



# CFMS NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jennifer Haley

Hello Everyone,

I am hearing great reviews about how wonderful the Show & Convention was in Pomona. I deeply missed not being there with all of you, but I'm back on my feet and able to work on CFMS business again. Many thanks to Tom Burchard our 1<sup>st</sup> VP for stepping in for me these past weeks.

Congratulations to the AFMS Scholarship Honoree; our very own Fred Ott, and to the Golden Bear Honorees; Merryan O'Neill and John Martin. CFMS is very proud to have you in our Federation.

I am keeping my message short this time so Tom has more room to give you a Show & Convention Report.



## 1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Tom Burchard

Congratulations to Pasadena Lapidary Society for the wonderful Show & Convention they put on! Due to your President's health problems I was asked to step in and be the Master of Ceremonies. The wonderful job Marcia & Joe Goetz and ALL of the PLS people did, made my part of the show and meetings go very smoothly. Thank Y'All.

The Executive Committee made several decisions and recommendations to the Directors. We will be changing the title of the Education Through Sharing committee to Rockhound of the Year and each club may nominate one individual (or couple) AND one Junior each year.

We have added CFMS Photographer as an 'official' position in the federation and I'm pretty sure John Martin will fill this position that he has been filling for many years "unofficially".

We will be offering an incentive (some called it a bribe) to increase participation in the All American Awards submissions. We will draw names from the applicants and the winner will receive a \$25 Gift Certificate and a Gift Package of materials donated by members of CFMS.

We recommended to the Directors that since no club has come forward to host our Show & Meeting next year, that the CFMS will put on our own No Host Show. It is tentatively scheduled for June 12, 13 & 14, 2015, at the Lodi Wine Harvest Festival Fairgrounds. Margaret Kolaczyk and Bob Knox have agreed to be our Co-Chairs. More on this later.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

July 5. . . . . Deadline for August Newsletter  
July 9-13.. AFMS/RMFMS Show & Convention  
. . . . . Tulsa, Oklahoma  
August 24-29. . . . . Camp Paradise-week 1  
August 29-31. . . . . Camp Paradise Intersession  
Aug 31-Sept 5. . . . . Camp Paradise-week 2  
November 8. . . . Fall Business Meeting-Visalia

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**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

The deadline for the newsletter is the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to the month of publication. Articles should be sent to the editor at [bplarue@earthlink.net](mailto:bplarue@earthlink.net). I can work with Word and Wordperfect files as well as those which are converted to .pdf. Yes, I will even accept your items by “snail mail”. Please send to the CFMS PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657.

The August newsletter will be mailed a bit later than normal due to prior commitments in Tulsa. Don’t panic—you’ll still have it by the end of July.

**DONATIONS**

Donations to any of the funds administered by CFMS and/or AFMS are tax deductible under the rules governing tax exempt organizations which are 501(c)(3). Your cancelled check or receipt is considered to be proof of your donation for purposes of filing your federal tax return. If a personal donation is \$250 or more, a letter attesting to that amount is also required. Member clubs and individuals are encouraged to donate to any of the following:

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**2014 CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION**

By Susan Chaisson-Walblom

The 2014 CFMS Show and Convention is now part of the CFMS history books. What a GREAT job the Pasadena Lapidary society did, putting on this year’s Show and Convention. With over 60 vendors, 70 display cases and a wonderful list of speakers, this was a Show to be proud of. I hope you had the opportunity to attend this year’s Show. Thank you to Marcia Goetz, Show Chairwoman! Thank you to all of the Show Committee Chairmen and Chairwomen! And, thanks to all of the hard working Club Members of the Pasadena Lapidary Society!

Thank you for a job well done

...1<sup>st</sup> VP Message from pg 1

Welcome two new Clubs! Route 66 Gold Miners, Inc. and United States Gold Panning Association. The Gold Panners will be one of the co hosts of the 2016 Show & Convention.

We received a request from the Glendora Gems club to help them save their shop and displays and library. The Pomona School system is planning on selling the building in which all the Glendora club's shop, displays & library currently reside. I visited with Larry Bidwell on Wednesday before the show and was amazed at the completeness of their shop and ALL the rest. I brought the plight of the club to the meeting in the hopes that we can get several clubs together with Glendora to find another facility and share the wealth and expenses, as I don't think there is any one club with pockets deep enough to do that. It will be a crying shame if we can't and that history and wealth just goes away if we don't do something. Take this to your clubs and see if there isn't something we can do.

We're home now and getting ready for the rest of the summer and the traveling and the collecting and teaching. Hope to see y'all down the road.



### IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sorrow to inform you all the CFMS lost one of its own, Cal Clason, on April 27, 2014.

Cal was a very active and dedicated participant of his local society as well as the CFMS. As a member of the Rockhound community he was very knowledgeable and willing to share his skills and time. His one passion was for the educational end of the CFMS. He was active as an instructor teaching lapidary and cabochon making as well as mounting the cabs. Cal also was an avid sphere maker. Their house was well decorated with polished spheres, clocks and slabs.

He taught for the Earth Science Studies program until 1999 when he became a member of the E.S.S. Committee, and soon became Committee Chair, passing it on to me in 2007. His hard work and efforts created many improvements to the program.

Cal and Dee were Scholarship Honorees and Cal received a Golden Bear Award as well. Cal will be sorely missed by many of us.

His favorite comment when asked what he was doing was "I'm spreading hate and discontentment". That was our Cal!

Submitted by Marion Roberts

### CFMS 2014 Show

By Marcia Goetz, Show Chair 2014

We had a GREAT show. The whole team from Pasadena Lapidary Society did a great job putting on the show and making it successful: We had wonderful raffle prizes; the Silent Auction table was constantly busy and what great purchases were found there; the Kids Corner didn't have a lot of business, but the kids (adults included) who were there had a great time; there were rave reviews on the "Club Central" idea which encouraged other clubs to talk to the guests about the other local societies; and the speakers were wonderful. Many watched and asked questions of our demonstrators and I believe a lot of new rockhounds may have been born over the weekend.

