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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to All for a Great Show!

Thanks to all who participated in our Annual Show & Convention and especially to **Steve Puderbaugh and all members of the Superior California Association** for being such great hosts! It was my first visit to the Redding area, and both Nancy and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Despite a hectic weekend with our son graduating college at the same time (200 miles away), we still managed to squeeze in the graduation ceremony, the show, a personalized tour by Steve of the great workshop his club enjoys, and even some site-seeing at Shasta Dam, the Sundial Bridge, and Gaumer's rockshop and museum. It was interesting to see a part of the state where rivers are actually filled with water...

My special thanks to Susan for stepping in for me at the Director's Meeting and Banquet while Nancy and I were in Berkeley. (Don't tell her, but I owe her big time!) Also, my thanks to everyone who participated in the CFMS take-one table, bringing materials and/or taking time to man the table, and thanks to all for your suggestions and comments during the Cracker Barrel on how we can improve efforts for orientating new Directors and for attracting host societies for future shows with Bud's survey results. Speaking of which, I'm pleased we have hosts for the next two years: my thanks to the Valley Prospectors (hosting us in Riverside in 2012) and to the Ventura, Oxnard, and Conejo societies (hosting us in Ventura in 2013). Has your club considered hosting a CFMS Show? 2014 beckons!

Thanks as well to all exhibitors at this year's show, and congratulations to all award winners. I was pleased to choose Michelle Morrow of the host society as recipient of my Outstanding Juniors Exhibit for her thumbnail mineral collection and Lyle Roessler for the President's Trophy for his fine case of self-collected, self-polished agates from the Black Rock Desert. In all, I'm told we had some 100 cases, with 27 entered in competition and 14 Masters-level trophies and 3 Advanced-level plaques awarded. Congratulations, as well, to all who won awards in our bulletin and website contests, All American contest, and our scholarship awardees and their recipients.

Finally, a special thank-you to Rochelle "Rocky" Ohlson of the Shasta society and everyone who helped with both junior

exhibits and the kids' booth. With this being our "CFMS Year of the Child," it was especially gratifying to see one of the best showings of kids exhibits I've seen in years, with 4 trophies awarded, in addition to the Outstanding Juniors Exhibit award and the Willard Perkins trophy that both went to Michelle Morrow. Rocky and her team have set a high bar for youth participation that I hope we will all emulate at our own local shows, as well as at future Federation shows.

In addition to all the thank-you's, here's a warm welcome the Co-Operative Field Trip Chairmen's Association (CO-OP) and the High Desert Rockers as our newest societies. Might either be interested in hosting 2014??

Jim Brace-Thompson

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CFMS CALENDAR

Sept 4-10 Camp Paradise Week 1
Sept 11-17 Camp Paradise Week 2
Nov 12 Fall Business Meeting—Visalia

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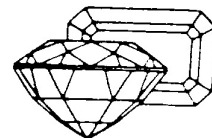
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BULLETIN AIDS

By Doug Arnold

Congratulations to those who participated in this year's Bulletin Contest. I expect that we will do well in the AFMS contest whose results I expect to hear in July. There is at least one certificate that has a misspelled name. Who was it? Please drop me a note at oldjasper@verizon.net and let me know! Thanks! We still need someone to take over this important chairmanship due to my eye problems. If you are interested please contact me.

The winning editors and writers in this year's contest and how they placed:

New Editor

First Place--Mark Nelson, *Rockhound Ramblings*, Pasadena Lapidary Society, Pasadena, Calif.

Second Place--Lowell Foster, *Rockhound Rambling*, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, Ventura, Calif.

Third Place--Terry Caskey, *Diablo Diggins*, Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society, Concord, Calif.

Fourth Place--Mary Beth Pio, *Rock Chippings*, Woodland Hills Rock Chippers, Woodland Hills, Calif.

Large Bulletin

First Place--Editor Terry Vasseur, *The Agatizer*, South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society, Torrance, Calif.

Small Bulletin

First Place--Deborah Hood, *Ore-Cutts*, Orcutt Mineral Society, Santa Maria, Calif.

Second Place--Andrea Daugherty, *Pick and Shovel*, Long Beach Mineral and Gem Society, Long Beach, Calif.

Third Place--Editor Shou-Lin Lee, *Bulletin of the Mineralogical Society of Southern California*, Mineralogical Society of Southern California, Whittier, Calif.

Junior Article (Age 5-11)

First Place--By Hunter Womack, "The Petroglyphs of New Mexico." *Ghost Sheet*, Mother Lode Mineral Society

Second Place--By Cristina Lopez, Plestosaur," *Ghost Sheet*, Mother Lode Mineral Society.

Third Place--By Miette Hutchinson, "My Trip To Coalinga," *Ghost Sheet*, Mother Lode Mineral Society.

Adult Article

First Place--By Lee Bondurant, "Pseudomorphs of Goethite After Pyrite," Pasadena Lapidary Society

Second Place--By Clay Williams, "Collecting: Definitions and Focus," El Dorado Mineral and Gem Society

Third Place--By Jim Carte, "Discoveries--and Rediscoveries," Napa Valley Rock and Gem Club

Fourth Place--By Dick Merrill, "Rocks, Flowers and Trips Through Time," Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society

Fifth Place--By Scott Newman, "Journey to the Center of a Gem Mine," Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society

Sixth Place--By Colette Weber, "Oldest Rocks of Yosemite," Mother Lode Mineral Society

Seventh Place--By Rick Johnson, "Confessions of a Rockhound," Reno Gem and Mineral Society

Eighth Place--By Michael Bankston, "A Guide to Opal Care," Mother Lode Mineral Society

Ninth Place--By Helga Feddersen, "What To Do When You Visit Las Vegas," Mother Lode Mineral Society

Adult Technical Article

First Place--By Kenneth and Carol Pauley, "A Summer Visit to the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals," South Bay Lapidary Society

Second Place--By Ralph Bishop, "French Connection," Orcutt Mineral Society

Third Place--By D.W. Webb, "Silicon Dioxide -- The Wonder of the Mineral World," Reno Gem and Mineral Society

Adult Poetry

First Place--By Paul Black, "The Rockhound," Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society

Second Place--By Mary Hanjes, "Geology 101", Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society

Third Place--By Paul Brethelot, "Crystals", Orcutt Mineral Society

One Show Down, One to Go...

By Jim Brace-Thompson

With a successful 2011 CFMS Show now in the history books, Susan Chaisson-Walblom, Dick Pankey, and I will be representing the CFMS at the annual AFMS Show & Convention in Syracuse, New York, July 6-10. Nancy and I plan to arrive a little early and hope to come home with self-collected fossils and/or Herkimer diamonds. Watch for a report in a future issue of the newsletter!



ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Dot Beachler

At the recent show in Anderson several CFMS programs were asked to supply information sheets about these programs. These sheets of information were available to all the members, especially Fed.

Directors, to take to their clubs. The All American had not only the information sheets but several samples of the entry form. Also, the Ventura club had their club's winning book available for all to see. This was a good opportunity for each Fed Director to see how this entry was assembled and what information was needed.

Again, at the business meeting several clubs indicated a renewed interest in getting their clubs to participate in entering their clubs books in next year's judging. In case your Fed. Director did not pick up an entry form, just download an entry form by going to www.cfmsinc.org

The year is young and there is plenty of time to assemble a book for 2011.

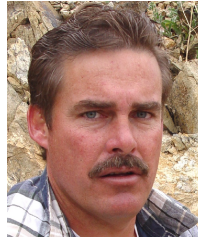
BULLETIN AIDS CHAIR DESPERATELY NEEDED!

By Jim Brace-Thompson

This is a reminder that we still desperately need a new Bulletin Aids Committee Chair. As announced both in the pages of this newsletter and at our recent CFMS show and convention, Doug Arnold is struggling with declining vision. He has stepped down as of this month but offers to remain on hand to help train a new person to gear up for announcing and receiving applications for next year's Bulletin Aids Contest.

The Bulletin Aids Chair provides advice to local newsletter editors and runs the Bulletin contest, which results in awards not only at our regional federation level, but also at the national AFMS level. This year, at the AFMS level, no entries were submitted by the Southeastern Federation because their Bulletin Aids Chair was vacant, and thus, no awards will be going to the Southeastern Federation at the AFMS Show & Convention in July. Let's make sure this doesn't happen to the CFMS. Let's make sure all the bulletin editors and authors in our local societies have the opportunity for both regional and national recognition.

To all committee chairs, committee members and local Federation directors: Do you have someone in your club who has excelled as a bulletin or newsletter editor? Would you yourself be interested in assuming this committee post? Please contact me right away (805-659-3577 jbraceth@roadrunner.com) with anyone you think would be a good fit, and I'll take it from there. Here's thanking you in advance!



CALICO FIELDTRIP

By Adam Dean
Field Trips South Co-Chair

CFMS Calico Field Trip 5/28/2011

Teresa and I arrived at the designated meeting area early to find others already waiting and as excited as us. The day started with the wind whipping the truck door out of my hand and a mouthful of dust. Eager to go collecting, we all lined up and set out to traverse Odessa Canyon East on our way to the collecting area. This was quite a ride for those that have not been on this route. Odessa Canyon goes past the old Bismarck Mining District, and along this canyon we found many great areas to take photos. The geology is spectacular and some of the finest in all the Mojave Desert to photograph.

Eventually we were facing the wind to find the special piece of sagenite that some of us had pictured in our mind. Arriving at the site and getting everybody set up to hunt was easy, everyone was eager and I gave a very brief speech about where to dig and what to look for, and then we were off and hunting. During the day many of us had found some nice sagenite and a couple people found remarkable pieces. Randy found one of the best pieces I have ever seen from Calico. See his photo below. I was pleased to have Bill Depue from Diamond Pacific join us. Bill and I have talked about Calico in the past but never made it there together. Well he and I both found some nice rock. It was nice to see so many rockhounds so excited to dig sagenite that they sat in holes digging all day in the high winds. Perseverance paid off; many of us went home with some nice rocks.

We greatly appreciated that no one complained too much about the wind. With 65 mile an hour gusts we really had our challenges. I know rockhounds are a hardy group, but I think we out did ourselves this day! With sand in every orifice and lunch inside the trucks, we still laughed and joked like we had no cares. It was definitely was an adventure.

Best Wishes and Better Agates,
Adam and Teresa Dean





JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson

Involving Junior Members at Your Next Show: Superior Cal Shows Us How!

As noted in my President's Message, I was especially gratified to see Rochelle "Rocky" Ohlson and her fellow members of the Superior Cal Association take up the spirit of our **CFMS Year of the Child** at our 75th Anniversary Show & Convention. Rocky and everyone who helped with both the junior exhibits and kids' booth deserve a big hand. Their show offered fine examples we should all consider emulating at our own local shows.

First off, Friday was designated "Kids' Day." Teachers were invited, and they came in droves with their students. I'm told that as many as 550 kids trooped through, requiring Steve to press a number of last-minute volunteers to serve as tour guides of the show and displays. Other societies, such as Santa Clara Valley, also offer highly successful and well-attended kids tours for school groups, home schoolers, and scouts. I've heard of one club in Illinois that managed to get local businesses to underwrite the cost of buses to bring kids for Friday field trips to their show, with the businesses then being listed as "Platinum," "Gold," "Silver," and "Bronze" supporters on a banner at the show and within the show program, providing a win-win for everyone involved.

Second, Superior Cal had the best showing of kids exhibits I've seen at a CFMS show in years. Four Federation trophies were awarded, one of them going to 14-year-old Michelle Morrow, whose thumbnail minerals also garnered her my own Outstanding Juniors Exhibit award and the Conejo club's Willard Perkins Memorial Junior Mineral Trophy. Rocky told me that my Outstanding Juniors Exhibit award (consisting of a framed certificate, a mineral specimen, and \$200 check) generated a bit of sibling rivalry and helped prompt entries this year, so although I originally planned this as a one-time award, I just might offer it again next year. (Don't tell my wife, or she'll hide the checkbook!) And I'm thinking I might do something similar at my own local society show next year. I encourage you to consider it for *your* show, too! Rocky also sponsored a competition with a display case holding a dozen or so lapidary works done by juniors, with those attending the Thursday evening dinner being asked to vote for their

favorite for a prize given at the Awards Banquet. A very neat idea! Also, keep in mind that juniors in your society who enter displays can earn a Showmanship badge via the AFMS/FRA Badge Program. While exhibiting should be intrinsically rewarding, a little competition and bribery helps!

Finally, Superior Cal offered a great array of kids activities at their kids booth. I'm already thinking of copying their Great White Shark, and the activities went beyond rocks to include fun stuff like face painting. One key for kids is that it shouldn't necessarily be all about the rocks; it should be about having a good time at the show so they'll want to join the club and/or come back to next year's show.

To get further ideas about kids activities to add at your own show, check out the "Menu of Kids Show Activities & Display Ideas" on the Manuals Page of our CFMS website. As I said in my President's Message, Rocky and her team have set a high bar for youth participation. Let's show them we're all up to the challenge of meeting or exceeding that bar of excellence at our very next local society show—then sit back and watch the kids having fun!

