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VENTURA SHOW & CONVENTION - A SUCCESS!

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2013 CFMS CALENDAR

July 1	Deadline for AUGUST Newsletter articles
Aug 25-30	Camp Paradise - Week # 1
Sept 1-5	Camp Paradise - Week # 2
Sept 20 - 22	AFMS Show & Convention, Jacksonville, FL
Sept 8	Officers & Committee Chair's Reports - DUE
Nov 8-10	Fall Directors Meeting & Installation of Officers



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE "TELL ME WHAT YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT THE CFMS SHOW!"

But first, I am going to tell you what I REALLY think - About The CFMS Show.

What an amazing show. I have enjoyed getting to know and working with some of the Committee Chairs and I am going to ring praise on these individuals - one by one.

Rob Sankovich - Show Chair: What a job bringing 3 societies together, keeping them focused on the same goal and addressing each ego and personality so as to maintain harmony. Great job Rob!

Nancy Brace-Thompson - Secretary: Keeping the lines of communication open so everybody knew what was going on. Like any other organization, good communication is the key to success. Thank you, Nancy.

Sal Scarpato - Treasurer: Big show equals big bucks and means a big job. Never once did I see anybody picking up money from the many money generating locations. Good job hiding the money pick-ups. Thank you, Sal.

Andy Anderson - Facilities Director: Andy was responsible for two really big buildings. Getting all the cases and table and chairs, etc, where they were supposed to be was accomplished flawlessly. Thank you, Andy.

Jim Brace-Thompson - Publicity Director: Huge responsibility. You can have the best show in the world but if nobody shows up, nothing is gained. What a wonderful job Jim did and added many new ideas like a contest to come up with the theme and a contest to design the show poster. Publicity is the key to a successful show and Jim did an amazing job. Thank you, Jim.

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RUTH BAILEY

Gone but not forgotten, ever.

Ruth Bailey passed away peacefully with her family by her side, Saturday, April 27th, 2013.

Ruth was someone everybody knew. Her accomplishments were legendary but she never mentioned all she had accomplished in her lifetime. For whatever reason, she continued to offer her time, expertise and knowledge to each person who asked for her help. She hated to say “no” to anyone who needed her.

She was a staunch member of the Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society in San Jose, California. She was involved in Lapidary and Jewelry both at the club level and also at the CFMS and later at the AFMS level, judging competitive exhibits and giving support and help to beginners. She was By-Laws chair, Parliamentarian many times at both the CFMS and AFMS levels.

Ruth was CFMS President in 1983. She was there during good times as well as bad times. She was awarded the highest achievement in CFMS, the Golden Bear in 1989. And was the Honoree for the CFMS Scholarship in 1986-87.

She went on through the AFMS chairs culminating in the AFMS Presidency in 1994, in Houston, Texas. She was recognized as Honoree for the AFMS Scholarship in 2003 by the CFMS, and chose two students from Stanford University.

Ruth was honored, along with Ed Romack, in 2009 at the AFMS Billings, Montana AFMS/NFMS Convention and Show, with the highest award given “The AFMS Recognition Award.”

Not one to sit on her laurels, she involved herself in Competitive Judging, at both the CFMS and AFMS level, attended Wildacres Judges Training, and was a member of both the CFMS and AFMS Uniform Rules Committees; helped with the Endowment Funds for both CFMS and AFMS. She was AFMS Scholarship Secretary beginning in 1998 to present. Ruth was also a charter member of S.C.R.I.B.E., an editor’s thing. She was a Bulletin Editor Judge at both the CFMS and AFMS levels.

Over the years in her lighter moments she attended many Northern California club events, always bringing an exhibit to share, even when the cases became too heavy for her to put in her car by herself.

She also enjoyed the early years at Quartzsite and Tucson. I’m exhausted just writing and remembering. Most people would be proud of even one of her many accomplishments, but she never thought about it in that vein.

As for ALAA, American Lands Access Association. Ruth was there in Brunswick, Ohio at the beginning of ALAA in 1992. She was a Charter Member and Director until she became the Treasurer beginning in 2009. She kept our books straight, and the officers and directors straight too. She was ALAA Membership Chair as well until 2013 when we wrestled the membership away from her to give her some much needed rest.

At the time of her death, Ruth held the following jobs: CFMS By-laws Chair, Golden Bear Chair, and Parliamentarian. AFMS Scholarship Secretary.

Ruth, you are already missed, but, we know you would say, “get on with it, we have work to do.” Shirley Leeson, CFMS Historian, and friend



Photo Courtesy of Jim Brace-Thompson

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Deb Sankovich - Programs Director: Probably one of the best show programs I have ever seen. Everything was in there, easy to read and understand where dealers were, where and when speakers were speaking, who the demonstrators were, the demo-dealers and guests like the **Women In Mining**. Thank you, Deb.

Brett Johnson - Exhibitors Director: Again, what a huge job. 100 total cases. 57 were competition cases and 43 were non-competitive. All different sizes and shapes of cases were presented. Everything came together and the cases were amazing and enjoyable to look at. Thank you, Brett.

Diane Cook - Demos & Dealers Director: Diane had a marvelous variety of dealers. Just about anything you wanted to buy was at this show. Many demonstrators were on hand to educate the public about our hobby. Thank you, Diane.