The highlight for the PLS members was at the Awards Dinner when the plaques and awards for the adult and junior members were presented. The junior members receiving recognition were; Jennifer Nishimura who received First Place for her cabochon case; Tanner SooHoo who received First Place for his Open Division case (mixed Jewelry and free form cabochons) and the Barbara Forester Award sponsored by the Conejo Gem & Mineral Society; and Paolo Sanchez received First Place for his Specialized Lapidary and he also received a plaque for an article he wrote for the



Pasadena Lapidary Society Newsletter *Rockhound Ramblings*. The adults in our Society who entered cases and received First Place awards were Mark Nelson for his fossil display; Ferdie Sanchez for his gem trees; Susan Carter for jewelry; and Linda Nelson, who got

First Level for her educational case. In addition, Ferdie Sanchez received the President's Award with his gem trees. Danielle Sanchez received the Ruth Bailey Award of Excellence, the first one to ever be given and represents excellence in her display, the best in the show. THEN, just to top it off the Pasadena Lapidary Society received the Sweepstakes Plaque for the most points awarded a competing society. We certainly have a lot to be proud of with our talented members. All three juniors that competed received a lapis treasure chest from Jennifer Haley with goodies inside. The public was impressed with all the displays and spent much time visiting them.

Volunteers did a great job, whatever was asked of them to do, both our own members and those that came in from other clubs. I do believe the volunteers had fun whatever they did. Everyone was busy and when not working somewhere they took advantage of our volunteer area and rightfully so. The volunteers were able to see the show once their shift was over.



## CFMS 2015 SHOW

By Margaret Kolaczyk, Chairman

The 2015 CFMS Show is being hosted by the CFMS. This will be the fourth time that the CFMS has hosted a show and I am hoping to make this an event to remember. The location of the show is at the Lodi Grape Festival & Harvest Fair in the city of Lodi. The date are June 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. To come up with a theme for the show, a contest is being launched. You can find more information about the contest in this newsletter.

Bob Knox and myself are the show co-chairs and we are off to a great start. Already people are stepping up to take on some of the many tasks that need to happen. Here are some of the people who have already volunteered. Cheri George is the contact for demonstrators, Bural LaRue will be doing the Silent Auction and the Endowment Fund, Pat LaRue is the Show Treasurer, Marion Roberts is handling the concessions, Frank Mullaney is doing the fliers and banners, Jennifer Haley is the Wagon Master, Jim Brace-Thompson is taking on the Junior Activities, Tom Burchard is taking on preregistration for the show functions, and John Martin opted for the public address system. Other people who have said they will lend a hand are Susan Chaisson-Walblom, Sharon Rogow, Fred Ott, Shirley Leeson, and Brett Johnson (Display Mementos).

There are other tasks that need to be done, such as publicity, lining up vendors for the show, setup, tear down, skirting of tables, planning booth layout and electrical drops, programs, and more. Now is the time to think where you can be the most help. You can contact me at [blackwolf@volcano.net](mailto:blackwolf@volcano.net) or give me a call at (209) 296-5597.

I will have more information in the coming newsletters to let you know how the planning of the show is progressing.

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## 2015 SHOW THEME CONTEST

Hello everyone, the CFMS is sponsoring the CFMS Show for 2015. I am sure many of you have heard the saying “Location, Location, Location”. Well the location is the Lodi Grape Festival & Harvest Fair in the city of Lodi which is a great location. The dates are June 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> of 2015. The Show Chairs are Margaret Kolaczyk and Bob Knox and they decided to have a contest to come up with a theme for the show.

Here are the rules. Come up with a theme that incorporates rocks and wine (Lodi is known for its vineyards). Email or snail mail your entry to

[blackwolf@volcano.net](mailto:blackwolf@volcano.net) or Margaret Kolaczyk, 24551 Shake Ridge Road, Volcano, CA 95689. Entries must be emailed or postmarked no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. The show committee will decide on the winner. The contest winner will receive two (2) three day passes and two (2) banquet tickets.

So get out your thinking caps and enter. I know there is someone out there who has a great idea for the CFMS 2015 Show Theme.

Submitted by Margaret Kolaczyk



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## SEEKING 2015 CFMS SHOW KIDS BOOTH HELP

By Jim Brace-Thompson

From what I gather, it's official: the 2015 CFMS Show & Convention will be a “no-host” show in Lodi. In other words, no local society stepped forward to serve as the official sponsor and host of the Federation Show in 2015, so the Federation will need to run everything on its own. That's quite a challenge since it means involving many separate members from many corners of our vast Federation. Let's all offer thanks to Margaret Kolaczyk and Bob Knox for stepping up to the plate to serve as our Show Co-Chairs in meeting this challenge!

I, fool that I am, have also volunteered. This will be the fourth CFMS Show since 1998 in which I've participated as a committee chair. Some folks, apparently, are just gluttons for punishment! Seriously, though, I'm happy to help. The motto of the Prince of Wales is *Ich dien*, which is German for “I serve.” (I know this because my daughter has been living in Germany these past few years and explained it all to her doting old father.) Much as I wish that we had had a local club step forward to follow that motto, we are where we are, and I've volunteered to help serve our Federation as the Kids Booth Chair.

Since this will be a no-host show, I'm relying on help and participation from far and wide. If you can help by providing equipment (for, say, a spinning wheel, sand sifting, or other activities) and/or supplies (prizes for said spinning wheel and sand sifting, materials to stuff into grab bags, grab bags for filling with stuffing, etc.), please contact me right away to join the Kids Booth Committee: (805) 659-3577 (evenings and weekends) or [jbraceth@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbraceth@roadrunner.com).

Let's make this the best no-host show since the last one in which I participated in 2008! Here's thanking you in advance for your help and participation.



## JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR 2014

By Marty Dougherty

Dee Holland, AFMS Judges Training Chair, invited Linda and I to take part in a roving judges seminar in Ogden, Utah for the Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society's annual show April 10 -13, 2014. There were 20 people in attendance from 7 different states and 4 federations.

Two years ago, 2012 , the training was in Reno, Nevada at the Reno Gem and Mineral Society annual show and before that they were held at Wildacres, North Carolina.

