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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month I told you about the Stockton Society and their efforts to revitalize their show and their Society. I know you have all been waiting to hear how they ended up. Well, they doubled their net income on their show. Great job, everybody!

I will become a lame duck President on November 9th, when Jennifer Haley is sworn in as President, until effective January 1, 2014. The following is going to be my "Good Bye" speech.

As I reflect back to 2008, at the CFMS show in Ventura, when Ted Magee came up to me and asked if I would like to run for a position on the EC and end up being President in 2013, I thought that a five year commitment seemed like a long time. As I look back at some of the changes that have been made in OUR Federation in the last five years, a couple of major accomplishments stand out.

First and second was the change in how new Societies are welcomed into OUR Federation. Societies would send in their paperwork (including a check) in January to join, thinking they were becoming members, but they actually had to wait until the next Federation meeting to be voted on by the Directors, sometimes as late as August. Both Fred Ott and I thought there could be an insurance related liability problem, if there was an insurance occurrence before they were actually voted in. When it was pointed out that the EC and the Federation Directors had never voted to not allow a requesting Society membership the decision was made to allow the EC to vote to approve a new member by **E-Mail**. We, OUR Federation and YOUR EC, just made the move into the electronic world. That was really TWO tremendous leaps for OUR Federation.

Third was the change that was made in the CFMS Show process. Your Directors voted to

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Articles for the NEWSLETTER are
DUE to the Editor by the
1st of The Month - PRIOR -
to the Month of Publication!
NEW - Editor - Rob Sankovich
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Jim Strain passed away on October 14, 2013, at the age of 82. A 1949 graduate of Central Union High School in Yakima, WA, he served honorably in the US Air Force from 1951-1954. He married Elizabeth (Beth) following his military service and together with their growing family moved from Washington in 1964 to Holtville.

Jim was active in his community, serving on the Imperial County Board of Education, from 1985-2013. He was a public relations consultant for the Mesquite Regional Landfill project in Imperial County. He worked with Crossland Office Supply for 33 years.

Jim was an active participant in the gem and mineral hobby and a leader in the Imperial Valley Gem & Mineral Society. He was involved in the Gem & Mineral Building at the Imperial Valley Fairgrounds and taught Lapidary Arts through the I.V.C. Extension for 10+ years. His involvement with the California Federation focused on public land issues and Jim was actively involved in working towards keeping our public lands open for recreation. He was appointed to the Desert Advisory Committee by James Watt, Secretary of the Interior under Ronald Reagan and was instrumental in helping preserve sections of the Wiley Well area for recreational collecting. CFMS awarded Jim with the Golden Bear in 1995 and this was followed up by his induction into the National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame in 1996. He was the longtime chairman of PLAC South and remained a member of the committee until his passing.

Jim is survived by Beth, his wife of 59 years, 2 siblings, 6 children, 10 grandchildren and 3 great grand children. Our condolences go out to his family. He touched the lives of many and will be long remembered by those of us privileged to have known him.

Excerpts and photo from obituary in Imperial Valley Press Online, 10/18/2013



EDUCATION THRU SHARING

FROM NANCY BIRD - CHAIR

The **San Geronio Mineral and Gem Society** would like to nominate Loretta Rinaldi as our Rockhound Of The Year.

"I have known Loretta for 22 years. She is the most dedicated, hard-working person I have ever met. She comes early to every meeting to get the room ready, making coffee, setting out supplies, receiving the food and keeping it warm and a multitude of other things, as well as helping to clean up afterwards and putting everything away.

She comes to Indio to help get ready for the show and pot-luck and is on the work schedule wherever she is needed. She is always faithful to attend the critter parties, and is very productive.

I am honored to call this lady my friend! I would vote for her for Rockhound Of The Decade"!!

Sincerely, Bert Grisham
SGM&GS President

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THE DIAMOND PACIFIC GENIE DRAWING

BY SUSAN CHAISSON-WALBLOM - E.S.S. CO-ASSISTANT

The drawing was held at the Fall CFMS Meeting in Visalia.

WE HAVE A WINNER!

"KRISHNA JUAREZ" FROM THE VENTURA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY!

Thank you very much to everyone for purchasing tickets and supporting the Earth Science Studies Program! Our biggest THANK YOU of all goes to Diamond Pacific for donating one of their 40th Anniversary Genies and making this drawing possible!