Mitty Scarpato - Kids Activities Director: The educational value of the show is one of the finest I have ever seen. Not just for kids but adults as well. Lots of fun learning activities and lots of information on how to make your show more kid fun and educational at the same time. Thank you, Mitty

Louisa Carey - Hospitality Director: Louisa was our Wonder Woman. She made our Cracker Barrel "Rock" with a wine tasting, cheese and crackers and a photo area where we could take funky pictures. I heard a comment that it was the best Cracker Barrel in 20 years. Louisa did the same great job on the Awards Banquet with a wine tasting by Brett Keller and a Webmaster and Editor's Breakfast with a great breakfast. Thank you, Louisa.

Angela Brown - Printing Director: I, alone, probably made 20 changes to my material in the Show program, the Awards Banquet Program and Webmaster and Editor's program. Always patient and understanding and always a delight to work with. Thank you, Angela.

What was the best part of the show? It is hard to say because everything was so good. I think I was most impressed with the educational value of the Children's area. Kids could do crafts while learning about the rock cycle, dinosaurs, fossils and so many other things. I have gone to a lot of shows over the last ten years and so many times the Kids Area is hidden away in a corner but not this one. The Kids area was huge with wonderful and helpful people there to assist kids of all ages - even us big kids.

I was impressed with the quantity and quality of the competition cases. As CFMS President, I was allowed to wander around while about 20 judges did their job on 57 competitive cases. That is more than all the other Federations together had in the last 3 years. I have a much greater appreciation of how serious our volunteer judges are about what they are judging. That is why I am still in awe that there were 11 perfect cases. Those are cases where the judges could not find anything wrong. I had the pleasure of presenting the President's Award for a case, any case, competitive or non-competitive, that I felt was the most outstanding in the show. I picked a case by Ron James that would knock your socks off when you first looked at it. This man is a master at so many of the disciplines within the lapidary arts that it is amazing. At Riverside, last year, Ron entered his first ever competitive case and only got 60 out of 100 possible points. Ron had the tenacity to come back this year and get a perfect 100 point score.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our special guests at the show. It was so nice of the AFMS President, Don Monroe, and his lovely wife Ann, to come visit our show. Thank you, Don and Ann, for working in our CFMS Endowment Fund booth helping raise money for the Endowment Fund. Thank you both for being "good sports" and letting us take all those funky pictures of you with your California friends.

I loved the show! The question for next month is - did you? **TELL ME WHAT YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT THE 2013 CFMS SHOW.** Good or bad. Is there anything you think of that could have made the show better? What did YOU like best.

Thank you for all that you do for YOUR Federation.

Bud

2013 BULLETIN and ARTICLE CONTEST - RESULTS

BY JUNE CONEY-HARRIS - BULLETIN AIDS CHAIR

The 2013 CFMS Bulletin and Article contest has been completed. I want to thank those editors who entered their club's newsletter and member's articles into the competition. We had some great entries this year. We **only** had 22 entries over all the categories. Two entries were automatically entered into the AFMS contest without CFMS judging. The results of the CFMS Contest are at the end of this article. Twenty two entries might seem like a lot, but when you look at the number of societies we have in the CFMS, it really is not many at all. Only eleven clubs even entered the contest. I have to be candid here. I was a bit surprised by the total lack of interest by so many of our society's editors. I know that the newsletter editor is one of the difficult and time consuming jobs in a society, but less than 10% of our editors sent in even one entry. This contest is a great way to improve your skills as an editor and acknowledge those faithful writers that you have in your club.

I realize that in the past there has been some confusion over the judging of newsletters. Getting varying comments and sometimes conflicting comments from the judges can lead to a sense that the contest judging is personal appeal rather than concrete guidelines. I hope to be able to work on the contest judging more this year before the 2014 contest. I want to make sure we are judging our newsletters and articles by the same exact rules as the AFMS. This will give our editors and authors a better chance at taking a top position at the AFMS level.

I know we have many incredible newsletter editors and fantastic authors because I exchange newsletters with many of you. I want the rest of the clubs in the United States to know it, too. I hope that we can bring this contest back to its former glory and be able to recognize more editors and authors for their accomplishments.

Large Bulletin EntriesFirst Place *Rockhound Rambling* - **Angela Brown** - Editor - *Ventura Gem and Mineral Society*Second Place *Diablo Diggins* - **Terry Caskey** - Editor - *Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society*Third Place *The Agatizer* - **Terry Vasseur** - Editor - *South Bay Lapidary and Mineral Society***Small Bulletin Entries**First Place *Lapidarian* - **Michael Cox** - Editor - *Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society*Second Place *The Pick and Shovel* - **Andrea Dougherty** - Editor - *Long Beach M&G Society*Third Place *Del Air Monthly Rockhoulder Review* - **Chris Ward** - Editor - *Del Air Rockhound Club***Mini Bulletin Entry**First Place *Rockette* - **Mary Lou Froese** - Editor - *Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society***Original Article Junior 11 and under**First Place *The State Rock of Arkansas- Bauxite* - **Annie Borders** - Author - *Santa Clara V G&M Soc.***Original Article Junior 12-17**First Place *Three Days of a Lifetime* - **Steven Newman** - Author - *Contra Costa M&G Society***Original Article Adult Advanced**First Place *American Rockhounds in Germany: Our Hunt for an Idar-Oberstein* -**Jim Brace-Thompson** - Author - *Ventura Gem and Mineral Society*Second Place *Tommyknockers of the Comstock* - **D.W. Webb Varnum** - Author - *Reno G&M Soc.*Second Place *Definition of the Month-The Carbon Cycle* - **Steve Mulqueen** - Author -*Ventura Gem and Mineral Society*Fourth Place *End of Days* - **Martha Wilson** - Author - *Pasadena Lapidary Society***Written Feature Adult**First Place *No Rockhound Left Behind* - **Debbie Winterson and Lisa Hoffman** - Authors*El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society*Second Place *Off to South Africa* - **by Joyce and Fuzzy Mason** - Authors*El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society*Third Place *Field Trip Report - Rye Patch* - **Dale Sworthout** - Author - *Reno G&M Soc.**Continued on Page 5*

