Junior Ranger Program (such as the Mining and Mineral Museum!), show them the signed book, and you will get any Logbook stamps and awards you have earned.

Museum Corner

By Richard Knox, Museum Committee

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM

2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, CA 92374

Hours: Tuesday Through Sunday, 9 AM to 5 PM

The San Bernardino County Museum has many interesting displays of fossils and minerals with an emphasis on San Bernardino and Riverside Counties and other parts of Southern California. The fossil displays include dinosaur tracks from eastern San Bernardino County, mammal bones in ash, petrified wood, mammoth tusks, a buffalo skeleton and a sloth skeleton. It was a crew from the Museum that salvaged the large mammal fossils during the construction of the reservoir at Hemet in Riverside County. Some of these bones make a magnificent display at the museum and at a small museum at the reservoir.

The minerals include displays of the Quartz family, crystal forms, pegmatite minerals, rock forming minerals and mineral chemistry. There are plans to build a new three-story building for paleontology and geological displays. Ground breaking is expected in 2006. Contributions to create this hall are welcome. They can be sent to Janis Brown at the museum. Admission to the museum is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children.

FALLBROOK GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

The Fallbrook Gem & Mineral society is one of the few societies that maintain a museum. In fact they maintain two museums. The Rocky Crest Children's Museum located at 200 Rocky Crest Road, Fallbrook and the Alverado Street Museum at 123 W. Alverado Street, Fallbrook, CA.

The Rocky Crest Museum displays a fine collection of mineral specimens, geological specimens, fossils and various phases of the lapidary arts. The Alvarado Street Museum displays mineral specimens with an emphasis, on San Diego County specimens. There are also cases on paleontology. Look for the CFMS intarsias of Chochise, Wild Bill Hickock, John F. Kennedy and the CFMS areas that rotate between the two museums. Mineral specimens and publications are for sale at both museums. It is anticipated that a "paliological" garden will be established next to the Alvarado Street museum displaying modern relatives of fossil plants.

Currently the Alvarado Street Museum is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. and the Rocky Crest Museum on Thursdays and Sundays from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. It is anticipated that the museums will be open from Thursday through Saturday starting in September if enough volunteers are available. If tours of the museums are desired, call Garth Bricker at 760-728-1333.

SAN DIEGO MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY

1770 Village Place, Balboa Park, San Diego

Another Society that maintains its own museum is the San Diego Mineral and Gem Society in its own building in Spanish Village. This is located one block away from the San Diego Museum of Natural History. The Society maintains an extensive lapidary shop in the building where classes are given in faceting, cabbing, silver fabrication, casting, rock carving and other lapidary arts six days a week, Monday through Saturday. Visiting on these days I have found it possible to arrange a tour of the shops between 11 AM and 3 PM.

There are displays of large mineral specimens, geodes and nodules, faceting, carvings, a range of fossils including a fossil whale skull, a case from the Kingston Lapidary in Hull, England and many other displays.

There is also a shop in the building where books, minerals, rough and finished products can be purchased.

Competition Judges

By Dee Holland, Chair, Rules Committee

Last month I told you all about the winners in the CFMS Competition. I'd like to acknowledge those hard working judges/teachers who spent considerable time evaluating each competitive exhibit.

Division A. - Alberta Carter and Debbie Bunn

Division B. – Mike Kokinos, John Clinkenbeard, and learning judge, Jim Parrish

Division D. – Ruth Bailey and John Montgomery, clerking Montella Lopez

Division E. – Colleen McGann, Shirley Leeson and learning judge JoAnna Ritchey

Division G. – Francis Musser and Dick Freisen, clerking Anne Musser

Supplementary:

Choate – Ruth Bailey and John Montgomery

Northern California Faceters – Dee Holland and Norvie Enns, clerking Tom Reeves

Diamond Pacific – the Diamond Pacific people asked that an exhibit be chosen from the non-competitive exhibits because there was none in the competitive section. The Rules Committee complied and asked long time judge Bill Burns along with Isabella Burns to choose the best case of lapidary.

I personally read all the judges comments on each competitive exhibit and was delighted to see the positive comments and suggestions on the judging sheets.

Something new this year was “The Box” on the non-competitive forms. A number of people took advantage of this and had someone from the Rules Committee and/or judge evaluate their exhibit. This was a very positive experience for both the exhibit and the judge/teacher. After looking over a number of cases personally, I was encouraged to find several who said they would like to try competitive exhibiting in the future.

