



# C.F.M.S. Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Grow the Federation!**

**By Fred Ott**

As this may be the last newsletter you receive before the CFMS Directors Meeting in Visalia, let me again emphasize the importance of having each society's CFMS Director (or his/her designated Alternate) in attendance on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Important issues will be discussed and votes will be taken. The need for quorum notwithstanding, it's vital that your society is represented and participates in the process.

Having been associated with the Federation now for several years, I must admit that I am continually surprised at the number of CFMS societies that do not have a representative at these twice-annual meetings. The Cracker Barrel on Friday evening, the Directors Meeting on Saturday morning, the afternoon committee meetings and symposiums, the evening's installation dinner and the orientation meeting on Sunday morning are all opportunities to expand the relationship between the Federation and its member societies. Any society that does not have a representative at these events is not taking full advantage of their membership in the CFMS.

An agenda item that is very near and dear to my heart will be the **Sharing the Wealth** forum to be held on Saturday afternoon. The exact time and location will be announced at the Directors meeting and will be partially dependent upon the need for a 'lunch break' during the Directors meeting. So, if you'd like to hear from representatives of several highly-successful societies on how issues, problems and challenges are addressed and resolved, be sure to join us at the forum.

Also, if you'd like to submit an item for consideration by the Executive Committee and their Friday meeting and/or a New Business item at the Directors meeting, please contact me as soon as possible.

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

**-Fred Ott, President 2010**

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### 2010 CFMS Calendar

- Oct. 31 – Report Deadline for Directors packets
- Nov. 6 - Field Trip South – Kramer Junction
- Nov. 12 – 14 CFMS Meetings Holiday, Visalia
- Nov. 12 - 7:30 p.m. Visalia Cracker Barrel
- Nov. 13 – 9:00 a.m. Fall Directors' Meeting
- Nov. 13 - Share the Wealth Forum (TBA)
- Nov. 13 – ALAA & PLAC Meeting (TBA)
- Nov. 14 – 8:30 a.m. 2011 Organizational Meeting
- Nov. 14 – 21 Camp Zzyzx
- Nov. 25 – 28 Field Trip South - Wiley's Well

### 2011 CFMS Calendar

- Feb. 28 - All American Books due in to Dot Beachler
- May 13-15 CFMS Show & Convention (Anderson, CA)

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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.

**\*REMEMBER \***

**ARTICLES FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE EDITOR BY THE 5<sup>th</sup> OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE MONTH OF PUBLICATION!**



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



**Executive**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**CFMS BUSINESS NEWS**  
**Fall Meeting**  
**By Pat LaRue**

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 a.m., time to be announced.

**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

**PS**

***Reports for the Directors packet must be received no later than 10/31. Chairmen unable to meet this deadline should bring 100 copies of their report to Visalia for distribution at that time.***



**Bylaws Committee**  
**By Ruth Bailey & Theresa Kokinos**



**“PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE”**

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

***This proposed bylaw amendment will provide immediate liability insurance coverage for new member societies. The existing bylaw provision does not provide the new societies any CFMS benefits until approved at a subsequent Director's meeting.***

**Section 2: General Membership**

(a) Membership in the Federation shall be open to all duly organized nonprofit mineralogical, lapidary or other earth science societies or clubs.

(b) Any Society desiring to join the Federation shall apply in writing to the Secretary of the Federation, giving its name, a copy of its bylaws, the names and addresses of its officers, the number of members, and the month in which officers are elected. A check for the initial dues and insurance premium, based on membership at the time of application, shall accompany the letter. The Executive Committee of the Federation shall vote upon the application, and a majority affirmative vote shall be sufficient to admit the applicant to membership. The Federation Secretary shall inform the Society of the result of the vote if the application is approved. If the application is denied, the check for the initial dues and insurance premium shall be returned at once to the applicant. The newly-approved Society shall be formally introduced at the next CFMS Directors meeting at which time a Certificate of Membership shall be presented to their Society Director.