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Features Junior 11 and under

First Place *Is That a Stalagmite or Stalactite I See?* - **Chloe Kahling** - Author
El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society

Original Article - Adult

First Place *The Pankey Coal Mine* - **Dick Pankey**, - Author - *Contra Costa M&G Society*
Second Place *Camp Paradise Trip hosted by CFMS* - **David Estep** - Author - *Long Beach M&G Soc.*
Third Place *Display Case Start-up* - **Martin Dougherty** - Author - *Long Beach M&G Soc.*

2013 CFMS WEB SITE CONTEST

MERRYAN O'NEILL
CFMS WEB SITE CONTEST CHAIR



The goal of the web site contest is to help webmasters improve their society's web site for better communication for members and public uses.

We received entries from 5 talented and dedicated webmasters this year. Here are the results:

- 1st Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society
Kendra Scherrer, webmaster
www.srmgs.org
- 2nd Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Stephanie Hagiwara, webmaster
oxnardgem.com
- 3rd Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Vince Pellerin, webmaster
slrockhounds.org
- 4th Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Harry Nichandros, webmaster
ccmgs.org
- 5th Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
James Layton, webmaster
www.vgms.org

The contest results were be announced at the CFMS Show's Editors and Webmasters Breakfast on Sunday June 2nd.

This year, the top 3 regional winners will go on to compete in the AMFS Web Site Contest.



AFMS ENDOWMENT
2013 RAFFLE

The AFMS show is on Sept. 20-22 in Jacksonville, FL. The time to buy tickets is NOW. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for 5 tickets. You do not need to attend the Florida show to win. New prizes of framed mineral prints, wire wrapped Benite pendant and mineral specimens of calcite, anhydrite and quartz. Other prizes include fossils, minerals, jewelry and books. View prizes on the AFMS website. There is still of time for California club members to send donations for the raffle to RJ Harris, 1109 Gunstock Lane, Mechanicsburg, PA. 17050, 717-795-0922, **roqfreq@rjharris.com**. To purchase for your club or individual tickets, send checks to Colleen McGann, PO Box 224, Santa Clara, CA 95052-0224. **CFMS always has winners and you can be one of them this year.**

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT on COMPETITION at VENTURA

BY CHERI GEORGE - RULES COMMITTEE CHAIR

WOW! What a great show!! I want to thank all the people who were directly involved with setting up our competition cases and having everything ready for the competitors to install their exhibits on Setup day; almost everything went off without a hitch. With 56 individual cases and five Supplemental entries to deal with, that is a terrific accomplishment.

Thank you to Dee Holland, Susan Chaisson-Walblom, Brett Allen Johnson and his crew, Diane Cook, Louisa Carey, Shirley Leeson, Susy Martin and all the judges for their fine work and expertise. Thank you also to the case haulers and photographers, Don George and John Martin for their fine work. Below is the list of winners who received awards at the Banquet:

A-2	Junior	Christian Meyer Hill	Bakersfield Mineral Mites
A-2	Junior	Society	Bakersfield Mineral Mites
A-4	Junior	Nicholas Bamerio	Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
A-4	Master	Chris Ward	Del Air Rockhounds
A-5	Master	Lyndell Fong	Conejo Gem & Mineral Society
A-7	Master	Chris Ward	Del Air Rockhounds
A-7	Junior	Taylor McDougall	Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
A-7	Master	Camille Van Ast	Conejo Gem & Mineral Society
A-7	Master	Society	Pasadena Lapidary Society
A-8	Master	Chris Ward	Del Air Rockhounds
A-8	Advanced	Frank Boulch	Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
BS-1	Master	Brett Keller	Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
C-3	Master	John R. Cook	Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
CA-1	Master	Todd Schowalter	S. Orange Co. Gem & Mineral
CC-1	Master	Steven Wittick	Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club
CC-2	Master	Paul Rose	Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
CS-1	Master	Ron Beck	Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
CW-10	Master	Richard Bromser	Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
CW-10	Master	Jeffrey Miller	Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
D-4	Advanced	Gregory L. Davis	Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
D-9	Master	Ronald J. James	Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club
EGC-1	Junior	Olivia Rajhel	Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
EGC-4	Advanced	Bob Dearborn	Del Air Rockhounds
EGC-5	Master	Diane Cook	Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
EGC-5	Master	Jennifer Haley	Contra Costa Mineral & Gem
EGS-2	Master	Joe Goetz	Pasadena Lapidary Society
EIC-1	Master	Jim Brace-Thompson	Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
EIC-1	Advanced	Mike Havstad	Conejo Gem & Mineral Society
F-8	Advanced	Mary Haake	Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
F-9	Master	Jim Brace-Thompson	Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
G10	Master	Charles Eastman	Tule Gem & Mineral
G-2	Master	Robert Sankovich	Conejo Gem & Mineral Society
I-1	Junior	Claire Martin	Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
I-3	Advanced	Susan Martin	Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
I-6	Master	Cheri George	Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club

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Diamond Pacific Lapidary Trophy	John R. Cook	Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Meisenheimer Mineral Trophy	Brett Keller	Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ruth Bailey Award of Excellence	Lyndell Fong	Conejo Gem & Mineral Society
Shar Choate Jewelry Trophy	Cheri George	Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club
Sweepstakes Trophy		Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Remember, if you were a First Place Winner with a score above 90 (Master/Master Society) or above 70 (Junior/Junior Society), you may enter into competition at an AFMS Show as a **Direct Entry**. This applies to your entry for the next **twelve (12) years**. The AFMS Show & Convention takes place in Jacksonville, Florida on September 18-22. For more information go to www.amfed.org and download the flyer.

