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## President's Message



Next year the 2008 CFMS Show to be held in Ventura will be *hosted*, will be put on, by the "Federation." This got me thinking. What does this mean? Who is going to do all the work, all of the tasks that are involved with putting on a show like this? Who is the Federation? Why is the Federation? This is often talked about, often discussed. There are many answers and many opinions. Here is my stab at it.

Why is the Federation? As with most "federations," it is to do together what we can not do, (or might not even try to do), alone. A simple answer, but I think capture the essence of a federation, our Federation.

Who is the Federation? According to the Society Aids Manual, the CFMS includes all of California and Nevada, and some clubs in western Arizona. It is composed of the clubs and societies located in this geographical area that have applied and accepted membership in the Federation. But, *who* is the Federation? The Federation is not a stand alone entity. It is not a group of people out there, someplace. It is the clubs and societies; it is the members of these clubs and societies. We often lose sight of this fact. It seems to me that the Federation most often is perceived to be something out there, an entity unto itself, "those people" who are doing the Federation work and activities. The Federation is often looked at as the Officer, our Executive Secretary/Treasurer. Committee Chairs and committee people. But they are not the Federation. They are the ones who leads and guides the "doing together what we can not do alone."

So, *who* is the Federation? It is people. It is the club members who serve their local clubs as officers, chairmen and workers. It is the people who go on field trips. It is people who give

educational talks to kids. It is the people who give classes and teach others in their club. It is the people who share our hobby by exhibiting and demonstrating at shows. It is the people that are out there participating and promoting our hobby. It is those people who are "helping to do together what we can not do alone." You are those people; you are the Federation.

In June 2008 **WE** are going to have the CFMS Show and Convention in Ventura. **WE** will have a lot to do to plan and implement all that is involved. **WE** will be busy and I am sure **WE** are going to have a lot of fun. How can **YOU** become part of **WE**? Volunteer and participate! If you are willing to help, if you would like to be part of this event, then contact Bural La Rue or any member of the Show Committee and we will get you involved. There is need for a lot of workers at show time to set-up, coordinate camping, and all of the other last minute show activities. You can participate by exhibiting and demonstrating at the Show.

But don't forget all of the other ways you and your club can be part of **WE**. Participate! Participate in the All American Award competition, participate in the Education Through Sharing program, participate in Earth Science Studies, participate in the Bulletin Competition, sign up for Podium people and Demonstrator Directory, contribute to the CFMS Scholarship and Endowment Funds, support the PLAC and ALAA Committees, and get involved with the Junior's Program. And most importantly of all, have an interested, involved Federation Director that *can and will* attend the Federation Meetings.

**WE ARE THE FEDERATION!**

**Dick Pankey**

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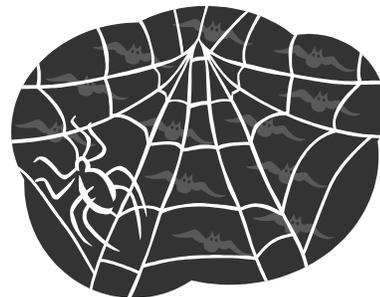
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## CFMS CALENDAR

**November 9-11 - Fall Director's Meeting**  
**March 23-30 2008 - Zzyzx**  
**June 27-29 2008 - CFMS Show**

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



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## From the Editor

CJ Quitoriano

Back from paradise! Darn!!!

Paradise is really the best! Not to take anything away from Zzyzx, but the fresh air, the beautiful trees...even the red dirt! WONDERFUL!

If you haven't been, you really should go. There is so much to do there, and the committee is always cooking up new and wonderful things to do and try.

Speaking of cooking...I don't think that anyone left there lighter than they came! The food is FANTASTIC!!

As for the classes, I don't think there was one unhappy participant the whole two weeks.

Remember to start thinking about saving up for next year, and planning to come to Paradise!

Also, Zzyzx will fill up quickly, so get your applications in now!

I want to thank all of those who submitted their articles as indicated in the last newsletter. I had a much easier time at putting this newsletter together, and I really appreciate your consideration!

CJ



## ALL AMERICAN REPORT



by Dot Beachler

Last month was a review of the objectives of the All American Program. By using the All American form, your club has an accurate historical picture of your club,

its members and its activities for that particular year. Also, it might reveal an area that has been overlooked or could use some improvement.

Section 1 is about club information. This includes club name and address, date organized, Federation affiliation(CFMS), number of members( adults,

juniors & honorary/life), meeting place and address, who is filling out this form and, finally, the purpose of your club. Every club can supply this information without difficulty.

