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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Grow the Federation!

By Fred Ott

Now that another Federation show is part of CFMS history, we can once again turn our attention to those **best practices** used by many CFMS societies that others may consider when working to 'grow' their organization.

When remembering those earlier days of typewriters, carbon paper and erasers, I continue to marvel at the advances made in technology that we now take for granted: computers, spell-check, email, and database management tools, just to name a few. What an amazing transformation!

And, while it's understandable that we are often apprehensive about replacing the 'old' with the 'new', a modern rock and gem society cannot operate in today's environment without incorporating these new advances into our respective societies' activities, and it's **so easy to do!**

As with any successful business, a rock and gem society needs to communicate effectively and efficiently with its clientele (that is, the members of our societies). What does it take? Very simply: a computer (to replace the typewriter, carbon paper and erasers), access to the Internet and the use of a database management tool (such as Microsoft Access). If your society doesn't already have these tools, it is vital that these items be acquired as soon as possible. With these tools, your society can do each of the following in only **minutes** (instead of **hours**):

- Update your roster as members are added and deleted in only moments
- Produce an updated membership roster immediately thereafter
- Print mailing labels for each member
- Determine the birthdates for each member for "this month's newsletter"

- Send an email to everyone in your society
- Maintain ALL of your society's important information on a single flash drive (instead of storing thousands of pages of paper files in filing cabinets).
- Update and print copies of all your society's files, records and reports in moments!

And the list goes on! What previously took hours and days can now be achieved in only minutes!

If you're unfamiliar (or uncomfortable) with these new 'tools', rest assured that those 'growing' societies in the Federation are **happy** to share their knowledge and skill with you. Just ask!

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

- Fred Ott, President 2010

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Thank You to everyone submitting articles for this month's newsletter. Articles for the September Newsletter and important dates for the CFMS calendar should be submitted by August 5th.

2010 CFMS Calendar

- Nov. 12 - 7:30 p.m. Visalia Cracker Barrel
- Nov. 13 – 9:00 a.m. Fall Directors' Meeting, Holiday Inn, Visalia
- Nov. 14 – 8:30 a.m. 2011 Organizational Meeting
- Nov. 15 – Camp Zzyzx

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**Fall Meeting
By Pat LaRue**

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The annual Fall Business meeting and election of 2011 Officers will be held November 12 - 14, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Plaza Park, off Hwy 198 in Visalia, CA. For those who have not been to this location in the past, take Hwy 198 exit east from Hwy 99. You will see the hotel located just south of the first off ramp past the airport.

Room reservations at the Holiday Inn can be made by phone at **(559) 651-5000**. To receive the special CFMS rate of \$89 per night, tell them you are with CFMS. Cut-off date for this price is **November 11, 2010**. The first night's deposit or guarantee by credit card must accompany your reservation.

An informal **Cracker Barrel** will be held **Friday** evening at **7:30 p.m.** As in the past, the Holiday Inn policy forbids our bringing snack foods to any of the meetings. The **Business**

Meeting will be called to order on Saturday, **November 13, at 9 a.m.** President-elect Jim Brace-Thompson will have a brief meeting of his 2011 committee chairpersons on Sunday at 8:30a.m.

Banquet Menu: Miner 49er Barbecue Dinner
Mixed Green Salad with Assorted Dressings & Vinaigrettes; Country Cole Slaw with a Cracked Pepper Sweet Vinaigrette; Country Style Ribs with Home Style Barbecue Sauce; Grilled Honey Glazed Chicken Breasts & Natural Jus; Spicy BBQ Shoulder Tender; Country Baked Beans; Corn on the Cob and Chili con Carne; Cornbread with Honey Butter; Dessert; Coffee and iced tea service; price, **\$36** (includes tax & gratuity).

Make banquet reservations by November 6, 2010. Mail your check payable to CFMS to:

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-Pat



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
Seeking CFMS Committee
Members for 2011

By Jim Brace-Thompson

As CFMS First Vice President/President-Elect, one of my duties at our November Directors Meeting in Visalia will be to present a full roster of committee chairs and committee members for 2011 and then hold a transition meeting that Sunday morning. I'm very happy to note we're already making excellent headway on this thanks to people who approached me to volunteer for various positions or who graciously agreed to continue with their current positions during conversations at our recent CFMS/AFMS Show and Convention.

To all current committee members: if we didn't get a chance to talk at the show, please let me know if you would like to continue in 2011 or if we should begin recruiting new blood for your current position (and if you are planning to step down, think about who you might recommend to take up your baton). I'll be making phone calls and sending emails as November draws closer, but I wanted to start putting the word out now. My thanks to everyone for the work

you've been doing so very well in 2010, and here's to continuing the good work in 2011!

