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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Visalia on My Mind & Final Call for the Camp Paradise Raffle

By C.J. Quitariano



Hi again, Fellow Rockhounds!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Fall Business Meeting from November 6 to 8 in Visalia. Have you all made your hotel reservations? Got your officer or committee reports all prepared? Sent in your banquet reservations? MapQuested the hotel in Visalia for a quick and safe drive there? If not, it's time to get busy!

If you or your club has tickets for the Camp Paradise raffle drawing, please be sure to bring them along with you to the Directors' Meeting to see if one of your club members - and if your club itself - is a winner! If you aren't going to be there, please be sure to turn in the tickets and money to Ray before the meeting date. The drawing will be held just after the Directors' Meeting on Saturday.

Finally, if you have any items for the **Executive Committee meeting**, please be sure to email them to me as soon as possible. The meeting will be held on **Friday starting at 4:00 PM**. Be sure to be there if you want the Executive Committee to discuss your agenda item.

See you soon in Visalia!

- CJ

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2009 CFMS Calendar through December

Oct. 23 - cut-off date to secure CFMS room rate at Visalia Holiday Inn for Fall Directors' Meeting

Oct. 31 - deadline to make Visalia banquet reservations via Pat LaRue

Oct. 31 – deadline for Camp Paradise lottery entries; send entries to Ray Quitoriano

Nov. 7 - Afton Canyon Field Trip Wedding

Nov. 6 - 7:30 PM, Visalia Cracker Barrel
Nov. 7 - Fall Directors' Meeting, Holiday Inn, Visalia
Nov. 8 - New Officer & Committee Chair meeting; time tbd.

Nov. 15 - no cancellations/refunds for Zzyzx as of this date, unless a replacement is provided.

Nov. 15-22 - Earth Science Studies at Zzyzx

Dec. 12-13 - N. Cady Mtns. Field Trip via Field Trips-South; Shep Koss & Adam Dean, primary contacts.

Last chance for a \$5.00 shot at Paradise!

\$5 CAMP PARADISE RAFFLE TICKET (or get 5 tickets for \$20!)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Club Name:

Send to: Ray Quitoriano, 7968 Elder Ave., Rosamond, CA 93560. Checks payable to "CFMS Endowment Fund."



CFMS BUSINESS NEWS
Fall Meeting: Final Notice!

By Pat LaRue

A final notice: the annual Fall Business Meeting and election of 2010 Officers will be held **Nov. 6-8** at the **Holiday Inn Plaza Park** in **Visalia, CA**. If you haven't done so, you are urged to make room reservations by phone (559-651-5000). The CFMS rate is \$89 per night, but, as noted in previous issues of the newsletter, the cut-off date for that rate was Oct. 23.

If you missed the deadline for sending your Officer/Chairman's report, please prepare 100 copies and bring them to the meeting for distribution at the registration table.

An informal **Cracker Barrel** will be held **Friday** evening at **7:30 p.m.** The **Business Meeting** will be called to order **9 a.m., Sat., Nov. 7**. President-elect Fred Ott will have a brief meeting of his 2010 committee chairpersons on **Sunday a.m.**, time to be announced.

The **Saturday night banquet** will be a Miner 49er Dinner at a price of **\$36**. **Make banquet reservations by October 31** by mailing your check payable to CFMS to: **Pat LaRue, PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657**

- Pat



ALL AMERICAN REPORT
Preparing Your Entry for 2010

By Dot Beachler

In my continuing effort to help you move step-by-step through the process as you prepare for 2010 competition, here is **Section 4 of the All American form**, dealing with support for the Federations (CFMS and AFMS) and other clubs. Did your club have:

- 1 - members as Federation officers or on committees, Regional and/or National?
- 2 - members attend the Regional Convention & Show and/or the National Convention & Show?
- 3 - members (and/or club) contribute to the Scholarship Fund or Endowment Fund?
- 4 - members give a program to other clubs?

