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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Grow the Federation!**

**By Fred Ott**

And so it continues! Last month, I emphasized the value of growing the Federation by increasing the number of member societies in the CFMS as well as increasing the membership rolls of each society. It seems so obvious, yet there have been those who have been happy with the "status quo", only to find that the society eventually had to disband for lack of an active membership. What a shame!

While there are MANY reasons that some societies are extremely successful, I have found that a society's growth depends primarily upon how well that society is "organized". By this I mean: has the society established a "Best Practice" for each and every facet of the society's activities? Are those "Best Practices" documented and updated periodically? How are such documents maintained?

As an example, here is one typical situation for which a "Best Practice" should be established: When someone inquires about your society, what sort of "response" does your society provide? Are new members formally recognized and welcomed at a General Membership meeting? Are new members given an introduction to all of your society's activities? Be sure to read Beth Myers' article in this newsletter about "Responding to Inquiries" to see what one successful society does.

As always, the best place to start is "at the beginning". Back in the "old days" we had the typewriter and carbon paper; our society's records and information were typically maintained in "hard copy form" in folders and binders. Today, we have the added advantage of the computer, the Internet, word-processing programs (such as Microsoft Word) and database management systems. By establishing Word documents in an organized way and "backing-up" everything to avoid catastrophe, you'd be well on-your-way to establishing the

"organization" and "stability" that every society wants.

My goal in 2010 is communicate many of these "Best Practices" in the CFMS newsletter as well as in individual emails to the Directors of each society, providing "silver bullets" which can be used to grow your society and, as a result, *Grow the Federation*.

Remember: rockhounding is MORE than a hobby; it's a PASSION!

-Fred



## 2010 AFMS SCHOLARSHIP Honoring Pat & Bural LaRue

**By Jim Brace-Thompson**

A most pleasant duty as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP last year was chairing the CFMS Jury of Awards of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. Honorees select a university and participate in choosing geoscience graduate students to receive scholarships on behalf of AFMS. It's with great pleasure that I announce this year's honorees: **Pat and Bural LaRue**. I've been affiliated with the CFMS since 1991, when I joined my first two clubs. Although I had attended and exhibited competitively at the 1995 and 1997 shows in San Jose and Ventura, it wasn't until the 1998 show in Monterey, which I helped run as Show Vice Chairman, that I began a deep involvement with CFMS, particularly when Debbie Bunn approached me there and invited me to chair the Junior Activities committee. Throughout this time, two names were always in the CFMS air;

two people always seemed to know exactly what needed to be done.

Pat LaRue, whose involvement with CFMS dates to 1985, had served a term as President in 1996. At that time, I was serving as President of the Carmel Valley club and receiving the CFMS Newsletter, so I was coming to know her from her monthly President’s message, and there would be more messages to come because in 2000, she did an unusual repeat performance, serving a *second* term as CFMS President when the president-elect became gravely ill. (To my knowledge, she’s the only person to have had the gumption for two terms!) In 1999, she was recognized with a Golden Bear Award, the highest honor given to people serving the CFMS. But, unlike old soldiers, she did not then simply fade away.

Every local club has one: that couple in the background who seem so low-key and yet constitute the keystone keeping the club together, the couple who know all, see all, and to whom everyone turns for answers when a question comes up. Pat and Bural were—and are—always in the background, keeping essential CFMS functions moving along, with Pat expanding her involvement to include the AFMS, representing the CFMS as a Vice President to the AFMS, serving two years as AFMS Uniform Rules Chair, and, upon the sad loss of Toby Cozens, boldly stepping forward mid-year in 2006 to assume responsibility as AFMS Treasurer, a job she still holds. On the CFMS level, she continued providing us all with essential services such as being in charge of CFMS Supplies & Publications, serving on the Golden Bear Committee, and, in 2005, beginning her current stint as CFMS Executive Secretary/Treasurer, which she augmented in 2008 by serving as CFMS Tax Advisory Assistant. Meanwhile, she has continued joining several more AFMS committees.

During those years, Bural began “climbing the ladder,” working to match his wife’s achievement as a CFMS President. (He has assured us, however, he’s content to allow Pat’s title as the only double-term president to go unchallenged.) He gradually worked his way up, serving as CFMS Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, and finally, in 2008, achieving the CFMS Presidency. That same year, doing courageous battle against health problems, he also took on

the task of 2008 Show Chairman when no local club had stepped forward to sponsor our Annual Show & Convention. Under his watch, with a committee of volunteers from various clubs spread out all across the state, we had a terrifically successful show as we all came together on the sunny beaches of Ventura. He has since continued offering his advice and assistance as Past President, and, at the AFMS level, has served over the years on the Uniform Rules committee, the AFMS Endowment Fund, the AFMS Boundaries committee, and as an AFMS Director representing the CFMS. On behalf of the CFMS Jury of Awards, please join me in congratulating Bural and Pat for this well-deserved honor as 2010 AFMS Scholarship Honorees.

- Jim

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Report claims as soon as possible to Patt McDaniel 800-400-7288. If no one is immediately available, and/or during non-business or weekend hours, call 800-252-4670.

Editors Note: In the January 2010 Newsletter's Insurance Article, the author's (Patt Wilson McDaniel) name was accidentally omitted. Sorry Patt!!!

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Thank You to everyone submitting articles for this month's newsletter. Articles for the March Newsletter and important dates for the CFMS calendar should be submitted by the 5<sup>th</sup> of February.

**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!**

**2010 CFMS Calendar**

**Feb. 28 – All American Books due in to Dot Beachler.**

**March 1 – Member Club/Society Officer Change Form due to Pat LaRue.**

**March 13 – Jr. Rockhound Roundtable with Jim Brace-Thompson to be held at the MLMS Show in Turlock, Ca.**

**April 24 – Claims Seminar, Empire, CA**

**May 16 – 22 Camp Paradise 1<sup>st</sup> Week**

**May 23 – 29 Camp Paradise 2<sup>nd</sup> Week**

**June 18 – 20 CFMS/AFMS Show & Convention**

**Nov. 12 - 7:30 PM, Visalia Cracker Barrel**

**Nov. 13 - Fall Directors' Meeting, Holiday Inn, Visalia**

**Nov. 14 – 2011 Organizational Meeting**

newsletter will be the President, Editor and Federation Director. Any of your members who currently serve as a CFMS Committee chair or member already receives a newsletter; why not designate another person. Anyone can subscribe to the newsletter at a cost of \$5.50. Everyone can read it on the CFMS website for free. Note that the web version does not include the show dates, the address page, officer/chairmen listing or forms. These are already available on the website in other areas.

Don't forget that your club is also entitled to 3 complimentary copies of the AFMS newsletter. Please send the names and mailing addresses of the persons designated to receive this publication to AFMS Central Office, Steve Weinberger, PO Box 302, Glyndon, MD 21071-0302. The AFMS Newsletter is also available for download on the AFMS website [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org) at no cost. Hardcopy subscriptions are \$4.50 per year.