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allow Societies to present, to the EC, bids to sponsor a CFMS show that would allow them the opportunity to make the most money and still return a reasonable income to the CFMS. My goal for this year was to sign up Societies for the 2014, 2015 and 2016 shows. We only got commitments for 2014 and 2016. We still need a show for 2015 but even then – “two out of three ain’t bad”.

Is there anything I wanted to accomplish that did not get done? Yep! I am going to ask you a question. Do you know how much this Federation pays for liability insurance for all the Societies for a whole year? I bet I could count the number of you that really know the answer to that question on one hand. One of the first things I did when I was Treasurer was ask where that cost was on our financial statements and why it did not show on the P&L. It turned out that changing how it has always been done was a going to be a little more difficult than I thought and I decided not to pursue the matter further.

NOW THE BEST PART OF BEING PRESIDENT. THANKING SOME SPECIAL PEOPLE FOR ALL THEIR HELP.

Dick Pankey, was the first person to come up to me at the Sunday morning meeting five years ago and he advised me to read the CFMS Bylaws and Operating Regulations and if I ever had any questions to give him a call. Thank you, Dick.

Pat LaRue, for doing the newsletter for me, when it was my turn. Sure, I could have figured it out myself and you would probably just now be getting my first newsletter. She was the person I called if I had questions about what I could and could not do. This wonderful lady is the glue that holds OUR Federation together. Pat, thank you so much for all your help over the past 5 years and for all that you do for OUR Federation.

Jim Brace-Thompson, was my “go to guy” when I had concerns. I remember when, a couple years ago, during a very difficult situation, he was the one that kept me going. I would get a glass and a bottle of wine and give him a call, wait for him to get a glass and a bottle of wine and spend an hour on the phone. When you look at everything that Jim has done, and continues to do, for the AFMS and OUR Federation, you have to appreciate what a truly amazing man he is. Thank you, Jim.

Susan Chaisson-Walblom became a very close friend and one of my biggest assets as President. She is so bright, so organized and so giving of herself and her time that you cannot help but realize that she, also, is a wonderful asset to have in OUR Federation. It would be a shame if Presidents in the future do not continue to utilize her talents. Thank you, Susan, for all your work with the Pasadena Society to put together the 2014 CFMS show bid. What would I have done without you?

Last, but not least, my wonderful wife, Terry. Thank you for all YOUR work helping me during my Presidential year. Thank you for doing all the proofreading of my articles and thank you for letting me know when I should and should not say something in the newsletter. Thank you for our 53 years together.

Thank you, Federation Directors and Committee Chairs; for all that you do for YOUR Federation.

Bud McMillin,
President, 2013
Soon To Be An O.F.P.P.



EDUCATION THROUGH SHARING - *Continued from Page 2*

FROM NANCY BIRD - CHAIR

The **Ventura Gem & Mineral Society** is honored to nominate Raul Barraza and Maria Flores as a couple, as our 2013 Rockhounds Of The Year. Raul and Maria are enthusiastic members, helping out with our club in many ways. Both regularly attend our monthly Membership Meetings and participate in our monthly Workshop Day at the clubhouse. As our CFMS Show approached, Raul put in a lot of help with the publicity. After our CFMS Show, we received the following note from Dona Knapton, co-chair for the Kids Booth: "Paul and Maria need extra kudos. They were there at the Kids Booth the whole time, all three days and did several jobs. Most recently, they volunteered to help in whatever ways may be needed with the Gem & Mineral Division at the Ventura County Fair. Raul and Maria go above and beyond helping our club, they deserve to be our Club Rock Hound of the Year."

Robert Sankovich

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

President



JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

BY JIM BRACE-THOMPSON

KIDZ ROCKS

Earlier this year, CFMS Visual Programs Chair Sharon Rogow alerted me to "Kidz Rocks, Inc.," an on-line business out of Canoga Park, CA, founded and run by Alan Scalone. Per his website, Alan notes a goal of providing "minerals that foster children's curiosity in the world around them and a love of learning; minerals with vibrant colors, unique crystal shapes and interesting combinations of minerals that not only attract a child's interest but provide excellent learning opportunities." I've explored his website and I'm happy to report he has succeeded!

Kids can buy individual specimens, pre-made collection kits, or build their own custom collection kits with 100 rock, mineral, and fossil specimens to choose from. Most specimens are larger than 2 to 3 inches, not the little chips often sold by scientific supply houses. Kidz Rock also offers smaller sized bagged minerals for use by teachers and schools, or by Juniors leaders of local gem and mineral societies.