***This Operating Regulation addition is proposed by Fred Ott, CFMS President. The new Operating Regulation outlines the procedure for new societies joining the CFMS in regards to the proration of dues and insurance, and insurance application fee. Ruth and I have reviewed the new language and concur for approval.***

***Of course, this Operating Regulation is contingent on the approval of the proposed Bylaws change to rectify the existing system of accepting applications for membership in the CFMS.***

**MEMBER SOCIETIES**

**S. New Member Societies Initial Dues & Insurance**

The amount of money that must accompany an application for CFMS membership shall be determined as follows:

1. A \$250.00 insurance application fee plus.
2. A prorated amount of dues plus insurance premium times the number of members in the applying society. Proration shall be determined on a monthly basis based upon the number of months (following the month of submission) remaining in the calendar year. However, any application received during the month of November need only be accompanied by a check for the full annual dues and insurance premium for the following calendar year.

-Ruth and Theresa

activity in educating our legislators on issues of concern to rockhounds.

The CFMS still needs to encourage clubs to support ALAA both as clubs and as independent members, and encourage members to contact their legislators on subjects affecting our rock and fossil collecting hobby.

This information should clarify Section 6 of the All American entry form for all clubs entering books this year.

-Dot



**Sharing the Wealth!  
Forum on how to  
Increasing Membership!  
By Fred Ott**

**Following the CFMS Directors meeting in Visalia on Saturday, November 13th, members of several 'growth' societies have agreed to host a forum at which many ideas and suggestions for increasing membership will be presented. The location at time will be announced during the Directors meeting. Be sure to join us!**

-Fred



**CFMS Earth Science Studies  
2011 Camp Zzyzx  
By Marion Roberts**

All is going well with the two Camps, with one exception, the limited bed space at Zzyzx and the cost of food service has put the finances in a bit of trouble. To keep from increasing the fees, I am hoping to increase the R.V. owner's participation. To let them all know about the road in off the Highway, it has been paved nearly all the way. This was done only 2 years ago. We have also decided to offer R.V.ers a chance to come for \$300.00 instead of the \$350.00. This is a \$100.00 discount for couples with a R.V.

If you have any problem getting an application for Zzyzx in March of 2011, feel free to contact me and we will e-mail you one.

**Look for a copy of the 2011 Zzyzx application in this month's CFMS Newsletter.**

-Marion



**ALL AMERICAN REPORT  
Lobbying Activity  
By Dot Beachler**

Some clubs are still confused about engaging in any lobbying activity.

A 501(c)(3) club can lobby as long as such expense or effort does not exceed 5 percent of total expenses or effort.

In addition, members can and should express themselves to their legislators on subjects of interest to rockhounding and fossil collecting.

The All American Program believes that one of the criteria for the All American award is club

**CFMS NEEDS YOU!**

**If your Society/Club is interested in hosting the 2012, 2013 or 2014  
\*CFMS Show & Convention\*  
Contact Bob Stultz or Jack Williams**



**CFMS FIELD TRIP  
SOUTH  
Kramer Junction  
&  
Wiley's Wells**

**Kramer Junction  
Adam & Shep**

**DATE:** Saturday November 6

**WHERE:** sign-ins and waivers to be signed at Antelope Valley Fairgrounds in Lancaster, Ca at 9am. Field trip departs at 11am for the Kramer Junction area.

**MATERIAL:** various agates, jaspers, opalites with potential for peat bog. Much of this material is fluorescent.

**TERRAIN:** mostly flat with decent desert roads. High clearance recommended but mandatory for last leg of trip as a steep rocky ravine need be crossed. This area is near the junction of 395 & 58 in the Mojave between Barstow and Boron. Material is plentiful although best may require hammer and chisel. Bring collecting bags or buckets, spray bottle, water, lunch if desired. Weather is unpredictable with rain possible as well as hot temperatures. **BE PREPARED!** Weather this time of year may affect road conditions. The agate potential includes dendritic agate, caramel agate with inclusions including moss; greenish-white opalite, many pieces with caramel agate inclusions; the opalite may include facetable green sections; jasper in a variety of colors and patterns, some with Druze filled vugs.

This area encompasses many square miles with widespread variety of materials. We will try for three sites as weather and time allows.

**RESPECT THE DESERT!**

Pack it in-pack it out and tread lightly. This is an easy trip with easy to find material suitable for beginners and experienced alike.

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**-Shep & Adam**

**Wiley's Well Annual Thanksgiving  
Rockhound Round-up  
By Adam Dean and Robert Sankovich**

This trip is open to all CFMS Affiliated Society Members and their guests that agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader, and practice safe rockhounding. A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arriving at the campsite.