Sad news! Richard (Dick) Knox passed away peacefully March 24th at his son's home at the age of 88. He was a very active member of SOCGEMS (Formerly Capistrano Valley Rock & Mineral Club) for 45 years.

Dick was a retired Marine who served his country with distinction. He served our club and the lapidary hobby for nearly 50 years. He was our president, field trip leader, CFMS director, on our Board of Directors, and emcee of our Christmas dinner and silent auction. He frequently gave his time teaching about rocks and lapidary to the community, boy scouts, and school children. He supported and volunteered at many museums, including the Jurupa Center in Riverside and the Orange County Natural History Museum.

He was well known and honored for his fascinating displays and cases that he presented at shows and conventions for decades. Dick was endearing for his witty sayings and jokes and had a smile and friendly word for everyone. He will be greatly missed and we offer our sympathies to all his family and friends.

Submitted by Kirk Kegel

BULLETIN STANDARDS FOR EXCHANGES

By Mark Nelson

Keeping the interest of members is a key element in member retention, and our bulletin editors are an important part of this process. I think every bulletin editor struggles to find new and interesting articles to keep the interest of his or her readers. We have all posted requests for members to send in articles for inclusion in upcoming bulletins - rarely with any result (or resulting in a “broken circuit” as the editor of the South Bay Gem and Mineral Society aptly refers to it). For all of the struggling bulletin editors out there - there is help! This is in the form of the “Bulletin Exchange”. The California Federation publishes the listing of its member clubs, the bulletin and its editor. From that list we can contact other editors and propose a bulletin exchange!

When I began to contact other CFMS editors and suggest a bulletin exchange, I learned that we were faced with the same challenges and that they shared my hopes for a new source for interesting articles. Your editor will find the same reception! I’ve been participating in bulletin exchanges for about a year now and have read seen some really interesting articles and learned things from other bulletins that I can use to make mine more interesting and professional. Bulletin exchanges also provide opportunities for sharing information about shows, speakers, field trips and other resources!

When I began receiving and filing other bulletins for future reference I found a problem - many had exactly the same name as my bulletin - “April2011.PDF”! We all tend to think of our bulletin in terms of our product - of year and month of the issue. But when a bulletin exchange produces ten bulletins of “2011JuneBulletin” it becomes time consuming to try to determine whose bulletin it is and how best to change the name before downloading so it won’t overwrite the other club’s bulletin with the same name. Here are a few conventions, or standards, that I suggest we use to guide our bulletin exchanges:

No matter what program you use to create your bulletin - Word, WordPerfect, Publisher, etc - save it in the PDF format. Invented by Adobe Systems and perfected over 17 years, Portable Document Format (PDF) is the global standard for transmitting, storage and filing. The

major programs can easily convert your bulletin to the PDF format. The PDF Reader program is free and PDF files are simple to email and are viewable and printable on virtually any operating system, including Windows® and Mac OS.

Personalize the file name for your bulletins. Start with the name of the club, then the year and month. These are examples: RockyMountainFed-2011April, or A O S N e w s l e t t e r 2 0 1 1 _ 0 3 , or OPLC2011AprCuttingRemarks. Then, when an editor downloads your bulletin into a file called “Bulletin Exchanges”, all of your club’s bulletins are saved together and in year and month sequence.

When asking another club to participate in a bulletin exchange, let the other party know that it is OK for them to use any article from your bulletin that is not copyrighted, and ask them if you may do the same.

When using an article from another club’s bulletin, give credit to the source of the article. An example is: “from The Desert Rose Mar 2009” or “from the June 2009 OPLC Cutting Remarks via the Sept 2010 Wichita GMS Quarry Chips”.

Join the Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors (SCRIBE). They are there to provide peer review, assistance and professionalism to lapidary bulletin editors. Plus, you get to put a neat logo on your bulletin indicating that the editor is a member of SCRIBE! Find them at <http://scribe.rbnet.net/>

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Note from the show chairman about the 2011 California Federation Show in Anderson

If you did not attend the 2011 California Federation Show in Anderson, you missed a great show!

Our set up crew worked tirelessly setting the show up on Wednesday and Thursday. Thursday night was the dealers' dinner with a huge crowd. Everyone was surprised that we would have such a big event but that has always been a tradition. Friday (kid's day) approx 550 kids and teachers came through with an adequate numbers of tour guides from both clubs and Federation or case volunteers. As of Friday morning there were approximately 100 cases, plus or minus 2. The case judges stated to me that it was the best case display at a CFMS show in 10 years. Friday night we had the cracker barrel social in the Fusaro Hall with strawberry shortcake served by Bill, Susan, John, Linda, Zeke and the rest of the food event crew. The shortcake was followed by a poll results that Bud McMillan put on a talk about the pros and cons of putting on a federation show by your local club.

Saturday was a busy day for all of our workers and the dealers. I heard nothing but good about the show all day. I had time to take Bob Jones to our workshop to show off our lapidary school for a future article. We opened the convention on Saturday morning by giving the description of Superior Cal being made up of two clubs, Paradise and Shasta clubs. I wished them a great weekend and went back to the show.

Saturday evening was the awards banquet followed by the awards ceremony. This is like the academy awards of the rock and gem world. The steak dinner cooked on Vic's barbeque was superb.

Sunday morning, we had the field trip to the workshop with students and teachers in place in every department, we are so proud of the participants. Everyone came away from the workshop raving about one of the best ones in the state. Thanks to all.

When arriving back at the show, the editors/webmasters breakfast was in full operation by Bill and crew. Charlie McKee and Bill Seward in charge of inside dealers stated rain which was currently heavy could affect the show. Manuel also stated it could drastically affect the tailgators and ticket sales booth. We then decided to have Sunday a free show and open the gates so patrons could come all directions and not get so wet. Kelly also

called the radio station to inform them it was free. In an hour or so the show was busy and the dealers became satisfied and stuck with it to the end.

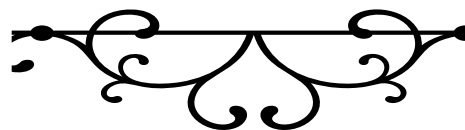
The tear down was absolutely perfect with Paradise and Shasta members working together like a pit crew nearly as fast as our smaller shows. There are too many people to thank but I will start with the superior cal management- Kevin and Vernita, Manuel and Pam, Bob and Jeane, Shirley and Jim, Dave, Charlie and Bill, Bill and Susan, John and Linda, Bob and Cindy, Phyllis and Steve, Kelly and Rich, Bob Garret Steve Lay and Jim Foster, Janice and Jerry, Rochelle and Gareth, Mike and Carole, Kathelyn, Fred Thomas (who is still working on financial) Debbie and Tony Duncan, Jan Stone, Cindy and Gabrielle, Glen Rowely, Mary Shisler, Tony and Suzanne, Zeke and Linda, Jim and Kathy Jenson, Sandy and Richard Park, Ann Morningstar ,Bobby, Katie, John, Digger, Jo Rodriquez, Hadley and a bunch more from Paradise and Shasta. Some of the federation chief's stuck around and started tearing down.