-Pat



**Notes from the Executive Secretary/Treasurer**

**By Pat/ LaRue**

Now is the time for someone from each club to take a few minutes to fill out the officer change form included in the meeting information packet picked up by Directors present at the November meeting in Visalia. Directors who were unable to attend that meeting either received their club's packet by mail or had one delivered as a courtesy by someone from a nearby club. If you didn't receive it or it got lost, you can download a copy from the CFMS website [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org). Click on forms and scroll down to the proper link.

Please take the time to provide the correct contact information for your club. A phone number is helpful, but an e-mail address is preferred. You are reminded that each club is entitled to receive 3 complimentary newsletters; however, I need to know who should receive them. Please be sure to include the correct mailing address for each recipient. These can be any member of the club, but generally the persons receiving the free



**ALL AMERICAN REPORT  
Preparing Your Entry for 2010**

**By Dot Beachler**

By the All American entry form section by section. Now you may ask why.

One good reason is that this is a history of your club, your members, your activities for the year 2009. Any club historian will welcome this information to complete a club's history over the years.

Secondly, this is a good way of recognizing those club members that have contributed to your club's present status.

Thirdly, show your club book at club meetings and shows. Not only will new members see what the club did over the past year but this is a good way of showing prospective members how many interesting activities the club has to offer.

This year our CFMS president wants to 'expand the Federation'. What better way to assist in this endeavor than to have a club book available to show others how interesting and fascinating our hobby can be.

To all prospective entries---books are due **February 28.**

- Dot



**Earth Science Studies**  
**Camp Paradise**

**By Marion Roberts**

There are still openings for Camp Paradise. You don't want to miss out on the fun! You will find a copy of the camp application here in this month's Newsletter.

**- Marion**

**By Richard Pankey**

Plans are finalized for the Land Claims Seminar next April. Since our last seminar in March 2009 I had been looking for someone to take the lead and plan this next seminar. As of November I hadn't found anyone. On the MLMS Thanksgiving field trip I talked to several of their members; they had a suitable meeting hall, they are centrally located and best of all they seemed interested in hosting a seminar. When I got home I contacted **Bud McMillin**. He said he was interested in helping and would present it to their board the next night. While he was doing that I contacted potential speakers and they said yes. Bud got back to me the following day – the MLMS Board said yes, the hall was available, and **Marion Roberts** would do lunch. We had ourselves a "Land Claims Seminar"!!! This whole process took only 4 days (due to some very fortuitous timing and a lot of people who said "yes"). All of this was accomplished in time to meet the deadline to get the seminar announcement in the January CFMS Newsletter.

The purpose of the seminar is to encourage CFMS societies to file and share claims and to provide them with the information to do so. At the conclusion of our seminar in March of 2009, Gregg Wilkerson from the BLM, recommended that filing and maintaining claims on our rockhounding sites is a good way to establish and preserve our right for access and use. Some CFMS societies already have done this and it is recommended that more societies do it.

Current legislative activity makes it imperative that we establish and file our claims now. The new "Hard Rock Mining and Reclamation Act" was introduced in the House and Senate last July. The proposed "Desert Conservation and Recreation Act" is making its way through the legislative process. We need to act **NOW!!**

The agenda for this seminar will include:

- Why and who should file claims.
- The experiences of current CFMS societies that have claims.
- Liability and insurance issues.
- Use of claims to have and maintain access to rockhounding areas.
- What your society can do.
- How to stake a claim, establish and file a claim with the county and BLM.



**EDUCATION THROUGH SHARING**

**By Loretta Ogden**

2009 Education Through Sharing recognition from CCM&GS. Joanne Caskey has been a member of Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society (CCM&GS) since 2004. Since The and her husband Terry joined, she has made quite an impact on the club. Once she settled in, she did not hesitate to volunteer to be Education Chair. She held this a position for three years, 2005 through 2007. During this time she organized many classes, some of them held in her and Terry's home in Concord. Joanne started and continues to support a monthly beading get-to-gather, yes again hosted by her. She has continued to suggest and give classes for the club, helping the current Education Chair. Joanne also volunteered to be the hostess of many of the Board of Director meetings, relieving members from driving all the way out to Antioch to my home. Recently, Joanne Caskey volunteered to be the club's Vice President of Field Trips. Keeping the club successful is easy with members like Joanne. Joanne Caskey is nominated for the 2009 Education through Sharing recognition for CCM&GS.

Thank You,  
Mary Hicks, President  
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society

**- Loretta**

**CFMS Field Trips – North**



**Land Claims Seminar  
Announcement**

- Claim Filing deadlines, Assessment Work, and Intent to Hold
- Where and how to get information about claims and claimed land.
- Answers to your questions.

Seminar speakers will include Dick Pankey, Bud McMillin and Gregg Wilkerson, BLM Claim Specialist. Several CFMS societies currently have claims. I would like some of them to attend this seminar and share their experiences with us.

Gregg Wilkerson is a geologist in the Bakersfield Field Office and performs geologic and hydrologic research and investigations for resource management as Program Team Leader and BLM Certified Mineral Examiner. His duties involve mineral appraisals, land exchanges, conveyances, mineral sales and leases, wilderness withdrawals, mining claim occupancy trespass, surface use determinations, CERCLA removal or remediation, water quality remediation, and hazardous abandoned mine closures.

This seminar will be hosted by the Mother Lode Mineral Society on Saturday, April 24, 2010 in Empire, CA, near Modesto. This is an all day seminar and lunch will be served. The cost of the seminar is \$5.00 (payable at registration), which includes registration, coffee and tea, and a lunch of hot dogs with all of the trimmings, potato salad, chips and a beverage. An announcement flyer with details, map and directions will be available on the CFMS Web Site - [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org) and on the COOP web site - [www.ourfieldtrips.org](http://www.ourfieldtrips.org) by February. Or e-mail me at [dickpankey@juno.com](mailto:dickpankey@juno.com) and I will send you a flyer.

This seminar is for societies who have questions about claims, for societies that want to have a claim, and for all rockhounds that are interested in claims. Please reserve your place at this seminar by notifying Bud McMillin at [bud.mcmillin.b7yj@statefarm.com](mailto:bud.mcmillin.b7yj@statefarm.com) or at 209-527-8000 (work) or 209-524-3494 (home) no later than April 16<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar now for **Saturday, April 24, 2010**, watch for the announcement flier and plan to attend this important, timely and sure to be informative seminar.

(Please help get this seminar information to your members. Editors please reprint in your newsletter; web masters please

post on your web site; and field trip leaders please share with your members.)