Prices are kept deliberately low by Alan purchasing directly from miners (or collecting himself) and minimizing middlemen. And he provides FREE education pages. Beneath photos of the rocks offered is a clickable **Learn About This Rock** link that pulls up information about the chemistry and characteristics of the mineral, the origin of its name, where it's found, how it's used, and fun facts on colorful sheets that can be downloaded and printed. Some of the links also include brief educational video clips. And you can sign up for a newsletter.

I encourage you to check out Kidz Rocks at www.kidzrocks.com or by calling 1-888-KIDZ-ROCKS. In addition to Alan's formal goal of "inspire a love of learning," it looks like a lot of fun!

CFMS NEEDS YOU!

If your Society is interested in hosting the 2015 or 2017 CFMS Show & Convention,

PLEASE CONTACT:

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or

Susan Chaisson-Walblom - SHOW CONSULTANT SOUTH

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2014 CFMS BULLETIN AND ARTICLE CONTEST
ATTENTION - CFMS MEMBER CLUBS - BULLETIN EDITORS
BY TERRY VASSEUR, CFMS BULLETIN AIDS CHAIR

It's off to the races for the new Bulletin Aids Chair and for all our CFMS Clubs and their Bulletin Editors. There is but only a few weeks to gather up your submissions for the 2014 Bulletin and Article Contests. To get started, go back and review your 2013 newsletters (January through December) and pull out every original, member article you can find. Any author who has not been a first place winner of the CFMS contest in the past three years is eligible and the same goes for bulletin editors. Editors, you are in an unique position to inspire and motivate your club's members and readers. Help your club and help yourself by participating in these contests.

The new Forms, the Rules, and Procedures for the 2014 CFMS Bulletin Contests are now posted on the CFMS web site cfmsinc.org (thanks to June Harris). Just click on "Forms". If you need help downloading forms contact me, and I will make sure that you get what you need. This year mail three sets of articles or newsletters together with scoring sheets to:

Terry Vasseur
4829 W. 130th St.
Hawthorne, CA 90250.

The deadline for all entries is December 15, 2013.

Two sets are for the CFMS contests. The third set this year insures a clean set will go to the AFMS contests for all top five winners in our CFMS contests. I can be reached by phone at 310-644-2029 or by e-mail wookman@dslextreme.com

Winners of the contest will be announced at the Sunday Editors and Webmasters Breakfast at the 2014 CFMS Show & Convention hosted by the Pasadena Lapidary Society, May 31-June 2, at the LA County FairPlex. I hope to see all of the contest entrants at the Editor and Webmaster breakfast on June 1.

Note: The Bulletin Aids Chairman designates April 2013 as the required month this year that bulletin contestants have to enter along with a second issue of their own choice. Good luck to all!



CFMS RULES COMMITTEE
DEE HOLLAND CHAIR - 2014

Due to a 'printers error' the following was not included in the "2014 Supplemental Rules" that was included with the 'packets' given to Directors at the Directors Meeting in Visalia. A revised and complete form will be available on the CFMS web site soon, but we wanted to give extra publicity to the 'newest' supplement. This will be a 'permanent award'

RUTH BAILEY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE.
"BEST EXHIBIT IN THE SHOW"

Sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society

1. This trophy shall be awarded to the best presented case in the show. The trophy will become the permanent property of the winner
2. Any case displayed at the show is eligible for the trophy.
3. The trophy shall be awarded by a committee of two people from the Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society (SCVGMS) and one CFMS judge that is not a SCVGMS member.
4. The committee results shall be final.
5. The winner of the Ruth Bailey Award of Excellence shall not be eligible to win the award for three years after winning.



FROM EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES

BY MARION ROBERTS - CHAIR

At this time I do not have a lot to talk about. Being in between the two camps, it is a short opportunity to somewhat kick back and think about the ups and downs of the past year. Camp Paradise had a good outcome even with a very slow start with participant sign ups, but even with a lot of very late application sign ups, we had a good average camp. I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to Ruth Bailey and to her family for all the wonderful material and tools they donated to the Earth Science Studies Program. Up to this time we have sold over \$5,000 and put to use a lot of material for the camps use. Camp Zzyzx is expected to be a good camp as all beds are filled and a few RVer's have signed up already. A waiting list has been started, however all RVer's can still get in at the \$50.00 discount from the \$390.00.



CFMS FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

COLLEEN MCGANN - CHAIR

As FAC Chair, I want to thank Mike Kokinos for being our CFMS Tax Advisor for many years and for doing an awesome job for any request from our societies. Mike has assisted several societies this year before retiring as our CFMS Tax Advisor. One is in the process of dissolving and will donate any remaining funds to the CFMS. Another has recently filed form 1023 requesting tax exemption under IRC Section 501(c)(3). He also advised a society trying to decide which code section they wanted for their exemption in their correspondence with the IRS.