A special thanks to Bob Jones, Walt Wright and Debbie Bunn for lectures and to Applegate Lapidary for the Cave bear exhibit, Rock and Gem magazine for coming so far. Thanks to all that lined up the museum displays. Thanks to all of the dealers, tailgators and demonstrators. Merryan O'Neill for the CFMS web site. Thanks to Jim Brace-Thompson, Fred Ott, Bud McMillan, Ruth Bailey, Jack Williams, Susan Chaisson -Walblom, Shirley Leeson, Dee Holland, Richard Pankey, Marion Roberts, John Martin, and others, others and others, too many to name.

And now take a moment of silence for the memory of Dr. William Shaddish who was in the hospital during the show. We all looked forward to seeing his displays. He just passed away two days ago and I will surely miss him.

Thanks a million to all.

Steve Puderbaugh, Show Chair, Superior Cal 2011 CFMS Show, "Northern California Treasures."



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As Chair for the CFMS Rules Committee, it was my pleasure to see a good number of competitive exhibits this year. Especially since it was a long way to go to Anderson, California. The top of the state so to speak. We had a total of 27 competitive exhibits with 17 trophies,

14 master and junior and 3 advanced. This is a tremendous advancement for competitive exhibiting. My sincere thanks to those who entered and those who judged. A list of both follows:

Dee Holland, Chair
Tom Burchard and Cheri George

2011 CFMS COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS TROPHY WINNERS

ADVANCED:

Trophy 1 **Mel & Trisha Clair**
 Shasta Gem & Mineral

Trophy 17 **Barbara Hartman**
 Reno Gem & Mineral

Trophy 25 **Shirley Thompson**
 Shasta Gem & Mineral

JUNIOR:

Trophy 8 **MICHELE MORROW**
 Shasta Gem & Mineral

Trophy 13 **TIMOTHY DANIELS**
 Paradise Gem & Mineral

Trophy 17 **HANNA CARPENTER**
 Shasta Gem & Mineral

Trophy 25 **PAIGE BEHLING**
 Shasta Gem & Mineral

MASTER

Trophy 13 **Dick Pankey**
 Contra Costa M/G

Trophy 15 **Lyle Roessler**
 Contra Costa M/G

Trophy 16 **Paula Magee**
 Mother Lode Mineral

Trophy 17 **Bob & Pat Rush**
 Mother Lode Mineral

Trophy 21 **Martin Dougherty**
 Long Beach G/M

Trophy 26 **Ted Magee**
 Mother Lode Mineral

Trophy 27 **Robert Davis**
 Paradise Gem & Mineral

Trophy 37 **Antonia Estep**
 Long Beach G/M

Trophy 38 **Jim Foster**
 Shasta Gem & Mineral

Trophy 40 **Robert Sankovich**
 Conejo Gem & Mineral

CFMS SUPPLEMENTAL AWARDS:

Perkins Junior **Michele Morrow**
 Shasta Gem & Mineral

Hamel **Glen Miller**
 Shasta Gem & Mineral

Diamond **Barbara Hartman**
Pacific Reno Gem & Mineral

Barranca **Robert Davis**
Education Paradise Gem & Mineral

Choate Jewelry **Ted Magee**
 Mother Lode Min

SWEEPSTAKES:

SHASTA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

CFMS/AFMS JUDGES:

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Division A | Norvie Enns Robert Sankovich Frank Mullaney |
| Division A OPEN Faceting A-2 | Marion & Vivian Roberts Clerk Margaret Kolaczyk |
| Division B MINERALS | Jim Brace-Thompson JoAnna Ritchey |
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| Division C-Cabs | Tom Burchard Marty Dougherty Clerk Linda Dougherty |
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| Division D-DST-6 Wirewrap | Marion & Vivian Roberts Clerk Margaret Kolaczyk |
| Division E EDUCATION | Shirley Leeson Colleen McGann |
| Division G PETRIFIED WOOD | Dee Holland John Martin |

FIELD TRIPS NORTH

By Jim Barton

Thirty five CFMS club members (Contra Costa, El Dorado, Nevada County, Roseville (RRR), Sacramento, Santa Clara, & Shasta) and three Beehive club members (Utah FGMS) joined Jim Hutchings and Jim Barton for the RRR/CO-OP/CFMS North Topaz Mountain and Dugway Geode Beds digs for topaz $[Al_2SiO_4(F, OH)_2]$, bixbyite $[(Mn, Fe)_2O_3]$, red beryl $[Be_3Al_12Si_6O_{18}]$, pseudobrookite $[Fe_2O_3TiO_2]$, and unique geodes over five days (April 20 – 24) in west-central Utah. Members were also able to attend a concurrent Utah FGMS field trip for fossils and minerals at nearby locations. Attendees reported having a great time with many world class gems and interesting minerals added to their collections. Special thanks go to Jim Hutchings for organizing the trip, and sharing his mineralogy knowledge and hard rock mineral extraction expertise gathered over 15 years collecting at Topaz Mountain, Thomas Range, UT.

Jim Barton, P.G.
CFMS Field Trip North Chairman
Cooperative Field Trip Chairmen's Association
(CO-OP) President

TRIP TO CERRO GORDO

By Adam Dean, Field Trips South Co-chair

Where: Cerro Gordo
When: June 26, 2011
Meeting Place: Lee's Chevron (South end of Lone Pine)
Time: 8:00 A.M.
Cost: \$5.00 per person + Each vehicle needs to supply 10 gallons of fresh water and a half dozen pieces of firewood or more. (more water would be greatly appreciated).
All vehicles should be high clearance 4x4 preferred.

*Note-Cerro Gordo lost their on site water system. So water has to be hauled in from Keeler.

If you have any questions please contact Francis Pedneau at (760) 876-4319.

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

By Jo Anna Ritchey, Chair

As I announced at the CFMS Show in Anderson, California, we had a Dedrick Scholarship Recipient. Anne Eggar, the Stanford Undergraduate Program Director, helped us find the student who meets our requirements. Since Gabriela Farfan was unable to attend our Awards Banquet, I had asked her to write a brief biography. It is interesting to me that a Gem and Mineral club had a lot to do with her choosing to continue to study minerals.