I have offered to attend meetings, when able, to help the clubs get their members up to speed on exhibiting. At this point in time, the offer is still out there for you and your club members to take advantage of this. If I'm unable to attend, I'll find a judge who is close and is willing to help.

Just think.... what would our shows be like if there were no exhibits?? Let's get back to the 1970's and '80's when there were plenty of exhibitors, both non-competitive and competitive. If you start at the County Fair level, why not try to compete at the CFMS level. We have “novice,” advanced and master. You don't have to start at the top in competition.

Exhibit! It's the life's blood of the hobby. Without exhibits, what does the public know about us?

Competition Winners - Correction

By Dee Holland, Chair, Rules Committee

As you can see, "we goofed. In the August CFMS Newsletter the following was reported incorrectly:

FRANK YOSCHAK was the winner of the Diamond Pacific Trophy for Lapidary

It was reported as Frank Tomczyk. While both are really good guys, only Frank Yoschak was the winner.

SAFETY AT HOME AND AWAY FROM HOME

By Chuck McKie CFMS Safety Chairman

At home or on the road, you should be aware of carbon monoxide. If you are driving your RV or an auto and you begin to feel sleepy, think – “carbon monoxide.” It can kill you and those you love quickly. The same thing applies at home or in a motel. First, get some fresh air, and then investigate to see if you have an exhaust leak from your engine or some appliance. If you are driving, you can safely continue if you have PLENTY of FRESH AIR until you can get somewhere to have it repaired. At home, or in a motel, open all the windows, and turn on any available fan. But whatever you do, don't drive while you are not fully awake. And now a word from City of Phoenix Safety bulletin. 6/20/00

CARBON MONOXIDE

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless, deadly gas. It can kill you before you know it because you can't see it, taste it or smell it. At lower levels of exposure, it can cause health problems. Some people may be more vulnerable to CO poisoning such as fetuses, infants, children, senior citizens and those with heart or lung problems. When an individual breathes in CO, it accumulates in the blood and forms a toxic compound known as carboxyhemoglobin (COHb). Hemoglobin carries oxygen in the bloodstream to cells and tissues. Carbon monoxide attaches itself to hemoglobin and displaces the oxygen that the body organs need.

Carboxyhemoglobin can cause headaches, fatigue, nausea, dizzy spells, confusion and irritability. Later stages of CO poisoning can cause vomiting, loss of consciousness and eventually brain damage or death.

Carbon monoxide is a by-product of combustion of fossil fuels. Fumes from automobiles contain high levels of CO. Appliances such as furnaces, space heaters, clothes dryers, ranges, ovens, water heaters, charcoal grills, fireplaces and wood burning stoves produce CO. Carbon monoxide usually is vented to the outside if appliances function correctly and the home is vented properly. Problems occur when furnace heat exchanger crack or vents and chimneys become blocked. Insulation sometimes can trap CO in the home.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends installing at least one carbon monoxide detector with an audible alarm near the bedrooms. If a home has more than one story, a detector should be placed on each story. Be sure the detector has a testing laboratory label.

The following is a checklist for where to look for problem sources of CO in the home:

- A forced air furnace is frequently the source of leaks and should be carefully inspected.
- Measure the concentration of carbon monoxide in the flue gases.
- Check furnace connections to flue pipes and venting systems to the outside of the home for signs of corrosion, rust gaps, holes.
- Check furnace filters and filtering systems for dirt and blockage.
- Check forced air fans for proper installation and to assure correct air flow of flue gases. Improper furnace blower installation can result in carbon monoxide build-up because toxic gas is blown into rather than out of the house.
- Check the combustion chamber and internal heat exchanger for cracks, holes, metal fatigue or corrosion. Be sure they are clean and free of debris.
- Check burners and ignition system. A flame that is mostly yellow in color in natural gas fired furnaces is often a sign that the fuel is not burning completely and higher levels of carbon monoxide are being released. Oil furnaces with similar problems can give off an oily odor. Remember you can't smell carbon monoxide.
- Check all venting systems to the outside including flues and chimneys for cracks, corrosion, holes,

debris, blockages. Animals and birds can build nests in chimneys preventing gases from escaping. Check all other appliances in the home that use flammable fuels such as natural gas, oil, propane, wood or kerosene. Appliances include water heaters, clothes dryers, kitchen ranges, ovens or cook tops: wood burning stoves, gas refrigerators.

