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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CFMS 2012 Year of "Education & Communication"

This year sure is moving along swiftly. Although I'm writing to you from Quartzsite again this month, by the time you receive this Newsletter another year of Quartzsite & Tucson field trips will be but a memory. If you were lucky enough to make it to Arizona in 2012, I hope you found that **special rock** you were looking for. I was lucky enough to get to visit Tucson with David and my son (Kris) for the first time this year. It was a little overwhelming, but I look forward to visiting there again in the future.

The 2012 CFMS Convention & Show will be here before you know it (July 13-15). The registration forms for the Show are on line at the CFMS website. I'm hoping that all of you wonderful, creative and talented artist and collectors will sign up to enter your competitive and non-competitive cases. Making this 2012 CFMS Show the largest exhibit Show in CFMS History would be awesome! We are still looking for vendors, demonstrators and demonstrator/dealers as well. These forms can also be found on the CFMS website.

Don't forget to have your Club/Society start saving those nickels for the Endowment Fund Nickel Drive. What an easy way for you all to save and support the CFMS Endowment Fund.

At the Directors meeting last November in Visalia a form was passed out asking for help from our member Clubs and Societies in updating the CFMS records. Specifically, we are looking for the year that each Club/Society joined CFMS. We would like to reinstate the practice of awarding a **50 year certificate** to each one of you who has been a golden member. Please help us out by looking through your archives and sending in your joining dates. You can give me a call if you have any questions.

Don't forget that CFMS now has a yahoo-group site available. Please contact C.J. Quitoriano for more information on signing up. This is one of the new ways we are trying to communicate with our members and keep everyone informed.

I understand there is still space available at Camp Zzyzx for those who would like to attend and have their own RV. You don't want to miss this wonderful opportunity! Contact Marion Roberts or Audrey Harvey for more information.

Ok, here is the educational quest for the day petrified vs. fossil. Petrified: to replace the normal cells of (organic matter) with silica or other mineral deposit. Fossil: preserved remains of an animal or plant from an earlier era inside a rock or other geologic deposit, often as an impression or in a petrified state.

Hmmm.....I will have to ponder this for awhile.

~ Susan

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CFMS on the Internet is accessible at www.cfmsinc.org. The email for the web site is cfmswebsite@yahoo.com. The webmaster is Merryan O'Neill. Editors are invited to download articles for their bulletins from this web site.

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The Officers and Committee lists have been updated and posted. If you are on a committee, please check your listing. If your photo or other information is missing or incorrect, please email the information and/or photo to me at cfmswebsite@yahoo.com. Let me know if you need help scanning a photo.

As previously announced, addresses are now located only in the Members Area, which is password protected. You can find the password in the Internet Committee report in the November Meeting packet or contact me. If you are on the list, I can send you the password. Otherwise, please check with your Federation Director. He or she should have a copy of the report.

~ Merryan

*** * * REMEMBER * * ***

ARTICLES FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER ARE DUE TO THE EDITOR BY THE **1ST OF THE MONTH** PRIOR TO THE MONTH OF PUBLICATION!



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2012 CFMS Calendar

- Feb 28All American Club deadline
- Apr 1 Camp Zzyzx student arrival & registration day
- Apr 2-7 Camp Zzyzx student class days
- Apr 16.....AFMS Judges Seminar Registration Deadline
- May 10-13..... AFMS Judges Seminar - Reno, NV
- Jul 13-15.....CFMS Show & Convention - Riverside, CA
- Jul 26-29... AFMS Show & Convention – Minnetonka, MN
- Sep 21st week Camp Paradise student arrival & registration day
- Sep 3-8..... 1st week Camp Paradise student classes
- Sep 9 2nd week Camp Paradise student arrival & registration day
- Sep 10-15 2nd week Camp Paradise student classes
- Nov 9-11.....Fall Directors Meeting



OFFICER CHANGE FORM 2012

To insure your club/society listing is current in the annual roster, we must have any changes to your information **by March 31**.

The form was included in the Director's packets and is on the CFMS website; go to Forms (Annual Forms) Send the Change Form to:

Pat LaRue, Exec Secretary/Treasurer
PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657
Tel (909) 874-5664; Fax (909) 874-7430
Email: bplarue@earthlink.net

CFMS INSURANCE

Contacts

McDaniel Insurance Services
PO Box 1294, Ojai, CA 93024
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Web site www.mcdanielinsuranceservices.com

Bud McMillin, CFMS Insurance Chair
1717 Oakdale Rd. Ste. O, Modesto, CA 95355
Tel (209) 524-3494

Reporting a Claim

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.