Next month Sections 2 and 3 will be viewed for that area of the All American form. This should help in assembling the club history in an easy manner.

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## El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society – They're in the Book

By Elizabeth Myers, Membership Committee

When asked how the El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society attracts new members to their club, Fred Ott was ready with the answers. He emphasized the club has a great nucleus of participating people who make things happen.

Through the development of a structured set of policies and procedures the club has achieved a consistency of method that allows for measuring their progress in meeting their goals. And how are those goals defined? Well, Fred informed me, through the Long Range Planning Committee consisting of a chairperson and all volunteers. The committee meets informally every three months then makes recommendations to the club's board.

The El Dorado Club uses marketing techniques as a means of peaking people's interest and making contacting the club easy. At the Senior Center where the club holds their general meeting each month is a small acrylic display with a sign asking "Got Rocks?" Included with the display are pre-addressed postcards potential members can pick up and mail to the club. When a postcard inquiry is received, a club member responds by sending a packet of information about the club to the potential new member. The club sets up exhibits at the local library with contact information included with the case. Or interested parties can pick up the local phone book where they will find a listing for the club. Another accessible point of contact is the club's website. The club's website is nothing less than fantastic! I'd encourage anyone with access to a computer to visit the informative site at [eldoradomineralandgem.org](http://eldoradomineralandgem.org) or you can use the shortcut [ROCKandGEMSHOW.org](http://ROCKandGEMSHOW.org) to get there.

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**Junior Activities Report:**

## Darryl Powell's Diamond Dan: A Great Resource for Kids' Activities

### By Jim Brace-Thompson

Nearly a decade ago, I became familiar with a wonderful coloring book published under the name of "Diamond Dan." Entitled *Minerals: Coloring Fun for Kids*, it marched through the mineralogical kingdom in A, B, C fashion, introducing minerals from Agate to Zincite with eye-catching graphics. Living in the Monterey area at the time, I was President of the Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society, and we ordered a batch of these books to give to kids in our Kids Activities Booth for our show. I've since moved to Ventura, and I continue to order and distribute copies at the annual Ventura Gem & Mineral Society show, and they continue to be a big hit, both with kids and teachers. Then at the 2004 show of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies in Syracuse, New York, I had the great privilege of meeting the creator of Diamond Dan in person: Darryl Powell, of Manchester, New York.

I had learned earlier that Darryl had expanded his line beyond the mineral book and was also offering a coloring and activity book on gold, as well as a series of "Earth Digger Clubs" mineral identification packets that rewarded kids with a patch on completing each packet. At this year's CFMS show in June, Terry McMillan of the Mother Lode Mineral Society brought along a supply of flyers showing that Diamond Dan has continued to mine and dig up exciting new ideas and projects for kids, which I'm happy to overview in this month's column. Among them:

- *The World of Minerals & Crystals* introduces minerals from A to Z, with commentary on their physical properties, forms, and uses in everyday life. A reading/coloring section is followed by an activity section with crossword puzzles, word finds, etc., to reinforce info from the coloring section.
- *Corundum Carl's Great Crystal Adventure* introduces kids to crystallography, or the science and study of crystals. It includes 13 crystal models that can be cut out and folded into 3-dimensional crystal shapes and a recipe of growing crystals.
- *Mineral Note Cards* is a package containing a set of 8 full-color note cards 4.25 X 5.5 inches

and envelopes. The note cards have images of gold, scheelite, vivianite, fluorapatite, amethyst, rhodochrosite, benitoite, and garnet. Given that gold is California's state mineral and benitoite is our state gemstone, this is a terrific packet for juniors clubs within the California Federation!

- In the book *Gold!* "Nugget the Prospector" guides young readers through the world of gold: What is it? Where is it found? Why is it so valuable? A reading/coloring section is followed by activities like crossword puzzles and word finds.
- *Crystal Clips V* is a CD-ROM holding over 900 mineral and crystal drawings in both color and black-and-white in TIFF and JPEG formats.
- *Earth Digger Clubs* involves a series of mineral-identification exercises in kits of 1-hour activities with patches as awards for kids who complete an activity. Kids learn about individual minerals such as calcite, pyrite, quartz, gypsum or fluorite, as well as about properties of minerals such as hardness, color, crystal formation, etc.