- 5 - members attend other club shows, swaps, or workshops?
 - 6 - members display cases at other club shows?
- Did your club exchange club bulletins with other clubs? Did your club participate in joint field trips with other clubs?

Supporting material for this report should include a list of persons, their positions and other activities. Pictures and copies of certificates are very good. There - Section 4 is finished, and you're nearly ready to enter the competition!

- Dot

[Editor's Note: *I've been following along with Dot's instructions and preparing an entry for my own club, and when you break it down step-by-step like this, it really is quite easy! Well, almost....It's not too late - start preparing your club's entry today!* -Jim]



MEMBER RECOGNITION
or EDUCATION THROUGH
SHARING

By Loretta Ogden

Rob Sankovich has been a member of the **Ventura Gem & Mineral Society** for just a couple years, but it doesn't seem that brief! Rob quickly established himself as a fixture at shows and field trips. Although fossils are his passion, he does wonderful free-form angle-grinding sculpture of gemstone boulders, resulting in award-winning pieces at the county fair and drawing crowds at our show with his demos. He installs great displays of personally collected fossils and jade at our shows and for neighboring clubs and the county fair and entered competition at the 2008 CFMS show. He took up elective office as our co-2nd VP/Field Trips this year and, with our neighboring clubs, has been an active field trip organizer as part of the "Tri-Club Field Trips" program that has treated us to a trip every month this year. One run by Rob and his wife Deb involved 17 days and 7 collecting sites from California to Montana! He's a valued link between our club and the Conejo club, where he's also involved in field trips, their show, and more! On behalf of VGMS, it's our pleasure to honor Rob with 2009 CFMS Member



Recognition. (Submitted by Jim Brace-Thompson, VGMS President.)

- Loretta

We both hope everyone has enjoyed the varied trips this past year. We will strive to organize many more. As before, many trips will be to areas threatened by impending closures or restrictions due to Wilderness or National Park designations. The movement to close off these public lands has not stopped.

Trips in discussion include Opal Mountain, Calico Mountains, Marble Mountains, Ant Hill fossils, Wiley Well District, Pala District tourmalines, and Owens Valley. Hopefully, we can do all of these, but time and weather will tell. Any clubs willing to host a field trip or open their claims to a field trip will be appreciated. While no trip is chiseled in stone at the moment, suggestions will be considered. As always, we will try to accommodate all types of vehicles, but terrain makes the final determination. Comments and critiques are always welcome, especially about the trips themselves.

Happy Hunting, and fight to keep public lands public. Collect Responsibly,

- Shep & Adam



**FIELD TRIPS-
SOUTH**

**Cady Mountains &
Beyond**



By Shep Koss & Adam Dean

Hi, Hounders: By the time you receive this, Adam and Teresa will be a happily married couple with friends at their Afton Canyon wedding/field trip. Here's wishing them well happily every after! Now mark your calendars for a trip to the Cady Mountains!

In December (just in time for holiday collecting!), we're hosting an **overnighter field trip to the Cady Mountains** with dry camping near the railroad side tracks off Basin Road.

When: December 12-13.

Where: North Cady Mountains near Afton Canyon area, off Basin Road exit by I-15, 45 miles east of Barstow.

Material: Adam's favorite spots for agate, jasper, calcite, green and purple fluorite, sagenite, opalite, and much more.

Sponsor: CFMS.

Participants: Open to CFMS members/guests.

Directions: Take the Basin Road exit off I-15 about 45 miles east of Barstow and turn right (south) for 1.3 miles to fork in road. Take the left road for 3.8 miles to the railroad tracks and cross the tracks to the campsite. Use caution.

The campsite can accommodate RVs and tents. This is dry camping with no facilities whatsoever. Bring water, firewood, clothing for any type of weather (hot/cold, wet/dry), food, and a full tank of gas. High clearance and 4WD recommended for all sites. 2WD ok to the camping area if driven with care as many spots may have windblown sand. Roads to some sites may have deep sand. Potluck dinner Saturday night - bring a contribution. You must observe CFMS/AFMS Code of Ethics and sign a consent and assumption of risk waiver of liability form. Be aware that this is a remote and undeveloped area, and collect responsibly.