Hello everyone, my name is Gabriela Farfan and I am a sophomore studying Geological and Environmental Sciences at Stanford University. I would like to thank you all so much for granting me the Diedrick Scholarship--being recognized by the mineralogical community means a lot to me. When I was seven years old my family moved to Madison, WI and my father and I stumbled across the UW Geology Museum. I became enthralled by the shapes and colors of the mineral specimens on display and the director, Dr. Klaus Westphal, happily gave me a tour of the museum. From then on I joined the Madison Gem and Mineral Club and started collecting minerals, gemstones and fossils. When I was nine years old, my parents agreed to let me go on a rockhounding trip to Crater of Diamonds State Park and Mt. Ida in Arkansas. I have since visited many mines throughout the country (especially in the western United States and Canada). Some of my favorite stops have been for Oregon Sunstones, Virgin Valley Opals, Yogo Sapphires, Benitoites and Canadian Ammolite. At fifteen I worked at Burnie's Rock Shop in Madison and later I worked for the Geology Museum. By my sophomore of high school, I decided that it was due time to learn more about the science of my hobby, so I contacted mineralogy professor Dr. Huifang Xu about starting my own research project in his lab. He graciously took me into his nano-geoscience lab and my project on Oregon Sunstone (a gem-quality plagioclase) won 10th place in the Intel Science Talent Search. A year later, I received an invitation from the First Lady to represent women in STEM for the President's State of the Union Address in 2010. I would like to thank my geology teachers and mentors for this great honor.

At Stanford, I have been working with Dr. Wendy Mao in her Extreme Environments Laboratory for the past two years. In her lab, I have been applying high pressures to minerals such as siderite to simulate conditions in the lower mantle. This summer I am looking forward to starting my own project on opals and how they respond to high pressure conditions. In the future I look to becoming a professor, or curating the Smithsonian mineral collection. But wherever the future takes me, I know that I will be a rockhound for life.

**CFMS PLAC South Report
June 2011
Latest Information on the
Largest Land Use Issues in
California**

John Martin PLAC-South 2011

**S-138 California Desert Protection Act
of 2011 (0 Cosponsors)**

A bill to provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, and for other purposes. What this Bill will do. It will create:

MOJAVE TRAILS NATIONAL MONUMENT authorize the continued recreational uses of the Monument (including hiking, camping, hunting, mountain biking, sightseeing, off-highway vehicle recreation on designated routes, rockhounding, and horseback riding), if the recreational uses are consistent with this section and any other applicable law;

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

A representative from each of the following recreational activities:

- ‘(A) Off-highway vehicles.
- ‘(B) Hunting.
- ‘(C) Rockhounding.

SAND TO SNOW NATIONAL MONUMENT authorize the continued recreational uses of the Monument (including hiking, camping, hunting, mountain biking, sightseeing, off-highway vehicle recreation on designated routes, rockhounding, and horseback riding), if the recreational uses are consistent with this title and any other applicable law.

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DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS

A V A W A T Z M O U N T A I N S WILDERNESS - 86,614 acres
GOLDEN VALLEY WILDERNESS - 21,633 acres
GREAT FALLS BASIN WILDERNESS - 7,871 acres
KINGSTON RANGE WILDERNESS -

53,321 acres
SODA MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS - 79,376 acres
DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK WILDERNESS ADDITIONS - 59,264 acres
BOWLING ALLEY WILDERNESS - 30,888 acres (Collecting area – Off Limits)

RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

‘(1) the Cady Mountains Wilderness Study Area;
‘(2) the Great Falls Basin Wilderness Study Area; and
‘(3) the Soda Mountains Wilderness Study Area.

DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA

The Management Area shall consist of the public land in Imperial County, California, comprising approximately 74,714 acres

The Secretary shall allow hiking, camping, hunting, and sightseeing and the use of motorized vehicles, mountain bikes, and horses on designated routes in the Management Area (No Rockhounding)

POTENTIAL WILDERNESS

Indian Pass Wilderness Additions - 9,160 acres (collecting area lost)
Milpitas Wash Wilderness Area - 17,436 acres
Buzzard Peak Wilderness Area - 13,647 acres
Palo Verde Mountain Wilderness - 8,090 acres

PROHIBITED USES- The following shall be prohibited on the Federal land
I) the use of mechanized vehicles; and
(II) the establishment of temporary roads.

NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM ADDITIONS

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY REVISION

(1) the approximately 33,041 acres of Bureau of Land Management land abutting the southern end of the Death Valley National Park that lies between Death Valley National Park to the north and Ft. Irwin Military Reservation to the south and which runs approximately 34 miles from west to east, as depicted on the

map entitled ‘Death Valley National Park Proposed Boundary Addition’, numbered 143/100,080, and dated June 2009;

(2) the approximately 6,379 acres of Bureau of Land Management land in Inyo County, California, located in the northeast area of Death Valley National Park that is within, and surrounded by, land under the jurisdiction of the Director of the National Park Service, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Proposed Crater Mine Area Addition to Death Valley National Park’, numbered 143/100,079, and dated June 2009; and

(3)(A) on transfer of title to the private land to the National Park Service, the approximately 280 acres of private land in Inyo County, California, located adjacent to the southeastern boundary of Death Valley National Park, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Proposed Ryan Camp Addition to Death Valley National Park’, numbered 143/100,097, and dated June 2009; and

(B) the approximately 1,040 acres of Bureau of Land Management land contiguous to the private land described in subparagraph (A), as depicted on the map entitled ‘Proposed Ryan Camp Addition to Death Valley National Park’, numbered 143/100,097, and dated June 2009

MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE

(1) the 29,221 acres of Bureau of Land Management land that is surrounded by the Mojave National Preserve to the northwest, west, southwest, south, and southeast and by the Nevada State line on the northeast boundary, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Proposed Castle Mountain Addition to the Mojave National Preserve’, numbered 170/100,075, and dated August 2009; and

(2) the 25 acres of Bureau of Land Management land in Baker, California, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Mojave National Preserve-Proposed Boundary Addition’, numbered 170/100,199, and dated August 2009.

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY REVISION

25 acres of land more particularly described as lots 26, 27, 28, 33, and 34 in sec. 34, T. 1 N., R. 8 E., San Bernardino Meridian.

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DESIGNATION OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREAS

EL MIRAGE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREA - 25,600 acres

JOHNSON VALLEY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREA - 180,000 acres (Loss of public access by potential inclusion in the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms, California, for national defense purposes.)