Linda and I have been "Learning Judges" for the last three years at the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies annual events helping the more qualified judges who have attended previous training record the scores for the competition displays and learn the process of scoring a display.

Jay Bowman, currently the AFMS Uniform Rules Committee chair, was our instructor for two full days of reading the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Uniform Rules 8th Edition binder, Dee Holland assisting. Jay has been teaching this class for many years and his experience and dedication is well known on this subject.

Friday and Saturday were spent studying and asking questions, on Sunday the new judges and learning judges, (you have to do 2 separate installments to become a full judge), were at the show to use our newly acquired skills to judge several club cases where we were split into groups of three and were given three displays to evaluate and score. We spent a couple of hours on the cases and felt that we did okay with our scores. Some have been doing this for a long time, while some of us were fairly new. Everyone helped each other and we really enjoyed learning new things. The feed back from the Golden Spike club members has been rewarding, they all said they enjoyed the experience from their perspective also.



## GOLDEN BEAR AWARDS FOR 2014

Shirley Leeson, Chair

The GOLDEN BEAR was established in 1961 with the first Honoree Francis Marshall. Francis was the CFMS Legal Advisor and was worth his weight in gold. Francis was around through my presidency in 1987 and then 'retired' for the umpteenth time. He was a wonderful human being and was dearly missed.

Through the years the Golden Bear has been awarded to the who's who of the CFMS. The prerequisite has been service to the CFMS. In 2013 the Golden Bear Chair was Ruth Bailey who passed away before any honorees could be chosen so there were no Golden Bears for 2013.

As the 2014 Chair, it was my duty to look over all the possible candidates and choose one or two who would fit the criteria.

The first Honoree has been involved as a club bulletin editor for many years and with her expertise in both bulletins and websites, was a perfect candidate for the new job of CFMS Representative to the AFMS Website Contest in 2010. In 2011 she was appointed to the Internet Committee, which included taking over the CFMS website. She has been doing this job, as well as being the hostess for the Webmasters for the CFMS Editor's and Webmaster's Breakfast through this year. Our Honoree is Merryan O'Neill. Interesting enough, Merryan has not missed an Awards Banquet in many years, but this year her back let her down and she was unable to attend. BUT, she was at the "Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters the next morning, and it was fitting she receive her Golden Bear in front of her peers.

The second Honoree has been involved in Public Lands issues since going on the CFMS PLAC committee way back in 2005. He held that position from 2005 through 2014 except 2009 when the position was left vacant. His expertise in electronics and the full range of equipment he willingly offers to the Federation each year at many of our events is legendary. It was his equipment that was used during the banquet and the huge overhead screen was awesome. His equipment was also used at the show and at the program venue. Our second Honoree is John Martin.

Golden Bears attending the banquet were: Shirley Leeson, 1994; Frank Mullaney 1998; Pat LaRue 1999; Toy Sato 2003; Norvie Enns 2007; Bob Jones 2008; Dorothy Beachler 2009; Colleen McGann 2009; Dick Pankey 2009; Marion Roberts 2010; Bural LaRue 2011; Dee Holland, 2012; and MERRYAN O'NEILL 2014 & JOHN MARTIN 2014.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER

by Mark Nelson, EMT - Safety Chairman

As rockhounds, many of our activities involve environmental conditions that are warm. Most workshops don't have refrigerated air conditioning and can heat up during the summer. So do halls where we hold our shows. Field trips are most popular during months when it's not cold, snowing or raining. Once the weather warms we are off to the mountains, deserts, forests, streams and beaches in search of unique material. As leaders of our clubs we have an obligation to be aware of the conditions that will enable our members to enjoy our hobby safely. A weak and tired person will get hurt at a workshop or damage equipment and on a field trip they will trip and fall. Fatigue and an altered mental status puts all of us at risk of injury and one of the primary causes of this is dehydration! Water regulates our body's temperature, lubricates joints and helps transport nutrients for energy and health. If we aren't properly hydrated we won't be able to perform at an acceptable level and may become a hazard to ourselves and others.

Two-thirds of the human body is made up of water and the body of a person of 154 pounds contains about 1500 ounces of water. Almost 70% of this water is inside the body's cells, 20% is in the space surrounding cells, and slightly less than 10% is in the bloodstream. The water in the human body is essential to keeping it healthy. We lose water constantly. Humidified air leaves our body when we breathe, we sweat to cool the body and we eliminate water and waste by urinating or having a bowel movement.

How many times at our shops and during field trips have we seen our members seek a chair, rock, or stay in the car to "sit this one out"? One of the first signs that the body needs water is a lack of energy. This is often followed by the reduced volume and darker yellow color of urine, dry or sticky mouth, dry skin, mild headache and slight muscle cramps. Thirst is generally the **last indicator** that the body needs water!

How much water should I be drinking? There are no set guidelines for water intake because everyone is different. Sweat rate, heat, humidity, activity intensity and duration are just some of the factors that must be considered. A simple way to make sure you're staying properly hydrated is to check your urine. If your urine is consistently colorless or light yellow, you are most likely staying well hydrated. Dark yellow or amber-colored urine is a sign of dehydration. When the amount of water you intake matches the water you excrete, the body's water supply will be balanced. A healthy person of about 150 pounds and not sweating excessively should drink at least 65 ounces a day. For a hot workshop or vigorous collecting activity it is recommended to increase this to 100 ounces. As a rule of thumb I advise field trip

members to drink one 16 ounce bottle for every hour of a field trip.

CamelBak Hydration makes a 100 ounce bladder with a drinking tube that can be slipped into a knapsack and is available for \$25.20 from <http://www.heartratemonitorsusa.com>. Sporting goods stores, Target and Walmart sell them in a variety of sizes and colors - such as the 2 liter Outdoor Products H2O Performance Hydration Pack Water Bladder for \$22.99. Negotiate a group purchase and have your club's logo printed on them!