Pilot lights can be a source of carbon monoxide because the by-products of combustion are released inside the home rather than vented outside.

Be sure space heaters are vented properly. Unvented space heaters that use a flammable fuel such as kerosene can release carbon monoxide into the home.

Barbecue grills should never be operated indoors under any circumstances nor should stove tops or ovens that operate on flammable fuels be used to heat a residence.

Check fireplaces for closed, blocked or bent flues, soot and debris.

Check the clothes dryer vent opening outside the house for lint.

The above applies equally to our motor homes also.

COMMANDMENTS FOR SAFE DRIVING

1. Thou shalt hold nothing but the steering wheel.
2. Thou shall not make thee a god of thy horsepower.
3. Thou shalt not take the centerline in vain.
4. Remember the driver behind to let him pass.
5. Honor thy father and mother and thine other passengers.
6. Thou shalt not kill any pedestrian.
7. Thou shalt not commit drunken driving.
8. Thou shalt not steal thy neighbors eyes with thy headlights, nor his ears with thy horn, nor his enjoyment with thy litter.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness with thy signals.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's right-of-way.

Author Unknown

Chuck McKie, Safety Chairman, via Midwest Federation by Syl Schlageter Safety Program.(Date unknown)

AUDIT OF THE CFMS ACCOUNTS

An audit of the books was conducted at Pat La Rue's home on May 21,2005. Present were Pat La Rue and Roy Foerster. Accounts are kept using QuickBooks Pro and summaries are kept on supplemental spreadsheets. Using a computer to process the data essentially eliminates mathematical error.

The various CFMS accounts, as shown in the database, were compared to the statements from the financial institutions and were found to agree. Various entries were checked for accuracy and validity and were appropriate.

Income and expenditures appear to be properly accounted for and the reports reflect the financial state of the CFMS.

Respectfully,

Roy Foerster, Chairman; Financial Advisory Committee

Field Trip to The Thursday Mine

By Thomas Hess, Owner

As you recall I stated that you didn't want to miss this field trip, and find your self reading about it latter and wishing you went. Read!

Day 1, Friday, July 8th

Several of us met at the Stagecoach Inn of hwy. 79 in Aguanga (the Diehard Rockhound meeting place). There were many new faces, which were welcomed as well as expected. After eating up some dinner every one followed the Diehard Rockhound Fieldtrip Van to the Thursday Mine. This is the first time this 15-passenger, 1-ton lifted van made its appearance. So approximately 45 minutes later we arrived at the Banner RV Park to join up with the other group waiting there for us. After Hold Harmless Agreements were signed we drove up the long bumpy road to the Thursday mine.

New this time was our professional photographer Fred, who owns Desert Moon Photography and Design. Fred has chosen to associate with the Thursday Mine/Diehard Rockhounds for the purpose of recording our mining progress as well as our Diehard Adventures. Arriving at the top of the hill at the mine site was a good feeling. With plenty of sunlight left we set up our campsites. Later on with lanterns lit some people chose to work in the mine area, while others chose to view the stars with a telescope. The lepidiolite found at that time was exceptional. Many including myself continued to work in the mine area till very early in the morning.

Day 2, Saturday, July 9th

Its always a good day when you wake up with a day off from the world and all your friends around you! I spent some time with Mr. Bob Fitzpatrick, by showing him around the mine and pointing out some of the mysteries of the Thursday Mine. As I was up very late, I woke up a little bit later than normal. So, Yes it was time to get back down the hill to meet the Saturday morning group that was waiting for us. We arrived down the hill just in time. And with out wasting any time we returned to the Thursday Mine for a lithium recharge. Arriving we found a very busy mine. Much had been done. Knocked down an over hang was removed and everyone was choosing for themselves the best lepidolite that one could find. There is lots to do at the Thursday Mine, lots of good hiking on all the other Pegmatite Dikes that fill the hills and valley floor. A breathtaking view of Mt. Granite and 2 major digging areas to sink your rock picks into. And many nice campout spots to occupy.