- Jim



2010
Hidden Treasures
AFMS/CFMS
Show & Convention
By: Loretta Ogden

I am as happy as anyone that belongs to the NOCGMS that the show is over. Having been involved in two other Federation Shows, one of them being AFMS/CFMS, I knew we were in for some work but this was harder than I expected. We believed that we were the mighty midgets. We had a shorter time than normal to plan and some changes in leadership, but we did it. The not really perfect a venues and the cost of them almost got us. The size of our club was definitely a handicap so we each did more than one job. After the show started we had plenty of helpful volunteers from other clubs. At that point we all breathed a little easier.

Being the Federation director I must have heard a 100 times, "so where is all this help you promised from the Federation?" They came in their cars, trucks and airplanes. They brought cases and displays. They helped serve food, manned information tables and even bused tables after the banquet. The officers did the Federation proud and their wives were angels sent to help me alone. The North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society is grateful and I personally owe you big time. I guess most of us know where all the help is now. Thanks
Looking forward to being a guest in Anderson.

-Loretta

A BIG THANK YOU!
TO THE NORTH ORANGE COUNTY GEM &
MINERAL SOCIETY FOR A JOB WELL
DONE HOSTING THE 2010 COMBINED
CFMS & AFMS
SHOW AND CONVENTION!
THANK YOU!



ALL AMERICAN REPORT

By Dot Beachler

This time the report on the All American Program judging results for the California entries will be for both the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Both California entries were in the small club category and the judging between these two clubs was very close!

CFMS Judging:

Sutter Buttes Gem and Mineral Society:

Gold Certificate

Ventura Gem and Mineral Society

Gold Plaque

AFMS Judging:

Sutter Buttes Gem and Mineral Society

Silver Medal

Ventura Gem and Mineral Society

Gold Medal

Congratulations to both clubs!

-Dot



Bulletin Aids

By Doug Arnold

Congratulations to all of you who entered the 2010 CFMS Bulletin Contest. There were some great entries in the bulletin categories and the writing categories. The top three in each category are forwarded to the AFMS and a number also placed well there. I look forward to seeing everyone's entry in the 2011 contest whose deadline will arrive early in December. Articles and bulletins published this year are eligible for the contest. Don't forget to enter. The following are the CFMS and AFMS winners.

In CFMS we have:

Original Feature

First Place, By Terry Yoschak, "Our Early Years." Roseville Rock Rollers

Adult Technical Article

First Place, By Vince Migliore, "Let's Go Metal Detecting, Good Hobby For Bad Times," El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society
Second Place, By Tom Cordova, "Turquoise -- Fact and Fiction," Reno Gem and Mineral Society

Adult Article

First Place, By Karen Newlin, "The Field Trip That Wasn't," El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society

Second Place, By Jenni Long, "Red Hills Magnesite," Mother Lode Mineral Society

Third Place, By Chuck Neely, "Search For the Elmwood Mine," Roseville Rock Rollers

Fourth Place, By Michael Bankston, "Zultanite -- What the Heck Is That?," Mother Lode Mineral Society

Junior (5-11) Article

First Place, By Emily Gudeman, "Minerals "Minerals In My Home," El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society

Second Place, By Jay Kahling, "Adventures In Lapidary Art," El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society

Junior (12-17) Article

First Place, By Blake Vella, "Ant Hill Trip." Mother Lode Mineral Society

Small Bulletin

First Place, The Conglomerate, edited by Barbara Hartman, editor, Reno Gem and Mineral Society

Second Place, Bulletin of the Mineralogical Society of Southern California, edited by Shou-Lim Lee, Mineralogical Society of Southern California

Large Bulletin

First Place, Ghost Sheet, edited by Chris Whittier, editor, Mother Lode Mineral Society

2010 AFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest Winners:

Original Adult Articles, Honorable Mention

Search for the Elmwood Mine

by Chuck Neely, Roseville Rock Rollers (CFMS)

From: The Rollin' Rock, 6/09

The Field Trip that Wasn't

by Karen Newlin, El Dorado County Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)

From: Petroglyphs, 2/09

Red Hills Magnesite
by Jenni Long, Mother Lode Mineral Society
(CFMS)
From: MLMS Ghost Sheet, 3/09

Original Adult Articles Advanced, Honorable
Mention

Let's Go Metal Detecting! A Good Hobby for Bad
Times.
by Vince Migliore, El Dorado County Mineral &
Gem Society (CFMS)
From: Petroglyphs, 6/09

V. Junior Articles – Under 12, Top 10 (7
entries)

1. Minerals in My Home
by Emily Gudeman, El Dorado Mineral & Gem
Society (CFMS)
From: Petroglyphs, 7/09

7. Adventures in Lapidary Arts
by Jay Kahling (9), El Dorado County Mineral &
Gem Society (CFMS)
From: Petroglyphs, 11/09

Junior Articles – 12 to 17, Top 10 (8 entries)