Finally, Darryl has embarked on yet another adventure extending on this line of already excellent works: *Mini Miners Monthly*, a monthly publication for young mineral collectors. Each month, readers will find interesting articles, crossword puzzles, word searches, hints for building a collection, cut-and-fold crystal models, and more. An annual subscription is \$19.95 (\$36.95 for two years). To get subscriptions for kids in your club, and to learn how to purchase individual or bulk quantities of Darryl's other fine publications, contact Darryl Powell, Diamond Dan Publications, P.O. Box 143, Manchester, NY 14504, (585) 289-4936, email [diamonddan@rochester.rr.com](mailto:diamonddan@rochester.rr.com). Or check his web site at [www.diamonddanpublications.com](http://www.diamonddanpublications.com). You'll be sure to find a treasure trove of resources for kids by a wonderful person who certainly knows how to educate while—as always—having fun!

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## **Sending Students Back to School Safely**

I saw a bunch of kids heading for school the other day. WOW! What a mad house! Kids all over the place, in the streets, running between cars, chasing each other - you name it. I hope the following article will give you some ideas to help keep your children more safe.

Commuting and Travel Safety Tips for Parents and Students

Written by Katie Lawson , Staff Writer, Redcross.org

Tuesday, August 08, 2006 — As summer vacations come to an end, students across the country are readying themselves for the start of a new school year. With all of the excitement this time brings, safety may not be the first subject that springs to mind. The American Red Cross encourages parents to take time to talk with their children about safety before school starts.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 24 million students nationwide start their school day with a trip on the school bus. Although NHTSA reports that riding on a school bus is nearly eight times safer than riding in a passenger vehicle, an average of 11 school-aged pedestrians are killed by school transportation vehicles each year. Whether they walk, ride the bus or travel by car, teach your kids these few tips to ensure they get to and from school safely.

### **Tips for School Bus Riders**

Line up facing the bus, not along side it.  
Do not play in the street while waiting for the bus.  
Carry all loose belongings in a bag or backpack.  
Never reach under the school bus to get anything that has rolled or fallen beneath it. The bus driver may be sitting too high up to see you.  
After getting off the bus, move immediately onto the sidewalk and out of traffic. If there is no sidewalk, try to stay as far to the side of the road as possible.  
Wait for a signal from the bus driver before crossing the street. Walk at least 10 steps away from the front of the bus so the driver can see you.  
Never cross the street or play behind the school bus.

### **Tips for Pedestrians or Bike Riders**

Never walk alone—always travel with a buddy.  
Pay attention to all traffic signals and crossing guards along the way. Never cross the street against a stop light.  
Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.  
Avoid ill-fitting clothing that could get caught in spokes or pedals or restrict movements, and wear reflective colors and material to be more visible to street traffic.  
Walk your bicycle across all intersections.

### **Tips for Car Drivers and Passengers**

Everyone in the car should wear a seatbelt, as they lower the risk of injury in the event of a crash by 45 percent. Make sure babies and young children are in safety seats

at all times, and that safety seats have been properly installed.

Read your car's manual for safety precautions specifically relate to the car and its airbags.

Remind teenagers to take extra precautions if they are driving to school or riding with another teenage driver.

### **Tips for College-Bound Students**

Students heading off to college—perhaps for the first time this year—may be inexperienced at driving long distances or driving alone. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the United States, according to NHTSA. The risk of crashes is higher among 16- to 20-year-olds than among any other age group, and, unfortunately, young adults also are less likely to be buckled up than any other age group.

When preparing college-aged children for a long drive to school, make sure they (or maybe you do it -chuck) take these precautions:

### **Preparing for the Trip**

Before packing the car, do a simple safety check. Turn on the lights and walk around the vehicle to ensure that all lights are in working order. Also check turn signals and look for any fluid leaks or things hanging from the vehicle. Make sure the tires are properly inflated.

When packing your belongings in the car, make sure you pack carefully so there is nothing blocking your view through the rear window. Check your mirrors before you leave to be sure you have an unobstructed view of the road.

Prepare an emergency supplies kit for your vehicle and keep it in your car at all times. Include a first aid kit and manual as well as items such as a blanket, flares, a flashlight and batteries, jumper cables that can be helpful and may even be lifesaving in the event of an emergency. No matter how far your trip is, be sure you are well rested before you hit the road.

### **Hitting the Road**

Leave early and give yourself enough time to travel at a comfortable pace. Remember, speeding does not increase your ability to arrive on time; it only increases your chances of not arriving at all.

Should you find yourself getting tired from the drive, pull over to a rest stop or gas station to walk around and refresh yourself.