-Dick



**Field Trips South**  
**Wiley's Well**  
**Ant Hill-February 27**  
**By Shep & Adam**



With last year's great turnout of nearly 100 attendees we're doing it again.

WHERE: Ant Hill, Bakersfield, Ca  
WHEN: February 27, Saturday at 9am  
MATERIAL: 15 million year old fossils of shark teeth, whale teeth, seal teeth, porpoise teeth, whale bone, etc from Middle Miocene Marine beds.

MEET SPOT: 9AM NE of Bakersfield on corner of Lake Ming Rd and Alfred Harrell Hwy at the Chevron station. Alfred Harrell Hwy can be reached by heading east from Bakersfield on Rt 178 or heading east on Rt 58 to Comanche Rd then turning north. Comanche Rd becomes Alfred Harrell at Rt 178. From here go about two miles to Lake Ming Rd and meet spot. Here we will sign Waivers of Liability, see samples of specimens and receive digging instructions. TOOLS: hammer, chisel or screwdriver, 1/4" mesh sifting screen or colander, shovel, bucket, zip lock bags, water spray bottle. Hiking shoes and clothes to get dirty in. From the meet spot we will drive about another mile to parking area then hike about 3/4 mile on a uphill slope which gets steep the last 200 yards. The fossil trenches are near the summits of steep hills. Be advised: this is a known Valley Fever area although rarely a problem especially in winter. Wear masks if concerned. Also snakes and spiders inhabit these hills. To find fossils requires a combination of sifting debris or prying out chunks of the "wall". These hills will soon undergo housing development so collect while you can. Weather and roads: Roads are paved until last 300 feet to parking area. Weather is unpredictable although this soil is more rain tolerant. Dress accordingly for temperatures and conditions.

## Inter-Regional Field Trips

By Richard Pankey

When I was appointed as the ad hoc Inter – Regional Field Trips Coordinator at the 2007 AFMS meeting in Roswell I was pleased and excited. I love field trips - going on them and leading them. I was involved with the Tri-Federation field trip to Texas Springs in May of 2003 so I pretty much had an idea of what was expected and how to get started.

It was my objective to have articles in each issue of the AFMS Newsletter promoting Inter-regional field trips and events, how-to articles, and announcements about at least one scheduled Inter-regional field trip. To make this all work I was counting on local field trip chairmen/leaders for ideas and help, for bulletin editors to help get the word out and participation from rockhounds. We have had 2 Inter-Regional trips in the west and I have had articles in many AFMS Newsletters and pretty good participation from editors, web masters and field trip chairs getting the word out.

The biggest hurdle that I experienced was getting representatives from other Federations to be on the committee. It was hard to get referrals and people interest in serving on the committee. The notable exception was **Dick Parks** from the NFMS who was involved with our first 2 Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous. It turned out to be easier to conduct the Rendezvous myself than try to get others involved. But that is not where this committee needs help and participation. What we need are representatives from each Federation, to identify potential Rendezvous sites, help promote them and to coordinate with the trip host. Since I am not leading a Rendezvous this year I am going to focus on establishing an active productive (hopefully) committee.

In the near future I will be contacting the Presidents of each Federation for their recommendation for their representative to the committee. And to all members, current field trip leaders, if you would be interested in serving on the committee please let your Federation President know that you are interested. I hope that by the combined AFMS/CFMS convention in California next June I will have a full and functioning committee.

At the end of many of my articles I always ask "Where will our next Rendezvous be and who will host it?" Well **Doug True** from the NFMS gave us the answer!! Doug announced in the last issue of the AFMS Newsletter that he will lead our next IRRR to the Blue Forest collecting area for Memorial Day Weekend 2010. Watch for details, map and flyer in AFMS and Federation newsletters and web sites. The Blue Forest area has been on my "want to collect at" list for many years. Betty and I will be there. Who else is going to join us? In addition to the Blue Forest site Doug is looking into several other collecting areas for some side trips.

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



## JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

**Roundtable on Kids Activities  
at MLMS Show in March**

By Jim Brace-Thompson

Do you want to start a junior rockhound group in your club or society but are afraid you don't know enough to get one going? Do you have a junior rockhound group and want to see how to make it better by gathering ideas for more kids activities and programs you might implement? Or perhaps you already have a successful juniors group that's going like gangbusters. Would you be willing to share your experience to benefit fellow clubs within the Federation? Then come next month to the annual show of the **Mother Lode Mineral Society (MLMS)**!

The MLMS show committee has invited me to come to their show to help facilitate a **Juniors Activities Roundtable Discussion**. And we do want to make this a true roundtable, so the more participants, the more informed we'll all be as we walk away and return with new ideas to try in our own clubs. Thus, I invite anyone with a budding interest, anyone with long-standing experience, and anyone willing to share and to learn to come, question, listen, and participate.

The Juniors Activities Roundtable Discussion will take place **2:00-3:00 PM, Saturday, March 13, during the MLMS annual show in the Lecture Hall at the Turlock Fairgrounds, 900 N. Broadway, Turlock, California.** People coming to participate in the Roundtable are being offered FREE ADMISSION to the show! For a listing of other activities, keep an eye on the MLMS web site at [www.motherlodemineralsociety.com](http://www.motherlodemineralsociety.com).

They have a tab you can click that will take you to show info. For instance, at 3:00 on Saturday and 1:00 on Sunday, Richard Wade will be giving a terrific presentation on dinosaurs that's sure to give you material to take back and use with your club's juniors. In addition, you'll have an opportunity to see 35 MLMS juniors working in a booth with their parents and to view a half dozen junior rockhound display cases, plus enjoy a host of other interesting speakers and activities. MLMS always puts on a good show, so I'm looking forward to seeing you there, to sharing ideas, and to having fun!

- Jim

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Regarding growing our societies!**

**By Jennifer Haley**

I got a call a couple of weeks ago from a 4th grade school teacher in town. She said that their school had to let the science teacher go because of budget costs and could our club jump in and give a short class about geodes and other rocks and about how they were made etc. She told me she didn't have the credentials or have any knowledge herself about earth sciences. I was shocked to hear that a science class at that age group would be dropped. But, isn't it wonderful that she cared enough or knew that she could call a rock club to help.

I would imagine that a number of schools in our communities still don't know that CFMS clubs are in their home towns. It is a good time for rock clubs to reach out to schools right now or host a juniors earth science program for one of

their meetings. If we got one call like this, I know there are other schools in trouble out there too.

-Jennifer

### **In Memoriam**

Mona "Betty" Leach, wife of Charles Leach, long time members of your organization passed away on December 8, 2009. It would be a great help if you could include a brief note in your newsletter of her passing. There may be some of her friends still involved in the organization, or simply still receiving the newsletter.

Betty spent the last three and a half years fighting Alzheimer's/Dementia and is finally at peace and hopefully with her husband Charles.