COMPETITION *PHOTOS COURTESY OF JOHN MARTIN*





**JUNIORS ACTIVITIES
DINOSAURS IN CALIFORNIA
BY JIM BRACE-THOMPSON - CHAIR**

ENCOURAGING & REWARDING OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS

At our recent 2013 “*California Rocks!*” CFMS Show & Convention, President Bud McMillin sponsored four special President’s Awards for Outstanding Junior Exhibits for age categories 10 and under, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-17. Given to the cases that appealed most to the President, whether competitive or noncompetitive, the awards consisted of a Certificate-of-Merit, an AFMS F.R.A. Showmanship Badge, polished agate specimens (courtesy of Tom Wolfe Minerals), and \$50 cash (courtesy of Bud). The awardees were Claire Martin, Christian Meyer Hill, Nicholas Bamerio, and Aurora Fulton. Congratulations to each!

And now I encourage all local societies to step up to the plate and make “matching” awards of their own for juniors at their own local club shows. We always seem to bemoan the decline of exhibiting. Well, one way to counter that is to stop bemoaning and start encouraging. Announce special awards for kids entering displays in your next club show, help kids prepare, and then provide a positive incentive for your juniors to keep this aspect of our hobby alive and well. Here’s to seeing kids not just attending but *participating* at your next club show, while being rewarded and having fun!

PLAC-NORTH

BY GLENN MILLER

CFMS Public Lands Access Committee (PLAC-North) sponsored a seminar on rock hound involvement in the public land use planning process on April 27, 2013. The Mother Lode Mineral Society hosted the event. Dick Pankey lead the meeting at Turlock, introducing the two excellent speakers; Dr. Gregg Wilkerson, BLM Geologist from the Bakersfield District Office, and Mrs. Amy Granat, Managing Director of the California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA).

To the 20 attendees at the Stanislaus County Fairground, this seminar:

Explained Land Use Plans (LUP’s), Resource Management Plans (RMP’s), Travel Management Plans (TMP’s). What they are and how they affect rock hounding.

Explained how BLM manages the lands under its responsibilities.

Explained the planning processes and how the process works for the BLM and the US Forest Service; some of the similarities and differences.

Showed how to participate and explained some of the tools to participate in the process.

Motivated and empowered rock hounds to participate and contribute.

If one concept can be distilled from the seminar it is that rock hounds are too nice in trying to protect their access to collecting sites on public lands. Rockhounds must do their homework to prepare for BLM and USFS planning open houses, public participation workshops. We must be specific and persistent when we show agency staff what roads and collecting sites we want to be able to drive to.

Amy Granat encouraged rock hounds to join with any and all of the other users of public lands. Anyone who drives off a paved road, be it gravel or dirt two-track, is an off-roader. We all have a stake in countering the ideologically-driven anti-access groups. Rockhounds must generate enough self interest and passion to keep aware of the federal plans in progress and make our voices heard.

Fred Ott video recorded the meeting and perhaps an edited version may become available for viewing at club meetings.



OUR PUBLIC LANDS THE LAND USE PLANNING SEMINAR

BY DICK PANKEY, PLAC-NORTH COMMITTEE

The Land Use Plan (LUP's) is the procedure that the BLM and USFS use to establish how our public lands will be managed for protection of all natural resources, archeological resources and for recreation, travel, commercial and other uses. The Land Use Planning Seminar was held on April 27th in Turlock. The seminar was a full day's event hosted by the Mother Lode Mineral Society that explained the Land Use Planning process and how we as users of these public lands can and should be involved in the process. The 3 speakers at the seminar were Dr. Gregg Wilkerson, Professional Geologist, BLM, Bakersfield Office, Amy Granat, Managing Director of California Off Road Vehicle Association and Dick Pankey, CFMS PLAC-N committee.

The seminar was well received by the 15 rockhounds, 4 gold prospectors and 1 from a 4X4 club that attended and participated. Even with the low turnout we had a great seminar. We did all that we could to have a worthwhile event - advertising/promotion, facilities/location, speakers, and most of all a topic of great importance to our future use of our public lands. Unfortunately our audience didn't come.

I opened the seminar explaining how Congress, and sometimes the President, designates land and land use and how it should be managed. I pointed out that our future use and access is up to us. If we don't get involved and participate in the land use process, our future will be decided by the anti-access environmental extremists. I presented an overview of why we should be involved, how societies and individuals can be involved and what we can do to accomplish our goals.

Dr. Wilkerson presented the history, purpose and procedures for the LUP process. He stressed the importance of the CFMS societies "adopting" a nearby National Forest or BLM district office, be involved with that office and learn the status of their management plans. He outlined the process and told us what to do for each step with details and specific examples. When presenting input to the process we need to be specific and detailed with our comments. We need to deal with facts not emotions or opinions.