ALL AMERICAN CLUB

By Dot Beachler, Chair

To all clubs entering books in the All American Award Program:

- ✓ With the committee assembled recheck all club activities and individual member activities to be sure nothing has been overlooked.
- ✓ Make sure that entries are supported by pictures, letters, and publicity.
- ✓ Remember that ALAA supports our lobbying efforts to keep collecting sites open.

With the due date of February 28 for club books quickly approaching, it is time to recheck all club activities as well as those of individual members.

Good luck to all clubs.

~ Dot

For those who asked in response to the Topaz Mountain (Delta), Utah fieldtrip scheduled for April 5 through 8, 2012, the trip ratings (vehicle and individual) scale has been placed on the public side of the CFMS and CO-OP websites.

Please continue to contact me by email or phone with your questions and signups for the trip: geologist1@surewest.net or 916.847.7321.

~ Jim Barton



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson

Great Resources for Teaching Great Symbols



One presentation that always goes over well with kids and teachers is a unit on our State Rockhound Symbols. I always kick off by waving a small California flag, noting that each state has its own set of symbols. For instance, just as the U.S. is represented by the stars-and-stripes, each state is represented by its own state flag. I'll ask if anyone can name any other symbols that represent California, like a state flower or tree. Usually, this is enough to prime the pump and to get kids to shout out "California poppy" and "the redwood!" Some will chime in to start naming the more esoteric symbols, like our state animal (the extinct California grizzly that graces our flag), bird (California valley quail), fish (California golden trout), insect (California dogface butterfly), marine mammal (gray whale), reptile (the infamous desert tortoise that solar power companies are now being allowed to trample and displace), and even grass (purple needlegrass) and marine fish (garibaldi).

But kids (and their teachers) are usually surprised to hear we have a state rockhound symbol—and not just one, but four: a state rock (serpentine), mineral (gold), gem (benitoite), and fossil (the sabre-tooth cat, *Smilodon*). Two great print resources geared to kids can help you teach about these symbols. Darryl Powell has written *Minerals from California*, a coloring and activity book that opens with a brief overview of benitoite,

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CFMS FIELD TRIPS-NORTH

By Jim Barton, Chair

CFMS Field Trips - North will be co-sponsoring with CO-OP and the Roseville Rock Rollers, a ***Gold Adventure fieldtrip to Malakoff Diggins State Historical Park at North Bloomfield, CA, (near Nevada City), on June 16, 2012.***

In addition to a Ranger-guided tour of the park, there will be an opportunity to pan for gold at the historic former hydraulic mine.

Note that this State Park is slated for closure by July 1, 2012, due to the State budget. As of this date, there is no plan to open the campground in the park. Help support our State Parks by attending this field trip, and by letting your State Representatives and State Parks management know that Rockhounds do not support closures of California's jewels. A day use fee will be charged. More details will follow.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES, continued

gold, and serpentine, along with later full-page coverage of benitoite and of the Golden Bear Nugget. This is available from Diamond Dan Publications, www.diamonddanpublications.net.

Browsing among the vendors at a recent conference of elementary, middle, and high school science teachers, I found a copy of Rupert Matthews' *Gone Forever! Sabretooth* (Heinemann Library, 2003). This nicely illustrated little book is perfect for younger kids. You can also get education sheets pitched at a higher level on each of our state rockhound symbols from the California Department of Conservation website, www.conservation.ca.gov. Just type "state rock," "state gem," "state mineral," and "state fossil" in the search box. They have pages you can download and freely reproduce since they're in public domain and were created for use by educators.

Did you know initially a trilobite was proposed as state fossil? This led to a debate from which the sabre-tooth cat emerged as a challenger. It eventually won a legislative victory and went on to be crowned by Governor Ronald Reagan. I use this to illustrate politics in action by holding my own election with kids. With a cast of a



Smilodon skull hidden under a black cloth, I hold up a big trilobite, describe it as an extinct sea bug, and ask who would vote for that to be their state fossil. Usually, several hands go up. Then, I unveil the *Smilodon* skull, asking who wants *this* to be the state fossil, and votes get changed quicker than a South Carolina primary. Every single time, "Smiley Don" emerges victorious, showing that—at least once—our state government got it right. Then again, during the debate over a state gem, one legislator voted "no" for benitoite because it wasn't found in his district.