As we enter into the warmer months we need to preach the most basic of safety rules: **DRINK WATER !**



## SCRIBE REPORT

by Cheri George, President

### SCRIBE Expands Membership

At the 2013 AFMS Convention and Show in Jacksonville, Florida, we received feedback from club officers that they were not aware of the Special Congress for Involved Bulletin Editors and the resource that SCRIBE can be for cubs and their bulletin editors. I received requests to allow clubs to become direct members in SCRIBE so that the clubs could be a part in supporting their editors and in introducing SCRIBE to new editors. Prior to the annual meeting of SCRIBE in January membership was directed solely to the club bulletin editors. I am pleased to announce that membership in is now open to all clubs and encourage clubs to make the \$6 membership dues a part of their annual budget. Membership forms are available through or on the internet at <http://scribe.rbnet.net/> or via the AFMS Home Page under *Other Links* or through my office.

SCRIBE exists solely to service gem, mineral and lapidary hobby clubs. We believe that a club's bulletin and their bulletin editors are vital to maintaining and increasing membership. SCRIBE has a network of regional vice presidents who will assist your club with tips and suggestions and with templates and examples of other bulletins for your new or existing editor to use to make your publications tools of your club.

### Passing

It is with regret that we announce the passing of Richard Catlin, bulletin editor of the Shadow Mountain Gem and Mineral Society. Richard was an editor whose wit and intellect was evident in every issue of the Desert Hobbyist. SCRIBE will do everything that we can to assist the SMGMS's next bulletin editor.

## JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, Chairman

### Resources Crafted for Your Club's Juniors: *Even if Just a Single Junior!*

I've returned from a great CFMS Show & Convention and wish to thank and congratulate the Pasadena Lapidary Society for their good work in hosting *California's Gem & Mineral Bounty*. When Nancy and I met over lunch with two of their members last year to encourage them along and give them a binder of suggestions from our previous CFMS Show, they had something like just 10 months to pull it all together. Well, pull it together they did—and then some! Job well done and mission accomplished, PLS!

At the conclusion of the Director's Meeting at the Show, after I had given my report on Juniors Activities, several folks came up to me and told me either 1) they didn't know about all the ready-made materials we've crafted for our societies regarding juniors and/or 2) they didn't realize these materials could be used if they had just 1 or 2 juniors rather than a full-scale organized youth group. If you have just 1 junior member, you, too, can use all the resources that are readily available via both the CFMS and AFMS. You don't need a formal established youth group. If you have a single child or teen in your society, you can use our resources, such as the AFMS/FRA Badge Program, in a "home schooled" sort of way, so long as there's a responsible adult signing off on activities as completed. Here's a listing of some of the resources I've constructed for both the CFMS and AFMS over the years:

● **AFMS Future Rockhounds of America Badge Program.** Kids can earn 20 badges representing all aspects of our hobby along with a Membership patch, a Rockhound badge, and a Rock Star pin. I began thinking about this program when I was asked to assume the CFMS Juniors Chair in 1998 and then moved to implement it when I was also appointed AFMS Juniors Program Chair in 2003. Again, to underscore, you don't need a full-scale youth group to use this program. If you have just 1 junior member, you can use this in a home-school way, as described in the Introduction to the Manual. See details at [www.amfed.org/fra/fra\\_badge.htm](http://www.amfed.org/fra/fra_badge.htm).

● **CFMS Menu of Kids' Show Activities & Display Ideas.** This manual suggests 50 activities and displays to incorporate into a Kids Booth at a local society show along with 8 suggestions on prizes for giving away or selling, 6 suggestions on lectures/special programs for kids attending a local show, 10 sources of resources, and tips on running a Kids Booth. I constructed this after noticing no Kids Booth or activities at several local CFMS-affiliated shows I attended in hopes it might spur all clubs to target kids with fun activities. I also hope clubs already incorporating kids' activities might find inspiration for adding still more activities to what they already do. Download this from the

"Manuals" section of our CFMS website at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org).

● **Earth Science Activities Manual.** To encourage more folks to engage in educational outreach to schools, scouts, homeschoolers, and other youth-oriented groups, I crafted this brief manual providing scripts for giving 10 basic presentations matching school curriculum standards and scout badge programs on minerals, rocks, and fossils, as well as units on California dinosaurs and the California State Rockhound Symbols. Appendices provide a glossary of earth science terms and rockhound jokes to enliven your talk. See [www.amfed.org/kids.htm](http://www.amfed.org/kids.htm).

● **The Patricia Egoff Rock Pals Program.** Patricia Egoff of the Syracuse society in New York helped kick off this program when she wrote to me to ask about exchanging rocks from kids in her society with rocks from kids in my Ventura society. We've expanded this into a nationwide program. A club gathers rock, mineral, and/or fossil specimens from their local area to fill a medium-size flat-rate box available at the Post Office and sends it in exchange for a similar box from another club. For details, see [http://www.amfed.org/fra/rock\\_pals.htm](http://www.amfed.org/fra/rock_pals.htm).

In addition to the above, over the past few years, our CFMS Presidents have been sponsoring special **Presidential awards and incentives** encouraging junior members to enter exhibits into our CFMS Shows, and Nancy Bird has revived the dormant **Junior Rockhound of the Year** available via the AFMS Rockhound of the Year program. (Simply send Nancy a paragraph telling why a junior member of your society is deserving of recognition, and they'll receive an award at our next CFMS meeting!)

A reminder and emphasis: *all this is available FREE whether your society has one child or a dozen.* You can download info and materials from the web addresses I've provided above, or you can email me ([jbraceth@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbraceth@roadrunner.com)) or call (805-659-3577) and I'll be happy to mail hardcopy materials. I especially encourage you to utilize the AFMS/FRA Badge Program. If you have just a single junior member, you can use this in a home-school way to encourage that junior and enrich his/her rockhounding experience. Early this year, I received an email from a mother who had a lone child use the badge program some 10 years ago when I first initiated it. I still remembered her when she emailed me this year because she had gone out of her way to sign up her son. They lived in a rural area quite a ways from a local society and ended up signing into the Northwest Federations' program that allows "members from afar." That young boy is now on a Bill Gates Foundation scholarship that will pay expenses from an undergraduate degree all the way to the doctoral level in supporting his goal of becoming a paleontologist. His mother says it all started with him earning badges in our program. If you have even one child in your club, let's help that child begin a similar journey. It can become about more than just having fun!