**TRIP LOCATION:** The Wiley Well District is 10 miles southwest of Blythe, CA and is one of the most popular collecting areas on the Colorado Desert.

**WHEN:** Thanksgiving Weekend, November 25-28, 2010. There will be folks camping all week.

**SPONSORS:** CFMS Field Trip South Co-Chairs, and OBMS.

**LEADERS:** Adam Dean and Robert Sankovich Please notify us, if you plan on attending. Feel free to email or call us if you have any questions or need more information:

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**DIRECTIONS TO CAMPSITE:** From the 10 Freeway, exit on Wiley Well Road and turn south from the freeway, 14 miles to camp. Around a mile or two down the road, the pavement will turn towards the right. Don't follow that road; stay straight onto the dirt road. Stay on this dirt road past Fire Agate Mine and the Coon Hollow Rd. You will see a sign for the Imperial County Line. The camp will be just past this sign on the right-hand side. I will have OBMS (Orange Belt Mineralogical Society) Field Trip signs along the way to the camp ground. If you get lost, call Adam at (909) 489-4899.

**COLLECTING TRIPS:** November 25th, 26th, and 27th. Open to all CFMS affiliated society members and their guests.

Each day we will leave camp at 8:00 am and return in the late afternoon except on Thanksgiving Day when we will be back in time for our Feast at 2:00 pm. Be sure to carry your lunch and water when we go to the collecting sites, we will not come back to camp during the day.

25th – Petrified Bay Laurel-Iron Wood by Colorado River, AZ

26th – Fire Agate/Chalcedony. Pebble Terrace, Paisley Agates

27th – Geode and Nodules Beds

**VEHICLES:** On the 26th, a 4-wheel drive vehicle

“is” necessary to get to Fire Agate . We will make arrangements for those without a 4-wheel drive to ride with those who do. On the 27th trip, a 4-wheel drive vehicle is not a “must” for this trip, but is highly recommended. No low-clearance vehicles advised.

These sites are remote, so bring food, water and all required supplies. The nearest stores are in Blythe, California.

**CAMPGROUNDS & FACILITIES:** This is a dry camping area, no water, no services, no hookups, no toilets. There is a dump station at the rest stop at the Wiley Well exit off I-10; however, there is no potable water. Blythe has a free dump station and good water 2-blocks south of I-10 at the Lovkin Ave. exit. Blythe is also good place to get food, supplies, ice and gasoline. It is approximately 25 miles from Blythe to the campsite. There are numerous good motels in Blythe with a wide range of rates. The closest town to the campsite is Palo Verde, approximately 16 miles through Coon Hollow and over the Mule Mtns. There is a convenience store (food, etc.), gasoline, a couple of restaurants and rock shop in Palo Verde, the road is okay for 4-wheel drive vehicles but not 2-wheel drive vehicle.

**SAFETY CONCERNS:** Do not lick the rocks, use sun screen, when needed, stay away from rattlesnakes, use bug spray, be aware of flash floods, be extra careful, team up with a buddy and don't get lost.

**CLIMATE & WEATHER:** We are planning on nice weather—sunny days; cool, clear, star filled nights. But remember it can rain this time of year so be prepared and plan ahead.

**MATERIAL TO COLLECT:** Fire agate, geodes and a large variety of miscellaneous fossils, limestone, jasper, petrified wood, agates and very old Stromatolites. Also, we plan to search for the Paisley Agate Beds, Geodes and nodules.

**COLLECTING MATERIALS:** There will be surface collecting and the use of sturdy bags will be all you need. However, if you plan on digging fire agates, you need hard rock tools, safety glasses, and a hand sledge and gloves. It may be wise to carry a first aid kit. If you plan on digging for geodes, you need hard rock tools, as well as, picks, shovels, and I recommend a dust mask, as the volcanic ash may irritate your lungs.

**TOOLS:** Sturdy bags, hard rock tools, safety glasses and gloves. It may be wise to carry a first-aid kit. I also recommend a dust mask as the volcanic ash may irritate your lungs.

**CLOTHING:** Wear clothing in layers as it can be

very warm during the day and extremely cold at night. Bring extra jackets and blankets.