**AFMS INTER-REGIONAL
FIELD TRIPS**

Expanding our Scope

By Richard Pankey

The AFMS ad hoc committee for Inter-Regional Field Trips was established to promote and conduct interaction between the members of the Federations of AFMS. And when I say members, I don't mean the clubs or the officers; I mean the people. The rockhounds! Prior to establishing this committee, the interaction between Federations typically only happened at an AFMS combined meeting and show. And this basically has been limited to the Federations' officers and committees. While the stated purpose of this committee is to hold and promote field trips, **I think the scope could be expanded to include rock swaps, seminars, classes, and the like.**

A difference between an "Inter-Regional Field Trip" and a Federation field trip or a club trip basically comes down to **who** is invited, **how** the trip is promoted and **where** it is promoted. I receive and read several other Federation newsletters and have become aware of a number of field trips and related events that could easily fit the criteria of an "inter-regional trip/event." By its nature, an inter-regional

field trip is probably bigger than most other field trips and therefore requires more thought and planning. Since the purpose is to attract a broader geographical attendance, the collecting opportunity should be for material that is of good quality, good supply, and easily obtainable by both experienced and inexperienced rockhounds. This event can and should offer those attending more than just collecting. It should provide opportunities for socializing and interaction: potluck dinners, happy hour get-togethers, and evening campfires. There can be other attractions and activities such as speakers from BLM/Forest Service/local experts, map exchanges and "home" material swap, special sightseeing attractions like a National Park, and other collecting sights in the area or on the way.

We've held two Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous in the western Federations, both well-attended and great fun. What we need now are inter-regional trips/events east of the Rocky Mountains. **What we need are interested people to step up to organize and host an event.** Now is the time to start planning our next Rendezvous or event. I'm here to help. Send me your ideas or questions. And we don't need to limit ourselves to one event a year.

Where will our next Rendezvous be and who will host it?

- Dick



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES
Tule Gem & Mineral Society's
Rock Talks

By Marshall Havner, TGMS
Rock Talk Coordinator

[Editor's Note: *In this month's juniors column, I'm happy to step aside and provide the following, sent in by Marshall Havner of the Tule Gem & Mineral Society. Enjoy! -Jim]*

Rock Talks for the Tule Gem & Mineral Society have been a rewarding and enjoyable experience for me. These talks are a valuable tool for reaching out to the community and stimulating interest in rockhounding. Promoting the American and California Federations of Mineralogical Societies is a much-emphasized subject that includes encouraging students to think about Respect, Compliance, and Cooperation. Think about Royal Crown Cola, or RCC, and you'll remember Respect, Compliance, and Cooperation. Most teachers and students are not aware that rockhounding is so well organized on national, state and local levels, promoting Respect, Compliance, and Cooperation. I carry extra copies of AFMS, CFMS, and TGMS newsletters to share with teachers who are eager to have access to this wealth of information concerning so many areas of rockhounding interests and embodying healthy values.

TGMS is fortunate to have so many members willing and interested in participating. Members have a wide variety of interests concerning rocks and minerals which, when they share, always keep students interested and eager to ask questions. We include a large display of rough and finished rock for a hands-on part. We also have spheres, obelisks, beads, and lots of jewelry to display made by TGMS members. We include fluorescent rocks, a rock tumbler and a sphere machine as part of the display. We like to end the Rock Talk with "hands-on time" and letting students pick out their own tumbled rock, emphasizing this is their reward for showing TGMS members and their teachers Respect, Compliance and Cooperation.