Amy Granat explained to me several years ago that once we turned off the paved highway we are all "off road" recreationists. Amy and her organization are doing what we were all here at the seminar to learn. There are many different types of recreationists and reasons to use our public lands but we all share the goal and the desire to maintain access and use. CORVA holds training session on how to write letters and e-mails and how to provide input on land use plans. She offered to provide instruction to us on how to write letters and e-mails.

We got a lot of good ideas and will be working to get the information out to our members and do what we can to invigorate them and get them involved.

There are a wide variety of land users/recreationist groups that are independently addressing land use and access issues. We all have common goals but we are small groups, generally without funding and the organization to compete with the environmental organizations when it comes to land use planning. I propose that we develop a directory of the pro-access organizations and a communication link so that we are aware of and can get support and provide support of each others efforts. This may be a project that could be conducted with ALAA.

It was also proposed that each CFMS society have a PLAC committee. This person or persons could serve as a liaison between the society and CFMS PLAC committees and ALAA to keep the society informed on land use issue. This committee could also help the society "adopt" a FS or BLM office and become involved in upcoming LUP'S. The Sequoia, Inyo and Sierra Forests are starting a new planning process. NOW is the time for nearby societies (and interested individuals) to get involved with these forests.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the Mother Lode Mineral Society for hosting and underwriting the expenses of the seminar and to Bud McMillin for handling the details and logistics to put on the seminar.



VISUAL PROGRAMS

BY SHARON ROGOW - CHAIR

This month I will list the **remaining recent additions** to the Visual Programs Library. They will also be listed on the web site. Just go to www.cfmsinc.org, look on the left side and scroll down to Visual Programs and click on it. Next, choose the order form, either e-mail (no paper, no stamps) or regular mail (print it & mail). I will e-mail you when I get the request. If you do not get a message from me within a week of your request, contact me. Click on the the format; slide, video, CD or DVD and a list of programs will come up. Choose the program then complete the form. Any questions? Contact me.

Some of the program numbers in the last newsletter do not agree with the web site and I am deferring to the web site so use the web site numbers! Here are the latest remaining additions:

- DVD-50** Opal Cutting Made Easy with Paul B Downing. Includes step by step visual instructions. "It's not just a rock...it's a crazy stone!"
- DVD- 51** Opal Fever with four chapters, 27 minutes each including, mining at Coober Pedy, evaluating rough, buying, selling, cutting, etc.
- DVD-52** Modern Earth Science: An Introduction. A two part program in an interactive DVD format with guided questions and Mastery Quizzes. Content supports National Science Education Standards and Project 2061's Benchmarks for Science Literacy. 50 minutes
- DVD-53** Disc 1 How the Earth was Made, each segment approximately 48 minutes.
San Andreas Fault - The Deepest Place on Earth - Krakatoa - Loc Ness
- DVD-54** Disc 2, each segment approximately 48 minutes.
New York - Driest Place on Earth - Great Lakes
- DVD-55** Disc 3, each segment approximately 48 minutes.
Yellowstone - Tsunami - Asteroids
- DVD-56** Disc 4, each segment approximately 48 minutes.
Iceland - Hawaii - The Alps
- DVD-57** Arches National Park, 50 minutes
- DVD-58** Rainbow of Stone. A Journey Through Deep Time in the Grand Canyon. The geology Of the Grand Canyon, one of the greatest natural wonders on earth!
- DVD-59** Yellowstone. Imprints of Geologic Time. Winner of eight film festival medals.
- DVD-60** Red-Gold & Polished Agates: Upper Michigan's Hidden Treasures - Copper Agates
- DVD-61** Iris Agate, 53 minutes. At the end of the program there is an easy to understand explanation of the "Iris" phenomenon.
- DVD-62** Sadie Starr Presents. This is a three hour movie presenting beading with seed beads, gem stones & cabochons & includes a PDF on a CD-R on how to convert a brooch to a necklace.

The next three discs had been available on video only. They are now available on DVD and have new numbers. Please use the new numbers!

- DVD-63** Topaz Mountain Story. Includes Digital Scrapbook PC software. (Formerly F-49)
- DVD-64** Utah Trips and Treasures. Includes Digital Scrapbook PC software. (Formerly F-46)
- DVD-65** The Obsidian Trail. (Formerly V-122)

This list is complete as of this writing, however, new programs will be added on an ongoing basis. Please access the web site often. A few reminders: please give me 30 days notice for requests, although I have worked successfully with less, sometimes a lot less but 30 days notice is strongly preferred; please supply both e-mail & phone number so that I can reach you if I must; please send feedback as it is very valuable info; please consider using this worthwhile service as it is a source of income for CFMS & a source of information for your members & kids.

Sharon

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CONGRATULATIONS MARION ROBERTS!

Marion will be the 2013-2014 CFMS Representative to the AFMS, serving as the AFMS President-Elect. HE will then serve as the CFMS Representative to AFMS in 2014-2015 as the AFMS President. We will begin our rotation of AFMS Vice Presidents again in 2015.

I would like to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU" to Jim Brace- Thompson for the outstanding job he has done updating the CFMS By-laws and Officers Manual. Having these documents available on the CFMS website will be beneficial to all of us.



**FROM THE E.S.S.
MARION ROBERTS - ESS CHAIR**

Hello to everyone, on a rather fine day here in the central Valley. We had a bit of a tune up week at Zzyzx, heading into the summer here because the temperature got into the 90° range almost all week. Of course we had the wind, although mostly at night. This was quite different from the past few years, and I will have to say very welcomed.