8. Ant Hill Trip
by Blake Vella (13), Mother Lode Mineral
Society (CFMS)
From: MLMS Ghost Sheet, 5/09

Written Features, Top 10

1. Our Early Years
by Terry Yoschak, Roseville Rock Rollers
(CFMS)
From: The Rollin' Rock, 7/08

Small Bulletins, Top 10

1. The Conglomerate, 5/09, Barbara Hartman,
Editor
Reno Gem & Mineral Society, Sparks, NV
(CFMS)

Small Bulletins, Honorable Mention

Bulletin of Mineralogical Society of Southern
California, 5/09, Shou-Lin Lee, Editor,
Mineralogical Society of Southern California,
Whittier, CA (CFMS)

Large Bulletins, Top 10

3. MLMS Ghost Sheet, 11/09, Chris Whittier,
Editor
Mother Lode Mineral Society, Modesto, CA
(CFMS)

-Doug



Bylaws
Committee
By Ruth Bailey
&
Theresa Kokinos



As a result of the vote at the June, 2010
Directors meeting in LaHabra, the Bylaws
committee has added another paragraph to
Article III, Section 7, Honorary Membership. The
updated version of page 3 of the Bylaws will be
distributed at the November Directors Meeting.
If you would like a copy of the new page 3
before then, please contact a member of the
Bylaw committee.

-Ruth and Theresa



Earth Science Studies
Report
By Marion Roberts

I am happy to report a good result on the Camp
Paradise in spite of the economy being what it
is. Participating individuals totaled 98 paid
weeks and a silent auction & sell-o-rama that
were very active, made the 2 weeks very good.
We are already working on the registration for
Camp Zzyzx and the spots are going fast.
Bural LaRue and I are working the South Central
and South State to locate a new site so we can
get the South program back in the spring,
November does not give us enough daylight
time. Some prospects have been contacted and
I intend to spend a few days down in that area
to do some site evaluations.

Camp Paradise is secured for the 2011 program
and will start a week later next year, in part due
to the Federation Show in Anderson, Calif. The
camps will be May 22, 2011 to May 28, 2011
and May 29, 2011 to June 6, 2011.

I want to thank all of the people that came to
camp early and worked like beavers to do
numerous repairs and clean up the area to make
it a good place to come to. Also I want to thank
all of the people that gave up free time to serve
meals, wash dishes (trays) and eating utensils,
& keep restroom supplies distributed. Lastly,

and very important, the garbage collecting crew. This is heavy hard work. My special thank you to all of the people who come to camp and enjoy what they do, and then go home enthusiastic, spreading the benefits of this kind of experience.

-Marion



Education Thru Sharing
Rockhound of the Year
By Lorretta Ogden

This months nominations for **Rock hound of the Year!**

The Long Beach Mineral and Gem Society are proud to recommend and endorse Bruce Kelley as Our Rockhound of The Year 2010. Bruce Kelley is a valuable asset to our organization also Bruce started with the club about 10 years ago. He started out a little shy in the gem and mineral world. He has improved so much, people go to him and ask, "Hey Bruce, what kind of a rock is this." He also has fixed many machines in our shop saving us hundreds of dollars in time and parts.

He has served as President for two (2) years and has planned many a fine field trip, while serving on the Board of Directors and writing articles for our newsletter. We value him and are proud to have him as a member.

It was a near majority vote that he'd would receive this award and we hope you will bestow this honor upon him. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William H. Hayes
Long Beach Mineral and Gem Society

-Loretta



CFMS Endowment Fund
Camp Paradise Raffle
Tickets
By Ray & CJ Quitoriano



Hi Everybody! It's that time again! The CFMS Endowment Fund is once again raffling off two spots to Camp Paradise for next year!

Each ticket is \$5 or 5 for \$20. Any club that sells \$200 worth of tickets will be entered into a separate drawing for the second spot. Last year we didn't have very many clubs entered in the second drawing, so the odds were very good to win!

To get tickets for your club, just call or email us and we will send you the tickets, no money up front. When you have sold all of your tickets, just send the stubs and money back! It's that simple, no money up front!

To get tickets for yourself, just let us know how many you want and we will send them to you and you can send the money, or give it to us when you turn in the tickets.

The deadline to turn in the tickets and money is November 1st, or you can give them to us at the Director's meeting in Visalia.

Ray & CJ: (661)209-9092 or (661)209-9093
rquito@yahoo.com or cjq_62@yahoo.com

The drawing will take place at the 2010 November Director's meeting, and you don't have to be present to win. The club ticket will be given to the club to do with whatever the club wants, hold your own raffle and earn your club a few extra bucks, or use it as a scholarship/campership to a deserving member! It's up to you!

So, support your CFMS Endowment Fund, and get a chance to go to Paradise for free!!

Thanks!
-Ray & CJ

WHAT IS???

A Field Trip:

An impossible trek to an inaccessible place to look for non-existent specimens.

Via Pegmatite 5/88 & Ghost Sheet 6/10

WHO IS??

An Archeologist:

One who's Career is in ruins!