After mucking the pit further we once again came across a familiar rock. It was a bolder of Lepidolite that we had only partially exposed last year. It was at that time sticking out of the Dike about 3 feet and 3 men with heavy duty pry bars was not able to even wiggle it. Well its the largest piece yet that we tried to remove. A fine crew of rockhounds had it out on top of the ground quickly. That was the easy part. I'm not sure how it happened that My self and this boulders fate crossed paths that evening but if you ever get to meet me you will find out that I do not give up easy. After leading many groups of rockhounds at the Thursday Mine, I learned how to remove large rocks. So with a very small electric winch and 3 guys with pry bars on the boulder, as well as, 6 good men and women pulling on ropes we had this 3000 pound sweet piece of lepidiolite out of a 6 feet deep pit and on the top were the other rocks were put in about 40 minutes. Several people thought that this could not be done. I convinced them that not only is it possible, but they to were going to be part of the reason why it would move. The boulder now sits pretty after many pulls and pushes. We did it! It was a very tiring experience. I think everyone felt better after making it happen. Once again I worked the mine area at night with a few others (night crew). You see I rather deal with cool air and moths that try to land on my lantern than the hot sun and biting flies. Know what I mean?

Day 3, Sunday, July 10th

Before picking up the new group at 10 am waiting below the mine, we went to Jullian for supplies for lunch/dinner. Waiting at Banner were more wonderful rockhounds. Every one was eager to dig. Up the hill we again went. This day was much cooler and the sun was less punishing. Several people were excited to see the many pegmatite specimens we had displayed. Thousands of tourmaline crystals, morganites, very cool schroll crystals, huge clevelandite specimens, and my favorite the large quartz crystal or huge clevelandite with massive

pink tourmalines coating the specimen. On this day our photographer returned with several large photos of the last few days. This guy has the eye for his craft. Even the photos taken at the evening time were so good and clear. The lantern was shot in the background and it was glowing so nice next to the various colored minerals on the wall of the mine. If you want, we can arraign to your photo taken and processed quickly for a very reasonable fee. Quality guaranteed. I just looked at the photos of me and they were great.

Day 4, Monday July 11th

Today was my day. I didn't have to go down the hill to meet anyone. My daughter went home the day before, and only a few people were left. Finally I could relax and do what ever. Well what happened was me and my digging partner (Ellen Moe) formed a game plan. Ellen has been to the mine digging with me several times, she, as well as, me knows the overall details of the mine. With every one gone she and I uncovered a small pocket of kunzite in an area we had been digging before. This was a great feeling to have. This was both Ellen and my first pocket. And what's funny is Ellen predicted this prior to the fieldtrip. So if you're reading this and wonder why you are reading this instead of experiencing this, then all you need to do is join the Diehards at the Thursday Mine for a goodtime.

In closing I want to thank Bob Fitzpatrick for inviting the CFMS to our mine. There were no problems this weekend. The group was a very good one. Everyone had fun. And Saturday night's potluck was wonderful, lots of good eats. The Thursday Mine usually opens itself up to a fieldtrip once a month. We post it more than a month before. Why don't you join us? For the Diehard Rockhounds, the CFMS, Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society (my CFMS club) and as an owner of the Thursday Mine, take care.

Rock of Ages - Granite

By Bill Gissler, CFMS Slide, Video and CD Librarian

Late spring is a wonderful time of the year to visit Vermont and New Hampshire. Trees and foliage are in every shade of green imaginable. The summer holiday traffic has not begun. For a rock hound it is a Mecca of interest from the granite quarries in Barre, Vermont, to the marble manufacturing plant in Proctor, Vermont, and to the field trip areas in the White Mountains in search of smoky quartz crystals. All are educational, interesting and unique experiences.

The granite quarry manufacturing and historic displays at the Rock of the Ages exhibit center in Barre, Vermont was a special destination. Having read the book "Men Against Granite," stories about the rugged granite pioneers, Barre was a must to visit. The town of Barre, initially called Wildersburgh, was chartered in 1780. During the 1820's Robert Parker was the first professional quarryman and granite manufacturer to recognize the economic potential that lay beneath the earth.

Barre granite is an igneous rock composed of minerals that cooled and crystallized relatively deeply within the earth's crust. Some of the main minerals that comprise Rock of Ages' Barre granite are quartz, feldspar and micas. Quartz is the hardest of these minerals; twenty-three to thirty percent of Barre granite is quartz. Quartz gives Rock of Ages' Barre granite its hardness, luster and durability. Rock of Ages' Barre granite has long been prized for use in memorials, mausoleums and architecture because of its beauty and durability. The depth of Barre granites beautiful gray color, derived from its plagioclase feldspar, is enriched by the biotite, giving Barre granite a warmth and richness that established its reputation as the premier gray granite.