Polly Baird



### **Public Lands Advisory Council**

#### **South**

#### **California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act of 2010**

**By John Martin**

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) introduces legislation that would withdraw 1.6 million acres of desert landscapes from public access. The 1.6 million acres is larger than the state of Connecticut and this legislation will close some of the best rockhound collecting areas in Southern California .

The proposed legislation, known as the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act, will designate 394,807 acres of wilderness from the Avawatz Mountains near Death Valley to the largest Sonoran woodland in North America along the Colorado River. The legislation would also create two new national monuments, the Mojave Trails (10 miles on each side of Historic US Route 66 from Barstow to Needles) and the Sand to Snow (Establishes a national monument covering approximately 161,000 acres of land between Joshua Tree National Park and the San Bernardino National Forest in San Bernardino and Riverside counties) — and expand Joshua Tree National Park (Approximately 2,873 acres in multiple isolated parcels of BLM land on the northern boundary of the park that abuts residential areas.) and Death

Valley National Park (Approximately 37,379 acres, including a narrow strip of land between the southern boundary of the park (31,000 acres known as the "Bowling Alley" and a former mining area 6,379 acres known as the "Crater Area") and the Mojave National Preserve (Approximately 29,221 acres on the northeastern corner of the park known as Castle Mountain.) It will also protect important waterways such as the Amargosa River (Extend the recent wild and scenic river designation 2 miles to include private lands just outside of Death Valley that have just been acquired by the BLM. Additionally, an adjacent 1.4 mile segment of the river would be named potential wild and scenic.), Deep Creek (This would authorize a wild and scenic designation of 20 miles running from the northern boundary of the San Bernardino National Forest down the mountain into the Mojave River.), Holcome Creek: (The bill would authorize 14.5 miles adjacent to Deep Creek.), Whitewater River (The bill would designate 24.5 miles of the river in the San Bernardino Mountains). Surprise Canyon Creek (This would protect 7.1 miles of riparian habitat along the western border of Death Valley that off-roaders used to be allowed to use for "rock crawling.") as Wild and Scenic Rivers .

#### Section 14: Prohibited Uses of Donated and Acquired Lands

This section would prohibit the use of donated or acquired lands for development, mining, off-highway vehicle use (except designated routes), grazing, military training and other surface disturbing activities. (This means Rockhounding) This prohibition would apply only to public lands within the California Desert Conservation Area.

It will not do any good to write to our senators but, we might find a sympathetic ear in some of the other 49 states or in the House of Representatives. If we value our rockhound hobby in Southern California we must act soon or the only way will be able to enjoy our public lands and deserts is by buying pictures of the Desert from those supporting this bill. Write your elected officials and voice your opinion and concerns.

-John



## CFMS Rules Committee

### **COMPETITIVE EXHIBITING By Dee Holland**

How do you create your exhibit?  
Did you see another exhibit and decide to use some of the ideas that person used to create your own exhibit?

Did you use a material background that complements your specimens? Is the label material compatible with the background material?

Did you spend time selecting the best of your specimens, if there are colors involved have you taken the time to disperse the colors?

Did you select risers to show your specimens off?

Did you know you could build a two-foot exhibit case for items that might look small in a four foot case?

Did you know that some competitive divisions allow two four foot cases?

Or you could build an eight-foot case, but this would be hard to transport.

We have two ways many people currently exhibit.

At a club show; This is where you can exhibit for the first time and not feel intimidated.

Next, you can exhibit at your local County Fair, if they have a gem, mineral, lapidary and fossil section in their Fair.

Next, you can take your exhibit to the regional level and compete at the Next level. This is where everything seems to break down.

You've heard horror stories from "old timers" of how things were when they tried to put in a competitive exhibit for the first time and how they were humiliated. Put down by judges who told them, "I've seen better material in a museum." Or one of my personal favorites "I've never given anyone a perfect score, there are no perfect cases." You've all heard the following: "The Rules are too hard, the rule book is huge, why can't we simplify it?" Did you know the rules book was once a single big sheet of paper? What you see these days is because there were additions to each division, and new sections to those divisions. We have even added a new BEADING section. Is the book huge? Yes, there are 102 pages total, but you should only be concerned with the SECTION you are interested in; This makes the book much smaller for you.

The Rules book is broken down in to ten divisions: A-Open; B-Minerals; C-Lapidary; D-Jewelry; E-Education; F-Fossils; G-Petrified Wood; H-Scrimshaw; and the new one I-Beading. UV-Ultraviolet.

Now, when the rules started out there were only Minerals. Each of the others was added as interest and need occurred. So when you break "the rules book" down, it doesn't look so imposing.

The first section of the Rules Book has twenty-one pages of regulations for competitors and also directions for the judges and also for the rules committee. Since this section has been contentious and confusing over the years the AFMS Uniform Rules Committee has begun a re-write of these sections.

Finally, you can compete at the NATIONAL LEVEL, and this is available this year at La Habra for those who have earned a master score of 90 at the regional level in the past twelve years. OR for those of you who enter MASTER at the CFMS level and score 90 or above and are judged again at the AFMS level. TROPHIES ARE WAITING, does one have YOUR NAME ON IT???

More next month...

-Dee

desert regions; up north some rain gear could come in handy.

Do your homework; be prepared and have a good trip. I personally carry a survival box in my truck. It contains food, water, first aid supplies, matches, a backpacker stove, shovel, axe and a water purification system. This works not only for the outback but also for an earthquake emergency. I highly recommend that you put one together.

Stay safe out there and have FUN!

-Bural

**SCHOLARSHIP – AFMS**

**By Betty Pankey**



I have researched the current books and have come up with each clubs contributions over the years, most of them starting back in the 60's. I have made up a list of current clubs and how much they have contributed. Things have really slowed down for the donations but hopefully they will improve in 2010.

-Betty

**Safety**

**By Bural LaRue**



Are you ready for 2010? As we look forward to a new year of collecting, let's be prepared so we have a safe and fun filled year.

Be sure your vehicle is ready for the trip: properly serviced, fuel, oil, water, air (check the spare tire). If you have a flat 50 plus miles from a service station, a tire plug kit and an air pump can come in handy.

Before you venture out on your trip check the weather conditions. A good GPS or compass and maps are a must. A cell phone is nice, but may not be useable in some areas; let someone know where you are going and your expected return time. It's important to know the terrain you plan to explore. For example, if you collect in the south, you'll need extra water for the

**SCHOLARSHIP - CFMS**

**By Jennifer Haley**



Now through November our committee enjoys the privilege of receiving your letters of nomination for CFMS Scholarship Honorees. The number of Honorees each year is based upon those letters you send us. This year the Federation will be honoring Frank Monez of the Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society.