Via MMS Tumbler 5/92 & Ghost Sheet 6/10



FIELD TRIPS - NORTH

By Jonathan North

The field trip to the Austin, Nevada area was a great success! There wasn't a large turnout, probably due to its being just a week before the AFMS/CFMS Show. We couldn't have waited any longer as the high desert gets pretty hot in the summer and weather on the trip was perfect. The first day we collected Green and Purple fluorite that was easily found in old tailing piles. Whoever it was that mined the fluorite originally wasn't interested in the colored material and to our delight that is what we wanted. Later we made the trek to where snakeskin agate is scattered over a large area. The most work involved in collecting the snakeskin agate is to bend down and pick it up. Some large specimens were found and we ended the day with everyone satisfied with their bounty. The next day we stopped to collect Blue chalcedony in the Mt. Aerie area. That was another easy one where pieces of the agate have weathered out of the mother rock and are just scattered on the alluvial hillside below a claim on the hilltop. After a weekend of collecting, everyone headed back home with lots to talk about and to show for their time in the desert.

I plan on setting up another trip that would work for a large group, most likely after the summer heat. Suggestions are welcome. Meanwhile, if you are out on a field trip or just out hunting on your own, please be careful. Be sure to take all the supplies and water you need to survive on your own if you get in trouble way out somewhere. That in itself is a reason to go with others.

- Jonathan

I bring this to you because of its timely message. The Sierra Club, who was pushing this bill finally compromised and give us many areas of multiple use in the desert, now 20 years later, the California Wilderness Coalition, a newer organization but with the same goals is bring back those areas that were designated as multi-use and asking them to be turned into Monuments or Wilderness. Will it never end?

Excerpts from a letter by Senator Pete Wilson, R. California October 19, 1990

To: Carmelita Swarts, CFMS PLAC member, in CFMS Newsletter Dec, 1990.

Thank you for contacting me regarding your opposition to S-11, the California Desert Protection Act, as introduced by Senator Alan Cranston, D, California.

Even if you oppose this legislation, as I do, most of us can agree that the desert must be protected. As I have said many times before, the California Desert is a special place.

However, we need to reconcile the need for desert protection with the need to provide desert access for the hundreds of thousands of Californians who enjoy climbing, camping, rock collecting and other legitimate forms of recreation. Unfortunately, S-11 and the vast areas it would protect through wilderness designations quite likely would restrict access to the elderly, the disabled and very young children. California families must not be prevented from enjoying the desert and its resources.

S-11 would designate 7.9 million acres as national park or wilderness. By law, the designation of an area as wilderness would prevent wheeled vehicles, such as bicycles, from gaining access. This essentially means that a desert protected under S-11 could only be explored by foot, an unreasonable goal in many areas when one considers the extreme temperatures and vast open areas of the desert ecosystem.....

A copy of this letter in its entirety can be obtained from the CFMS Historian, Shirley Leeson.

-Shirley



CFMS Historian

Wilderness, Nothing's Changed

By Shirley Leeson



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES **Encouraging Juniors to Display**

By Jim Brace-Thompson

I think everyone would agree we enjoyed one terrific CFMS/AFMS Show thanks to the efforts of the North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society, who stepped in to fill a breach and host a show on short notice. If you haven't already done so, take a moment to pass along your thanks to the club!

One disappointment I had as Juniors Activities Chair—but at no fault to the hosting society—was the complete lack of exhibits by kids. At AFMS shows, the best youth exhibit (competitive, or noncompetitive if no youth has entered into competition) is awarded the Lillian Turner Award. The award, consisting of a certificate, a mineral specimen, and a \$100 Series "E" Bond, is presented at the show awards ceremony. Even more important than the monetary value is the honor and recognition of receiving this award and the pride it can engender in your junior member for a job well done in assembling an excellent display. This is only awarded at a national show, so it won't be coming around to the CFMS again for another seven years. The last time we awarded it here in California was at the 2003 CFMS/AFMS Show, when Joy Robertson of Glendora Gems won it. The next national show won't be back this way until 2017. That's a 14-year period with no Lillian Turner Award winner within the CFMS. To look at it in an even grimmer way, we've lost the opportunity to award it to an entire generation of kids!

Operating on the principle of turning lemons into lemonade, let's take this as a reminder for us all to do more to encourage and help kids in our local clubs to share and display their collections. Displays by club members and guests have long formed the backbone of our shows, giving members opportunities to share their collections and lapidary skills and providing educational "eye candy" for the general public who come to our shows. But many clubs are reporting declines in the number of exhibitors at their shows. Such a decline will only continue if we don't take the time to encourage and teach the next generation to participate in this way.

One way to start is by making this a group activity, helping kids in your society assemble a group display at your next show. We've tried this with mixed results in my own Ventura club; in 2008 and 2009, we had a pretty decent turnout, although at our most recent 2010 show, only two kids showed up with material for the display case, which we then had to round out with "filler." Maybe we took it for granted, based on our previous results, and didn't promote it enough this year. No one ever said this stuff is easy! So let's all roll up our sleeves, set specific goals for including youth displays, and then work up and follow through on plans that will get kids excited and motivated to participate in this way at all of our local, regional, and national shows. Perhaps offer rewards for all kids who participate (crystals or fossils or mineral guidebooks – or the AFMS/FRA Showmanship badge), or turn it into a contest of some sort (a prize for the best fossil entered or the best crystal or the best self-collected specimen, etc.). In other words: let's make it fun!