Do not talk on your cell phone while driving. Phones are distracting and impair your ability to concentrate on the road. If you must use the phone, pull over to a safe, well-lit parking lot and place your call there or at least use a hands-free earpiece.

When driving in inclement weather such as rain storms, reduce your speed. Don't make sudden moves if the roads are wet. Applying the brakes slowly and steadily will help you keep better control of your vehicle.

And, remember to always wear your safety belt and require any passengers who ride with you to do the same.

For more information about preparing for emergencies or for facts and tips about safety, visit [RedCross.org](http://RedCross.org).

CFMS 2007 Safety chairman Chuck McKie

## Federation Show - Exhibitors and Demonstrators

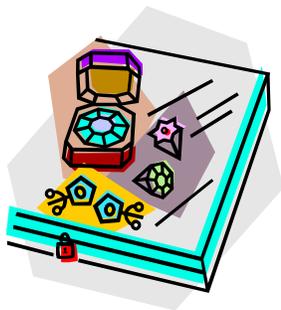
By Dick and Betty Pankey

Continuing and focusing from my Presidents Message: **You**, the individuals and clubs can be part of the **WE** by exhibiting and demonstrating at the Show in Ventura in June. Betty and I have set what we think is a very achievable goal of **at least** 100 non-competitive cases, **at least** 40 competitive cases and **at least** 40 club cases. We would just love to exceed these goals, and we have the room to accommodate all who would like to participate. Our limiting factor is loaner cases.

We are planning several categories of exhibits: Open exhibits and cases. Open to all members of CFMS

- Invited exhibits and cases.
- Past Presidents cases. All CFMS Past Presidents.
- Current Officers cases. All current CFMS Officers
- Federation exhibits and cases.
- Museum cases, Historian cases and Cab Cases –North, Central and South.
- Club exhibits and cases. Open to all CFMS clubs and societies.
- Competitive Cases. Open to all members of CFMS

**Start planning now to exhibit, compete and/or demonstrate at the Show.**



## Are You Interested In Learning How Judging Works?

Even if you are not interested in becoming a CFMS Judge you might like to know more about how judging is done and how the rulebook is used in the judging process. Knowing what judges look for can help you improve your exhibit even if it is not going into competition.

Consider volunteering as a clerk. The clerk's job is to record the Judge's comments and scoring for a competitive entry. You will be told everything to write and where to write it. If your handwriting is not too good, no problem, printing is preferred anyway. While the Clerk's position is used as a training step for prospective Judges, not all Clerks are interested in becoming a Judge and we all most always have more openings than volunteers.

A judging team is normally made up of two Judges and one Clerk. The Rules Committee will review the competitive entries and match the Judges to them based on experience, skill, and interest. This is done, when possible, prior to the Judge's meeting. Clerks are assigned to the Judging teams at the Judge's meeting.

The Judge's meeting is normally held on Friday morning at 7:30 AM somewhere close to the competitive exhibit area at the annual CFMS show. At this meeting the final Judging teams selections are made and the teams are assigned the entries they will be judging. While there are exceptions, the teams are usually finished before noon.

If you think you might be interested in taking part in this interesting process, contact anyone on the Rules Committee or just show early on Friday morning and let someone know you are interested in clerking. We will do our best to match you with a team that is working on a category that you are interested in. However, even if we can't match you with the category you would prefer, you will find that the categories are really all interesting and what you learn will help you understand the judging process better and that information will help you improve your own exhibit.

Dick Friesen  
CFMS Rules Committee

**NOW IS NOT TOO SOON TO THINK ABOUT A COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT FOR VENTURA, June 2008**

The past three years have seen a surge of beautiful competitive exhibits. But lets not stand on our laurels. Dick and Betty Pankey are exhibits chairs for the coming Federation show in Ventura. Dick has set a goal of 40 competitive exhibits. The CFMS is putting on the show and as Dick has said, "It's YOUR SHOW!"

Competitive exhibits at Lancaster were NINETEEN. We also had competitive exhibits at the National Show in Roswell, New Mexico the previous week. Taking home seven trophies. We can truthfully say our federation has had the most competitive exhibits these past three years except for the National Show in Roswell, New Mexico this year. That's a number we can all be proud of.

We urge all clubs and individuals to enter a competitive exhibit this coming year. If you or your club needs help on rules or what category you should enter, let us know and we'll try and get someone who is close to you to attend a meeting. Tom Burchard, 875 E 4500 S, Ogden, UT 84403-2931 Email: Roxhund@aol.com will be accepting your applications. Upon receipt he will send you a confirmation post card. The final deadline for accepting applications will be JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>. 2008

The application form will be in the show packet given out at Visalia. We will also have it in the CFMS Newsletter and on the website.