Frank has served many years as the PLAC Chairman for his club, on the CFMS Public Lands Advisory Committee and as Chairman North. He has assisted with many field trips from Zzyzx. Frank has worked with the Uniform Rules Committee and showed his educational gold case for many years, winning both CFMS and AFMS trophies with this case display. He was an active member of the United Prospectors and the Gold Prospectors of America. He came highly recommended and you can see why. Congratulations Frank!

-Jennifer



## Tax Advisor

**Lobbying not always a threat.**

**By Mike Kokinos**

Some societies have been reluctant to join or donate to ALAA due to concerns about affect on their nonprofit status. ALAA was organized under I.R.C. Section 501(c)(4) to lobby against closures to collecting and geologically interesting areas. ALAA is active not only to attempt to influence legislation but to participate in regulations interpreting or implementing legislation. This article is to ease concerns regarding support of ALAA and direct and grass roots lobbying by each society.

This article only applies to tax exempt mineral and gem societies exempt from tax under I.R.C. Section 501©(3).

### **Background:**

The Internal Revenue Service requires an organization's organizational documents to, include among others, two important statements:

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

We are concerned here with no substantial activities attempting to influence legislation.

The portion dealing with political campaigns is an absolute. Failure to observe the restriction will lead to revocation of the tax exemption

### **What is lobbying?**

#### **Grass Roots**

Any attempt to influence any legislation through an effort to affect the opinions of the general public or any segment thereof.

#### **Direct Lobbying**

Any attempt to influence any legislation through communication with any member or employee of a legislative body or with any government official or employee who may participate in the formulation of legislation.

### **Exclusions to attempting to influence legislation**

1. Making available the results of nonpartisan analysis, study, or research.
2. Examining and discussing broad social, economic, and similar problems.

**Appearing before, or communicating with any legislative body that might affect the existence of the organization, its powers and duties, its tax-exempt status, or the deduction of contributions. (emphasis added.)**

**Also excluded are communications between an organization and its bona fide members about legislation or proposed legislation unless these communications directly encourage the members to urge nonmembers to attempt to influence legislation, as explained above. (Emphasis added)**

### **Substantial Part Test**

Whether an organization's attempts to influence legislation, i.e., lobbying, constitute a substantial part of its overall activities is determined on the basis of all the pertinent facts and circumstances in each case. The IRS considers a variety of factors, including the time devoted (by both compensated and volunteer workers) and the expenditures devoted by the organization to the activity, when determining whether the lobbying activity is substantial.

It is my belief that lobbying activities that do not exceed 5% of time and expenditures are exempt from lobbying as being insubstantial. The 5% was established in a court case. I seriously cannot conceive of a society that would come even close to a 5% of time devoted or expenditures made for lobbying. This would be the position given to the IRS if questioned.

### **Affect of legislation on the organization**

In the alternative, the position could be taken that the legislation would affect the existence of the organization, its powers and duties or its tax-exempt status. That is the ability to collect material used in educational activities.

### **Summation**

Relying on the insubstantial lobbying activities, our Societies should be able to publish

articles in their newsletters regarding legislation and include asking members to write to legislative bodies in opposition or support of legislation. Using the affect of legislation on our societies can be argued but it might be the weaker position.

Sources: IRS Publication 557

Measuring Lobbying: Substantial Part Test-IRS article

The Law of Tax-Exempt Organizations, Bruce R. Hopkins, Seventh Addition.

-Mike



### Ad hoc Webmaster Contest

By Merryan O'Neill

Here is an article written by Linda Jaeger-AFMS Bulletin Editor Advisory Chairman.

#### **QUICK TIPS for EDITORS**

**By Linda Jaeger, AFMS Bulletin Editors Advisory Chair**

If you have a question (or suggestion) about editing or writing or the bulletin contest or something related, send it to me by email: [LjgrAlg@aol.com](mailto:LjgrAlg@aol.com) or at home address: 3515 E. 88<sup>th</sup> St., Tulsa, OK 74137. If I cannot find an answer to your question, we'll publish the question and ask the readers for their answers.

**Contest time – here we go again!** Regional Federation contests are in the making. And the next AFMS contest is even earlier than last year, since the CFMS/AFMS show is June 18-20, 2010. **Have you submitted your entries to your regional federation contest?**

**Important dates for the 2010 contest:**

**February 28, 2010** – AFMS Judges List to BEACs

**March 20, 2010** – Regional entries due to AFMS judges

**May 1, 2010** – Judged AFMS entries due to me

**June 18-20, 2010** – CFMS/AFMS show in La Habra, CA

**June 20, 2010** – Breakfast with the Editors & Web Masters

The **AFMS web site** has been updated with 2010 contest information available. **New this year** – For Regional BEACs and AFMS Judges,

there are fillable control sheets online for you to download and use. Remember that you can also find sample score sheets online at the AFMS website, [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org), as well as good information on editing a newsletter.

**EYI:** Some minor changes have been made to the General Guidelines and to the score sheet for bulletins.

#### **Write Some Sparkle!**

There is really no formula for writing great articles, but when we let our personalities shine through our writing we get readable articles that will sparkle. Here are some suggestions for adding pizzazz.

1. **Remember your audience.** Are you writing for kids? For all club members? For a specialized group? Adjust sentence length and vocabulary just for them.

2. **Vary the length of your sentences,** making some short and some compound. Ask a question to introduce a topic.

3. **Keep paragraphs fairly short.** Reading is easier on the eyes if there is a nice amount of “white space” within and around an article.

4. **Make your reader laugh** by using humor or irony. It's okay to poke some fun at yourself!

5. **Use the “active voice”** by turning “being verbs” into “doing verbs.” Instead of writing *Metamorphic rocks were formed from the pressure of our hands on colored pieces of playdough*, write: *We “made” metamorphic rocks by pressing colored pieces of playdough into a “rock” with our hands.*

6. **Write as if you were talking to a friend** about the subject. This makes your article “friendly” and easier to read.

7. **Use positives** instead of negatives. Instead of saying *I did not remember*, say *I forgot*. Many times the positive is shorter and easier to understand than the negative.

8. **Be specific.** This gives your reader a “mind” picture of what you said.

9. **Leave out repetitions** of the same idea and unnecessary words (i.e.: in fact, in other words). A good sentence will get your idea across to the reader in one try. Leaving out unnecessary words keeps the reader from having to hunt for the idea.

10. **Use a short, attention-getting title.** This grabs the reader's attention by making him curious about your subject. You can start with the title or come up with it after you have written your article.

-Linda Jaeger



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PO Box 224 , Santa Clara , CA 95052-0224 cell  
831-212-1951, [colleen.mcgann@hds.com](mailto:colleen.mcgann@hds.com).

-Colleen

**ALAA Report**  
**Apathy, Ignorance or Just Don't try**  
**By Dick Pankey**

Did the title get your attention; pique  
your curiosity? Please read on!!