- Jim



CFMS JURY OF AWARDS

**Seeking Nominations for AFMS
2011 Scholarship Foundation
Honoree**

By Susan Chaisson-Walblom

Nominations are still being taken for the 2011 AFMS Scholarship Foundation Honoree! Don't miss this opportunity to nominate someone you feel is worthy of this HONOR! To make a nomination, send in the name(s) of your nominee(s) along with a brief background explaining why you believe your nominee deserves this award. Please consider service that has been long and reaches beyond the regional level. You may submit your nominations by contacting me by phone at (661-943-1861), mail (42122-52nd Street West, Quartz Hill, CA 93536), or e-mail (slchaisson@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance for your nominees!

-Susan



CFMS Nominating Committee

By Ted McGee

The Nomination Committee is looking for nominations for 2011 officers. We can accept nominations for 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents and for Secretary and Treasurer.

The deadline for submissions of Names will be September 1, 2010.

If you wish to nominate please send it to a member of the Nominating Committee and include

Information about the person. Include their name, home address, phone number and email address.

Nominations should be submitted by the Club President or Federation Director.

Send your Nominations to me or to another member of the Nominating Committee.

Ted Magee

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-Ted



CFMS PLAC South Future of Rockhounding Belongs to You **By John Martin**

The annual convention and show is in the can for this year. It seemed to be a very successful event with very active meetings held during the convention and over 50 display exhibits of all facets of lapidary arts. Not much has changed in Washington , DC or Sacramento with respect to Public Lands affecting Rockhounds across

California and the country. The bills that were reported on during the convention are still in committees and going through the legislative process, so there is no or little change to report here. Collecting sites on public land across the country remain in danger of being removed from access or access may be limited to foot traffic only. This may make it difficult to gain access to some of our long established educational collecting sites now and for future generations of rockhounds and pebble pups. This mainly affects the public lands in the 13 western states where the largest amount of public lands exists. More and more of this land is being withdrawn from public access by legislation created and pushed through the process by environmental activist's special interest groups. On the surface some of these proposals appear to contain conservation language that addresses the preservation of the land, flora and fauna for future generations to enjoy. What is actually happening through this legislation is the creation of vast amounts of wilderness, monuments, and parks. While collecting of rocks, minerals and fossils are allowed in most wilderness areas, it is not allowed in most monuments and parks. Most of the non paved roads and trails across these millions of acres of public lands leading to our long cherished collecting sites will be closed to vehicular traffic. This will make collecting almost impossible to all but the most rugged of rockhounds thus removing reasonable access to the collecting sites from any Future Generations of American Rockhounds. As members of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and members of local Gem and Mineral Societies and Clubs, we all need to take a proactive approach to preserve our collecting sites all across our country. As rockhounds and Federation members we need to identify our collecting areas and the roads and trails leading to these collecting sites. When legislation is proposed that may put those sites in jeopardy of being closed, we all need to contact our elected officials and communicate in a unified voice our opinion and opposition and ask that the site and site access be excluded from the closure legislation. As conditions change the CFMS PLAC committee will try to keep the membership informed to the changes that are taking place. The

committee can not accomplish this task alone; it needs the help of each and every federation member. If there are any questions, concerns or of even more importance, when you become aware of any changes to collecting sites or collecting rules and regulations please contact any federation land use representative or this committee plac-south@antelecom.net. Another good source of current legislative information is the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) website www.amlands.org which has current information and links to Congressional Representatives and other land use activists.

-John



CFMS Rules Committee
CFMS TROPHY WINNERS
 By Dee Holland

Thanks to all those competitors who took the time to compete. It was a memorable event, reminiscent of the late 1970s and 1980s.

ADVANCED

- #1 Open Antonia Estep,
Long Beach Mineral & Gem Soc., CFMS
- #30 Educational Janet Madsen,
Conejo Gem & Mineral Club, CFMS

SOCIETY

- #26 Jewelry
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society, CFMS
- #28 Education
Del Air Rockhounds, CFMS

MASTER

- #1 Open
Chris Ward, Del Air Rockhounds, CFMS
- #11 Micro Minerals William Beiriger,
Livermore Valley Lithophiles, CFMS
- #13 Petrified Wood Donald Snyder,
Northwest Federation
- #15 Lapidary Adam Dean,
Orange Belt Mineralogical Society, CFMS
- #16 Carving Margaret Kolaczyk,
Amador County Gem & Min, CFMS
- #21 Special Lapidary Robert Sankovich,
Conejo Gem & Mineral Club, CFMS
- #27 Education Ron Wise,
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, CFMS