The Barre granite industry grew slowly between 1830 and 1880. With the arrival of the railroad in 1875 and subsequent spur tracks completed in 1888, Barre's granite industry was poised for explosive growth. Waves of immigrants came from the granite production areas of Scotland, Italy, Sweden and French Canada.

To learn more about the past and present granite industry, the 20-minute video, V-113 entitled "Rock of Ages, a legacy of excellence" can be borrowed from the CFMS Library.

Reminder. To order library material between August 23 and September 29 contact Colleen McGann, CFMS First Vice President.

CFMS SHOWS AND EVENTS

We will put in all shows and events sponsored by a CFMS Club or Society and open to other club/societies. Please send in your Show Information as soon as you have a date set and it will be listed on these pages as well as on the Web page.

IT MUST BE IN WRITING.

Dee Clason – Show Dates
10100 Laurie Avenue; Bakersfield 93312
E-mail: wirelv360@aol.com

2005 CFMS Gem Shows

OCTOBER 2; FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Museum
123 W. Alvarado Street
Hours: 10 – 4
FBMS Board; Email: FGMS@tfb.com
(760) 728-1130

OCTOBER 8 – 9; GRASS VALLEY, CA

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Soc.
The Nevada County Fairgrounds
11228 McCourtney Road
Main Exhibit Hall
Hours: 10 – 5 both days
Cliff Swenson (530) 272-3752

OCTOBER 8 – 9; LAKESIDE, CA

EL Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
Hwy. 67 & Mapleview Street
Hours: 10 – 5 both days
Peggy Bowery (619) 561-1823
Email: Docsgirl9@aol.com

OCTOBER 8 – 9; TRONA, CA

Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Soc.
Searles Lake G & M. Show Bldg.
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat. 7:30 – 5; Sun. 7:30 – 4
Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356
Email: jbfairchild@verizon.net

OCTOBER 15; WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
22700 Sherman Way
(101 Fwy. off at Fallbrook north
and right on Sherman Way)
Hours: 10 – 6
Virginia Rotramel Email:
show@rockchippers.org

OCTOBER 15 – 16; ANDERSON, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society

Shasta District Fairgrounds

Hours: 10 – 5 both days
Alex Stoltz (530) 474-4400

OCTOBER 15 – 16; LONG BEACH, CA

Mineralogical Society of Southern
CA
Long Beach Convention & Expo
Center; 300 East Ocean Blvd.
Hours: 10 – 5 both days
Jason Butts Email:
msscshow@hotmail.com

OCTOBER 22 – 23; SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Veteran's Memorial Auditorium
1351 Maple Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10 – 6; Sun. 10 – 5
Shirley Mottson (707) 795-1730

OCTOBER 22 – 23; STOCKTON, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
54th "Earth's Treasures Show"
San Joaquin County Fairgrounds
Bldg.2; 1658 South Airport Way
(Charter Way & Airport Way)
Hours: Sat. 10 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4
Laurie Haines (209) 838-0108 Or
Jim Dunlap jimsopals@comcast.net

OCTOBER 22 – 23; WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10 – 6; Sun. 10 – 5
Jay Valle (626) 934-9764

NOVEMBER 5 – 6; RIDGECREST, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds,
Mesquite Hall; 520 S. Richmond Rd.
Hours: 9 – 5 both days
John DeRosa (760) 375-7905

NOVEMBER 26 – 27; BARSTOW, CA

Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Soc.
Barstow Community Center

841 South Barstow Road
Hours: 10 – 5 both days
Bob Depue (760) 255-1030

NOVEMBER 5 – 6; CONCORD, CA

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Soc.
Centre Concord @ 5298 Clayton Rd.
Hours: 10 – 5 both days
Bill McKay (925) 439-8195
Email: williammckay@hotmail.com

NOVEMBER 4, 5, 6; EUREKA, CA

Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society
Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
3750 Harris Street
Hours: Fri. 9 – 6; Sat. 10 – 6; &
Sun. 10 – 5
Pat Bunselmeier (707) 677-0131