Being President of the American Land  
Access Association is a great experience and a  
great challenge. And I am glad I took it on. It  
is also a great learning experience; learning  
how our government and its agencies work and  
don't work. Trying to learn how we can  
participate, contribute and have an effect on  
what happens with laws and regulations.  
Everyday I get emails telling about the assaults  
and threats to access and use of our public  
lands. These basically fall into two  
categories: 1.) new/proposed legislation and 2.)  
new/proposed regulations. I get the BRC  
Alerts. I get the ALAA Alerts and proposed  
legislation from John Martin and his sources. I  
get forwarded alerts and articles from related  
watchful organizations/activists, and from  
concerned rockhounds. I get questions from  
concerned and interested rockhounds and ALAA  
members asking "do I know about this" and  
"what is ALAA doing about this."

Frankly, this is very overwhelming. The  
challenges are so great and they seem to come  
so fast. There is so much to do; so much that  
could be done. But what, how, who?

John Martin is doing a spectacular job of  
learning about proposed legislation, getting  
copies of the bills and the legislation, and best

of all communicating and sharing these with the  
rest of us. This information is spread around in  
e-mails and in articles in Federation and society  
newsletters. The word is getting out. But is it  
being listened to; is it being acted upon?

Over the last few months I have been  
invited by a number of societies to talk about  
ALAA and the issues at their meetings. I have  
already given presentations to 2 societies.  
Unfortunately time and travel constraints limits  
my availability to societies in my part of  
California. I also have an opportunity to meet  
people and talk about the issues at shows, field  
trips, society meetings and wherever I can find  
people to listen. Most people will listen politely  
with a "Yea. Uh Uh." But I don't think they are  
really listening to me. Others seem to hear that  
there is a problem; that there is a threat, but  
that is as far as it goes. But thank goodness  
there is that occasional person that "gets it."  
They are fired up, asking questions and offering  
help. But for some reason they don't take the  
next step – ACTION.

**Ignorance** – don't know about or  
understand the challenges and assaults on our  
access and use of our public lands, they don't  
pay attention to the messengers nor try to get  
informed. **Apathy** – may know about the  
challenges and assaults but just don't care; its  
not my responsibility; someone else will take  
care of it. **Just Don't try** – don't know what to  
do or how to do it; don't know how to get  
involved; or maybe they have given up. ALAA  
can help with **Ignorance** and **Just Don't try**,  
but **Apathy** is a major obstacle that is harder to  
overcome.

There is a fourth group and they are the  
ones who **do** get involved. They read the alerts  
and articles, they get informed; and best of all  
they take action – write letters to their  
Congressmen and to the Regulators, they attend  
meetings, they share what they know with  
others and get them involved. These are the  
people that give me hope, that keep me going.  
Did you see yourself here? Which group? What  
is it going to take to move you from group 1, 2  
or 3 into group 4.

What we need is more group 4 people.  
ALAA membership is growing and that is a good  
thing. With over 49,000 members and 640  
societies in the AFMS our potential for  
membership is great. While big numbers are  
great, involved membership is the objective.

How to be an involved member, how to be an involved rockhound:

Become informed about proposed legislation and the legislative process.

Become informed about proposed regulations and the regulatory process for BLM and the Forest Service.

Write letters, send e-mails, make phone calls attend meetings to let your congressmen and the regulators know what you think and what you want.

Share what you know and what you did with others and get them involved

The assault on our access to public land is great. Now is the time to stand up and be counted. We will help you?

**“Protecting the Public Lands for the Public”**

## CFMS SHOW DATES

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Please submit your  
Show or Event information  
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Email or mail to:

### SHOW DATES

Susan Chaisson-Walblom  
42122 52<sup>nd</sup> St. West,  
Quartz Hill, CA 93536  
Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com

## 2010

### February 12-21: INDIO, CA

San Geronio 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

### February 26 & 27: NORTHRIDGE, CA

Del Air Rockhounds Club  
United Methodist Church  
9650 Reseda Blvd. (at Superior Street)  
Fri. 3 pm-9:30 pm & Sat. 10 am-5 pm  
Julie Marin (818) 886-7190  
<http://delairrockhounds.blogspot.com>

### February 26–March 7: IMPERIAL, CA

Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
California Midwinter Fair & Fiesta (G&M Bldg)  
2/26-2/28 & 3/6-3/7noon-10pm; 3/1-3/5 4pm-10pm  
Joe Rodrigues (760) 353-1965

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.Moroks.com)

### March 12, 13 & 14: VICTORVILLE, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
Stoddard Well Tailgate (Stoddard Wells  
Road-7 miles east of Dale Evans Pkwy.)  
Hours: 8 am – 5 pm daily  
Brett Ward (760) 954-4323  
Victor Valley Club (760) 243-2330  
[www.vvgmc.org](http://www.vvgmc.org)

### 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](http://www.turlockgemshow.com)

### March 13 & 14: SPRECKELS, CA

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Society  
Spreckels Vet's Hall  
5<sup>th</sup> & Llano Street  
Hours: 10 am-5 pm daily  
Ernie de Fever (831) 422-3422  
minimad64@comcast.net

### March 13 & 14; SAN MARINO, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society  
San Marino Masonic Center  
3130 Huntington Drive  
Hours: Sat. 10 – 6; Sun. 10 – 5  
Marcia Goetz  
Joemar1@verizon.net

### March 20 & 21; VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society  
Vallejo Elks Lodge  
2850 Redwood Parkway  
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm daily  
Phylis Malacki (707) 745-3255  
Vgms01@yahoo.com  
[www.iwired.org](http://www.iwired.org)

### March 20 & 21; ESCONDIDO, CA

Palomar Gem & Mineral Club  
Army National Guard Armory  
304 Park Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4  
Van Lynch (760) 749-4164  
michelleandvan@hotmail.com  
[www.palomargem.org](http://www.palomargem.org)

### March 20 & 21: Bakersfield, CA

San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society  
Kern County Shrine Club  
700 South P. Street (P & Bell Terrace)  
Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily  
Lewis Helfrich Home (661) 323-2663  
Cell (661) 378-4450  
E-mail: lewsrocks@netzero.net

### March 27 & 28: LEMOORE, CA

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club  
Lemoore Trinity Hall  
470 Champion Street  
Hours: 10 am – 6 pm daily  
Judy Pereira (559) 924-4052  
lemooregemshow@yahoo.com  
[www.lemooregems.org](http://www.lemooregems.org)

### March 27 & 28: ANGELS CAMP, CA

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society  
Calaveras Co. Fairgrounds (Frog Town USA)  
Highway 49 in Angels Camp  
Hours: Sat. 10 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4  
Tak Iwata (209) 928-5579  
Tak2me@earthlink.net  
[www.calaverasgemandmineral.org](http://www.calaverasgemandmineral.org)