- #28 Education Marty Dougherty,
Long Beach Mineral & Gem, CFMS
- #28 Education Paul Otto,
Rocky Mountain Federation
- #29 Education Susan Martin,
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society, CFMS
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Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society, CFMS
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Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, CFMS
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Amador County Gem & Min, CFMS
- #42 Beading Cheri George,
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society, CFMS

SUPPLEMENTAL CFMS TROPHIES

- CHOATE Margaret Kolaczyk,
Amador County Gem & Mineral, CFMS
- BARRANCA John Martin,
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society, CFMS
- DIAMOND PACIFIC Adam Dean,
Orange Belt Mineralogical, CFMS
- HAMEL Jim Brace-Thompson,
Ventura Gem & Mineral, CFMS

SWEEPSTAKES

PALMDALE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, CFMS

AFMS 2010 TROPHY WINNERS

- #1 OPEN Robert Sankovich, CFMS
- #3 MINERAL Brett Keller, CFMS
- #3 MINERAL Clay Williams, CFMS
- #11 MICRO-MINERAL Bill Beiriger, CFMS
- #13 PETRIFIED WOOD Charles Eastman, CFMS
- #15 SELF COLLECTED LAPIDARY
Adam Dean, CFMS
- #16 CARVING Margret Kolaczyk, CFMS
- #17 CABOCHONS Marion Roberts, CFMS
- #18 CABOCHONS Dick Friesen, CFMS
- #20 FACETING Glenn Klein, CFMS
- #21 SPECIAL LAPIDARY
Robert Sankovich, CFMS
- #25 WIRE JEWELRY Margaret Kolaczyk, CFMS
- #26 JEWELRY Cheri George, CFMS
- #26 JEWELRY
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Society, CFMS
- #27 EDUCATION "HOW TO"
Margaret Kolaczyk, CFMS
- #28 EDUCATION "CONCEPT"
Marty Dougherty, CFMS
- #28 EDUCATION "CONCEPT"
Del Air Rockhounds Society, CFMS
- #29 EDUCATION "HOW TO"
Susan Martin, CFMS
- #30 EDUCATION "CONCEPT"

- #32 John Martin, CFMS
FOSSILS
Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS
- #36 SCRIMSHAW
Margaret Kolaczyk, CFMS
- #36 SCRIMSHAW COLORED
Margaret Kolaczyk, CFMS
- #39 ULTRA-VIOLET
PATRICIA SNYDER, NFMS
- #42 BEADING
Cheri George, CFMS



Safety
Bee Alert, Bee Prepared!
By Bural LaRue

Bee Alert, Bee Prepared! (Part 2)

Here are some tips to help you stay safe avoid contact with the Africanized Honey Bee (AHB):

- Check your property regularly for bee colonies. Honey bees nest in a variety of places, especially the AHB. Look for bees in work areas before using power tools. Check animal burrows, overturned flower pots, trees and shrubs.
- Keep pets and children indoors when operating lawn equipment. Attacks can occur when a person is mowing the lawn or pruning shrubs and accidentally strikes a nest.
- If you encounter a swarm, run in a straight line from the bees. Do not flail your arms since this can further annoy them. Get to the nearest house or car.
- Because bees target the head and eyes, cover your head as much as you can without slowing your escape.
- Don't jump in the water. Bees can wait longer than you can.
- Avoid excessive motion when near a colony. Bees are much more likely to respond to an object in motion than a stationary one.

If you're attacked:

- Call 9-1-1 only when emergency medical services are needed; if someone is stung many times or has an allergic reaction, call 9-1-1.
- Call if someone has becomes trapped in a building or car with many bees.
- Don't call 9-1-1 to have a hive removed. Call a pest control company.

Most reactions to bee stings are mild, but severe allergic reactions lead to 40 – 50 deaths each year. An allergic reaction to a bee sting can occur even if a person has been previously stung with no complications. Symptoms can include swelling in the face or an area other than where the sting occurred, hives or rash, itching, difficulty breathing and shock. Reactions usually happen within the first few hours. If you have ever had an allergic reaction to a sting, experts recommend carrying epinephrine, a prescription hormone given by injection to support blood pressure, increase heart rate and relax airways. ***If you or someone else experiences severe allergic reactions call 9-1-1 especially if you know you are allergic to bees and get stung.***

Source: Riverside County Open Spaces District handout

-Bural



CFMS SCHOLARSHIP

By Jennifer Haley

It was a joy for JoAnna and I to represent all of you who donated to the Scholarship Fund this year. We had the privilege of honoring one of our own, Frank Monez and some very bright students at the banquet who hold very bright futures. This fall we will have short articles for you about the geological field camps these students attended this summer which is always a treat. Being on the scholarship committee is a fun way to get more involved within the workings of CFMS. If you would like to join our committee please email me.

-Jennifer



CFMS Tax Advisor

NEW CALIFORNIA EXEMPT ORGANIZATION FILING REQUIREMENT

By Mike Kokinos

We are just getting use to filing the IRS Form 990N if gross receipts are \$25,000 or less. Beginning January 1 2011, these same organizations will also have to file electronically an annual information notice to California. The information to be filed will be similar to the Form 990N. Due dates will also coincide with the IRS.