**DINNER:** Thanksgiving - 3:00 pm; O.B.M.S. and C.F.M.S. will host a potluck dinner for all those willing to contribute. Please bring your own plates, utensils, drinks and chair. We welcome everyone. If you plan to join us for dinner, here is the guideline to follow:

- If your last name starts with A, E, I, M, Q or - please bring a main dish.
- If your last name starts with B, F, J, N, R or V - please bring a starch.
- If your last name starts with C, G, K, O, S, W or X - please bring a vegetable or salad.
- If your last name starts with D, H, L, P, T, Y or Z - please bring a dessert.

**REMINDER:** Please help preserve our deserts and pack out what you pack in. Let's leave it clean for future Rockhounds.

All those attending the collecting trips will be required to fill out a Liability Waiver form.

- **Robert & Adam**



**CFMS Historian  
Harold Van Pelt Collection  
A must see!  
By Shirley Leeson**

**I've seen some of his work at Tucson for years, but now it's all together and worth visiting.**

For over 35 years Harold Van Pelt has perfected the art of carving quartz and agate stones. The Bowers Museum is proud to be the first to assemble a body of Van Pelt's work in an exhibition that highlights the remarkable beauty and extraordinary skill of gemstone carving.

**Gemstone Carvings: The Masterworks of Harold Van Pelt Saturday, July 17 - Monday, January 03, 2011**

Thousands have admired the work of Harold Van Pelt who, along with his wife Erica, are considered the best gem and mineral photographers in the world. Few know of Van Pelt's extraordinary ability as a fine art gemstone carver, and nobody has ever seen his entire body of work assembled in one place. Bowers Museum is proud to present the first comprehensive exhibition of the extraordinary artworks of Harold Van Pelt.

For over 35 years Van Pelt has quietly been perfecting the art of carving quartz, rock crystal and agate gemstones. Hundreds of hours go into each multi-faceted, fluted, and textured vase, hollow container, sculpture and vessel, many of which are accented with gold and semi-precious stones. Working the stone down to paper-thin walls brings out the gorgeous natural quality and colors of the agate and gives quartz the transparency of glass. Transformed by one man's vision and skill from a solid stone to an incredibly delicate work of art, the gemstone carvings of Harold Van Pelt have to be seen to be believed.

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**2011 Inter-Regional  
Rockhound Rendezvous  
By Richard Pankey**

Central Oregon is known for petrified wood, agate and thunder eggs. If you like petrified wood, agate and thunder eggs, if you like rock collecting, if you like meeting other interesting rockhounds then join us for this 2011 Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous on May 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>. This Rendezvous will be to the Hampton Butte green petrified wood area, the Paulina area for pink, green and blue limb casts and to Glass Butte for a big variety of obsidian. Trip logs will be available to 8 to 10 other nearby sites for agate, thunder eggs, jasper and petrified wood for self guided collecting trips. These trips will include: Muary Mtn. jasper, Bear Creek petrified wood, Eagle Rock dendritic/moss agate, Ochoco thunder eggs, and several other petrified wood and thunder egg sites. (I told you that this is a great rockhounding area.)

This Rendezvous will be lead by Doug True and is hosted by the Northwest and California Federations.

We are going to camp on a centrally located private ranch about 35 miles southeast of Prineville, OR. This is a dry camp with no services available. There will be porta potties at camp for those who need them. Motels and RV parks are available in Prineville.

Of course we will have daily happy hours, evening campfires, and a couple of potluck dinners. Doug has lined up several speakers: a USGS geologist to talk about recently discovered calderas in the area; Walt Wright to tell us about what we are collecting and a BLM geologist to talk about the geology of the area.

A flyer with Rendezvous details, directions to camp, a schedule of trips and events, and other useful information will be posted on the AFMS, NFMS and CFMS web sites and newsletters in January.

This trip is open to members and guests of all of the Federations of the AFMS, but I expect most of the attendees will be from the Northwest and California Federations. Everyone who agrees to adhere to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Code of Ethics, abide by the direction of the field trip leaders, and practice safe rockhounding is welcome to attend.

Please notify one of the Federation leaders early, but no later than May 20, if you plan to attend; e-mail (or call) if you have questions or need more information. Don't wait – do it now. This will be a great opportunity for rockhounds from all over the west, and all of the Federations of the AFMS, to meet one another, to share stories, and information about collecting in their home areas. Be sure to bring material from your favorite collecting sites to show and share.