RASOR OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREA - 22,400 acres

SPANGLER HILLS OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREA - 62,080 acres

STODDARD VALLEY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION AREA - 54,400 acres

IN GENERAL- The Secretary shall continue to authorize, maintain, and enhance the recreational uses of the off-highway vehicle recreation areas designated by subsection (a), including off-highway recreation, hiking, camping, hunting, mountain biking, sightseeing, rockhounding, and horseback riding, as long as the recreational use is consistent with this section and any other applicable law.

HR 1581 Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act (22 Cosponsors)

BLM manages over 12.27M acres in 546 Wilderness Study Areas (WSA)
BLM has recommended that 6.72M acres of WSAs under its jurisdiction are not suitable for a wilderness designation.

Relating to Inventoried Roadless Areas

USFS identified roadless areas in the National Forest System. RARE II recommended 15M acres to be designated as wilderness, 36.1M acres as not suitable for wilderness, and 10.7M acres needed further study

Relating to Wilderness Study Areas

This legislation would release Wilderness Study Areas recommended by BLM as not-suitable for a Wilderness Area designation from the requirement under current law (Section 603(c) of FLMPA) that these areas be managed as wilderness. The bill directs BLM to manage the released lands in accordance with multiple-use and sustained-yield provisions of Section 202 of FLMPA.

Relating to Inventories Roadless Areas

This legislation would release roadless areas within the National Forest System, which have been recommended as not suitable for a wilderness designation by the Forest Service (as part of the second Roadless Area Review and Evaluation Program) from being managed to maintain roadless characteristics/values, as well as any land-use restrictions imposed the lands as part of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule or the 2005 State Petition Rule. The bill directs the Forest Service to manage the released roadless areas in accordance the principles of the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of 1960.

This BILL needs our support – Write your elected official and ask them to support this legislation.

Clear Creek Management Area

New Report Examines Asbestos Exposure at Clear Creek Management Area near Hollister, California

The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division of California State Parks today released a new independent report analyzing naturally occurring asbestos exposures associated with motorcycle riding and hiking in the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA).

The report was completed by scientists from the International Environmental Research Foundation (IERF), the Department of Physics at Harvard University, and the Center for Applied Studies of the Environment at the City University of New York. The OHMVR Division commissioned the IERF report to gather more data to determine if management and operational strategies could be employed at the CCMA to mitigate risk while still allowing access to this premier off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation destination.

Conclusion:

Although it is not for the IERF study to decide what, if anything, to do about riding or hiking on the trails in the CCMA, we believe that this preliminary study provides a spot check on the two earlier studies and show that the risk to health from inhaling asbestos from trail riding and hiking at certain times can be very small. It is, however, desirable to

study further the following:

- The tremolite fragments were found only in the motorcycle air samples indicating it is not uniformly distributed in the serpentine. Additional studies to strengthen our conclusion that tremolite asbestos or other amphibole asbestos types are not present would be useful.

- It might be helpful to verify that at any one of the day camp areas the level of fibers is indeed as low as we reported here for the area samples.

- The airborne asbestos levels observed in this study are similar to background for asbestos in the ambient air. The number of days per year when similar condition will exist at CCMA has not been determined.

Since the conclusions of this preliminary study conflict with the conclusions of other published studies, it would be helpful to examine the other two other studies in more detail, including examination of samples collected for the other studies using ATEM to see whether there is a real discrepancy and if so how these discrepancies can be resolved.

This will now require that all three studies be taken into consideration when making a final decision on the use of CCMA for recreational purposes.

Rockhound State Park, New Mexico

Rockhound State Park may have been saved because of the letters written to the state park officials and the public outcry at the public meeting held in Deming, New Mexico. Letters of support for continued collecting within the state park were received from rockhounds all over the country. These letters and the public support at the local meeting have persuaded the park officials to re-examine their position on rock collecting. As of now the Management Plan is being revised and will be released to the public shortly. We will then see if rock collecting is still allowed in Rockhound State Park and if the park has really been saved. Thank you to all who did contact the park officials and voiced their concern the rock collecting issues at Rockhound State Park. Your voices were heard and you did make a difference.

**2011 AFMS
SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES**

Dee Holland & Shirley Leeson

By Susan Chaisson-Walblom

One of the more pleasant duties as the CFMS 2nd Vice President last year was chairing the CFMS Jury of Awards for the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. Each year this committee chooses an honoree (individual or a couple) that has gone above and beyond. The honoree, in turn, chooses a university and participates in choosing two geosciences graduate students who each receive an AFMS Scholarship.

It is my honor and privilege to announce this year award recipients: Dee Holland & Shirley Leeson.



Dee Holland

Dee first became a rockhound in the 1970's and was an active member of the South East Idaho Gem & Mineral Society in Pocatello, Idaho and held the position of President for them in 1981. Dee was a co-chairman of the NFMS Show in 1982.

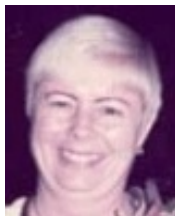
Dee has been very active in the NFMS, holding many positions, including President in 1988. In 1989 Dee joined the NFMS Rules Committee and continues to be a member today. In 1992 Dee became the AFMS 2nd VP representing the NFMS. He was the last person to go through all of the AFMS chairs in succession, and became the AFMS President in 1998.

In 2001 Dee joined the San Diego Mineral & Gem Society where he has been very active, holding many board positions. Dee also belonged to the Inter-Mountain Faceters Guild, where he held the position of President in 2002-2003.

In 2002 Dee became a member of the CFMS Rules Committee, and remains on that Committee today. In 2002 Dee held the position of AFMS Uniform Rules Chairman, and became the AFMS Endowment Fund Chairman. In 2003 he became the President of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, a position still held today. Dee is a charter member of ALAA, where he is currently a Director and Registered Agent.

Shirley Leeson

Shirley joined the San Diego Mineral & Gem Society in 1972. She is a Life Member of this Society. Shirley held the position of President several times, Editor for 20 years, Co-Chaired the 1984 CFMS/AFMS Show, and is currently a Board Member and Historian.



Shirley has been very active in CFMS. She has been the CFMS Bulletin Aids Chairman. Held the position of CFMS Secretary on up through the Chairs to CFMS President in 1987. Shirley has held the position of CFMS Historian since 1994. Shirley was named the CFMS Scholarship Honoree in 1992 and received the Golden Bear Award in 1994.