We frequently get asked how much TGMS charges to travel to local schools and do a Rock Talk. TGMS is pleased to answer "no charge to educational institutions" as the talks help to maintain TGMS's community awareness and



CFMS INSURANCE
Insurance Q & A Session
Scheduled for Visalia

By Bud McMillen

REMEMBER!!! Insurance "Question and Answer" session with Pat McDaniel **Nov. 7**, at the semi-annual Directors' Meeting in Visalia. We hope to be able to start at **1:00 PM** unless the Board of Directors meeting reconvenes after lunch (in which case, we'll develop a Plan B). Hope to see you all there or send a representative. If you have a question and cannot attend the insurance Q&A, see me during the meeting and give me your question and I will get it answered for you. Thank you all for everything you do for your society.

- Bud

nonprofit, educational status. We do ask the teachers to have students write TGMS a note expressing their impression of their Rock Talk. These notes are taken to TGMS meetings and shared. Some notes can also be seen on TGMS's web site: tulegem.org. Please take a look at these notes and see why I love doing Rock Talks!

- Marshall Havner



SCHOLARSHIP - CFMS
**A Letter from One of Our
Student Honorees**

By Jennifer Haley

We received a great letter from one of the **Diedrick Scholarship** students 2009, **Nate Levine**. He thanked CFMS again for recognition and support of his studies. This summer Nate was involved in two field trip studies. The first focused on the Raplee Ridge anticline near Monument Valley, Utah. The goal of this trip was to build on previous work involving drilling cores into fractures to analyze the minerals in the fill and determine conditions under which the ridge fold may have formed.

His second trip was to Surprise Valley, California, and to Warner Valley, Oregon. These valleys are situated at the western edge of the basin and range province. The goal of these two trips was to use gravity meters and magnetometers to measure local magnetic and gravity field strengths. The seismic reflection survey involved firing a blank shell into the ground with a Betsy gun and measuring the reflected vibrations in the subsurface. These reflections, along with observed changes in the gravity and magnetic fields, reveal the nature and location of subsurface structure. These structures are significant because they may be related to the geothermal system that runs through Surprise valley.

Sharing this article with your club is a great way to personalize what the CFMS Scholarship Fund is all about. Your involvement is valuable. **Our committee has received only one nomination for an Honoree so far for 2010. Remember, each Honoree represents a scholarship to one student.** All of your donations, large and small, help keep our involvement in the Earth Science fields useful.

- Jennifer



TAX ADVISOR
New IRS Information

By Mike Kokinos

The **IRS** announced **new user filing fees for applications for exemption (Forms 1023 and 1024)** postmarked after January 3, 2010.

1. \$400 if gross receipts are \$10,000 or less over a 4-year period.
2. \$850 if gross receipts exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period.

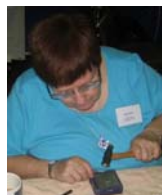
Cyber Assistant, a web-based software program designed to help 501(c)(3) applicants prepare a complete and accurate Form 1023 application, will become available during 2010. Once the IRS announces the availability of Cyber Assistant, the user fee will change again:

1. \$200 for organizations using Cyber Assistant for Form 1023 (regardless of size).
2. \$850 all other organizations not using Cyber Assistant for Form 1023 (regardless of size).

IRS will announce when Cyber Assistant is available and the effective date of the user fee change. The IRS Exempt Organization Unit so far does not have information on Cyber Assistant such as cost, if any. Keep in mind Cyber Assistant will only apply to Form 1023.

The IRS web site has substantial information available for charities. A new on-line tool will help complete the 2008 Form 990. More important is a mini-course overview of Form 990-EZ. Changes in the filing thresholds make many more organizations eligible to file Form 990-EZ.

- Mike



AFMS UNIFORM RULES
**Judging the Wildacres
Experience**

By Cheri George

Susy Martin and I were invited to attend the **Exhibiting & Rules workshop** this year, held at the Eastern Federation Earth Science Seminar in Wildacres, NC. Beautiful and wild, it's deserving of its name. Sitting atop the

Great Smoky Mountains is the facility or retreat, if you may, that is so attractive to so many in the East and Southeast. We were not expecting such a lovely facility, nor were we expecting so many eager faces when we arrived, but they were all welcoming, starting in the parking lot with many offers of assistance. We had driven across the U.S., a plan we had made all year. We didn't want to spend so much time on the road that we couldn't function day-to-day, so we planned ahead where we would spend each night: Holbrook (home of Arizona petrified wood); Amarillo (the BIG TEXAN Steak); Clarksville ("take the last train"); Nashville (country music capital of the world); and Asheville (home of the Biltmore Estate). We weren't able to check in until Monday afternoon, so we made good use of the day before driving up that winding road.