I want to thank Mike Kokinos' for again auditing the 2013 CFMS Ventura Show books. He worked with the Treasurer of the show and others to complete the audit.

Mike has suggested he will train another CFMS society member for continuing with these activities. He is willing to train our Executive Secretary/Treasurer Pat, a FAC member or an officer to identify expenses by programs which is a key portion of preparing Form 990 and preparing a consolidated trial balance. This should substantially reduce the fee to an outside accountant and might possibly result in having a FAC member or an officer prepare the Form 990. His recommendation is to negotiate a fee to have Pat prepare the Form 990. She may have to purchase a tax package to avoid handwriting Form 990 and any other forms.

If the CFMS is willing to have Mike train someone, that person will need Excel and the training needs to start before the end of 2013. Please let me know if you are interested in this job or know someone to be our CFMS Tax Advisor.

Based on the Operating regulations, the independent review of Treasurers activities will still be required.

The FAC members received e-mail accountings for the CFMS moneys from Pat LaRue during the year and have had few questions or suggestions for these accounts. Thank You to Pat for another year of good stewardship for the CFMS.



AFMS JUDGES TRAINING PROGRAM FOR 2014

DEE HOLLAND - CHAIR - AFMS JUDGES TRAINING

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We are excited to bring you the second “on the road” Judges Training Seminar, beginning Thursday, April 10, 2014 through Sunday, April 13, 2014 in OGDEN, UTAH.

This is the last of the authorized seminars to be held. In 2013 there was hopes of a seminar but the dates and prices at the location were way out of line for our budget.

I think you will be pleasantly surprised to find the Ogden Best Western; High Country Inn has been gracious in giving us the best prices around, for the money. \$70 per night for either 2 queens or 1 king, and in addition their ‘on premises’ Jeremiah’s restaurant where the seminars will be held in their conference room will astound you with their meals. They will be providing us with lunch on both Friday and Saturday and that is included in the price of the seminar, \$30. But, if you want to try their ‘best in the west’ pork ribs, or their famous ‘deep dish pies’, feel free. They are also offering to extend your visit on either end of the booking if you want to ‘see the sights’ in the area. Just ask when you make the reservation. **MAKE SURE YOU TELL THEM, “AFMS JUDGES TRAINING”**.

The Weber County Fairgrounds is just down the street and we’ll give you a map, (GPS coordinates take you way out of your way) or send it to you in advance if you want to bring your own exhibit for evaluation. You will have to put the exhibit in on Thursday afternoon as the **Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society’s Show** is a **three day show** to accommodate the kids on Friday. Everyone in the club and at the hotel/restaurant is excited you are coming and want to make this event memorable.

Our intrepid “TEACHER” Jay Bowman will again teach the class. It will begin Friday morning at 9AM. (Breakfast on your own, but we suggest Jeremiah’s), and end at 4PM. After that you’re on your own to search out other restaurants and then sit around the fire at the hotel. Saturday, Class begins again at 9AM and will end approximately 4PM or sooner, if we are all good. Sunday morning at 9AM at the Fairgrounds we will begin to judges exhibits. On completion, we will evaluate what we have accomplished.

I hope you will all consider attending, it’s uplifting and exciting, we promise. And think what you can take home to your clubs. An interest in competitive exhibits is growing, be part of the solution. **You must have an AFMS RULE BOOK, 2014. Download from AFMS website: amfed.org**

After January 1, 2014



EDUCATION THRU SHARING ANNOUNCEMENT

FROM NANCY BIRD - CHAIR

EDUCATION THRU SHARING ANNOUNCEMENT

I would like to announce a new category for the CFMS under Education Through Sharing, the Junior Rockhound Of The Year Award. This will be similar to the adults award in that each club will be able to nominate 1 child per year. The award is for recognition for work done the previous year. The Junior, according to the AFMS, must be 17 during that year for at least one week. Say they turned 18 on January 8, they would still qualify.

I believe this honor will reward so many of our children who are enthusiastic about the hobby. And everyone of us can use encouragement. I know that all three Juniors in the Downey Delvers deserve this, this is for them.

So, write up 2 to 3 paragraphs on what this child has done to deserve this award, send it to me for publication in the CFMS and AFMS Newsletters, and your club will receive a parchment suitable for framing and a new pin designating the honor to be given to the recipient.