**Come join us for a great Inter-Regional Rendezvous of collecting, fun and fellowship.**

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**INSURANCE QUESTION  
–By Bud McMillin**

We are not going to be answering a question this month but I am going to be asking all of you a question instead. I have had two inquiries this month about a [Release of Liability form](#) like we have for field trips but only this form would be used by societies that have their own

WORKSHOPS. I would like to do an independent unofficial survey of the CFMS society members that have their own workshops. It would be interesting to find out just how many societies have their own workshops and if they do have a workshop, do they require participants to sign a Release of Liability form. So, if your club has a workshop, could you please take a minute to send me an email ([bud.mcmillin.b7yj@statefarm.com](mailto:bud.mcmillin.b7yj@statefarm.com)) and let me know if you use a Release of Liability form. If you do have a Release of Liability form, could you please FAX me a copy (209-527-1541), email me or bring it to the November CFMS meeting in Visalia.

-Bud



## **JUNIORS ACTIVITIES** **New Award for FRA Super-Achievers!**

**By Jim Brace-Thompson**

Our AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program provides a special award for kids who earn at least 6 of the 15 badges offered. To mark that accomplishment, they earn a "Rockhound" badge and thus symbolically graduate from a "future" rockhound to a true-blue, full-blown rockhound by having mastered several areas of our hobby. Their names also get posted to an "Honor Roll" on the Kids Corner of the AFMS web site. To date, we've given out FRA membership patches to over 1,900 kids. Of these, a select group of just six percent—or about 125 kids—have achieved Rockhound status.

But there exists an even more select group: a small band of super-motivated achievers have gone on to earn all 15 badges! Folks have asked if we have an award to further recognize these kids. I think this is an excellent idea, but I also had to mull over budget implications, particularly since I didn't account for adding a new badge in the latest AFMS budget for next year that was approved in June. Well, Steve and Carolyn Weinberger (of the Eastern Federation and officers within AFMS) have come to the rescue! Steve has pointed out that we have an existing supply small AFMS cloisonné pins, and we can easily apply a suitable number

of them against the existing juniors activities budget.

***Thus, I'm pleased to announce that any kids who have earned all 15 FRA badges now earn an AFMS pin to mark their achievement. In addition to the "Honor Roll" on the AFMS web site, I'll work with AFMS web master Marty Hart to add a new "Rock Stars" list to highlight our super-achievers.***

I'll send an alert to clubs actively using the FRA program, and I ask CFMS Directors of local clubs that have been using the badge program to announce this at your next club membership and board meetings. If your club has kids and you haven't been using the AFMS/FRA Badge Program to encourage and reward them, what's holding you back? Check out the program at [www.amfed.org/fra/fra\\_badge.htm](http://www.amfed.org/fra/fra_badge.htm). Then give me a call, and let's get started helping kids in learning about our hobby, earning badges—and having fun!

-Jim



## **Safety**

**Basic Needs – Water  
By Bural LaRue**

Water is so essential that a 1% decrease in normal levels makes us thirsty. Thirst after eating salty foods, even though the body has ample water indicates that thirst depends not only on how much water is in the body, but precise salt concentrations of stored water.

Thirst is a complex response with at least two different mechanisms. When body water content falls below a certain level, saliva decreases, the throat gets dry, and thus, the urge to drink. In addition, when body water content falls, there is a greater concentration of salt and other dissolved elements in the remaining cellular and bodily fluids. This increase is recognized by the brain and converted into the sensation of thirst by the same part of the brain as appetite controls. If the signal for more water is not answered, water is drawn from the cells and kidney functions are retarded to conserve fluid. A 10% water level drop (6% of body weight) causes mental deficiencies. 20% loss is usually considered fatal.



In the hot desert, a person may last only a few hours since hard exertion under these circumstances can cost upwards of 2 quarts per hour.

Thirst cannot tell how much or when to consume. Therefore, it is important to drink small quantities at frequent intervals, even if you do not feel thirsty.

If you choose to use a fluid replacement drink choose it carefully. The popular sports drinks each have different formulas worth studying. The body reacts differently to the various forms of calories. If the drink is too calorie-rich, it may empty from your stomach more slowly. It may be a good idea to try out the fluids under a variety of conditions before making a choice.