## REVISING OUR CFMS SHOW MANUAL:

### Seeking Suggestions

By Jim Brace-Thompson

We all know that seeking a host society for our Annual CFMS Show & Convention is like pulling teeth. No one seems to want to step forward. When Bud McMillin was our fearless leader, he undertook a survey of local societies that had hosted previous CFMS Shows in an effort to learn how we might change systems, contracts, and processes to better encourage and incentivize clubs to host future shows. One result of that has been a more flexible approach to crafting the contract between a host society and the CFMS and dividing show profits. Another comment that rose to the fore was a need to revise our CFMS Show Manual, and when Jennifer Haley assumed the helm of our ship, I agreed to take a stab at this.

Make no mistake about it: our existing show manual holds a ton of excellent advice constructed by people who had been-there/done-that. My task has been to make sure we don't toss the baby with the bath water. Since 1998, I've actively participated on CFMS Show Committees for 3 different shows (serving as a show Vice-Chairman as well as Chair of Talks & Programs, of Kids Booth, and twice for Publicity), so I was well versed in the contents of that manual. Based on those experiences, here are a few of the basic problems I saw:

**1) length** (at nearly 100 pages—plus appendices—it's a challenge to get through); **2) tone** (some sections read as if the CFMS is delivering orders to a host society rather than encouraging a cooperative joint venture in the best interests of both parties); **3) redundancy** (the manual is chopped into fine parts with a lot of unnecessary repetition as a result; for instance, if you take it literally, your host society will be generating a grand total of 53 Show Recap Reports at the conclusion of the Show; seems to me, some of those reports can be combined, eh?); **4) unnecessary bureaucracy** (again, if you take the manual literally, to run a CFMS Show apparently requires no less than 3 primary Officers, 7 Directors whose only duties seem to be bossing others around, and 41 Chairs; that's more chairs than most clubs have as members!); **5) dated content** (the manual was produced in the 1990s, so there's no mention, for instance, of the Internet and websites in the section on publicity).

I've been attempting to update, consolidate, and condense and to change the tone from one of mandating to one of suggesting, with an emphasis on cooperation and support between a hosting society and the CFMS. I've just completed and presented to our Executive Committee a first draft of a revision that now comes in at half the size of the original manual—achieved in large part by eliminating all those “committees” and focusing instead on essential tasks. You don't need a full committee, for instance, to do Post Card Publicity. That's simply one task subsumed within the

overall province of a single Publicity Chair. Instead of a staff of 51, you can apparently run a show with a primary staff of just a dozen or so, supported by others within your society. Who woulda thunk it?

I'm now in the process of fine-tuning the revision I've crafted with the goal of submitting a final draft to the Executive Committee by early Fall, well in advance of the Visalia Directors Meeting. My hope is that it will then get posted to the CFMS website so that all local societies can clearly see what's involved in hosting a CFMS Show and perhaps realize that it's really not all that different from hosting their regular local show. I also hope it might provide food-for-thought for improving a local club show. As I work through this final draft, I turn to everyone reading this. Do you have thoughts on best practices in hosting a show? And by this, I mean any gem and mineral show, not just a statewide Federation Show. Just as the first edition of our manual incorporated the wisdom and best practices observed by our predecessors, let's craft a manual for the 21<sup>st</sup> century incorporating today's best practices. Then, let's not wait 20 years for the next revision—let's make this a living, evolving document that gets revisited on a regular basis. Again, I welcome your thoughts based on your show experiences for “best practices in running a gem show.” Call or email me at (805) 659-3577 (evenings/weekends), [jbraceth@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbraceth@roadrunner.com).

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## MIKE KOKINOS HONORED

By Fred Ott

We have a celebrity in our midst...

How often in your lifetime will you know someone for whom a new mineral has been named? Well, aren't we the lucky ones?! Our very own Mike Kokinos has now been immortalized in the naming of a new mineral, Kokinosite!



From the *Canadian Mineralogist*:

“Kokinosite is a new mineral species from the St. Jude Mine, Gypsum Valley, Slick Rock District, San Miguel County in Colorado.” Kokinosite is rare. The mineral was found growing on a corvusite-montroseite bearing sandstone block and is closely associated with gypsum, huemulite, metarossite, paseoite, rossite and wernerbaurite.

The new mineral is named on honor of Mike Kokinos of Shingle Springs, CA. He is a well known mineral collector and member of the Micromounters Hall of Fame.

Ed note: Actually I knew a second person in this elite group. The late Juanita Curtis had a mineral named in her honor—juanitaite from Gold Hill, Tooele County, Utah.





## ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Nancy Bird, Chairman

The Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society would like to nominate a well-deserving candidate for the CFMS Education through Sharing Award for the 2014 calendar year. His name is Bill Spence. He has been our Public Lands Advisory Committee (PLAC) chairman since September, 2009. During his duties to keep our society members aware of the latest issues involving California Public Lands, he has become the point person for many of our area's rock and mineral collecting clubs. These clubs include the Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society, Peninsula Gem and Geology Society, Bay Area Mineralogists, San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society, as well as the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society.

Bill has kept a vigilant eye on the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) emergency closure of the Clear Creek area. He has been an outspoken advocate for the reopening of Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA). This includes researching the issue and science behind the closure of the area, giving talks at ALAA meetings, attending public forums, organizing letter writing campaigns, making numerous phone calls to public officials and the BLM staff. Bill has kept in constant contact with the staff of the local and state BLM offices, working with them to ensure that the needs of rockhounds would be met in the case of the reopening of the CCMA. In addition, Bill twice was able to get staff members from the BLM to attend meetings of local clubs to explain the processes and to hear the opinions and concerns of the Bay Area rockhounding community. In our opinion, Bill has played a key role in the reopening of the BLM Clear Creek area. Without his keen eye for details and legal background, we believe that reopening of the Clear Creek area would have been delayed longer or possibly not been reopened at all.

For his dedicated service to all California rockhounds and mineral collectors we believe Bill is a highly deserving candidate for the CFMS Education through Sharing Award and should be nominated for the AFMS Rockhound of the Year Award.