What a surprise we had to find such a beautiful place on top of that mountain. We saw Indian sumac (one of my necklaces has that in it); oak trees turning polka-dotted red; roadside wild turkeys; a mysterious lizardy thing no one could identify for us; and gorgeous vistas at every turn. We had time to check in, meet other attendees, mosey over to the orientation meeting, then dinner. There were several gathering spots for people to meet and tell their fish stories each evening, one being the Canteen, where Merrill Dickinson sold Wildacres T-shirts, patches, and pins. All buildings had lovely decks full of those old Tennessee rockers you see outside every Cracker Barrel restaurant (those chairs are comfortable and really are handmade in Lebanon, TN). The gathering of rockhounds was amazing every evening (even in the fog).

We discovered the offerings consisted of many of the same the CFMS offers at our Earth Science Seminars: silver fabrication, wire wrapping, glass fusing, cabbing, faceting, pewter forming, and exhibiting/judging. The instructors were different but equally as talented in our own CFMS. We were told it was our responsibility to spread the word about the classes, not the facilities, food, and beauty of the place. Not to talk about how warmly the teachers taught and responded to our questions and problems with our projects, about the camaraderie and friendliness of all the people; not to spread the word about the general 'wonderfulness' of the whole experience. That is a very difficult thing to do when the people

are wonderful, the facilities are fabulous, the food beyond compare, and the hosts so helpful and friendly.

So here goes the part of this message I am supposed to be enthralling you with. We had been invited to attend the Judging & Exhibiting class, with B. Jay Bowman as our instructor. We spent a lot of time talking about how rules came about and how every year they were reviewed by the URC and appropriate changes made. We talked about how changes were made and how we could suggest changes. If you have something you would like to see changed in the AFMS Uniform Rules, type it up and submit it to the committee chairperson at least 90 days prior to the URC Annual meeting. There's no guarantee it will be approved, but it gives the committee something to think about, and who knows, you could be a groundbreaker! Finally, when we got down to it, we went through those rules line-by-line and word-for-word until we understood what, as judges, we were responsible for and to whom we were responsible. We judging students were responsible for judging 6 cases of work done by other people in our class. We learned how to judge, and they learned how to exhibit. We made comments about their labeling, showmanship, quality, workmanship, rarity, and design. We took into consideration their specific division, sub-division and class requirements, and learned to use that as our primary focus.

Judging is not easy!! For those of you who seem to want to blame the judge when you get a low score, our suggestion is to go back and look at the rulebook. If you are still confused, ask the judges and let them point out where you or they might have gone wrong. If you have been exhibiting for many years and you consistently get great scores, share your experience with someone who is new to exhibiting and let them learn from you. Every new exhibitor is someone we need to cultivate to keep them coming back; we don't want to scare them so badly they go into hiding.

Many of the first shows had exhibits displayed according to exhibitor whim, and judging those exhibits showed a need for a more uniform method. The rules were adopted by each Federation in the beginning based on the experiences of each. Gradually the Federations got together and created the AFMS Uniform Rules. Since 1961, these rules have been the

backbone of competitive exhibiting. The rules are used nationwide, cover all aspects of our hobby for the thousands of exhibitors, and, for this reason, are comprehensive.

One of the pleasures of our hobby is sharing what we do, have, and know. Displaying our collections and work has been one of the ways we can accomplish this. Competitive exhibiting at shows in our great Federations is a natural result of these displays. As we attempt to improve our shows, we see competitive exhibiting become a major contribution.