Once the process is established, we will keep you informed.

I recommend visiting the IRS website listed herein. We sometimes lose sight of expectations and responsibilities for charitable and educational tax exempt organizations.

4. StayExempt.irs.gov

Want to brush up on your knowledge of exempt organization compliance requirements and ensure that your organization maintains its tax-exempt status? The IRS provides on-line training for tax-exempt organizations at www.StayExempt.irs.gov. The site includes a virtual workshop - web-based version of the popular Exempt Organization workshops - and a number of mini-courses on topics of interest to tax-exempt organizations.

-Mike

2010 CFMS WEBMASTERS CONTEST

By Merryan O'Neill



Congratulations to Kendra Sherrer, Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society Webmaster!

The Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society web site placed 1st in this year's California Federation

Web Site Contest AND the American Federation Web Site Contest!

A total of forty-two societies entered web sites within the seven regions of AFMS. Ten of these entries were from CFMS societies. Outstanding participation! This is also the second year that the CFMS finalist placed first in the AFMS competition as well.

Here are the CFMS 2010 Web Site Contest results:

| <u>Webmaster</u> | <u>Society</u> |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 Kendra Sherrer Society | Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem www.SRMGS.org |
| 2 Stephanie Hagiwara Society | Oxnard Gem & Mineral oxnardgem.com |
| 3 Jonathan North Society | Nevada County Gem & ncgms.org |
| 4 Chris Whittier Society | Mother Lode Mineral motherlodemineralsociety.com |
| 5 Anthony Ferraria Club | Culver City Rock & Mineral culvercityrocks.org |
| 6 Jane Panico Castro Valley | Mineral & Gem Society of mgscv.org |
| 7 James Fosse Mineral Club | Victor Valley Gem & vvgmc.org |
| 8 Hiley Wallis Society | Tule Gem & Mineral tulegem.org |
| 9 Harry Nichandros Gem Society | Contra Costa Mineral & ccmgs.org |
| 10 Roger Mills Gem Society | South Bay Lapidary & palosverdes.com/sblap |

These webmasters successfully created web sites that allow their societies to communicate with members and help inform the public. Thank you all for maintaining your society's sites throughout the year and for taking on the additional challenge of complying with the details of this contest in order to represent your society. I look forward to having even more societies join in next year. As Phyllis George, AFMS Ad Hoc Web Site Contest Chair, remarked in her AFMS newsletter article, "...Their web site will be better for having gone through the process of being judged, and their club may benefit from additional members."

The 2010 web site contest information is still on the CFMS site, and it will give you a good idea of

what to expect. The 2011 Entry Forms, Score Sheets and Guidelines will be posted later this year. I'll email reminders to webmasters at that time as well.

The deadline for entering the 2011 CFMS Web Site Contest will be January 10, 2011. The results of the contest will be disclosed during the CFMS/Superior California Gem & Mineral Society Show, to be held May13-15, in Anderson CA.

-Merryan

"Any person who violates any of these interim final supplementary rules may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. 43 U.S.C. 1733(a); 43 CFR 8360.0-7; 43 CFR 2932.57(b). Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571. You may also be subject to civil action for unauthorized use of the public lands, violations of special recreation permit terms, conditions, or stipulations, or for uses beyond those allowed by the permit. (43 CFR 2932.57(b)(2))."

Use your Public Lands, but Use Them Wisely.

-John



ALAA Report
BLM to Clarify Rules for Public Lands Use
By John Martin

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Mother Lode Field Office wants public comment on interim rules affecting 231,000 acres of public land in 10 Central California counties, including Tuolumne, Calaveras and Mariposa. The rules give BLM officials guidelines to follow in case they have to cite someone on public land. The new sets of rules, which have already gone into effect, are being enforced by BLM Law Enforcement Officers. A copy of the new rules the BLM is using to clarify public use of public lands may be obtained at the website listed below.

http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/fed_reg_archives/2010/05/rules.html

A 60-day public review period started May 20, 2010. Public comments must be postmarked no later than July 12. They should be sent to the Mother Lode Field Office, Attention Supplementary Rules, 5152 Hillside Circle, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762, or submitted by e-mail to jjbarnes@blm.gov ; or by fax to 916-941-3199, attention Supplementary Rules.

The new rules governing the public use of public lands is very lengthy and will not fit in the space allocated in the newsletter. It is best to go to the website and get the rules and study them before venturing into our Public Lands managed by the BLM. Here is the bottom line for violating these new interim rules for public use of our public lands as stated in the documents provided by the BLM.