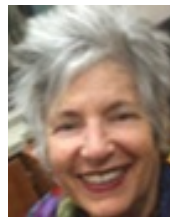
submitted by Santa Clara Valley GMS

## JUNIOR ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

We, the Delvers Gem & Mineral Society, honor James Donahue to be their first Junior awardee. James' family are great outdoors people. He is 17, but has been collecting, prospecting, camping, and doing lapidary for 10 years. He enjoys cutting and polishing rocks and making cabs. James is also a musician, in a Jazz band, teaches electronics to younger students, and is the Drum Major. He is now a senior in high school and wants to go on to college and study Electrical Engineering.

James is a great young person, and a pleasure to have in the club.

Submitted by Nancy Bird



## VISUAL PROGRAMS

By Sharon Rogow

In an effort to help program chairpersons choose from the Visual Programs Library, I will be listing some suggestions by category. This month will highlight instructional presentations.

This is far from a complete list, but a few for you to consider: DVD 51, Flint Knapping; DVD 52, Jewelry Workshops; DVD 53, Cabochon Making; DVD 56, Cuttlebone Casting. In addition, if you ever need suggestions in any category, please contact me. If I cannot give you an immediate answer, I will research it for you or make suggestion for YOUR research.

Because slide programs are expensive to ship as they are housed in beautiful but heavy wooden boxes and because few organizations have access to slide projectors, we are looking to transfer desirable slide programs to the DVD format. We already have a few volunteers to help with this but if YOU can help, we would appreciate it. Please contact me by e-mail, text or phone using the info below.

[sharonrr@cox.net](mailto:sharonrr@cox.net)

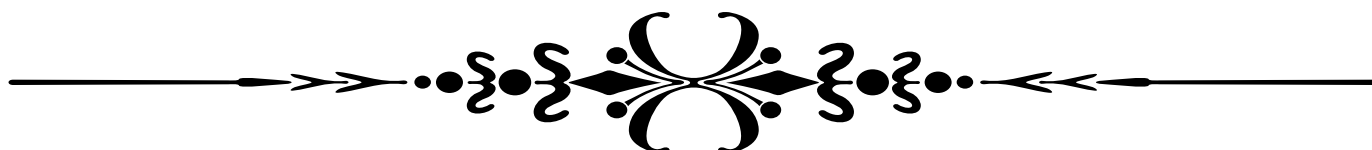
(702) 499-0272, mobile

2014 BULLETIN CONTEST AWARDS

CATEGORY/PLACEMENT	ARTICE or NEWSLETTER	AUTHOR	SOCIETY
<b>Junior Articles</b>			
First Place *	Collecting Septarian Nodules	Paolo Sanchez	Pasadena LS
<b>Adult Articles</b>			
First Place *	My Favorite Gem & Mineral, Spheene, aka Titanite	Michael Graham	El Dorado Co MGS
Second Place *	Nuts!	Clay Williams	El Dorado Co MGS
Third Place *	The First Rockhounds of our Spirit Coast	Ralph Bishop	Orcutt MS
Fourth Place	Why Electrolytes are Important to You	Donna Knapton	Oxnard GMS
Fifth Place	Calpine Earth Day Event	Gil & Marie Cantu	Lake County Rkhds
<b>Adult Advanced Articles</b>			
First Place *	Presidential Pet Pebble	Wayne Mills	Orcutt MS
Second Place *	Losing My Marbles Over Travertine	Gene Stirm	Kern Co MS
Third Place *	Plate Tectonics	D. W. Webb Varnum	Reno GMS
<b>Written Features (11 and under)</b>			
First Place *	Junior Rockhound Update	Garrett Allen	Reno GMS
<b>Written Features (12 - 17)</b>			
First Place *	You Bet–A Great Field Trip	Emily Gudeman	El Dorado Co MGS
<b>Written Features (Adult)</b>			
First Place *	President’s Message	Joyce Anderson	Lake County Rkhds
Second Place *	President’s Message	Fred Ott	El Dorado Co MGS
Third Place *	Camp Paradise	Les Flynn	Reno GMS
Fourth Place	RGMS Rolls into Quartzsite	Dale Swortout	Reno GMS
Fifth Place	Camp Paradise ES Studies/Shared Talents = a Great Experience	Marilyn Kilpatrick	El Dorodo Co MGS
<b>New Editors</b>			
First Place *	<i>The Rock Bag</i>	Brian L. Miller, Editor	Oxnard GMS
Second Place *	<i>The Slate</i>	Ligia Sequeira, Editor	Lake County Rkhds
Third Place *	<i>The Conglomerate</i>	Sue Webb, Editor	Reno GMS
Fourth Place	<i>The Pseudomorph</i>	Gene Stirm, Editor	Kern County MS
<b>Small Bulletins</b>			
First Place *	<i>Moroks Newsletter</i>	Janie Duncan, Editor	Monrovia Rkhds
Second Place *	<i>Ore-Cutts</i>	Deborah Hood, Editor	Orcutt Ms

\* sent on to the AFMS contests

Submitted by Merryan O’Neill



## 2014 CFMS WEB SITE CONTEST

Merryan O’Neill, CFMS Web Site Contest Chair

The Web Site Contest results were announced June 1 at the *Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters* at the CFMS Show, Pomona, CA. The goal of the web site contest is to help web masters improve their society’s web site for better communication for member and public uses. The quality of the CFMS Region’s web sites seems to keep improving each year!

We received entries from 4 talented society webmasters this year:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society, [www.srmgs.org](http://www.srmgs.org)  
Kendra Scherrer, webmaster
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society, [www.ccmgs.org](http://www.ccmgs.org)  
Harry Nichandros, webmaster
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society, [www.scvngms.org](http://www.scvngms.org)  
R. K. Owen, webmaster
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sierra Pelona Rock Club, [www.sierrapelona.com](http://www.sierrapelona.com)  
Larry Holt, webmaster

The 3 top regional winners will go on to compete in the 2014 AMFS Web Site Contest. Results of the AFMS contest will be announced July 13 at the AFMS/RMFMS Convention & Show, to be hosted by Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society in Tulsa, OK.