- Cheri



**AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS
ASSOCIATION**
The ALAA Meeting at Billings

**By Dick Pankey
President, ALAA**

In case you didn't hear, our trailer was totaled 110 miles from home and just over 2 hours into our 5-week trip to Yellowstone and the AFMS Show & Convention in Billings, MT. Our trip was cancelled!! Nobody was hurt nor even shaken up. Nobody else was involved in our event. "Only" a totaled trailer and a smashed-up truck.

I was very disappointed to miss the events at Billings, especially the ALAA meeting. A **Big Thank You** to **Shirley Leeson** for stepping up to run the meeting and get the many items on the agenda accomplished. The approval of the revised Bylaws and implementing the new OP's are significant accomplishments for ALAA's structure and workings. Dee and Shirley did an excellent job on the Bylaws and Operating Procedures. We held our first election in 2 years. Congratulations to our Officers and Directors and thank you for accepting your positions and committing yourself to the goals and mission of ALAA. And thank you for electing me your President. I look forward to serving and to working with all of you.

Be ready for action. The challenges and the needs are great. The opportunities for us, for ALAA, to make a difference are there for us to seize. We are a national organization and our Officers and Directors, and our members, are from throughout the U.S. All of our O&D need to be involved, need to be active. Our members need to be involved. We want your ideas. We need your support and participation.

To meet our goals and mission, we are focusing on membership. Not only numbers but with **involvement**. I encourage potential members to join now rather than wait until December to join for 2010; we revised the dues structure to allow for new member dues paid after July 15th to be considered as paid in full for the following calendar year. If you know of individuals or societies waiting to join ALAA, tell them that there is no reason to wait. Join NOW and become part of the team.

When it comes to legislation affecting our public lands, things seem to move slowly, slowly with no apparent activity for a long time; then, it's moved to the fast track. Monitoring and communicating status and needed action are very difficult. At this time the ALAA newsletter is only published every 3 months. If we wait for the newsletter, it will often be too late to respond and take action. E-mail is a great way for rapid and inexpensive communication. **ALAA is setting up an "e-mail tree"** so we can quickly and effectively get the word out about pending legislation or regulatory activity that require the response of our members. If you have an e-mail address, make sure you provide it to our treasurer so you may be included in the tree.

Another great source of timely information is the ALAA web site: **www.amlands.org**. It is full of a lot of great, up-to-date information. It is a major communication source between newsletters. I would recommend all members check it out at least once a week for the latest news and information. It is also a great source of information about ALAA and includes the last few issues of our newsletters. If you know of someone interested (or that *should be* interested) in ALAA, refer them to our web site.

- Dick



**AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS
ASSOCIATION**
Membership Drive

**By Shirley Leeson,
ALAA 1st Vice President**

We need each of you to talk up ALAA and have your club members and those of surrounding clubs join. We're a member of the Blue Ribbon Coalition, a group working to keep the roads to our collecting sites open to us. We have a real

deal for you: new members can join now, and their membership will be paid through December 31, 2010. **Dues are \$25 for individuals or couples and only \$50 for your whole club.**

We are focusing on working with those people who are “managers” of the land we want to collect on. In the West, that is usually Forestry, Bureau of Land Management and State Parks. We need to know the person in charge, his/her address, phone and email. What we want to do is have a working relationship with each person and his/her crew who manages the land we collect on and the roads we travel to get there.

In the East, managers are usually property and quarry owners, as well as Forestry, BLM and State Parks. If they allow collecting by a club, we would like to know that. However, this information will be on a database and not released to the public or other clubs. If a club is interested in a particular quarry, we can search our database, and if listed, we can refer the interested club to the club who works with the quarry owner. If the quarry is not open to collecting under any circumstances, then we'd like to know that, as well. We want to be good rockhounds and have a reputation of working with the proper authorities.

In this time of short budgets for those entities, we may be able to help them. If they need help with road management, we may be able to help as well. With this stated, we need your help to make our organization grow and be recognized.