AFMS JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR

Thursday April 10 – Sunday, April 13, 2014
Ogden, Utah, Best Western High Country Inn
1335 W. 12th Street, Ogden, UT 84404-5417
PHONE 801-394-9474 FAX 801-392-6589

DEAD LINE: MARCH 25, 2014

This program/seminar is for judges and exhibitors, sponsored by the AFMS. This is the last of three authorized seminars to be held in different Regions each year, and set up in conjunction with a local club and their show. In 2014 at the AFMS meeting in Tulsa, I will ask for an extension of this program.

Please fill out the application below and return to:
Dee Holland, AFMS Judges Training Chair
P.O. Box 23, Tendoy, ID 83468

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

REGIONAL FEDERATION _____

CLUB/SOCIETY _____

DIVISION YOU ARE INTERESTED IN

OPEN ___ MINERAL ___ LAPIDARY ___ JEWELRY ___ EDUCATION ___

FOSSIL ___ PETRIFIED WOOD ___ SCRIMSHAW ___ BEADING ___ UV ___

YOU MUST HAVE AN AFMS RULES BOOK, updated to 2014

CLASS SCHEDULE

Thursday evening, 7PM, Welcome at Hotel, High Country Inn

Friday & Saturday 9-5 CLASSES (Lunch on Premises at Jeremiah's)

Sunday Morning 9AM Weber County Fairgrounds, 100 North 1200 West, Ogden, UT

Evaluation of exhibits -- Evaluation of the program immediately following

There is a \$30. charge for the class for everyone, this includes lunch Fri & Sat.

Make check out to: Dee Holland and this must accompany this application

If you are staying at the hotel, YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION

Two Queen or One King, \$70, including tax, etc per night.

Tell hotel it is the AFMS Judges Training Seminar.

I'm bringing an exhibit for evaluation _____

Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society has standard AFMS size cases available at no cost. Use the same deadline as the seminar to reserve a case, or a spot, if you bring your own case.



A GROUP EFFORT FOR SAFETY IN 2014

MARK NELSON - 2014 SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR

When I was very young I never thought much about Safety, my own or that of others. As I became involved with emergency response organizations I saw how devastating that injuries could be. But it really took running my own business to bring home the lesson of how a string of minor injuries can reflect an unsafe workplace (and drive up the cost of Workers Compensation insurance)! A foreign object in an eye or an injured extremity can have a life-long impact on a person's enjoyment of life and ability to earn a living. Just as in the workplace, our lapidary environment is one that also needs to be free of unmanaged risks.

When President-Elect Jennifer Haley invited me to work with her as the Chair of the Safety Committee I committed to her that I would make every effort to make this responsibility one that would benefit all of our member clubs. I like lapidary, jewelry making and field trips as much as any of us! I know that there are hazards in our hobby that are common to all clubs. I also know that there are a lot of experienced rockhounds and workshop leaders out there who have ideas to share about what makes a safe environment in which to enjoy our hobby!

In my own business I developed safety programs for metal shops and construction sites. I'm a senior member of the San Dimas Mountain Rescue Team and an Emergency Medical Technician. I hope to join my experience with that of experienced lapidary club leaders, to benefit all of our lapidary club members.

I'm asking that club shop and field trip leaders send me your thoughts on the safety issues our clubs need to emphasize to our members. Send me your ideas, news articles, clippings of safety and hazards, photos and anything that you think should be shared with the other clubs in the CFMS Bulletin! Have you had a close call or averted a disaster that we could all learn from? Does your club have a safety manual? Will you share it with the other clubs? Send it to me! How about a Field Trip First Aid Guide? My club, the Pasadena Lapidary Society, has one, would you like a copy to use for your club? Please let me know. Together we can make Safety a GROUP EFFORT - starting in 2014!

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NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

FROM PAT LARUE - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER

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2013 - CFMS Insurance Chair Fred Ott

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fred@fredott.net



VISUAL PROGRAMS
BY SHARRON ROGOW - CHAIR

As we close out the year, I'd like everyone's input on our Visual Programs Library. Please send me your answers to the following survey questions:

- 1 Which program is your favorite?
- 2 Which programs were favored by your club members?
- 3 Which format do you prefer: DVD, CD, VHS or Slides?
- 4 Do you favor converting non-commercial popular programs to DVD if they are not already of that format?
- 5 Can you help with that process?
- 6 Are there subjects that we do not cover in our collection that you would like to have available?
- 7 Will you make an effort to send in feedback after viewing a program?
- 8 Will you make an effort to return programs within 10 days of viewing?
- 9 Do you feel that the fee is appropriate?
- 10 Will you consider requesting some of the new additions to the collection for your club?