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## 2014 Competitive Exhibit Awards

### Junior Awards:

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| Tanner SooHoo – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Junior Trophy 1, Open Division, Mixed Display | Pasadena LS |
| Jennifer Nishimura – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Junior Trophy 17, Cabochons I            | Pasadena LS |
| Paolo Sanchez – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Trophy 21, Specialized Lapidary               | Pasadena LS |

### Advanced Awards:

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|---|-------------|
| JoAnn Maese – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Advanced Trophy 17, Cabochons I                   | Sequoia GMS |
| Charles Pierce – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Advanced Trophy 21, Spec Lapidary–doublets     | Delvers GMS |
| Charles Pierce – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Advanced Trophy 26, Jewelry                    | Delvers GMS |
| Brett Allen Johnson – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Advanced Trophy 35 self collected fossils | Oxnard GMS  |

### Master Awards:

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|---|---------------------|
| Jose Sanchez – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Master Trophy I, Open Division, Gem Trees            | Pasadena LS         |
| Adam Dean – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Master Trophy 15, Lapidary, self collected              | Conejo GMC          |
| Steven Wittick – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Master Trophy 17, Cabochons V                      | Antelope Valley GMS |
| Gene Stirm – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Master Trophy 17, Cabochons I                          | Kern County MS      |
| Paul Rose – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Master Trophy 18, Cabochons II                          | Sequoia GMS         |
| Terry Wilson – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Master Trophy 26, Jewelry                            | Ventura GMS         |
| Lyndell Fong – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Master Trophy 28, Educational II Gen Aud Fossils     | Conejo GMC          |
| Martin & Linda Dougherty – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Master Trophy 28, Educational II Inf Aud | Delvers GMS         |
| Terry Wilson – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Master Trophy 30, Educational IV                     | Ventura GMS         |
| Mark Nelson – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Master Trophy 32, Vertebrate Fossils                  | Pasadena LS         |

### Special Supplementary Trophies:

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|--|-------------------------------|
| Diamond Pacific–Cabochons–Charles Pierce–Delvers GMS           | Sweepstakes–Pasadena LS       |
| Ruth Bailey Best in Show–Danielle Sanchez (junior)–Pasadena LS | Presidents Award–Jose Sanchez |
| Ray Meisenheimer Adult Minerals–Mike Havstad–Conejo GMC        |                               |
| Barbara Foerster Jr. Minerals–Tanner Soo Hoo–Pasadena LS       |                               |

Submitted by Dee Holland and Susan Chaisson-Walblom

**EARTH SCIENCE STUDIES**

**CAMP PARADISE**

12725 La Porte Road, Clipper Mills, CA 95930

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.

Make Checks Payable to: <b>CFMS EARTH SCIENCES</b> Send to: Margaret Kolaczyk 24551 Shake Ridge Road Volcano, CA 95689 Phone: (209) 296-5597 markolaczyk@gmail.com	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Marion Roberts 1505 Plumas Avenue Modesto CA 95358-5939 Phone: (209) 538-0197
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**Please Note: Sign In will be Sunday, August 24th and Sunday, August 31st, 2014 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, Bead Weaving, 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 DOTTED LINE & KEEP THE TOP PORTION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**



**REGISTRATION FORM**

\_\_\_ Week 1 August 24 - 29, 2014 \_\_\_ Week 2 August 31 – September 5, 2014

**\$390 A PERSON - PER WEEK**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations **(Circle One)** Couples Dorm Dorm Cabin RV Area

Would Like to Room With \_\_\_\_\_ (if possible)

Special Needs: Food \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**(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** .

## CFMS SHOW DATES

*Shows and Events  
sponsored by  
CFMS Clubs & Societies!*

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

*Email or mail to:  
SHOW DATES  
Susan Chaisson-Walblom  
42122 52<sup>nd</sup> St. West,  
Quartz Hill, CA 93536  
Email: [slchaisson@yahoo.com](mailto:slchaisson@yahoo.com)  
Or use the Online Show Form  
at [www.cfmsinc.org](http://www.cfmsinc.org)  
(click on Shows)*

### 2014

#### June 14 & 15: CAYUOUS, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club  
Veterans Hall AT PIER  
10 Cayuous  
Hours: 10-5 Daily  
Kim Noyes (805) 610-0603  
[kimnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:kimnoyes@gmail.com)  
[slogems.org](http://slogems.org)

#### June 28 & 29: CULVER CITY, CA

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club  
Veterans Memorial Auditorium  
4117 Overland Blvd.  
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
Janice Metz  
[janicemt@yahoo.com](mailto:janicemt@yahoo.com)  
[www.CulverCityRocks.org/fiesta.htm](http://www.CulverCityRocks.org/fiesta.htm)

#### June 27, 28 & 29: RIALTO, CA

Orange Belt Gem & Mineral Society  
"Tailgate" across street from Rialto City Hall  
105 S. Palm Ave. (corner 1<sup>st</sup> & Palm Ave.)  
Hours: Fri. & Sat. 9-6; Sun. 9-3  
Ken or Jessica (909) 624-1782 (909) 887-5507  
[kengard@roadrunner.com](mailto:kengard@roadrunner.com)  
[obmsrocks.yolasite.com](http://obmsrocks.yolasite.com)

#### August 1 & 3: NIPOMO, CA

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

#### August 23 & 24: SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society  
San Francisco County Fair Building  
9<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Lincoln Way  
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
Ellen Nott  
[ellen\\_nott@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen_nott@yahoo.com)  
[www.sfgemshow.org](http://www.sfgemshow.org)

#### September 20 & 21: CHICO, CA

Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society  
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds  
2357 Fair Street  
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4  
John Scott (530) 343-3491  
Cell (530) 321-6331  
[jweazel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jweazel@sbcglobal.net)  
[featherriverrocks.org](http://featherriverrocks.org)

#### September 27 & 28: SANTA ROSA, CA

Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society  
Wells Fargo Center for the Arts  
50 Mark West Springs Road  
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
Jolene (707) 528-7610  
[Jolene@srmgs.org](mailto:Jolene@srmgs.org)  
[www.SRMGS.org](http://www.SRMGS.org)