For those of you who are interested in getting your feet wet and entering a NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT, there will be a box to check IF YOU WANT YOUR EXHIBIT EVALUATED BY ONE OF THE JUDGES.

REMEMBER; If there are clubs out there that would like someone to attend their club meeting and talk about exhibiting and the RULES, contact me at beauholland@salmoninternet.com also shirleyleeson@msn.com and we will try and set up something to help you.

Let's make this coming year a banner year for competitive exhibits!

Dee Holland  
CFMS Rules Committee 2008  
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**Golden Bear Gem & Mineral Show  
June 27-29, 2008  
Ventura, CA**

Plan to join us next June at the beach! Plans are underway for the CFMS hosted Convention and Show in Ventura. When no club stepped forward to host the 2008 show, the decision was made to do it as a Federation. This will be the third time that CFMS has produced a no-host show. The first one was in Anaheim in 1981 and the second was in San Jose in 1991.

Bural LaRue volunteered to take on the responsibility of serving as chairman. Dick & Betty Pankey are wearing two hats as the Exhibit and Demonstrator Chairmen. His goal is 100 exhibits and 40 competitive entries. Don George will serve as the Dealer Chairman, assisted by Cheri. Don was the dealer chairman of the highly successful 1996 show in Riverside and he's in touch with a wide range of dealers. Dealer-demonstrators will be the responsibility of C J Quitariano. Jim Brace-Thompson will handle publicity for this event. Bill and Isabella Burns are already on the lookout for program speakers. Frank Mullaney promises to come up with a memento for the display cases. What am I doing? Since I already handle the CFMS money, it seems logical to serve as treasurer and receive the pre-registrations. Yes, just as Cheri is Don's secretary, I will serve in the same capacity for Bural. These persons all have many years of show experience and can be counted on to carry out their particular responsibility.

There will be lots of jobs to do particularly as the show draws near. We will need volunteers to assist with setup, staff the ticket window, do daytime security duty, and staff special projects. If someone asks you to help out, please say yes.

The planning for the show will be conducted long distance using e-mail as the primary means of communication. Cell phones are also great for this purpose since most of us have oodles of minutes to either use or lose.

The show committee met at the Lancaster show last month and will meet again at the November meeting in Visalia. Committee members who have a form to include in the show promotion packet should have it to me no later than 10/20 so it can be duplicated.

Pat LaRue

## Are Your Vendors Covered?

McDaniel Insurance Services announces a new program. At the request of many of our client organizations and clubs, McDaniel Insurance Services has developed a special Vendors Insurance Program coverage for vendors and exhibitors participating at your special event.

Many events have vendors and exhibitors that offer the attendees to your Special Event different services, merchandise and/or refreshment. Did you know that vendors at your shows are not covered by your special events coverage? We try to keep the clubs informed of this. Generally, special events liability policies specifically exclude vendors from the coverage provided. This leaves your vendors without coverage and puts your organization at risk in the event of a claim because an injured party may feel the need to put a claim in to your insurance as well.

To remedy this problem, we now offer a policy for your club that is written specifically for vendors. Not only can vendors obtain coverage at a reasonable cost under this policy, they can also name your club as additional insured for no extra cost and protect you from claims related to their activities. In fact, the coverage is constructed so that each participating vendor pays his/her fair share of the premium which can mean that coverage for vendors will not be one of your organization's expenses. For example, McDaniel Insurance Services can provide this coverage for as low as \$45.00 per vendor (10 vendors will cover the minimum premium of \$450; each additional vendor would be \$45 per short term event.) This is well below the costs usually charged by fairgrounds, cities, and other venues. There is no additional cost to add your club and the venue (fairgrounds or meeting hall) as additional insureds.

Many of your vendors may be artisans and craftsman who do not carry their own liability insurance to cover their participation while at your event. If so, you will want to make sure that the proper insurance coverage is in effect at the time of your event. Quite possibly, your larger vendors will carry their own general liability coverage. If so, your organization should always get the proper "Certificate of Insurance" from your vendors. This is a wonderful opportunity to obtain coverage to protect vendors who do not have separate liability coverage. With this policy, you can provide these participants with coverage and at the same time protect your organization from embarrassment and lawsuits.

We will be putting information and the application forms for this coverage up on the CFMSI website

for your ease of use or you can contact us directly for forms. We look forward to talking with you!!