Finally, did you know we also have state dirt? That's right. State dirt! San Joaquin soil, designated in 1997 thanks to efforts of students at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School in Madera. I know, I know. It's hard to imagine our state legislature and governor slinging dirt, but I can certainly imagine they were having fun!

~ Jim



**ALAA MEETING WITH BLM
AT QUARTZSITE
A ROUSING SUCCESS**

**Shirley Leeson
ALAA Vice President**

Planning for this event was no small matter. If you have even been to Quartzsite you know SPACE is at a premium and needs to be booked at least a year in advance. With that said, I proceeded with a program of importance for the event. I contacted the Yuma, Arizona, BLM Field Office. Rockhounds? Who, What? But once we got that sorted out it was clear sailing, they said they would be there and I told them I'd fill the room.

The Arizona BLM is releasing their La Posa Travel Management Plan. What's that? Glad you asked...the long and the short of it is this. The BLM personnel have been in the desert around Quartzsite for the last two years mapping all desert roads, trails and washes that some off road people (that's us) use to get from Point A to Point B. Now that it's finished the BLM will be asking the public (that's you and me) to COMMENT. Here comes the tricky part. Most rockhounds will turn off at this point, hoping for "someone else" to do the dirty work.

It's not as daunting as it looks. What the BLM for the Quartzsite area is asking of you is this. They want to reduce the conflict between motorized (that's rockhounds and all off-road people) with non-motorized people, passive recreation, livestock management, and commercial purposes (that in some cases are solar and wind plants on public lands – but that's another issue)

Routes are managed to reduce impacts to cultural, historical, and natural resources. (this is government speak for endangered critters, plants, and Indian relics, etc. which have first priority) As mandated by Presidential Order, Use of Off-Road Vehicles on the Public Lands, designated routes:

- Shall, be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, or other resources of the public lands.
- Shall, be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats.

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Photo: Sabre-tooth cat fossil at La Brea tar pits ; courtesy of Public Domain Photo Database: <http://www.pdphoto.org/PictureDetail.php?mat=pdef&pg=6662>

ALAA/BLM MEETING, continued

- Shall, be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the capability of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.
- Shall, not be located in officially designated Wilderness areas." (executive order 11644 and 11989)

What is now being asked is: **EVALUATION.** The Evaluation process creates 4 management alternatives

- A. No Action
- B. Resource Protection
- C. Proposed
- D. Access

After PUBLIC COMMENT, and input, BLM develops an Environmental Assessment through the National Environmental Policy Act. (watch for NEPA mentions in your local papers or on public land – BLM or Forestry Websites.) A second public comment period allows for public review of the NEPA results. Finally after all the comments are taken into consideration the BLM provides a Decision Record, officially designating all routes as open, limited or closed. (We thank the BLM Yuma office for this official description of this plan)

Now, the meeting held in Quartzsite, Friday evening January 20, 2012, had 185 registered people in attendance and blew away the BLM representatives. This was a clear message that we are interested, involved and a group, both rockhounds and off-road people to be reckoned with.

YOU can get involved if you are a winter visitor to Quartzsite and know the desert roads, trails and washes. YOU must go to amlands.org, then Pending Legislation on the left hand side and then click on Arizona. YOU must submit a compelling and detailed request for those roads, etc., you want left open. This must be strong enough to counter special interests who want the road closed for any number of various and sundry reasons. (see above under cultural, historic and natural resources) **ALL COMMENTS MUST BE IN WRITING and sent either via post office or email.** They will accept nothing less.

REMEMBER THIS: "IF WE DO NOTHING, WE WILL GET NOTHING"

If you need more information, I'll be happy to help in any way I can.

Shirley Leeson, ALAA VP
shirleyleeson@cox.net



MEMBERSHIP
By Fred Ott, Chair
Promoting Your Society

There are many ways in which your Society can promote itself. One very popular method is to contact the libraries in your area to see if they allow displays to be exhibited, usually in the foyers of the buildings.

Such displays are usually placed in secure cases so that the possibility of theft is minimized.