### 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](http://www.rockrollers.com)

### April 9, 10 & 11: VISTA, CA

San Diego County Council  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue  
Hours: 9 am – 5 pm daily  
Ray Pearce (760) 726-7570  
Cathy Davis (858) 278-9987

### April 10 & 11: PARADISE, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Society  
Elks Lodge  
6309 Clark Road  
Hours: Sat. 10 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4  
Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324  
mmpg@earthlink.net

### April 10 & 11: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Society  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds  
Hwy #49, 1.8 miles South of Mariposa  
Hours: 10 am – 4 pm daily  
Mineral Museum (209) 742-7625  
mineralmuseum@sti.net  
[www.thematrixmariposagemmineralclub.info/](http://www.thematrixmariposagemmineralclub.info/)

### 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@scvgms.org  
[www.scvgms.org](http://www.scvgms.org)

### April 24 & 25: SANTA CRUZ, CA

Santa Cruz Gem & Mineral Society  
Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium  
Church St. & Center St. (corner)  
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm daily  
Dean Welder (408) 353-2675  
[www.scmgs.org](http://www.scmgs.org)

### April 30 – May 1 & 2: BISHOP, CA

Lone Pine Gem & Mineral Society  
Tri-County Fairgrounds (Robinson Bldg.)  
Corner of Sierra Street & Fair Drive  
Fri.6pm-9pm; Sat.9:40am-4pm; Sun.10am-3pm  
Francee Graham (760) 876-4319  
franceem@qnet.com

**May 1 & 2: ANAHEIM, CA**  
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society  
Brookhurst Community Center  
2271 West Crescent Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4:30  
Marty Swiderski  
Martin.Swiderski@jacobs.com  
<http://www.searchersrocks.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

**May 14, 15 & 16: ANDERSON, CA**  
Superior-Cal Gem & Mineral Society  
Shasta Fairgrounds  
1890 Briggs Street  
Hours: Fri. 9-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4  
Bob Davis (530) 824-6214  
mcdavis@hughes.net

**June 4, 5 & 6: WOODLAND HILLS, CA**  
Rockatomics Gem & Mineral Society  
Pierce College  
6201 Winnetka Avenue  
Hours: 9 am - 5 pm daily  
Gary Levitt (818) 993-3802  
Show@Rockatomics.or

**June 5 & 6: GLENDORA, CA**  
Glendora GEMS  
Goddard Middle School  
859 East Sierra Madre  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Bonnie Bidwell (626) 963-4638  
Ybidwell2@aol.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

**August 6, 7 & 8: NIPOMO, CA**  
Orcutt Mineral Society  
St. Joseph's Church  
298 S. Thompson Avenue  
Hours: 9-5 daily  
Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-3788  
Rocks4u@prodigy.net  
<http://www.omsinc.org>

**October 9 & 10: TRONA, CA**  
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society  
Searles Gem & Mineral Show Building  
13337 Main Street  
Sat. 7:30am-5pm; Sun. 7:30am-4pm  
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356  
sigms@iwvisp.com  
<http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/>

**November 6 & 7: CONCORD, CA**  
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society  
Centre Concord (Clayton Fair Shopping  
Center)  
5298 Clayton Road (near Ygnacio Valley Rd.)  
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm daily  
Harry Nichandros (925) 289-0454  
Show09@ccmgs.org  
ccmgs.org

**November 6 & 7: LANCASTER, CA**  
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14  
Hours: 9am - 5pm daily  
SusanChaisson-Walblom(661) 406-0143  
slchaisson@yahoo.com  
www.palmdalegemandmineral.com

**IS YOUR CLUB/SOCIETY  
HOSTING A SHOW IN  
2010?**

**IS YOUR SHOW  
LISTED HERE?  
IF NOT!**

**PLEASE TURN IN  
YOUR SHOW INFORMATION  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

#### 2010 Federation Shows

**California Federation/ AFMS  
June 18 - 20, 2010  
La Habra, California**

**Eastern Federation  
March 6 & 7, 2010  
Newark, Delaware**

**South Central Federation  
November 13 & 14, 2010  
DeRidder, Louisiana**

#### 2011 Federation Shows

**California Federation  
May 13 - 15, 2011  
Anderson, California**

**Eastern Federation/AFMS Show  
July 7 -10, 2011  
Syracuse, New York**

#### 2012 Federation Shows

**Midwest Federation/AFMS Show  
Minnesota**

**Eastern Federation  
September 16 & 17, 2011  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

## **ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES!**

**Lapidary Journal Calendar  
60 Chestnut Ave., Suite #201  
Devon, PA 19333-1312  
eric.vanosten@primedia.com  
ljeditor@aol.com**

**Rocks & Minerals  
Coming Events  
rm@heldref.org**

**Rock & Gem  
Rock & Gem Show Dates  
290 Maple Ct. Suite #232  
Ventura, CA 93003-3517  
editor@rockngem.com**

You can also enter your Show Date Information for Rock & Gem Magazine via the CFMS website. On the CFMS website click on FORMS, scroll down to Rock and Gem website, click on it and on their home page click on Show Dates, then click on electronic submission form and enter your Show information.

Remember that the magazines listed above require up to six months advancement on information to get your Show listed. Submit your information as soon as you have it available.

Coming soon will be a CFMS E-mail list where you will be able to notify all of the other Societies of your Show date and information.

If you have any ideas for advertising a Club Show that you would like to share, please let me know and I will make sure it gets into the Newsletter.

**REMEMBER GET YOUR SHOW  
LISTINGS IN AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE FOR MAXIMUM  
EXPOSURE!**

# NOTICE

## NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR AFMS/CFMS 2010 SHOW

The address for mailing all **Pre-Registration** and **Non-Competitive forms** for the AFMS/CFMS show in La Habra - Whittier have been changed to:

**North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society  
P.O. Box 653  
La Habra, CA 90631**

If anyone has already sent any forms or other correspondence to prior address, please contact Don Warthen at (626) 330-8974 or [odwarther@verizon.net](mailto:odwarther@verizon.net).

Attached are the new forms for the AFMS/CFMS show.