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**FALL BUSINESS MEETING PLANS**

The annual Fall business meeting and election of officers will be held November 9-11, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Plaza Park, off Hwy 198 on W. Airport Drive, Visalia, CA.

Room reservations at the Holiday Inn may be made by phone at (559) 651-5000. To receive the special rate of \$79 per night, you must tell them you are with CFMS. Cutoff date for the rate is 10/26/07. Add 10% room tax.

The caterer no longer allows us to pick and choose from a list of veggies, starches and desserts. To allow a choice between chicken and red meat, the following menu selections are offered. Please note that there is a difference in the price. All meals include rolls and butter as well as freshly brewed regular & decaf coffee and iced tea. Let me know if a vegetarian entree is required or you have special dietary needs so I can check with the caterer about availability.

**MENU****Breast of Chicken Sonoma**

Baby spinach salad with candied walnuts and raspberry balsamic dressing  
Breast of chicken stuffed with fire grilled tomatoes, asparagus spears and blue cheese  
Topped with a blush sherry cream sauce  
Wild and brown rice pilaf and zucchini grantee  
Fresh strawberries with a wine glaze

**Herb & Garlic Encrusted Prime Rib**

Field of greens salad and assorted dressings  
slow roasted prime rib of beef served with creamy horseradish and au-jus  
Yukon gold baked potato and fresh broccoli with cheddar sauce  
Xangos cheese cake with caramel drizzle

The Breast of Chicken Sonoma is \$25. The Herb & Garlic Encrusted Prime Rib is \$35.

Make banquet reservations by October 31. Mail your check payable to CFMS and your entree selection to:

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**Nominations**

The Rockatomics Gem and Mineral Society would like to nominate Jim and Louise Gerik for the Member Recognition Award. As many of you know, Rockatomics recently rejoined the CFMS. The club had gone through a rather shaky period and nearly disbanded. But one couple acted as our 'glue', yes, I am referring to Jim and Louise. Besides being two of our star teachers (Jim – lapidary, Louise – silverwork), Jim has been president and Louise has been show chairperson, well, forever! Their efforts have been one of the main reasons that The Foundation for Pierce College has been interested in adopting our society. It is our honor to nominate Jim and Louise Gerik for the Member Recognition Award.

Submitted by: Gary and Maureen Levitt, Federation Co-Directors

It is my pleasure to present Norvie and Virginia Enns to be recognized by the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Locally, Norvie and Virginia have been Reno Gem & Mineral Society members since 1984. Norvie was field trip director for at least 10 years, AFMS/CFMS Director for 19 years, Silver Fabrication Instructor for 15 years and Casting Instructor for 8. He has held the other positions of Board Member, Building Director and Shop Director. Norvie represents the gem and mineral point of view at local BLM meetings. He is a member of the Resource Advisory Council subgroup for the Blackrock/Highrock Wilderness with the management and planning of the BLM. Very recognizable in his suspenders and personal panache, new club members quickly learn his name and turn to him as a valuable resource for advice. Virginia has held the positions of Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Board Member off and on for many years and has taught Pearl Knotting and beading for years. Both are very valuable members of our club and should be recognized on our local level for their many years of service and character.

In addition, Norvie has been very active on the regional level. In 1989, Norvie first competed in jewelry and in 1993 attained both CFMS and AFMS trophies. His competition experiences encouraged him to become active on the Rules Committee for the past 9 years. He also started working with the CFMS Public Lands Advisory Committee working to keep rock-collecting areas open. For the past 5 years, Norvie has taught silver for two weeks each year at Camp Paradise for the CFMS. Their contributions have made them noteworthy members and their contributions should be recognized as priceless.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Rhodes, CFMS/AFMS Director

**News Release**

**FIELD TRIP NORTH**

Dave Muster

**CFMS FIELD TRIP NORTH SEMINAR OCTOBER 6, 2007 "CHECKING LAND STATUS"**

**HOST: PGGG & Dave Muster, 408-245-2180**

**LOCATION: SHOUP PARK, 400 UNIVERSITY AVE., LOS ALTOS, CA 94022**

**TIME: 9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON  
COFFEE AND LUNCH PROVIDED**

**DIRECTIONS:**

**Hwy 101, Exit San Antonio Rd, follow to Main Street, Los Altos. Cross Foothill Expy, turn left on University Ave. Shoup Park is on your right.**

**Hwy 280, Exit Moody Rd/El Monte Ave. Take El Monte. Turn left at light on University Ave. Shoup Park will be on your left. Can also take left on Foothill Expy , left on Main St, left on University Ave. and Shoup Park is on your right.**



**KNOWING WHERE YOU ARE SEMINAR**

**OCT. 6TH, 9 AM TO NOON**

**GARDEN HOUSE, SHOUP PARK, 400 UNIVERSITY AVE, LOS ALTOS, CA**

Learn to read a map and describe the location, township, section and range.