We had a very successful week with the largest camp that I have record of, which goes back to 2005. It would have been just great except for a bicycle mishap with our field trip leader. Ron Wise was bucked off of his bike and unable to attend. We all wish Ron a quick recovery.

The week went by without any mishaps, other than a couple of band aids. The sell-a-rama and silent auction were both very good with lots of good items including a carving by Margaret Kolaczyk that sold for \$262.00. I want to thank everyone for all the great STUFF.

My thanks goes out to all of the Instructors for stepping up and working with the extra people that stayed in camp, because of field tripping wasn't available this time due to Ron injuring himself. I also thank all of the participants for their patients and understanding. After reading all of the evaluations, it did appear everyone was happy and had a good week.

The committee and instructors met and decided due to a rent increase and shortness of bed space, that the camp cost will increase by \$15.00 to \$390.00 per week. This will take effect as of the **2014** Camp Zzyzx and **2014** Camp Paradise. The \$50.00 discount for RV's at Zzyzx will still be in effect.

Camp Paradise applications are now on the Web site and the CFMS Newsletter. Remember that the dates moved 1 week earlier this year. First week starts on Aug.25, and 2 week starts on Sept.1, 2013. The cost is still \$375.00 per week this year.



**FIELD TRIPS - NORTH
FROM JIM BARTON**

I thank the Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society Field Trip Chairperson Gordon Standlee and Assistant Field Trip Chairperson Denise Hansen for their efforts to make the Firebaugh Field Trip (Day 1) a great experience for everyone, and the Field Trip Chairmen's Association (Coop) for co-sponsoring the CFMS North Field Trip (Day 2). I also thank Kris Rowe of Fresno for sharing his special collecting area (Area 54) with all of us.



ERGONOMICS IN OUR HOBBY

BY BOB RUSH - SAFETY CHAIR

Ergonomics is defined as the science of designing and arranging things people use so that people interact with these things safely and efficiently. The word originated in 1949 and the science has been evolving ever since. It has been mostly utilized in industry so that injuries can be reduced in the workplace. These repetitive stress injuries are accumulative and ongoing for many years and they are very costly to resolve, so there has been significant efforts to alleviate the problem.

Unfortunately these efforts haven't been brought home to our activities outside of work. Usually we are focused on doing the things that that we enjoy about our hobbies but neglecting the ergonomic things that could prevent these long term injuries. We often have to cram our hobby work places into whatever spaces in our garage, basement or spare room that we can find. We build our benches out of scrap materials and grab any available chair that we can find. The results are definitely not optimal for comfort and safety as they should be. How you sit, stand, move, work can affect your body in the short and the long term.

Two of the most important things in your work station are workbench height and your chair. In order to achieve the proper workbench height you must first start with the chair. You may sit in your chair for many hours during your activities so the proper chair is critical. The ideal chair will have an adjustable seat height, seat back depth, height and tilt. Unfortunately these ideal chairs are quite expensive but if you look around at second hand stores, used office furniture stores or surplus equipment sites you should be able to find a good one. A quality chair should be designed to be sat in for long periods of time and be ergonomically adjustable. Your body, limbs, spine, and neck are supported by and affected by the chair you sit in.

CHAIR HINTS:

Use a chair that helps you maintain good posture easily, with your spine nearly vertical. The back rest should support the spine, particularly the lower spine. It should contact the back around 4 to 6 inches over the seat.

The chair should be low enough that both feet can be on the floor with the knees slightly higher

than the hips.

Sit upright without either arching your back or pushing your neck and head out forwards.

Keep your lower back flat against the supportive back of the chair.

Shift positions frequently to change the pressures on the spine. Get up and walk around every hour or so.

Moving your neck, head and shoulders occasionally will help relieve stresses.

WORK BENCH HINTS:

It is important to have your work bench height and styles designed so that you can operate your lapidary equipment or perform your jewelry activities while sitting. The stresses on your feet, knees and back are greatly reduced by not having to stand while performing these activities.

To determine the proper lapidary workbench height, sit comfortably in your properly adjusted chair. Sit up straight with your back against the backrest. In this position, your bench height should allow you to gently rest your arms on the bench top or reach the wheels on the lapidary unit without having to hunch your shoulders or lean into the machine. Most modern lapidary machines have a low 1-1/2" front lip so you don't have to sit up high, hunch your shoulders and reach down into them to reach the wheels. Unfortunately most of the older machines have this high front lip and it causes you to do your work in an uncomfortable manner

Generally lapidary equipment suppliers do not sell specific workbenches for their machines. In these cases you will have to adapt an existing bench or table for the correct height.

Many varieties of jewelry workbench styles and heights are available from tool and equipment suppliers. Unfortunately most all jewelry benches come in a standard height of 36" to 39" and are not designed to be adjustable. If you adjust your chair height so that your feet are flat on the floor and depending upon your height it isn't likely that the standard height benches will fit you. You might need to get a carpenter to adapt the bench properly for you.

The most important consideration in being able to perform your hobbies safely is to fit your chair and workbench to you and not try to adapt your body position to the equipment.