*From Desert Sheriff's Search and Rescue Newsletter, 1996 via West End Prospectors Club, 8/98.*

**-Bural**



**CFMS SCHOLARSHIP**

**By Jennifer Haley**

Many clubs are asking themselves what they can do to bring more charm into their society and kick up more energy. If your club is bored then start thinking creatively and out of the box.

Perhaps designate a couple of rocks each month on your silent auction table towards putting a 'kitty' together for the scholarship fund. You could even have your pebble pups work on this project by picking out the rocks and watching the 'kitty' grow. You know kids, they love projects around rocks and crave active feedback. Plus you can educate them about the wonders of being a geology student and the future it holds.

**-Jennifer**

**2011 CFMS FALL  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
November 12 – 14  
VISALIA, CA**



**2011 CFMS/AFMS Web Site  
Contest  
It's Time to Tune-up  
Your Websites**

You are invited to enter the 2011 Web Site Contest on behalf of your Society.

The Web Site Contest attempts to determine the effectiveness of a society's web site in providing information needed to meet certain goals of societies. In general, judging is based on the standard that the web site should: (1) attract new members; (2) provide information to members; (3) aid in the public promotion of society's activities; (4) and fulfill the mission of the society. Some basic technical features also need to be functional on the site.

The Contest Guidelines coupled with the Score Sheet offer excellent references to help you tune up your society's web site or build one for the first time.

Webmasters wishing to enter their society's web site should download the following files from the CFMS web site: Guidelines, Entry Form and Score Sheet. (Go to [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org) and click on the AFMS - Webmaster Contest link at the top of the left hand column)

These documents are in pdf format and need to be opened with Adobe Acrobat Reader, Version 9, so that the fill-in feature will be active. (Visit [www.adobe.com/products/reader](http://www.adobe.com/products/reader) for a free update).

Save the files to your hard drive then fill in the entire Entry Form and the top part of the Score Sheet. Rename the files so that your society's name is included. Send both of the completed pdf forms as email attachments to Merryan O'Neill at [mvoneill@comcast.net](mailto:mvoneill@comcast.net) by January 17, 2011.

CFMS winners will be announced at the Sunday Bulletin Editors & Webmasters Breakfast on May 15, 2011, at the CFMS Show & Convention in Anderson.

We had 10 very impressive CFMS entries for the 2010 contest. Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society, with Kendra Sherrer as webmaster, placed 1st in both CFMS and AFMS! Let's achieve that level of excellence again!

**-Merryan**



**PLAC/ALAA Joint Meeting**

**By Norvie Enns, John Martin  
and Dick Pankey**

Have you ever been asked to "write a letter to your congressman?" And your thought was: Where do I start? What do I say? Will they listen? Do I come on too "strong" .....I'll never vote for you again message....

Then you will want to attend the PLAC/ALAA meeting to hear our special guest speaker, Amy Granat.

Amy Granat is the Natural Resources Consultant for the California Association of 4WD Clubs, Inc. She is involved in keeping access to roads OPEN. Amy has a special way of speaking that makes people listen to what she has to say. She is involved in a number of projects in Northern California, among them the Shasta-Trinity Forestry problem.

Amy can set your fears aside. She has some detailed items you can use, either when calling or writing. Here are just a few she will speak to:

- details why a road/trail should be left open.
- emphasize special seasonal activities.
- use the correct "title" when addressing a person.
- you're allowed to be emotional when making your plea.

Following her talk there will be time for a question and answer session.

If these sound interesting, there is more but you'll have to attend the PLAC/ALAA meeting, Saturday, November 13, 2010 at the Holiday Inn, Visalia, CA, after with the CFMS Fall Business meeting

**Get involved and make a difference!**

**-Dick**

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*MAY 13, 14 & 15*

**Northern California Treasures  
2011  
C.F.M.S. Show and Convention**

May 13, 14, and 15, 2011  
Located in  
Anderson, CA (Near Redding, CA)  
Sponsored by California Federation of Mineralogical  
Societies, Inc. and Hosted by  
Superior California Gem and Mineral Society

Redding, CA - Shasta Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. - [www.shastagemandmineral.com](http://www.shastagemandmineral.com)  
Paradise, CA - Paradise Gem and Mineral Club  
visit us at: [www.superiorcal.com](http://www.superiorcal.com)

## CFMS SHOW DATES

Shows and Events  
sponsored by  
CFMS Clubs & Societies!