NOVEMBER 12 – 13; LANCASTER, CA

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
Fairgrounds @ 2551 West Ave. H
Hours: Sat. 9 – 5; Sun. 9 – 4
John Martin (661) 916-9479
Email: pgmc@antelecom.net

NOVEMBER 12 – 13; YUBA CITY, CA

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Soc.
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds in
Franklin Hall @442 Franklin Avenue
Hours: Sat. 9 – 5; Sun. 9 – 4
Barbara & Charlie Brown (916)
652-4240
Email: cbbrown@wizwire.com

NOVEMBER 11- 12-13; SACRAMENTO,

CA; Sacramento Mineral Society
Scottish Rite Temple
6151 H Street
Hours: Fri. 9 – 6; Sat. 9 – 5; Sun. 10- 4
George Sterpka (916) 984-9730
Email: sterpka@comcast.net

NOVEMBER 19 – 20; LIVERMORE, CA

Livermore Valley Lithophiles
"THE BARN"
3131 Pacific Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4
Dick & Joyce Friesen (925) 447-
8223
Email: friesenr@ix.netcom.net

NOVEMBER 19 – 20; VICTORVILLE, CA

Victorville Valley Gem & Mineral Club
San Bernardino County Fairgrounds
14800 Seventh Street
Hours: Sat. 9 – 5; Sun. 9 – 4
Mavis Mushaney (760) 241-8282

CFMS Shows Continued →**CFMS Gems Shows in 2006**

JANUARY 21 – 22; EXETER, CA
Tule Gem & Mineral Society
"Fabulous Fun-Filled 50th. Annual"
Exeter Veteran's Memorial Bldg.
Hours: Sat. 10 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4

FEBRUARY 25-26; ANTIOCH, CA
Antioch Lapidary Club
Contra Costa Co. Fairgrounds
1201 West 10th Street
Ellen Bauer (925) 458-2539
Email: jbauer@wwdb.org

MARCH 4 – 5; VENTURA, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Seaside Park, Ventura Co.
Fairgrounds; 10 W. Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4
Jim Brace-Thompson (805) 659-3577
Email: jbraceth@adelphia.net

AMERICAN FEDERATION/REGIONAL
2005 SHOWS

Midwestern Federation/AFMS
August 16- 21
St. Louis, Missouri

Northwestern Federation

August 5 – 7
Albany, Oregon

South Central
December 2 – 4
Austin, Texas

Southeast Federation

November 12 – 13
Melbourne, Florida

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

By Shirley Leeson, Historian

At the recent CFMS show and convention I brought up the fact that the CFMS would be 70 years old next year. The last celebration was at the CFMS's 50th Anniversary at Sacramento in 1986.

I proposed that we celebrate our 70th Anniversary next year during the show and convention in Angels Camp and that a committee be formed to work out details of the event. At the Director's meeting I offered to chair this committee and it was accepted by the Officers and Directors.

I would like to suggest we hold the event in place of the Friday evening Cracker Barrel. I have asked Jeane and Bob Stultz to help me with ideas for the event, along with the Officers of the CFMS. If you have any ideas that would make the event special, please contact me at: shirleyleeson@msn.com and beauholland@salmoninternet.com

I would like to have an outline of the event by the Directors' meeting in November to present to the Directors.

"Optional Insurance Coverage Offerings/Renewals"

By Fred Ott, Insurance Chairpers-on

Effective with this year's renewal of the Federation's General Liability Insurance policy (October 16th), the procedure for **renewing** or **starting** insurance coverage for 1) premises liability (lapidary/workshop locations, meeting locations, claims, etc.) and/or 2) property coverage (equipment, supplies, buildings) will change. The Federation's insurance agent, McDaniel Insurance Agency, Inc., will now be mailing notices **directly** to each club in the Federation regarding this process. For those clubs that purchased Optional Additional Insurance coverage during the 10-16-04 through 10-16-05 policy year, it's imperative that they renew their insurance in a timely manner. For all other clubs, it is strongly recommended that they review the coverage offered by McDaniel Insurance Services and determine if their club would benefit by **beginning** such coverage. Either way, it's VERY important that each club provide McDaniel Insurance Services with the requested information in a timely manner. When in doubt, contact the McDaniel Insurance Services, Inc. at (805) 646-9948 or (800) 400-7288 on email at mcins@west.net. Also, please check the Federation's website, www.cfmsinc.org, for valuable information regarding the Federation's insurance program.

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