Our hobby has so many colorful and interesting facets, there is no limit to the variety of items to be displayed. Colorful rocks, fossils, gemstones, spheres, literature, beads, jewelry, and lots and lots of photos make for VERY interesting and motivating displays.

Additionally, fliers that advertise your society, "Got Rocks?" postcards and/or upcoming Show Fliers can be placed near the exhibits, allowing interested individuals to contact your Society for membership and/or further information.

~ Fred



CFMS PLAC-SOUTH
By John Martin, Chair
A Rockhound's
Dream Come True

Quartzsite, Arizona, is the place to rockhound in the month of January each year. For those who want to collect rocks, gem, minerals and fossils this is the place to do it! Material from around the US and the world are available to view and purchase at reasonable rates. You save on gas and hardships of digging in dirt pits and in some cases getting material that you may not even be able to get to in the country of origin.

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PLAC-SOUTH-Quartzsite, continued

While wandering through the multitude of booths, material from around the world was seen. Malachite and Azurite from Africa, Opals and Mookaite from Australia, Jadeite from Guatemala, Tourmaline, Beryl, Topaz and Garnets from Brazil and Emeralds and Amber from Columbia abound, Fossils from Morocco and Amethyst and Citrine Cathedrals from South America are everywhere.

From the US, one could find Herkimer Diamonds from New York, Opals from Spencer Idaho and Oregon, Ivory from Alaska, Selenite Gypsum from Idaho and marine fossils including shark teeth and whale bone from Virginia. All of the regular materials from around the country are available in pieces from cab size slabs to 50 pound chunks like Bruno Jasper, Carey and Priday Plume Agates, Coprolite and Bone from Utah, Fish fossils from Wyoming, Petrified wood from Oregon, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Montana and even California. Montana and Michigan Agates are abundant.

Equipment dealers are available to fill your lapidary needs. Diamond Pacific, Highland Park, Barranca, MK Diamond, Covington Engineering are available for consultation and sales of the latest in equipment. Used equipment is available from 36 inch Diamond Saws to the smallest hand tool needed to work diamonds and opals. For those not wanting to buy their material, there is still plenty of areas within a short drive where collecting of many forms of rocks and minerals can be found on public lands.

The month of January is a Rockhound Paradise here in Quartzsite, Arizona where almost anything a Rockhound may want or need may be found. Plan a trip to Quartzsite, Arizona in January for rockhounding and you should not be disappointed.

~ John



(source: www.clippartheaven.com)



SAFETY

By Bural LaRue

Take Care of Your Car

Have you winterized your car? Winter is a little slow getting to us this year. I know a few of us haven't checked our cars for the following: proper antifreeze for your county and for places to which you plan to travel and a new set of windshield wipers.

If you live in or travel to snow areas you might want to check your brakes and tires. Brakes that stop your vehicle on a dry surface may not do the job if it's wet. The proper tread on your tires in snow will keep your family safe.

I hope you never get stranded but, just in case, the following items will only take up a small amount of space in the trunk: tire chains, tow strap, first aid kit, jumper cables, a warm blanket, one or two days of your meds, some food bars and water.

~ Bural

CFMS NEEDS YOU!

If your Society/Club is interested in hosting the 2014, 2015, 2016 or 2017
****CFMS Show & Convention****

PLEASE CONTACT

Bob Stultz-Show Consultant
South
(530) 243-3024
or

Jack Williams-Show Consultant
North
(530) 622-3038
jwilliams08@comcast.net



AFMS JUDGES TRAINING

By Dee Holland, Chair

REMINDER Registration Deadline April 16, 2012

Now that the Holiday Season and Tucson Show are over, with the money you have left over, take advantage of this unique offer up close and personal.

Remember to fill out the **Judges Training Application** (posted on cfmsinc.org/Forms or AFMS Nov 2011 newsletter) and send it in ASAP.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE, APRIL 16, 2012. We need to know as early as possible how many people are coming to this important western event. You will need the 2012 AFMS Uniform Rules book -- download at amfed.org.

We will have the pleasure of Jay Bowman as the instructor extraordinaire.

CLASS SCHEDULE: Thursday evening, 7pm, Orientation Session (Holiday Inn); Friday & Saturday 9 – 5 Classes (Holiday Inn; lunch on premises); Sunday Morning 9 am - Evaluation of Exhibits (Reno Events Center, 1350 N. Wells Ave). Evaluation of the program immediately following.