Up to October 30th, we have had 17 requests for programs, 1 CD, 1VHS and 15 DVDs. We have had over 20 new additions so far in 2013, supplied mostly by CFMS and AFMS. Please keep our library in mind for your meeting programs.

Thanks for your requests and cooperation throughout the year. It is a little early but HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!

sharonrr@cox.net
702-499-0272



ROX DOBASCUM

FROM YOUR EDITOR

TOM BURCHARD
2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Whhooee! This has been a busy year. We're all back from Visalia, safe and sound I hope. The Director's Meeting was well attended. The Pasadena Lapidary Society put on an enjoyable "Dog & Pony" skit to publicize the CFMS Show & Convention next year. The Saturday Night Banquet & Officers Installation went very well and was well attended. If you attended the after banquet party you had a chance to race trilobites glued to slot cars. Do you remember slot cars? Remember if you admit that you're dating yourself.

Rob Sankovich will be your editor next year. He is going to need all the cooperation and help you can give him. He's never edited a bulletin/newsletter before. Read that as "steep learning curve" if you will. So please get your articles into him in a timely manner.

I'm looking forward to being your 1st VP and helping our President out as much as possible. Looking forward to the Holiday Seasons and the New Year.

JOIN US



Quartzsite, January 26, 2014
I-10 and Exit 26, Gold Nugget Road
East of Quartzsite from 8am to 12 noon.

Shirley Leeson, President ALAA
president@amlands.org

Last year during the QIA ‘extravaganza’, we had our “1st Annual BLM Quartzsite Clean-up”. It was a huge success in the eyes of the BLM, with the group collecting 3 tons of trash.

Please join us this year, same location, along with the BLM Ranger Bill Alexander and his crew to clean up this area.

The publicity for rockhounds was huge. It was noted in both the Arizona and California BLM Newsletters and BLM FaceBook pages for Arizona.

Help us make a positive spin on rockhound activities, join us. Pictures say it all, and they are lasting.

Mark your calendar today and join us. We’ll have a check in so you and your club will be recognized as having participated. For further information go to **info@amlands.org**.

EDITORS: Please Copy



LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are still trying to update our records with the starting dates of each Societies/Club affiliation with CFMS. If you know what year your Society/Club joined the CFMS

Please send this information in to; Susan Chaisson-Walblom at;

slchaisson@yahoo.com, or call (661) 406-0143.

Thank you in advance for your help filling in our records.

Susan



2014 SHOW & CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT

CFMS Annual Show & Convention “California’s Gem & Mineral Bounty” is coming together! The web site **www.cfms2014show.com** is up and running, with information about the show, maps, advanced registration, competition applications, non-competition applications, speakers and dealers can be found there. The Pasadena Lapidary Society’s members and Show Committee are working to make this a great show.



ALL AMERICAN CLUB YEARBOOK AWARD

BY DOT BEACHLER - CHAIR

Why do we have the All American award? What can it mean to your club?

- 1 - Club members working together can share their enthusiasm for their hobby.
- 2 - This will be a history of your club's activities.
- 3 - Entering the competition can afford the club the opportunity for regional and national recognition.

How does your club work toward entering this competition? Suggestions:

- 1 - Work with your publicity committee to coordinate information.
- 2 - Collect pictures of club activities, displays and demonstrations.
- 3 - Record data at club meetings of community involvement.
- 4 - List special interest groups.
- 5 - Join ALAA, write letters to congressmen.

Instructions for entering your Club Book:

Each report is to be submitted as a single document limited to a maximum of 100 sheets (one or two sided) including text and graphics. A loose leaf notebook is a suitable binder.

This document should have six section dividers numbered 1 through 6, with the report form in Section 1, and the supporting information for each of the report sections following the appropriate section divider. There are no restrictions on number of pages in any section.

When filling out the report form, mark all appropriate blanks and enter numbers or other information where requested. Assemble requested supporting materials and lists following the appropriate section divider, and then insert photos or other graphics following the typed information. Remember that all requested information is for the prior year.

The application forms are available on the CFMS website.

Due date for entries will be **FEBRUARY 28, 2014**



SHOW COORDINATOR 2014

**The Pasadena Lapidary Society
Is hosting the
2014 CFMS Show & Convention**

This is a wonderful group of hard working Rockhounds!