Use this information with the BLM to check the status of the land.

Dave Muster, CFMS Field Trip North



It's July. In the past few months, I have been rock hounding in western Nevada. The temperature has risen from lower spring time highs. I am headed out on a field trip to Smith that I have done for 10 to 15 years.

I stopped in Wilson canyon to climb Mount Wilson from the Walker River. I looked up at the hike and gestimated the amount of time it would take and the amount of water I would need. I had done this climb before. I knew the difficulty of the climb. I drank as much water as I could and packed two quarts in the afternoon sun.

For one and half hours I trudged up the near virtual talus slope of Wilson Canyon until I reached the top of Mount Wilson. The view was spectacular. The rugged mountain canyon was awesome, but I was now low on water. I hiked over to some of the cliffs and looked at different copper ores and then proceeded downward.

I discovered a vein of highly agatized rhyolite and started to dig with my mattock and rock hammer. I was into great material of reds and greens in blue agate. I ran out of water. I loaded my pack with 80 pounds of material. I filled a 10 pound ice sack and a two gallon bucket and headed down the mountain thirsty. It was about 105 degrees when I reached the truck an hour later.

I did not take enough water. My message to you is to take more food and water than you think you need. Another thing is that is if you have made a find and you are low or out of water, retreat. Go back to your vehicle, repack with water and food and then return. Go back with supplies to make the dig.



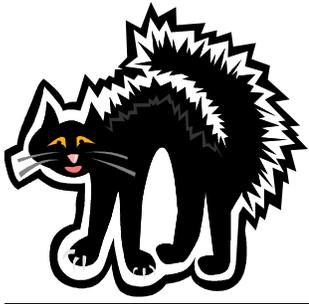
Listen to Dave, or you might end up like me!



New member applications ask about interests and a brief biography of the applicant that will be published in the next newsletter. New members are not left out in the cold to figure out how things work. At a new member orientation, each new member receives a 25-page packet of information about the club. What a great way to assure new members feel welcome and recognized. It encourages new members to have the confidence to participate at different levels within the club.

Their annual show held in a large space at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds, Placerville, California each October features 35 dealers, 40 exhibitors, 6 demonstrators and many activities for the children. They mail out 2,000 letters and brochures to the local schools to encourage the kids and their parents to attend. Through the clubs scholarship program, \$2,000.00 is given annually in scholarships to residents of El Dorado County.

The El Dorado Club rents a small facility for their lapidary shop. Lapidary instruction is available from talented members and special projects are scheduled once or twice a month. There is a focus on the multi-interests of their club membership when selecting special projects.



**AMERICAN FEDERATION/REGIONAL  
2007 SHOWS**

Eastern Federation

October 6-7  
Newark, NY

**AMERICAN FEDERATION/REGIONAL  
2008 SHOWS**

Eastern Federation

February 23-24  
Jackson, MS

**MIDWESTERN FEDERATION**

June 20-22  
Lincoln, NE

Northeastern Federation

June 20-26  
Ontario, OR

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION**

October 31-November 2  
Tulsa, OK

South Central Federation/AFMS

September 25-28  
Humble, TX

**AMERICAN FEDERATION/REGIONAL  
2009 SHOWS**

Midwestern Federation

May 16-17  
Berea, Oh

## 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 let me know as soon as you  
have a date for your event.  
**IT MUST BE IN WRITING**  
**Isabella Burns, Show Dates**  
**1038 Bradshawe Ave; Monterey Park, CA 91754**  
**E-mail <isnbll@aol.com>**

**OCTOBER 7: FALLBROOK, CA**  
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society  
Fall Festival of Gems  
FGMS Museum @ 123 W. Alvarado  
Hours: 10-4  
Mary Fong-Walker (760) 723-3484  
Email: mrwizard@tfb.com  
Website: FGMS ORG/organization/org-  
locations/html

**OCTOBER 13-14: GRASS VALLEY, CA**  
Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society  
"Earth's Treasures"  
Nevada County Fairgrounds  
11228 McCourtney Road  
Hours: 10-5 both days  
Cliff Swenson (530) 272-3752