Here's what each of you can do. Bring in at least one new member/couple. Get your clubs and those surrounding you to join us. In addition to your membership, we're looking for clubs and people who are also willing to be active in our endeavor, especially those who enjoy field trips. In order to keep everyone informed of what's going on, we need to have an e-mail contact for everyone. We are searching for those people who are willing to work with the bureaucracy of each state or federal entity within each state. In addition we need someone who will be willing to coordinate the clubs in that state. Please go to our web site, <amlands.org> and see the states we already have covered. I encourage you to join us in preserving our collecting sites and the roads to them!

- Shirley

IN MEMORIAM

Omer Goeden & Luetta Bartlett

Omer Goeden: “One of the Good Guys”

Omer Goeden passed away Sunday, October 4, while he and Kay were visiting family. The news of Omer's passing has been received with sadness. Omer was fondly regarded as “one of the good guys.” He faithfully attended CFMS Directors' Meetings on behalf of his club. He always stepped forward and volunteered for CFMS jobs, something few seem willing to do these days. He had competitively displayed his polished malachite and received a CFMS Trophy. He was hoping to exhibit at the upcoming AFMS/CFMS show and take home an AFMS Trophy. We know his club and friends will miss him, and we include ourselves among them. **[Note:** We received this sad news at press time. A more complete *in memoriam* for Omer will appear in the December newsletter.]



- Shirley Leeson & Pat LaRue

Luetta N. Bartlett: Passing of a Pioneer

Luetta (Lue) N. Bartlett, 100, of Henderson passed away Sept. 22, 2009. She was born Oct. 14, 1908, in Akin, IL, and was a 73-year resident of Nevada. Luetta was a retired schoolteacher, moving here from Missouri in 1936. She started teaching in a one-room school in Copper Canyon, south of Battle Mountain, NV, then moved to Lovelock, NV, for 3 years, then moved back to Battle Mountain, NV, where she taught for 5 years, before moving to Henderson, NV, in 1948, where she taught grade school until she retired in 1970. She was active with the North Las Vegas Gem Club, the Boulder City Gem Club, the Clark County Gem Club, and the Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society, as well as the American and the California Federations of Mineralogical Societies. Luetta is survived by her son Everett Bartlett of Henderson, granddaughter Theresa Graziano of Pahrump, and great-granddaughter Amelia Graziano. Services were held at Palm Mortuary, 800 South Boulder Hwy, Henderson on Oct. 3, 2009.

- The Bartlett Family

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OCTOBER 24 & 25: LOS ALTOS, CA
 Peninsula Gem & Mineral Society
 Los Altos Civic Center Youth Center
 One San Antonio Road
 Hours: 10 am – 5 pm daily
 Dave Muster (408) 245-2180
 mustersgems@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 6, 7 & 8: EUREKA, CA
 Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society
 Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
 3750 Harris Street
 Hours: Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5
 Toni Tyson (707) 502-9574
 bluiis911@msn.com

NOVEMBER 7&8: CONCORD, CA
 Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
 Centre Concord
 5298 Clayton Road (Ygnacio & Cla)
 Hours: 10 am – 5 pm daily
 Harry Nichandros
 show2009@ccmgs.org
 http://ccmgs.org

NOVEMBER 7 & 8: LANCASTER, CA
 Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
 Antelope Valley Fairgrounds
 2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14, Lancaster
 Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily
 Susan Chaisson-Walblom(661)943-1861
 slchaisson@yahoo.com
 www.palmdalegems.com

NOVEMBER 7 & 8: RIDGECREST, CA
 Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
 Desert Empire Fairgrounds
 520 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest
 Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily
 John DeRosa (760) 375-7905
 schiller@ridgecrest.ca.us

NOVEMBER 14 & 15: YUBA CITY, CA
 Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
 Franklin Hall, Yuba/Sutter Fairgrounds
 442 Franklin Avenue
 Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4
 Bruce Roberts (530) 675-2864