**EDUCATION THRU SHARING
FROM NANCY BIRD - CHAIR**

KARL GIBSON – DELVERS NOMINEE FOR ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

Karl has served on the Board of Directors for over twenty years and is also a past president of the Delvers Gem and Mineral Society. His wife Valerie also has served as secretary numerous times and is an avid rock hound. When the Delvers needed a location for our Memorial Day field trip, Karl volunteered his home in Nuevo and his workshop so we could spend a couple of days collecting tourmaline near Nuevo and polishing a few stones in his workshop. He did this several years. He has also served as our Show Chairman. Each month he calls Delvers on the telephone and talks to them about coming to our meetings and anything else they want to talk about. When we need something done, he is there volunteering his time and energy. We are happy to nominate our good friend Karl Gibson as Rockhound of the Year.

**EDUCATION THRU SHARING
JENNIFER RHODES - ASSISTANT CHAIR**

How many of you are taken for granted! How much work goes unnoticed until it isn't done in your society? Recognition for performance is very important. Volunteer hours are only paid with *\$Thank \$You*.

Education Thru Sharing once known as "Rock Hound of the Year" is a marvelous method of saying "THANK YOU!" What qualifies for this Award? "ANYTHING" YOU WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR! Each Society can nominate one member each year. A paragraph extolling the person's virtues is required. This letter/e-mail will be published in the CFMS and AFMS Newsletters. Nancy Bird can be reached via e-mail at nancyjbird@verizon.net. She will give a certificate and pin to the Federation Director at either the annual show or business meeting or, I am sure, mail them if your director is not attending.

Please consider publishing this paragraph in your own newsletter and asking one of your members to nominate someone they think is worthy. I nominate members of my society and enjoy opening my eyes and looking for someone that shines each year. I get to present the award at our annual awards ceremony. If you don't have an awards ceremony, do this at your general meeting. Thank you is very important.

Respectfully submitted by
Jennifer Rhodes
Reno Gem & Mineral Society
Asst. Chair, Education Thru Sharing

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If your Society is interested in hosting the 2014, 2015, 2016 or 2017 CFMS Show & Convention,
PLEASE CONTACT:

Jack Williams - SHOW CONSULTANT NORTH - 530-622-3038 - jwilliams08@comcast.net

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Susan Chaisson-Walblom - SHOW CONSULTANT SOUTH

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Shows and Events

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SHOW DATES

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Quartz Hill, CA 93536
E-Mail: slchaisson@yahoo.com

Or use the ONLINE SHOW FORM at www.cfmsinc.org (click on Shows)

2013

July 13 & 14: CULVER CITY, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Culver City Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Rick Shaffer (310) 391-8429
info@culvercityrocks.org
www.culvercityrocks.org

Aug 30-Sept 2: FORT BRAGG, CA

Mendocino Coast G & M Society
Town Hall - Main & Laurel
Hours: Fri.-Sun. 10 - 6; Mon. 10 - 4
Jerry Sommer (707) 937-1833

August 2 - 4: NIPOMO, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School
525 N Thompson Avenue
Hours: Fri. 10-5; Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-3788
Cell (805) 710-1983
info@omsinc.org
<http://www.omsinc.org/>

September 7 & 8: DOWNEY, CA

Delvers Gem & Mineral Society
Downey's Women's Club
9813 Paramount Boulevard
Corner of Paramount & Lubec
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Jon Fults Fults007@gmail.com

Sept 21 & 22: REDWOOD CITY, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue
Hours: 10 - 5 Daily
Preston Bingham (650) 368-6351
preston.bingham@att.net
<http://sgms.driftmine.com>

September 28 & 29: LODI, CA

Stockton Lapidary and Mineral Club
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
413 East Lockeford Street
Hours: 10 - 5 Daily
Jerold Kyle (209) 368-9411
jeroldkyle@yahoo.com
www.stocktonlapidary.com

Sept 28 & 29: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley G & M Society
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Janis Rovetti (831) 372-1311
janis12@sbcglobal.net
www.cvgms.com

Sept 28 & 29: SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Wells Fargo Center for the Arts
50 Mark West Springs Road
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Jolene Coon (707) 849-9551
jolene4rmgs@gmail.com
srmgs.org

October 5 & 6: BORON, CA

Mojave Mineralogical Society
Boron Park
South End of Boron Avenue
Featuring the original 20 Mule Team Wagon Train with live mules
Hours: 9 - 4 Daily
Steve Brckenridge (760) 559-0872
Rock5b@starband.net

October 6: FALLBROOK, CA

Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society
Annual Fall Festival of Gems
123 West Alvarado Street
Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Angela Hicks (760) 728-1130
fgms@sbcglobal.net
www.fgms.org

Oct 19 & 20: PLACERVILLE, CA

El Dorado County M & G Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10 - 5 Daily
Arlene Williams (530) 676-2472
info@rockandgemshow.org
www.eldoradomineralandgem.org

October 19 & 20: WHITTIER, CA

Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue (at Mar Vista)
Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239
joenmar1@verizon.net

October 26 & 27: LOS ALTOS, CA

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
Civic Center/Youth Center
One San Antonio Road
Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Daily
Steve Jobe (408) 834-5384
steve_job@sbcglobal.net
www.PGGS.org

November 2 & 3: RIDGECREST, CA

Indian Wells Gem & Mineral Society
Desert Empire Fairgrounds
520 South Richmond Road
Hours: 9 - 5 Daily
John DeRosa (760) 375-7905
Vickie Black (760) 371-4416

November 16 & 17: OXNARD, CA

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
164 Seaspray Way
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4
Brett Johnson (805) 822-3836
show_info@oxnardgem.com
<http://www.oxnardgem.com>