As you know, the earlier training classes were held in North Carolina in a beautiful resort-type retreat. **This year the judges Training Course will be held at the Holiday Inn in Sparks, Nevada** (1-775-358-6900 - hotel is offering \$75. including all taxes, per day for Queen or King rooms – mention AFMS Judges Training) a suburb of Reno. Reno Airport is convenient to fly in for those of you who are coming from the east.

The Reno Gem & Mineral Society has graciously offered their show and their exhibits as a training ground for this event

Those of you in the Western States, especially California and the Northwest, take advantage while you can and attend. Next year the Judges Training event will be held elsewhere.

Any questions, contact me at:

Dee Holland, Chair
AFMS Judges Training
beauholland@centurytel.net

SLIDE & VIDEO LIBRARY

By Sharon Rogow

Hello and a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous and Safe New Year to all. The following is more information on the programs that are available for the member societies. I will keep it brief in deference to those who may still be recuperating from Ground Hog Day!

You may request a program by way of the online form email, phone or thru the mail.

Contact information:

Sharon Rogow
PO Box 35078
Las Vegas, NV 89133
Phone: (702) 499-0272
Email: sharonrr@cox.net

Request forms: *Are available online.* Go to: www.cfmsinc.org -> Manuals -> Slides & Video Catalog -> Order Forms: Fill-in form or pdf.

Lead time: 30 days

Catalog: It's online, and is a work in progress.

Updating: Every effort will be made to put out information pertaining to modernizing the library. Please inform me if any society must use slides only.

We would appreciate a prompt return of borrowed materials along with payment and feedback on the program itself.

The committee is investigating converting some materials to digital media and we may need your help. The plea will go out when appropriate!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with question or comments. Until next time...

~ Sharon

Gemstones! Collecting!
Lapidary!
Minerals!
Jewelry!
Fossils!
Carving!
Geology!
Many great choices!
Volcanoes!

GET SLIDE, VIDEO & DVD PRESENTATIONS FOR YOUR MEETINGS



SHOW TIME 2012!

By Pat LaRue

Hope everyone is making plans to attend the **CFMS Convention and Show** this coming July in Riverside. This city hosted shows in 1996 and again in 2000. For those interested in the federation's history the very first organizational meeting was held in Riverside in 1935. The location is not known to this writer but in all probability it was held in someone's office or living room. We've come a long way!

The host hotel (Marriott) is a short walk from the Municipal Auditorium and will serve as the location of the Directors Meeting as well as the Saturday banquet and Editors/Webmasters Breakfast. In addition to a special rate of \$99 per night the hotel is offering free parking in the hotel parking structure for all guests who register as part of our group. This is an \$8 per day value.

To make a reservation call (951) 784-8000 and mention that you are with the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Please use this contact number to assure you are included in the official room count and to get this rate and the free parking.

Downtown Riverside is a treasure trove of historic buildings including the world famous Mission Inn. Main Street is a quaint "traffic free" promenade lined by shops and restaurants. It is also a short walking distance from both the Marriott and the Municipal Auditorium. The *Metropolitan Museum and Art Museum* are located within a block and the library is located across the street. A map of the downtown area as well as other literature about the area was included in the show packets provided to all Directors who attended the all meeting in Visalia.

For those interested in visiting some of the more touristy things an hour's drive south to Orange County will take you to *Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm* and *California Adventure*. Palm Springs is an hour's drive east and Los Angeles is about an hour and a half west. No formal field trips are planned due to the dangerously warm weather experienced in the southern California deserts during the summer months. The summer months are an excellent time to visit the many fine museums which abound in this part of the state.

All **show forms** are posted on the CFMS web site, www.cfmsinc.org, and are linked from Home and Show pages.

Planning to camp? The nearest camping is at Rancho Jurupa Park, 4800 Crestmore Road, Riverside, CA 92509. The telephone number is (951) 684-7032. Please contact them directly for information and reservations. The fees shown on their website are \$30 to \$35 per night for full hookups.

Go to: www.rivcoparks.org/parks/rancho-jurupa/rancho-jurupa-park-home/

~ Pat

EVIDENCE OF ALIENS?