**OCTOBER 13 – 14: LAKESIDE, CA**  
Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds  
12584 Mapleview  
Hours 10 – 5 both days  
David Newton (619) 390-5054  
Email jontom@nethere.com

**OCTOBER 13 – 14: TRONA, CA**  
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
SLG&M Show Building  
13337 Main St.  
Sat. 7:30-5:00; Sun. 7:30-4:00  
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356  
Email sigms@iwwisp.com  
Www.iwwisp.com/tonagemclub.FLYER.htm

**OCTOBER 20: WEST HILLS, CA**  
Woodland Hills Rock Chippers  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Show  
First United Methodist Church  
22700 Sherman Way  
Hours: Sat. 10 – 5  
Contact: Virginia Rotramel 818-790-7598  
Email: info@rockchippers.org  
Website: www.rockchippers.org

**OCTOBER 20-21: ANDERSON, CA**  
Shasta Gem & Mineral Society  
Shasta District Fairgrounds  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4  
Bill Seward (530) 365-8641

**OCTOBER 20-21: PLACERVILLE, CA**  
El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds  
100 Placerville Drive  
Hours: 10-5 both days  
Jackie Cerrato (530) 677-2975  
Email: jacbobcer@directcon.net  
Website: eldoradomineralandgem.org

**OCTOBER 20-21, 2007: SANTA ROSA, CA**  
Santa Rosa Mineral and Gem Society  
Veterans' Memorial Auditorium  
1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa  
Saturday 10-6; Sunday, 10-5  
Shirley Mattson or Tom Dering  
707 795-1730 or 707 546-4537  
squirly48@yahoo.com or farmarch@sonic.net  
www.gem-n-i.org

**NOVEMBER 3-4: CONCORD, CA**  
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem  
Society

Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton  
Rd.  
Hours: 10-5 both days  
Sam Woolsey (925) 837-3287

**NOVEMBER 3 -4: LANCASTER, CA**  
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society  
2551 W. Ave. H & Hwy 14  
Hours: 9-5 Both days  
Susan Chaisson-Walblom (661)  
943-1861  
Email SLChaisson@yahoo.com  
Website pgmc@antelecom.net

**NOVEMBER 3 – 4: ANAHEIM, CA**  
American Opal Society  
Clarion Hotel Anaheim Resort  
616 Convention Way (off Harbor  
Blvd.)  
Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun 10-5  
Jim Lambert (714) 891-7171  
Email jlamb777@yahoo.com  
Website: www.opalsociety.org

**NOVEMBER 3-4: RIDGECREST, CA**  
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral  
Society, Inc.  
Desert Empire Fairgrounds,  
Mesquite Hall  
520 S. Richmond Rd.  
Hours: 9-5 Sat. & Sun.  
John De Rosa (760) 375-7905

**NOVEMBER 10-11: YUBA CITY, CA**  
Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral  
Society  
"Festival of Gems"  
Grace Franklin Hall  
442 Franklin Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4  
Cliff Swenson (530) 272-3752

**NOVEMBER 17-18: OXNARD, CA**  
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
800 Hobson Way  
Hours: Sat 9-6; Sun 10-4  
Miriam Tetrault (805) 642-5779  
Website www.OGMS.net

**NOVEMBER 17 - 18: LIVERMORE, CA**  
Livermore Valley Lithophiles Gem &  
Mineral Club  
The Barn 3131 Pacific Ave.  
Sat 10 -- 5; Sun 10 -4  
Bill Beiriger (925) 443 - 5769  
e-mail xxyzzx@xyzzx.com  
web www.lithophiles.com

**DECEMBER 1 – 2: ORANGEVALE, CA**  
American River Gem & Mineral Society  
Orangevale Grange; 5807 Walnut Ave.  
Hours: 10 – 5 both days  
Florence Hansan (916) 955-5189  
Evelyn Tipton (916) 791-4517

**OCTOBER 20-21: WHITTIER, CA**  
Whittier Gem & Mineral Society  
Whittier Community Center  
7630 Washington Ave.  
Hours: Sat. 10-5, sun 10-5  
Jay Valle: (626) 934-9764

**OCTOBER 7: FALLBROOK, CA**  
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society  
"Fall Festival of Gems"  
FGMS Museum  
123 W. Alvarado  
Hours: 10 - 4  
Mary Fong-Walker (760) 723-3484  
Email: [mrwizard@tfb.com](mailto:mrwizard@tfb.com)  
Website: [FGMSORG/organization/orglocations/html](http://FGMSORG/organization/orglocations/html)