Thank you  
Don Warthen  
President, North Orange County Gem & Mineral Club

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Send **Competitive Entry form** to:

**Dee Holland  
P.O. Box 23  
Tendoy, ID 83468  
or  
[beauholland@centurytel.net](mailto:beauholland@centurytel.net)  
or [shirleyleeson@cox.net](mailto:shirleyleeson@cox.net)**

Don Ogden  
CFMS Webmaster



**AFMS/CFMS  
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North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society

Games  
Displays  
Raffle Prizes  
Gems & Jewelry  
Sponsoring:  
La Habra Youth



Fossils  
Kids Room  
Food

Admission: \$8.00  
Children under 14 Free  
(with an adult)

**Free Parking**

### HIDDEN TREASURES

June 18 - 20, 2010  
Fri. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



So. CA University of Health Sciences  
16200 E. Amber Valley Dr. Whittier, CA 90604



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**AFMS/CFMS/NOCGMS Show & Convention**  
**“Hidden Treasures”**  
**June 16 thru 20, 2010**  
**Pre-Registration Form**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Society: \_\_\_\_\_

Event	Cost	No.	Total
AFMS Past Presidents Luncheon	\$ 9.00	_____	\$ _____
AFMS/CFMS Award Banquet	\$35.00	_____	\$ _____
AFMS/CFMS Editor’s Breakfast	\$ 21.00	_____	\$ _____
<b>Show Admission Fees:</b>			
<b>Adult Tickets (per day)</b>	\$ 6.00	_____	\$ _____
<b>3-day passes</b>	\$ 15.00	_____	\$ _____
<i>Juniors, 14 and under, are free when accompanied by an adult.</i>			
<b>Raffle Tickets (6 Tickets)</b>	\$ 5.00	_____	\$ _____
<b>RV Dry Camping (limited spaces \$20 per day) at University</b>	\$20.00	_____	\$ _____
	<b>Total Due</b>		\$ _____
	<b>Total Enclosed</b>		\$ _____

DEADLINE for Pre-Registration is: **May 15, 2010**

Make all checks Payable to: **NOC Gem Show 2010**

Return this registration form, with check or money order to:

**North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society**  
**P.O. Box 653, La Habra, CA 90631**



AFMS/CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION  
**COMPETITIVE ENTRY FORM**  
Fri-Sun 10am – 5pm      June 18 – 20 2010  
Southern California University of Health & Science Campus  
16200 E. Amber Valley Rd. Whittier, CA 90604

**EXHIBIT ENTRY DEADLINE: June 1, 2010**

**SETUP:**

All entries must be set up and ready for judging by the close of set-up time, Thursday, June 17, 2010. Or, with the approval of the Show Chairman AND Rules Chairman – between 7am 9am on Friday, June 18, 2010.

SECURITY WILL BE FURNISHED. (See non-competitive exhibit's contract)  
TWO GUEST PASSES PER EXHIBITOR WILL BE FURNISHED

Cases will be assigned space on tables approximately 30 inches high. Exhibits are limited to 150 watts of power per case, and exhibitor must supply a three prong extension cord to reach the power supply under the tables. (Approximately 10 feet)

Please complete all information on the entry form and this certification form and mail to the Competitive exhibits registration chairman for acceptance and acknowledgement – email is acceptable. Mail to: **Dee Holland, P.O. Box 23, Tendoy, ID 83468** or email: [beauholland@centurytel.net](mailto:beauholland@centurytel.net) or [shirleyleeson@cox.net](mailto:shirleyleeson@cox.net) .

There are not separate application forms for CFMS/AFMS and CFMS Supplementary Competition. Only fill out the form for the competition you wish to enter. **You must fill out a separate application for each entry.** ENTRY DEADLINE: June 1, 2010.

Refer to the AFMS Rules Update to 2010. Download your copy of the rules from: [www.AMFED.org](http://www.AMFED.org) Basic information on CFMS Supplemental Trophies may be obtained from Dee Holland at [beauholland@centurytel.net](mailto:beauholland@centurytel.net) or [shirleyleeson@cox.net](mailto:shirleyleeson@cox.net)

If you are uncertain as to the correct class or group you should enter or for clarification of the rules contact Dee Holland, P.O. Box 23, Tendoy, ID 83468 or email: [beauholland@centurytel.net](mailto:beauholland@centurytel.net) or [shirleyleeson@cox.net](mailto:shirleyleeson@cox.net)

**LIABILITY:** It is mutually agreed that the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the host society shall not be liable to any exhibitor in whole or part. This includes the property of the exhibitor or injury to their person resulting from any cause. Submitting this signed application/certification form for entry constitutes acceptance of these rules and regulations.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**AFMS/CFMS COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**  
**AFMS/CFMS Convention & Show – June 18 – 20, 2010**  
**So.Cal University of Health & Science Campus, 16200 E. Amber Valley Rd.**  
**Whittier, CA 90604**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Society/Region \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR GROUP: MASTER\_\_\_ ADVANCED\_\_\_ NOVICE\_\_\_ JUNIOR\_\_\_  
SOCIETY\_\_\_ JUNIOR SOCIETY\_\_\_

EXHIBIT DIVISION\_\_\_\_\_ EXHIBIT CLASS\_\_\_\_\_

This display is to be entered in (Check one) CFMS\_\_\_\_\_ AFMS DIRECT\_\_\_\_\_

If Direct Entry, year and where eligibility was earned\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have your own case?\_\_\_\_\_ Size: Width\_\_\_\_\_ Height\_\_\_\_\_ Depth\_\_\_\_\_

**CFMS SUPPLEMENTARY TROPHIES**

Choate Jewelry Trophy\_\_\_\_\_ Facetron Faceting Trophy\_\_\_\_\_

Beginning Faceting Trophy\_\_\_\_\_ Northern California Faceting Trophy\_\_\_\_\_

Perkins Junior Mineral Trophy\_\_\_\_\_ Hamel Mineral Trophy\_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION FOR EXHIBITORS**

I hereby certify that all material in competition by me is my own personal property. If, Society, all material belongs to members of the Society. All work, except minor findings or where otherwise allowed by the rules, was completed by me. **I have read the current rules and agree to abide by them.**

Exhibitor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's Society/Region \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify, as an officer of the above names society, that the exhibitor is a member in good standing of that society, and to the best of my knowledge is eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the AFMS Rules.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

**If this is sent email: we need the officer's email** \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**BOTH PAGES MUST BE SENT BACK**  
**Be sure and make a copy for your files**

AFMS/CFM SHOW & CONVENTION  
SPECIAL & NON-COMPETITIVE DISPLAY ENTRY FORM  
Fri-Sun 10 am – 5pm    June 18 – 20, 2010

EXHIBIT ENTRY DEADLINE: MAY 18, 2010

**SETUP:**

All entries must be set up by 8pm Thursday, June 17, 2010. Or, with the approval of the Show Chairman – between 7am and 9am on Friday, June 18, 2010

**SECURITY WILL BE FURNISHED. SPACE IS VERY LIMITED. NOT ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Cases are available for rent from NOCGMA for \$10 with prior approval. Cases will be assigned space on tables approximately 30 inches high. Exhibits are limited to 150 watts of power per case. Please complete all information on the entry form and this certification form and mail to NOCGMS for acceptance and acknowledgement.

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SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME\_\_\_\_\_DATE\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE\_\_\_\_\_EMAIL\_\_\_\_\_

SOCIETY/REGION\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have your own case?\_\_\_Size: Width\_\_\_\_\_Height\_\_\_\_\_Depth\_\_\_\_\_

Subject and Description of Case Entry\_\_\_\_\_

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