With less than a year of preparation time to host next years Show, this group is moving right along with all their preparations. Please let them know how much we appreciate them taking on this task!

Mark your calendars for the 2014 CFMS Show & Convention.

**“California’s Gem & Mineral Bounty”
FAIRPLEX (L.A. County Fairgrounds)
Building 5, Pomona, CA
May 30, 31 & June 1**



The Pasadena Lapidary Society

Presents The

2014 Annual Statewide Show & Convention
of the

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

"California's Gem & Mineral Bounty"

FAIRPLEX, Building 5, Pomona, CA

May 30, 31 & June 1, 2014

Friday & Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM

Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM

Admission:

Adults \$5, 3-day pass \$12

Seniors 60+ & Military \$4,

3-day pass \$10

Juniors (13-17) \$3, 3-day pass \$7

Kids 12 & Under—Free w/paid Adult

Gems, Minerals, Beads, Rocks,
Fossils, Jewelry, Dealers,
Exhibits, Speakers, Demos,
Raffles, Silent Auctions,
Kids Activities!



Fairplex, Building 5, 1101 McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA.

Parking in Lot 3 for \$10

For more information contact—626 260-7239

AFMS 2014 MULTI-FEDERATION FIELD TRIP

The town of Terry, Montana may be small, but they are planning on rolling out the red carpet for us as they host the AFMS 2014 Multi-Federation Field Trip Gathering. The dates are **July 31 - August 4, 2014**, so mark your calendars and get ready to register!

Terry is right in the middle of some of the best Montana rock hounding areas. We'll have numerous trips to the Gravel Bars on the Yellowstone River; productive areas that I've been hunting on annually for 40+ years. Many are accessed only through private property, but permissions have been granted. We'll be hunting for Montana agates, Jasper, Petrified Wood, fossil coral, stromatolites, and numerous other "oddities". We'll have numerous trips into Montana fossil country to the Pierre and Bear Paw formation areas, and we'll collect ammonites, baculites, scaphites, nautiloids and many other shells (70-95 million years old) in the ancient sea bed areas.

We are also working on trips to several areas where we can collect dinosaur fossils from the Hell Creek Formation. More information will be forthcoming as plans are solidified. In addition, we'll have an opportunity to take a guided tour through the Eastern Montana Badlands. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Start planning your collecting vacation now. Kids are welcome! What could be better than four days in Eastern Montana with a chance of collecting wonderful material. But wait; there's more. The town of Terry is allowing us to use their 2 block City Park for dry camping and other activities. We'll have pot luck dinners, a barbecue and much, much more.

For more information contact Doug True, Field Trip Chair 406-670-0506, or **dtruefossils12@yahoo.com**
Visit http://www.amfed.org/news/n2013_11.pdf page 12 for photos.

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SHOW CONSULTANT SOUTH

CFMS NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for future CFMS Show/Convention Host!

The times they are a changing!

The CFMS Executive Committees over the last few years have been working hard to find ways of make hosting future CFMS Shows more appealing to member Societies/Clubs. Our current CFMS President - Bud McMillin has personally worked diligently on this issue. There have been questionnaires for past Host –Societies as well as questions for all members to voice their concerns and reservations. Hopefully we are moving toward a more rewarding experience for each and every Society/Club Host.

If your Club/Society is considering Hosting a future CFMS Show, one of the CFMS Show Consultants would be happy to come to your Club/Society's meeting to discuss the new approach being taken toward CFMS Show Host. Please let one of us know that you are interested and we would be happy to talk with you.

Remember, most Clubs/Societies that host a CFMS Show/Convention see an increase in membership as well as an increase in their own Show the following years after hosting.

CFMS SHOW DATES

Shows and Events

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

E-Mail or mail to:

SHOW DATES

Susan Chaisson-Walblom

42122 52nd St. West,

Quartz Hill, CA 93536

E-Mail: slchaisson@yahoo.com

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

2013

Dec 13 - 15: SAN BERNARDINO, CA

Orange Belt Mineralogical Society

Western Regional Little League

Baseball Park

6707 Little League Drive

Hours: 9am – dusk

Ken (909) 381-0089

kengard@roadrunner.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

February 15 - 24: INDIO, CA

San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society,

Banning

Riverside County Fair I & National Date Festival

46350 Arabia Street

Hours: 10 - 10 daily

Contact: Bert Grisham 915-849-1674,

951-288-9025 cell

bert67@verizon.net

Feb 21, 22 & 23: NEWARK, CA

Min. & Gem Society of Castro Valley

Newark Pavilion

6430 Thornton Avenue

Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5

Cathy Miller

info@mgscv.org

www.mgscv.org

March 1 & 2: ARCADIA, CA

Monrovia Rockhounds

LA Co. Arboretum & Botanic Garden

301 S. Baldwin Avenue

Hours: 9 – 4:30 Daily

Jo Anna Ritchey (626) 359-1624

joannaritchey@gmail.com

www.moroks.com

March 1 & 2: VENTURA, CA

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

Ventura County Fairgrounds

10 W. Harbor Blvd.

Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4

Krishna Juarez (805) 323-6725

abaris2007@gmail.com

www.vgms.org

March 8 & 9: SAN MARINO, CA

Pasadena Lapidary Society

Masonic Center

3130 Huntington Drive

Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5

Marcia Goetz (626) 260-7239

joenmar1@verizon.net

March 8 & 9: SPRECKELS, CA

Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club

Spreckels Vets Hall

5th & Llano Streets

Hours: 10-5 Daily

Karin Salomon (831) 375-5233

kl.salomon72@yahoo.com

Salinasrockandgem.com

March 8 & 9: TURLOCK, CA

Mother Lode Mineral Society

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds

900 N. Broadway

Hours: 10am – 5pm Daily

Bud & Terry McMillin (209) 524-3494

Cell (209) 484-4416

terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com

www.turlockgemshow.com

March 15 & 16: LEMOORE, CA

Lemoore Gem & Mineral Club

Trinity Hall

470 Champion Street

Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-4

Chris Wertenberger (559) 309-3433

georgersilva@sbcglobal.net

March 22 & 23: ANGELS CAMP, CA

Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society

Calaveras County Fairgrounds

101 Frogtown Road

Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4

Robin Williams (209) 728-8277

amy95247@yahoo.com

calaverasgemandmineral.org

March 22 & 23: ROSEVILLE, CA

Roseville Rock Rollers

Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds

800 All America City Boulevard

Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4

Gloria Marie (916) 216-1114

gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com

www.rockrollers.com

April 12 & 13: PARADISE, CA

Paradise Gem & Mineral Club

Elks Lodge

6309 Clark Road

Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4

Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324

paradisegemmineralclub@yahoo.com

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@scvgms.org

scvgms.org

April 19 & 20: MARIPOSA, CA

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club

Mariposa County Fairgrounds

Fairgrounds Drive

Hours: 10-6 Daily

Martin Foden (209) 742-4036

martin@safarigold.com

www.camineralmuseum.com

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April 26 & 27: LANCASTER, CA
Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club
Lancaster High School
44701 – 32nd Street West
Hours: 9 am – 5 pm Daily
CJ Quitoriano (661) 209-9092
cjq_62@yahoo.com
www.avgem.weebly.com

April 26 27: THOUSAND OAKS, CA
Conejo Gem & Mineral Club
Borchard Park Community Center
190 Reino Rd. at Borchard Rd.
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Rob Sankovich (805) 494-7734
rmsorca@adelphia.net
<http://www.cgamc.org/>

May 3 & 4: ANAHEIM, CA
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center
2271 W. Crescent Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4:30
Robert & Sharon Burson (562) 860-5938
Cell (562) 706-2054
bursonrocks@verizon.net
searchersrocks.org/

May 30, 31 & June 1: POMONA, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
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CFMS Show & Convention
FAIRPLEX (L.A. Co. Fairgrounds) Building 5,
1101 McKinley Ave.
Pomona, CA
626-260-7239
www.cfms2014show.com

June 14 & 15: CAYUCOS, CA
San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club
Veterans Hall next to Cayucos Pier 10
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Kim Noyes (805) 610-0603
kimnoyes@gmail.com
slogems.org

October 11 & 12: TRONA, CA
Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society
Gem & Mineral Building
13337 Main Street
Hours: Sat. 7:30-5; Sun. 7:30-4
Jim & Bonnie Fairchild (760) 372-5356
slgms@iwvisp.com
<http://www.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/>

2014 FEDERATION SHOWS

EASTERN FEDERATION
MARCH 29-30: PLYMOUTH MTG, PA

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

SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION
AUGUST 9 & 10: BATON ROUGE, LA**

NORTHWEST FEDERATION
AUGUST 15 - 17: HERMISTON, OR

MIDWEST FEDERATION
OCTOBER 18 - 19: DES MOINES, IA

2015 FEDERATION SHOWS

MIDWEST FEDERATION
MAY 23- 24: WHEATON, IL

SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION
AFMS SHOW
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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