2014

January 18 & 19: EXETER, CA

Tule Gem & Mineral Society
Exeter Veterans Memorial Building
324 North Kaweah Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4
Pepper Okada (559) 733-5842
pepperok@clearwire.net
tulegem.org

March 1 & 2: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds
LA County Arboretum & Botanic Garden
301 S. Baldwin Avenue
Hours: 9 - 4:30 Daily
Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624
joannaritchey@gmail.com
www.moroks.com



CFMS SHOW DATES

Shows and Events
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April 12 & 13, SAN JOSE, CA
Santa Clara Valley G&M Society
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
344 Tully Road
Hours: 10a.m. – 5 p.m. Daily
Frank Mullaney (408) 266-1791
Cell (408) 691-2656
info@scvfgms.org
scvfgms.org

2013 FEDERATION SHOWS

NORTHWEST FEDERATION
AUGUST 16 - 18: BUTTE, MT

SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION
AUGUST 17- 18: BOSSIER CITY, LA

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION
****AFMS SHOW****
SEPTEMBER 20 - 22: JACKSONVILLE, FL

2014 FEDERATION SHOWS

EASTERN FEDERATION
MARCH 29-30: PLYMOUTH MTG, PA

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION
****AFMS SHOW****
JULY 9 - 13: TULSA, OK

NORTHWEST FEDERATION
AUGUST 15 - 17: HERMISTON, OR

MIDWEST FEDERATION
OCTOBER 18 - 19: DES MOINES, IA

2015 FEDERATION SHOWS

SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION
****AFMS SHOW****
AUSTIN, TEXAS



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From Pat Larue

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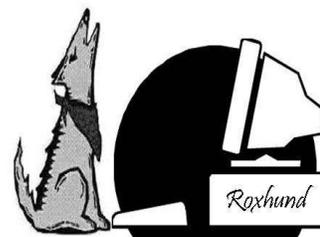
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Be sure to advertise your shows in the **ROCK & GEM MAGAZINE!**
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Send the information in early so it's published in the magazine as well as online.



FROM YOUR EDITOR

TOM BURCHARD
2ND VICE PRESIDENT

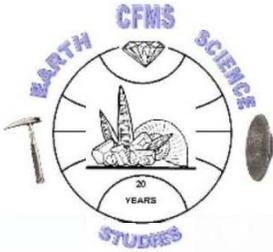
I want to personally "Thank" the Tri-Cities-Clubs for putting on a successful Show and Convention this year. Y'All did a great job!

We have a few photos from the show and convention in this issue, with more to come in subsequent issues.

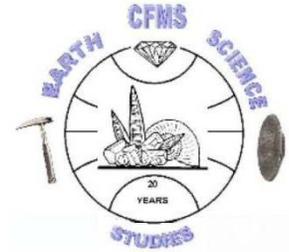
After the show Marion Roberts, Colleen McGann and myself visited the home of Ruth Bailey. Her son, Jim Dodge met us there and we proceeded to sort, organize, pack and distribute said sorted and packed materials among us. Prior to her passing Ruth had given her collection of rocks, minerals, slabs, tools and machinery to the CFMS for the benefit of Earth Science Studies.

I suspected she had a very nice collection, but was overwhelmed several times during our workday. Her gift will benefit CFMS/ESS for many years. There was so much stuff that we could not take it all with us. Frank Mullaney and Dean Welder are arranging for a 'SALE' of that material some time this year. Thank You Frank & Dean.

Some of you may have noticed that there was no June newsletter. We will now resume our regular schedule. July 1st will be the deadline for the August newsletter.



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CAMP PARADISE



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Emergency Phone Number for Camp Paradise 530-675-2625

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE REGISTERING

1. Any cancellation prior to August 1 will incur a \$25.00 Administration Fee.
2. No refunds on cancellations after this date unless a substitute is provided.

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Please Note: Sign In will be Sunday, August 25th and Sunday, September 1st, 2013 at 1:00 PM

CAMP PARADISE is approximately 50 miles east of Marysville on Highway E-21 (Marysville Rd. towards Brownsville). Elevation is approx. 3,500 ft. The facilities are at a rustic church camp, rooms with double beds (for couples) and/or bunk beds. Bathrooms and showers are communal and located in each building. Housekeeping is the responsibility of each guest. Also available, on a limited basis, are cabins for 4 or more persons (bathrooms and showers are located nearby). RV space with electricity and water for most spaces is available. **Since it is a church camp, no alcoholic beverages are permitted. Room assignments will be made by staff.**

CLASSES - Beginning Faceting, Ming Trees, Lapidary, Soft Stone Carving, Silversmithing, Lost Wax Casting, Beginning through Advanced Wire Art, Copper Enameling, Lampwork Bead Making, Beading, PMC3 Clay and Dichroic Glass.

Please Note: There will be some classes with limited space - Preference will be given to first time students.

***** CHANGES MAY BE MADE AS NECESSARY *****

A list of supplies will be sent to you with your confirmation. Please e-mail me after 30 days if you have not received information.

PLEASE CUT ALONG LINE and KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCES

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Name 1 _____ Name 2 _____

Address _____ City _____ State ___ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

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(explain briefly) _____

Due to the lack of dietary knowledge and the various interpretations of different needs, we ask that you bring your special food items and we will do our best to prepare them for you.

Animals will be allowed in the **RV Area Only** and must be kept on a leash and picked up after.

Any violation could result in adherence to their No Pets Rule.