Shirley has also been very active in the AFMS. In 1985 she was the AFMS Show Consultant. She created the AFMS Bulletin Editor's Hall of Fame, and chaired that Committee form 1995 through 2008. Shirley became the AFMS Historian in 1997 and still holds that position. She represented CFMS as the AFMS 3rd VP, AFMS 1st VP, President Elect in 2007 and AFMS President in 2008. She is the only AFMS President to cancel an AFMS Meeting due to Hurricane Ike in Texas. All business was conducted by e-mail that year. Shirley is also an active member of ALAA, where she currently holds the position of Vice President.

2011 WEB SITE CONTEST

By Merryan O'Neill

We had a wonderful turnout for this year's CFMS Web Site Contest. The webmasters once again demonstrated their skills and hard work in representing their societies. The idea behind the contest is to help improve the societies' ability to keep their members informed and reach their communities. I hope that the feedback of the judges will help you make your web site the effective tool that you want it to be.

I want to thank Doug Arnold for again letting the webmasters join the editors at the Sunday breakfast. I believe that this year's speaker, Chip Thompson, editor of the Red Bluff Daily News, gave both the editors and webmasters new and interesting ideas for print and online publication.

I also want to thank all the members of the Superior Cal group for doing such a great job of putting on the CFMS show. You made Northern California proud! Here are this year's web site placements:

Webmaster, Society, Web Site Address:

- 1st Stephanie Hagiwara, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
www.oxnardgem.com
- 2nd James Fosse, Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
www.vvgmc.org
- 3rd Harry Nichandros, Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
www.ccmgs.org
- 4th Chris Whittier, Mother Lode Mineral Society
www.motherlodemineralsociety.com
- 5th Jette Sorenson, Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
www.culvercityrocks.org
- 6th Thalia Goldsworthy, Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
www.rockchippers.org
- 7th Susy Martin, Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
www.palmdalegemandmineral.com
- 8th Ginger Wolnik, Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
www.pggs.org
- 9th Wayne Moorhead, San Diego Mineral and Gem Society
www.sdmg.org
- 10th Sherri Broome, Paradise Gem and Mineral Club
www.paradisegem.org

The first place CFMS winner, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society's web site, with Stephanie Hagiwara as webmaster, will go on to compete with the six other AFMS regions. The results of the competition will be announced at the Editors and Webmasters Breakfast during the 2011 AFMS/EFMLS Convention & Show, July 9 - 10, in Syracuse, New York.

**PETRIFIED WOOD IDENTIFICATION
SEMINAR THIS AUGUST IN
VENTURA**

By Jim Brace-Thompson

Walt Wright is famous for his extensive collection of petrified wood displayed at recent Federation shows. Not only is his collection deep and extensive, so too is his knowledge of petrified wood and paleobotany. He's traveled the state to provide weekend seminars, sharing this knowledge to equip the rest of us with basic skills in identifying the petrified wood in our collections. The Tri-Clubs of Ventura County (the Ventura, Oxnard, and Conejo societies) will sponsor one of these seminars, featuring both Walt Wright and Steven Wolfe (of Tom Wolfe Minerals) August 26 – 28 at the Senior Recreation Center, 420 E. Santa Clara Street, downtown Ventura. Specific times are:

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| Friday, August 26 | 6 pm to 8 pm |
| Saturday, August 27 | 9 am to 9 pm |
| Sunday, August 28 | 9 am to 5 pm |

Participants are encouraged to bring a few pieces of petrified wood for Walt to identify, as well as a good 10X or 20X magnifying lens. Recommended reading includes William Tidwell's *Common Plants of North America*, 2nd Edition, and Bruce Hoadley's *Identifying Wood: Accurate Results with Simple Tools*. Walt will bring a selection of books on petrified wood available for purchase at the seminar.

Any member of a CFMS-affiliated club is invited to sign up on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is \$85, although that may come down if we enroll enough students. If interested, please contact Ron Wise at clintwise@hotmail.com or (805) 647-4393. We want to make sure we have spaces for all who are interested, so only sign up if you're 100% sure you'll attend. This is a great opportunity for insight into a great facet of our hobby!



CFMS FIELD TRIP

Greenhorn Mountains, CA.

July 28th-31st 2011 Fri-Sun. 9am.

By Robert Sankovich CFMS Co-Chair
FT South

This Trip is to be a weekend field trip, but I know that many can only do a Day Trip. Friday will be the "Drive to the Campsite and Set Up" day. Friday late afternoon, we will head out for the epidote and garnet source. There will be some hiking up hill on this trip, but mostly on dirt forest roads. As it gets dark we will collect scheelite/tungsten. If you have a short wave ultraviolet light bring it. I have one, but it would be great if others brought theirs. Saturday morning, we will head out to the rose quartz at about 10am. This is to accommodate those driving up that morning. It should take about 3.5 to 4 hours to drive to the campsite from Ventura, so get up early and drive safe. Those who have been there before will leave earlier for the rose quartz. Sunday morning, we will hit the rose quartz again and will start early, about 9 am, as we need to pack up and head for home that afternoon.

Information: The campsite is a dry site—no water, no hook-ups. If you are camping over, you will need to bring water for drinking and cleaning. I recommend filling a five gallon water cooler jug with your tap water and bottled water for the hiking and stuff. This is a pack in/pack out trip. We are responsible for our own trash and we need to set an example as rockhounds. Fire permits will be required; I will be getting one, we will need at least one more permit for the group. They can be bought in Bakersfield on the way up to the campsite. Campfire Permit BLM office in Bakersfield at: 3801 Pegasus Drive. They will be open from 7:30 am - 4:15 pm on Friday. Telephone: 661-391-6000 and Kernville Office at 105 Whitney Road Kernville, Telephone: 760-376-3781.

Directions: Panorama Dry Camp, 7 miles north of Greenhorn Mountain County Park off Highway 155 in the Sequoia National Forest. Lat. N35d 48.51', Long. W118d 34.34'. Maps are available on the website www.cfmsinc.org or email me for a map.

What to Bring: bug spray, warm clothes for the cool nights, light clothes for the sunny afternoons, hiking shoes, sunscreen, large brim hat, shovel, rock hammer or pick, gad or chisel, sledges, collecting bags, buckets, day pack, eye protection, sturdy shoes,

drinking water, trash bags, fire wood, and the usual stuff you bring when you camp.

What to find:

Rose Quartz, a semi-translucent quartz colored pink to lavender by small amounts of titanium atoms. This variety of rose is reported to have an asterism or six-ray star when polished properly. The quartz is in the cliff face that you will be walking down. You will need to bring heavy sledges and chisels to break away large pieces of quartz although there are lots of small stuff. The quartz is somewhat fractured but well healed. There are lots of small gemmy pieces down the hillside.