Please submit your  
Show or Event information  
as soon as you have a date.

Email or mail to:

**SHOW DATES**  
Susan Chaisson-Walblom  
42122 52<sup>nd</sup> St. West,  
Quartz Hill, CA 93536  
Email: [slchaisson@yahoo.com](mailto:slchaisson@yahoo.com)

### 2010

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:carolynboland@juno.com)  
[ecvgms.com](http://ecvgms.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](mailto:Show09@ccmgs.org)

#### **November 6 & 7: LANCASTER, CA**

Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
2551 West Ave. H & Hwy 14  
Hours: 9am – 5pm daily  
SusanChaisson-Walblom(661) 406-0143  
[slchaisson@yahoo.com](mailto:slchaisson@yahoo.com)  
[www.palmdalegemandmineral.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:inez_brg@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](mailto:Show_info@oxnardgem.com)  
[www.oxnardgem.com](http://www.oxnardgem.com)

### 2011

#### **January 15 & 16: EXETER, CA**

Tule Gem & Mineral Society  
Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building  
324 N. Kaweah (Highway 65)  
Hours: Sat 10 - 5 ; Sun 10 – 4  
Marshall Havner (559) 562-4133  
Charles Reed (559) 784-6394

#### **January 28,29 &30: Redlands, CA**

Mineralogical Society of Southern California  
Micromounters Symposium  
San Bernardino County Museum  
2024 Orange Tree  
Fri. 5pm - 10pm; Sat. 9am - 10pm  
Sun. Field trip time to be set  
Dr. Robert Housley (714) 697-4435  
[rhousley@its.caltech.edu](mailto:rhousley@its.caltech.edu)  
[mineralsocal.org](http://mineralsocal.org) (click on micromounters)

#### **February 18-27: INDIO, CA**

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society  
Riverside Co. Fair & National 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](mailto:Bert67@verizon.net)

#### **February 25, 26 & 27: NEWARK, CA**

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley  
Newark Pavilion  
6430 Thornton Ave.  
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
Larry Ham (510) 887-9007  
[showchair@mgscv.org](mailto:showchair@mgscv.org)  
[www.mgscv.org](http://www.mgscv.org)

#### **February 25 & 26: NORTHRIDGE, CA**

Del-Air Rockhounds  
Northridge United Methodist Church  
9650 Reseda Boulevard  
Hours: Fri. 3 pm-9 pm; Sat. 10 am-5 pm  
Chris Ward  
[Chris\\_ward678@yahoo.com](mailto:Chris_ward678@yahoo.com)  
[Delairrockhounds.blogspot.com](http://Delairrockhounds.blogspot.com)

#### **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](mailto:joannaritchey@gmail.com)  
[www.Moroks.com](http://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](mailto:lilliananderson@juno.com)  
[www.vgms.org](http://www.vgms.org)

#### **March 12 & 13: SALINAS, CA**

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club  
Veteran's Hall Spreckels, Ca  
5<sup>th</sup> & Llano Streets  
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm Daily  
Karen Jones (831) 678-0337  
[KenKAren0337@att.net](mailto:KenKAren0337@att.net)

#### **March 19 & 20: Bakersfield, CA**

San Joaquin Valley Lapidary Society  
Kern County Shrine's  
700 South P Street  
Hours: 9 am – 5 pm Daily  
Lew Helfrich (661) 323-2663  
[lewsrocks@bak.rr.com](mailto:lewsrocks@bak.rr.com)

#### **March 26 & 27: ANGELS CAMP, CA**

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society  
Calaveras County Fairgrounds  
101 Frogtown Road  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4  
Tak Iwata (209) 928-5579  
[Tak2me@msn.com](mailto:Tak2me@msn.com)  
[www.calaverasgemandmineral.org](http://www.calaverasgemandmineral.org)

#### **March 26 & 27: ROSEVILLE, CA**

Roseville Rock Rollers  
Roseville (Placer Co.) Fairgrounds  
800 All America City Blvd.  
Hours: Sat. 10am – 5pm; Sun. 10am – 4pm  
Gloria Marie (530) 367-2262  
[gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com](mailto:gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com)  
[www.rockrollers.com](http://www.rockrollers.com)