#### September 27 & 28: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
Monterey Fairgrounds  
2004 Fairgrounds Road  
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5  
Janis Rovetti (831) 372-1311  
[janis12@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janis12@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.cvgms.com](http://www.cvgms.com)

#### September 27 & 28: LODI, CA

Stockton Gem & Mineral Club  
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds  
413 East Lockeford Street  
Hours: 10 – 5 Daily  
Jerold Kyle (209) 368-9411  
[jeroldkyle@yahoo.com](mailto:jeroldkyle@yahoo.com)  
[www.stocktonlapidary.com](http://www.stocktonlapidary.com)

#### October 1-5: JOSHUA TREE, CA

Hi-Desert Rockhounds  
Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree  
6225 Sunburst Street  
Hours: 9 am – 6 pm Daily  
Roger & Judy Thompson (760) 366-2915  
[HiDesertRockhounds@gmail.com](mailto:HiDesertRockhounds@gmail.com)  
<http://www.jtsportsmansclub.com/gem.html>

#### October 10, 11 & 12: RENO, NV

Reno Gem & Mineral Society  
Reno Town Hall  
Corner of Peckham & So. Virginia Street  
Hours: Fri. 10-6; Sat. 10-5 & Sun. 10-3  
Theresa Langhans (775) 475-0842  
[theresalanghans@yahoo.com](mailto:theresalanghans@yahoo.com)  
[www.renorockhounds.com](http://www.renorockhounds.com)

#### 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](mailto:slgms@iwvisp.com)  
<http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/>

#### October 11 & 12: ANDERSON, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society  
Shasta District Fairgrounds  
Briggs Street  
Hours: Sat. 9am-5pm; Sun. 10am-4pm  
Steve Puderbaugh (530) 604-2951  
[steve@applyaline.com](mailto:steve@applyaline.com)  
[shastagemandmineral.com](http://shastagemandmineral.com)

#### October 11 & 12: GRASS VALLEY

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society  
Nevada County Fairgrounds  
McCourtney Road  
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm Daily  
Todd Lawson  
[ncgms@hotmail.com](mailto:ncgms@hotmail.com)  
[www.ncgms.org](http://www.ncgms.org)

#### October 18 & 19: PLACERVILLE, CA

El Dorado Co. Gem & Mineral Society  
El Dorado County Fairgrounds  
100 Placerville Drive  
Hours: 10 -5 Daily  
Bob Gratton (530) 676-2473  
[info@rockandgemshow.org](mailto:info@rockandgemshow.org)  
[www.rockandgemshow.org](http://www.rockandgemshow.org)

#### October 25 & 26: CAYUCOS, CA

San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club  
Cayucos Vets Hall  
10 Cayucos Drive  
Hours: 9 am – 5 pm Daily  
Kim Patrick Noyes (805) 610-0603  
[kimnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:kimnoyes@gmail.com)  
[www.slogem.org](http://www.slogem.org)

#### November 1 & 2: OXNARD, CA

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society  
Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
800 Hobson Way  
Hours: Sat. 9 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4  
Miriam Tetreault (805) 642-5779  
[ml\\_tetreault@hotmail.com](mailto:ml_tetreault@hotmail.com)

#### November 1 & 2: CONCORD, CA

Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society  
Centre Concord  
5298 Clayton Road (near Ygnacio Valley Rd.)  
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm Daily  
Harry Nichandros (925) 289-0454  
[nichandros@juno.com](mailto:nichandros@juno.com)  
<http://www.cfmsinc.org/shows/show-c@ccmgs.org>  
[http://www.ccmgs.org/gem\\_show/](http://www.ccmgs.org/gem_show/)

**November 8 & 9: ANAHEIM, CA**

American Opal Society  
The Phoenix Club-Festhalle  
1340 S. Sanderson Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 9 – 6; Sun. 9 – 5  
Veronica Purpura (714) 501-9959  
[info@opalsociety.org](mailto:info@opalsociety.org)  
[www.opalsociety.org](http://www.opalsociety.org)

**November 8 & 9: YUBA CITY, CA**

Sutter Buttes Gem & Mineral Society  
Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds (Franklin Hall)  
442 Franklin Avenue  
Hours: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 10-4  
Katie Slightam (530) 673-9649  
[mktalternatives@comcast.net](mailto:mktalternatives@comcast.net)  
[www.sutterbuttes.net](http://www.sutterbuttes.net)

**2015**

**February 28 - March 1: VALLEJO, CA**

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society  
Solano County Fairgrounds, McCormack Hall  
900 Fairgrounds Drive  
Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM Daily  
Dan Wolke (707) 334-2950  
[dncwolke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dncwolke@sbcglobal.net)  
[vjgems.org](http://vjgems.org)

**March 7 & 8: ARCADIA, CA**

Monrovia Rockhounds  
LA County Arboretum  
301 Baldwin Avenue  
Hours: 9 am – 4:30 pm Daily  
Show-Rudy Lopez (626) 351-6283  
[Rclopez002@verizon.net](mailto:Rclopez002@verizon.net)  
Vendors-Jo Anna Ritchey(626)359-1624  
[joannaritchey@gmail.com](mailto:joannaritchey@gmail.com)  
[www.moroks.com](http://www.moroks.com)

**March 14 & 15: 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](mailto:terry.mcmillin@yahoo.com)  
[www.turlockgemshow.com](http://www.turlockgemshow.com)

***Do you have any Great ideas  
on how to advertise your  
Societies Show?  
If you do, please send them  
in, and we'll share your ideas  
with all of the other  
CFMS Gem & Mineral  
Club & Societies!  
Thank you!***

**2014  
FEDERATION SHOWS**

**Rocky Mountain  
Federation**

**\*\*AFMS SHOW\*\***

**July 9-13**

**Tulsa, Oklahoma**

**Northwest Federation**

**Aug. 15 – 17**

**Hermiston, Oregon**

**Midwest Federation**

**Oct. 18 – 19**

**Des Moines, Iowa**

**2015  
FEDERATION SHOWS**

**Midwest Federation**

**May 23-24**

**Wheaton, IL**

**California Federation**

**June 12, 13 & 14**

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