GPS=35d 51m 22s North, 118d 31m 46s West, Elevation 7244'

http://www.caltelephone.com/lamps/rose_quartz.htm

Epidote, a yellowish green to brownish green to black crystal that is long and transparent to translucent. The crystals are shaped like slender prisms (e.g. tourmaline)

Garnet, of the grossular variety. These well formed crystals, are brown to orange in color and transparent to sub-translucent.

Tungsten Ore, of the **Scheelite** variety. A fluorescent mineral has been found in many of the mountains and road-cuts. We will venture out for this collecting after dark, as the use of a black light is vital.

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SAFETY TIPS

✓Remember to use proper lifting techniques whenever you move heavy materials. Plan your lift to avoid twisting and straining your back. Ask for a helping hand and offer one to others. Lift with your legs and bend your knees as you lift. Use a hand truck or cart for that endless stream of boxes that enter and exit shows and swaps.

✓Be prepared for fires at home and in the car. Regularly inspect smoke alarms and fire extinguishers. Know your route of escape and emergency phone numbers. Prevent fires in the field by properly extinguishing all flames. Watch out for those gas grills, lamps and burners!

From *EFMLS News*, 10/95



MEMBERSHIP

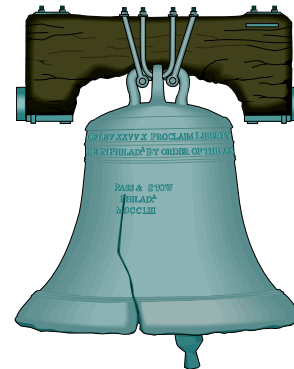
By Fred Ott, Chairman

How easy (or difficult) is it for someone to contact your Society? Do you have a website? Are you listed in the telephone directory?

One of the hallmarks of an “established” society is something as simple as a permanent telephone number which becomes listed in white pages, yellow pages of the local phone book, Directory Assistance (411) as well as on the Internet (such as MyYellowPages.com).

For many years, our Society had a voice recorder which was maintained at my office. The recording identified our Society and asked the caller to provide their name, mailing address and telephone number if they wanted information about our Society or an application for membership. While this worked very well for several years, the monthly cost for this service recently increased to \$35.

When speaking with an AT&T account representative about the recent price increase, I was advised to consider replacing our “land-line” phone service with a “cell-service” by adding our Society’s phone line to my personal AT&T cell service account. Not only did AT&T then provide our Society with a free new cell phone, but the cost was reduced to only \$9/99 per month, saving our Society \$300 per year! Additionally, the phone is now mobile and no longer tied to my office. Sweet!



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 52nd St. West,
Quartz Hill, CA 93536
Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com

2011

July 9 & 10: CULVER CITY, CA
Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10am – 6 pm; Sun. 10am – 5pm
Robert Thirlaway
www.culvercityrocks.org

August 5, 6 & 7: NIPOMO, CA
St. Joseph's Church Recreation Hall
298 South Thompson Avenue
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
Gloria Dana (805) 929-6429
Cell (805) 709-4076
info@onsinc.org
www.onsinc.org

August 6 & 7: SAN FRANCISCO, CA
San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
Presidio Golden Gate Club
135 Fisher Loop
Hours: Sat. 10 am -6pm; Sun. 10am – 5pm
Carleen Mont-Eton (415) 564-4230
publicity@shows.sfgms.org
<http://www.sfgms.org>

September 2-5: FORT BRAGG, CA
Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society
Town Hall
363 N. Main Street (corner of Main & Laurel)
Hours: Fri., Sat. & Sun. 10-6; Mon. 10-4
Jerry Sommer (707) 917-1833

September 10 & 11: DOWNEY, CA
Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Woman's Club of Downey
9813 Paramount Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10am-6pm; Sun. 10am-4pm
Guynell Miller (562) 633-0614

September 17 & 18: PASO ROBLES, CA
Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Pioneer Park & Museum
2010 Riverside Avenue
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm
Dale Conrad (805) 226-0719
Conrad@att.net
srockhounds.org

September 17 & 18: STOCKTON, CA
Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33 W. Alpine Avenue
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm Daily
Jan Bradley or Dorothy Tonnacliff
(209) 629-3837 / (209) 603-4539
slmcshow@juno.com
www.stocktonlapidary.com/show

September 24 & 25: MONTEREY, CA
Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey County Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat. 10am-6pm; Sun. 10am-5pm
Matt Biewer (831) 659-4156
mattbiewer@aol.com
www.cvgms.org

October 2: FALLBROOK, CA
Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
123 W. Alvarado St. Ste. B
Hours: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Janice Bricker (760) 728-113-
fgms@sbcglobal.net
www.fgms.org

October 8 & 9: TRONA, CA
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat. 7:30am-5pm; Sun. 7:30am-4pm
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356
slgms@iwvisp.com
www.1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/

October 15 & 16: WHITTIER, CA
Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Blvd.
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm Daily
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
Joemar1@verizon.net

October 15 & 16: SANTA ROSA, CA
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Veterans' Memorial Auditorium
1351 Maple Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10am-6pm; Sun. 10am-5pm
Debbie Granat (707) 542-1651
santarosarockshow@hotmail.com
www.srmgs.org

October 15 & 16: ANDERSON, CA
Shasta Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta District Fairgrounds
Briggs Street
Hours: Sat. 9am-5pm; Sun. 10am-4pm
Steve Puderbaugh (530) 365-4000
Cell (530) 604-2951
steve@applyaline.com
www.shastagemandmineral.com

October 15 & 16: PLACERVILLE, CA
El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10am -5pm Daily
Karen Newlin, (530) 676-2472
info@rockandgemshow.org
www.rockandgemshow.org

October 22 & 23: LOS ALTOS, CA
Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
Los Altos Civic Center-Youth Center
One San Antonio Road
Hours: Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun. 11am-5pm
Steve Jobe (408) 279-2069
steve_jobe@sbcglobal.net
www.pgggs.org

November 5 & 6: SAN DIEGO, CA
San Diego Gem & Mineral Society
Al Bahr Shrine Center
5440 Kearny Mesa Road
Hours: Sat. 9:30am – 5pm; Sun. 10am-4pm
Bob Hancock (619) 461-5783
Cell (619) 889-6886
RHBOBHANCOCK@cs.com
www.sdmg.org

November 5 & 6: RIDGECREST, CA
Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds (Mesquite Hall)
520 West Richmond Road
Hours: 9:00 am -5:00 pm Daily
John DeRosa (760) 375-7905
IndianWellsGems@hotmail.com
www.indianwells.weebly.com

November 5 & 6: LANCASTER, CA
Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
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