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Redding, CA - Shasta Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. - www.shastagemandmineral.com
Paradise, CA - Paradise Gem and Mineral Club
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Email or mail to:

SHOW DATES

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

2010

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>

August 7 & 8: SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
San Francisco Co. Fair Bldg. (Hall of Flowers)
9th Ave. & Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park
Hours: Sat. 10 am-6 pm; Sun. 10 am-5 pm
Carleen Mont-Eton (415) 564-4230
publicity@show.sfgms.org
<http://www.sfgms.org>

September 3, 4, 5 & 6: FORT BRAGG, CA

Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society
Town Hall
Corner of Main & Laurel
Fri.-Sun. 10 am - 6 pm; Mon. 10 am - 4 pm
Don McDonell (707) 964-3116
Jane Webb at ejwebb@mcn.org

September 11 & 12: DOWNEY, CA

Delters Gem & Mineral Society
Woman's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10am - 6pm; Sun. 10am - 4pm
Guynell Miller (562) 633-0614
guynellallm@sbcglobal.net

September 18 & 19; REDWOOD CITY, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Hours: 10am - 5pm Daily
Carol Corden (650) 248-7155
ccorden@comcast.net
<http://sgms.driftmine.com>

September 18 & 19: PASO ROBLES, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park
2010 Riverside Drive
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm Daily
Kim Patrick Noyes (805) 610-0603
kimnoyes@gmail.com
srockhounds.org

September 18 & 19: STOCKTON, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33 W. Alpine Ave.
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm Daily
Nettie Meissner(209) 946-0113
footsey1@yahoo.com
www.stocktonlapidary.com

September 25 & 26: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat. 10am - 6pm; Sun. 10am - 5pm
Susie Harlow
Susie@tghcpa.com
www.cvgms.org

October 2 & 3: OROVILLE, CA

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society
Oroville Municipal Auditorium
1200 Meyers Street
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm Daily
Connie Rossetto (530) 589-1840
crossetto@aol.com
Oroville.rocks.com

October 3: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Fallbrook G & M Facility
123 West Alvarado Street
Hours 10 am - 4 pm
Mary Fong-Walker (760) 728-1130
ikonmiming@gmail.com

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/>

October 9 & 10: VISTA, CA

Vista Gem & Mineral Society
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 N. Sante Fe Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Fred Wilson (760) 433-8446
Lois Harr (760) 724-0395

October 16: WEST HILLS, CA

Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: 10am - 5pm
Lorraine Taneja xyz123@linkline.com
info@rockchippers.org
www.rockchippers.org

October 16 & 17: PLACERVILLE, CA

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm daily
Karen Newlin (530) 676-1643
www.rockandgemshow.org

October 16 & 17: CAYUCOS, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club
Cayucos Vets Hall (next to Cayucos Pier)
10 Cayucos Drive
Hours: 9 am - 5 pm Daily
Mike Lyons (805) 610-0757
jadestar@charter.net
slogem.org

October 16 & 17: SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Veterans' Memorial Auditorium
1351 Maple Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10 am-6 pm; Sun. 10 am-5 pm
Debbie Granat (707) 542-1651
Erica Tanner srmgs-membership@comcast.net
santarosarockshow@hotmail.com

October 23 & 24: LOS ALTOS, CA

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
Los Altos Youth Center
1 North San Antonio Road
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm Daily
Colleen McGann (831) 212-1951
Colleen.Mcgann@hds.com
<http://pggs.org/>

October 30 & 31: LAKESIDE, CA

El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral
Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Mapleview Street
Hours: 10 am - 4 pm Daily
Carolyn Boland (619) 561-7498
carolynboland@juno.com
ecvngms.com

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

November 6 & 7: RIDGECREST, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 South Richmond Road
Hours: 9 am - 5 pm daily
John DeRosa (760) 375-7905

November 12, 13 & 14: SACRAMENTO, CA

Sacramento Mineral Society
Scottish Rite Center
6151 H Street
Hours: Fri. & Sat.10-6; Sun. 10-5
Bob Johnson (916) 339-7007
www.Sacramentomineralsociety.org

November 13 & 14: YUBA CITY, CA

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds (Franklin Hall)
442 Franklin Avenue
Hours:
Erik Anspaugh (916) 567-9750
inez_brg@yahoo.com

November 13 & 14: VICTORVILLE, CA
Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
San Bernardino Co. Fairgrounds
14800 – 7th Street
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4
Cyndy Mandell (760) 508-1080
cynmandell@yahoo.com

November 21 & 21: OXNARD, CA
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
800 Hobson Way
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4
Frank Boulch (805) 271-0538
Show_info@oxnardgem.com
www.oxnardgem.com

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March 5 & 6: ARCADIA, CA
Monrovia Rockhounds, Inc.
L. A. Co. Arboretum & Botanical Gardens
301 Baldwin Avenue
Hours: 9 am – 4:30 pm Daily
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
joannaritchey@gmail.com
www.Moroks.com

March 5 & 6: VENTURA, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Boulevard
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Andy Anderson (805) 987-0043
lilliananderson@juno.com
www.vgms.org

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Anderson, California**

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July 7 -10, 2011
Syracuse, New York**

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Ventura, CA 93003-3517
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