NOVEMBER 14 & 15: VICTORVILLE, CA
 Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Society
 San Bernardino Co. Fairgrounds
 17800 - 7th Street
 Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm daily
 Virgil Melton (760) 900-0507
 VVGMC.org

NOVEMBER 21 & 22: OXNARD, CA
 Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
 Oxnard Performing Arts Center
 800 Hobson Way
 Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4
 Norb Kinsler (805) 644-6450
 Show_info@oxnardgem.com
 www.oxnardgem.com

NOVEMBER 21 & 22: LIVERMORE, CA
 Livermore Vallet Lithophiles
 At The Barn
 Pacific Ave. at So. Livermore Ave.
 Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
 info@lithophiles.com
 www.lithophiles.com

DECEMBER 5 & 6: BARSTOW, CA
 Mojave Gem & Mineral Society
 Community Center
 841 Barstow Road
 Hours: 10 am – 5 pm Daily
 Gene Haines (760) 256-0595
 janetwentz@earthlink.net
 mdgms.org

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JANUARY 16 & 17: EXETER, CA
 Tule Gem & Mineral Society
 Exeter Veteran's Memorial Bldg.
 324 N. Kaweah (Hwy 65)
 Hours: Sat 10-5; Sun 10-4
 Don Viera (559) 732-7739
 Pepper Okada (559) 733-5842

FEBRUARY 12-21: INDIO, CA
 San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
 Riverside Co. Fair & Date Festival
 Gem & Mineral Bldg., Bldg. #1
 46-350 Arabia Street
 Hours: 10 am – 10 pm daily
 Bert Grisham (951) 849-1674
 bert67@verizon.net

MARCH 5, 6 & 7: NEWARK, CA
 Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
 Newark Pavilion
 6430 Thornton Avenue
 Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
 Larry Ham (510) 887-9007
 showchair@mgscv.org
 www.mgscv.org

MARCH 6 & 7: VENTURA, CA
 Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
 Seaside Park, Ventura Co. Fairgrounds
 10 W. Harbor Blvd.
 Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 – 4
 Andy Anderson (805) 987-0043
 vgms_editor@roadrunner.com
 www.vgms.org

MARCH 6 & 7: ARCADIA, CA
 Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
 LA Co. Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
 301 Baldwin Avenue
 Hours: Sat. & Sun. 9 am - 4:30 pm
 Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
 joannaritchey@gmail.com
 www.Moroks.com

MARCH 13 & 14: TURLOCK, CA
 Mother Lode Mineral Society
 Stanislaus County Fairgrounds
 900 N. Broadway, Turlock
 Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
 Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494
 terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com
 www.turlockgemshow.com

MARCH 13 & 14: SPRECKELS, CA
 Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Society
 Spreckels Vet's Hall
 5th & Llano Street
 Hours: 10 am-5 pm daily
 Ernie de Fever (831) 422-3422
 minimad64@comcast.net

MARCH 27 & 28: ROSEVILLE, CA
 Roseville Rock Rollers
 Roseville (Placer Co.) Fairgrounds
 800 All America City Blvd.
 Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
 Gloria Marie (916) 216-1114
 gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com
 www.rockrollers.com

APRIL 16, 17 & 18: SAN JOSE, CA
 Santa Clara Valley G & M Society
 Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
 344 Tully Road
 Hours: Fri. 9-5; Saturday & Sunday 10-5
 Frank Mullaney (408) 265-1422
 info@scvngms.org
 www.scvngms.org

MAY 8 & 9: RENO, NV
 Reno Gem & Mineral Society
 Sparks Livestock Event Center
 1350 N. Wells Avenue
 Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
 Ann Johnson (775) 544-4937
 ann.johnson.e@gmail.com
 www.renorockhounds.com

JUNE 18-20: LA HABRA, CA
 AFMS-CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION
 No. Orange Co. Gem & Mineral Society
 So. CA University of Health Science
 Hours: 1-5 daily
 Mike Beaumont (714) 510-6037
 diamond.crest@yahoo.com
 NetworkingWave.com/AFMS2010
 www.amfed.org/cfms

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