By John Martin

Two hundred-seventeen miles from Lancaster along SR 62, we found **pictographs** made from multicolored basalt rocks aligned in various patterns along the bed walls of the railroad tracks.

These interesting formations of ancient basaltic rocks seem to spell out a multitude of names, acronyms and pictographs. These rock writings extend for nearly 17 miles along the highway.

It seems the locals in the area have little else to do with their spare time, **or could it be** these were left behind by some strange ancient visitors from a galaxy far, far away!



~ John

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*

*Or use the Online Show Form
at www.cfmsinc.org
(click on Shows)*

2012

March 2, 3 & 4: NEWARK, CA

Mineral & Gem Society of Castro Valley
Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10am-6pm; Sun. 10am-5pm
Cathy Miller (510) 887-9007
info@mgscv.org
www.mgscv.org

March 3 & 4: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds
LA County Arboretum
301 South Baldwin Avenue
Hours: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm Daily
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
joannaritchey@gmail.com
www.moroks.com

March 3 & 4: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Boulevard
Hours: Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun. 10am-4pm
Rob Sankovich (805) 494-7734
rmsorca@adelphia.net
www.vgms.org

March 9, 10 & 11: VICTORVILLE, CA

Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club
"36th Annual Outdoor Tailgate"
Stoddard Wells Road (12 miles East of I-15)
Hours: 9am – 5pm Daily
Info map on website www.vvqmc.org
(760) 243-2330

March 10 & 11: TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society
Turlock Fairgrounds
900 North Broadway
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
www.turlockgemshow.com

March 10 & 11: SPRECKELS, CA

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club
Veteran's Hall
5th & Llano Streets
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
Robert Braun (831) 771-2089
bob1@bobbraun.net
salinasrockandgem.com

March 10 & 11: SAN MARINO, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society
Masonic Hall
3130 Huntington Drive
Hours: Sat. 10am-6pm; Sun. 10am-5pm
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
Joemar1@verizon.net

March 17 & 18: SAN BERNADINO, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society
Western Regional Little League Ball Park
6707 Little League Drive
Hours: 9am to Dusk Daily
Steve Williams, (909) 389- 8680
ironelk@ymail.com
www.obmsrocks.yolasite.com

March 17 & 18: VALLEJO, CA

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society
Solano County Fairgrounds
McCormack Hall
Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily
Dan Wolke (707) 644-9764
VGMS01@yahoo.com
www.vallejoigemandmineral.com

March 24 & 25: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers
Placer County Fairgrounds (\$5 parking)
800 All America City Blvd. (off Washington)
Hours: Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun. 10am-4pm
Gloria Marie (916) 216-1114
gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com
www.rockrollers.com

March 24 & 25: ANGELS CAMP, CA

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society
Calaveras County Fairgrounds
101 Frogtown Road
Sat. 10am – 5pm; Sun. 10am – 4pm
Tak Iwata (209) 928-5579
Tak2me@msn.com
www.calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 31 & April 1: LEMOORE, CA

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club
Trinity Hall
470 Champion Street
Hours: 10 am – 6 pm Daily
Judy & John Pereira (559) 924-4052

April 7 & 8: PARADISE, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Society
Elks Lodge
6309 Clark Road
Hours: Sat. 9am – 5pm; Sun. 9am – 4pm
Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324
mmpg@att.net
www.ParadiseGem.org

April 13, 14 & 15: VISTA, CA

San Diego Co. Council of G & M Societies
Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum
2040 North Santa Fe Avenue
Hours: 9am – 5pm Daily
Ray Pearce (760) 726-7570
Simon King (619) 991-2226
Cathy Davis (858) 278-9987

April 14 & 15: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club
Mariposa County Fairgrounds
5005 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat. 10am-6pm; Sun. 10am-4pm
Randy Bolt or Chel Bebernes (209) 742-7625

April 20, 21 & 22: INDIO, CA

Shadow Mountain Gem & Mineral Society
Coachella Valley Wild Bird Center
46500 Van Buren Street
Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Daily
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<http://www.shadowmountaingemmineral.org>

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info@scvgms.org
www.scvgms.org

April 21 & 22: THOUSAND OAKS, CA

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Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium
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www.scmgs.org

May 4, 5 & 6: BISHOP, CA

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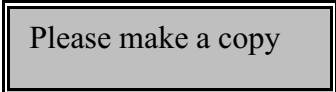
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