#### **April 8, 9 & 10: VISTA, CA**

San Diego Co Council of G & M Societies  
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum  
2040 N. Santa Fe Ave.  
Hours: 9 am – 5 pm Daily  
Ray Pearce (760) 726-7570  
Cathy Davis (858) 278-9987  
Simon King (619) 991-2226  
[raysrocks@cox.net](mailto:raysrocks@cox.net)

#### **April 9 & 10: MARIPOSA, CA**

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club  
Mariposa County Fairgrounds  
Fairgrounds Road  
Hours: sat. 10am–6pm; Sun. 10am–5pm  
Diane (209) 742-7625  
[mineralmuseum@sti.net](mailto:mineralmuseum@sti.net)

#### **April 15, 16 & 17: SAN JOSE, CA**

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
344 Tully Road  
Hours: Fri. 9am-5pm; Sat. & Sun. 10am-5pm  
Frank Mullaney (408) 265-1422  
[info@scvgms.org](mailto:info@scvgms.org)  
[www.scvgms.org](http://www.scvgms.org)

May 14 & 15: RENO, NV  
Reno Gem & Mineral Society  
Reno Livestock Events Center Exhibit Hall  
1350 N. Wells Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun. 10 am-4pm  
Ann Johnson (775) 544-4937  
[ann.johnson.e@gmail.com](mailto:ann.johnson.e@gmail.com)  
[www.renorockhounds.com](http://www.renorockhounds.com)

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COULD BE LISTED  
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### 2010 Federation Show

South Central Federation  
December 11 & 12, 2010  
DeRidder, Louisiana

### 2011 Federation Shows

**South Central**  
April 15-17  
Alpine, Texas1

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

**Rocky Mountain**  
June 24-26  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

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

**Midwest**  
September 8-11  
Toledo, Ohio

### 2012 Federation Shows

**Midwest Federation**  
**\*\*AFMS Show\*\***  
July 26-29  
Wayzata, Minnesota

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

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[ljeditor@aol.com](mailto:ljeditor@aol.com)  
Rocks & Minerals  
Coming Events  
[rm@heldref.org](mailto:rm@heldref.org)

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**Rock & Gem Show Dates**  
290 Maple Ct. Suite #232  
Ventura, CA 93003-3517  
[editor@rockngem.com](mailto:editor@rockngem.com)

You can also enter your Show  
Date Information for Rock & Gem  
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***IS YOUR CLUB/SOCIETY  
HOSTING A SHOW IN  
2010 or 2011?***

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PLEASE TURN IN  
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# 2011 CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION!



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## MAY 13, 14 & 15 ANDERSON, CA

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We invite you to join us at the Earth Science Seminar to be held at Soda Springs (Zzyzx) located approximately 50 miles northeast of Barstow, CA, off 1-15 at Zzyzx Rd. Facilities are rustic, dormitory style rooms with bed, mattress, and desk. Cleaning responsibilities lie with occupants. You must bring bed linen or sleeping bag and any creature comforts you may desire, i.e., lamp, throw rug, ice chest. RV parking is approximately 1/4 mile from the center and has no facilities of any kind. All restrooms and showers are located in separate buildings at the center and are communal. The Earth Science Committee retains the right to accept or deny applications as they deem appropriate. This area is designated by the Government as a Desert Studies Center; consequently, **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED**. A limited number of reservations are available and early application is recommended. Subject to change, these classes will be offered:

**Lapidary -  
Silver Fabrication -  
Beading  
Soft Stone Carving & Scrimshaw-  
Advanced Wire Art-  
Wire Art-**

**Field Trips-  
Enameling-  
Dichoric Glass & Precious metal clay**

The fee for the week is \$350.00 per person and includes quarters or RV space, three meals per day, and classes. Additional charges may be assessed for material furnished by instructors.

No cancellations after MARCH 10,2011 *UNLESS A REPLACEMENT IS PROVIDED*.  
A \$25.00 Administration Fee will be assessed for cancellations made prior to March 10,2011

Please complete the Registration Form and mail it with full payment, payable to CFMS.

For information only, call:  
**Marion Roberts**  
(209) 538-0197

**ZZYZX CAMP DATE**  
**March 27-April 3, 2011**

Mail application to:  
**Audrey Harvey**  
3363 Tuxford Place  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360  
(805) 492-2253

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