

CFMS NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jennifer Haley

Hi Everyone,

Pat LaRue received the AFMS Recognition Award for 2014. She has been AFMS Treasurer since 2005 involving a lot of bookkeeping and reorganizing work with various unique state and bank policies across the country. In AFMS' words, "they feel fortunate to have someone who works as diligently as she, and delighted to present her with the award". Congratulations Pat!

Congratulations to our many CFMS members who won awards in the AFMS 2014 Bulletin Editor's Contest, Website Contest and as Endowment Fund drawing winners. The AFMS Newsletter lists all of their specifics and can be read online.

The "out of the box" thinking is catching on regarding innovative ideas to help your society grow. June Harris has written some great articles for our CFMS societies, and the Sept. AFMS Newsletter has a good article about "After School Clubs".

Napa Earthquake: You either felt the 6.0-magnitude quake or heard about it on the news, involving previously unknown active fault lines as well as faults that were thought to be inactive. The valley floor has a high water table with saturated sand and silt deposits which amplified the tremors, heightening damage. The quake opened up ground water in some bone dry creeks in Napa and Sonoma County with water levels flowing with enough water to paddle a kayak and up to 10 feet deep so far. Some people who had dry wells now have water. This was not due to broken water lines.

Immediately after the quake we got our shoes on and checked on the pets. Our goal was to make sure there wasn't a propane leak and then hop in the car to check on the neighbors, even the ones we didn't know well to make sure everyone was ok.

Getting out of the house wasn't that easy. Piles of heavy, broken debris covered the floors. Some of the doors couldn't be opened due to debris. Without electricity I was

thankful I taped a book of matches to each 7-Day emergency candle years ago. The night sky was immediately orange in the distance due to the fires downtown, and eerily quiet for too long without the sound of emergency sirens we knew needed to get somewhere quick. Even birds fell out of the trees. At first I thought they were some kind of rodents. I couldn't see them that clearly at first with our flashlight, but they were just stunned crawling on the ground. No gas stations or grocery stores were open for 24 hours and some for days.

Fortunately the quake struck while the majority of people were asleep. A few hours later the buildings and streets would have been crowded with people and casualties. A couple days later many in the valley would have been in full harvest, working 24/7 in the wineries, so following the quake people were mindful with gratitude despite structural and other damages.

Many thanks to all our CFMS chairman who have been writing fantastic articles this year for our societies.

Jennifer

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DONATIONS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 5. Deadline for September Newsletter
October 31. Deadline for Packet Reports
November 8. Fall Business Meeting-Visalia

Please send any information you want included in the Directors packets for the Visalia meeting by October 31. If unable to meet this deadline, please bring 100copies of any reports for distribution at the meeting. Thank you.

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for the newsletter is the 5th day of the month prior to the month of publication. Articles should be sent to the editor at 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.

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Receipts and any supporting documents will be forwarded on to the committee member responsible for acknowledgements. **Please make all checks payable to CFMS or AFMS as appropriate and note the fund in the memo section.**



CFMS Winners from the 2014 AFMS Endowment Fund Raffle at Tulsa, Oklahoma By Colleen McGann

Thanks to CFMS members from myself and Donna Moore, AFMS Chair for the raffle. Thanks to Jennifer Haley for her donation of Citrine & Amethyst necklace and to Marion Roberts for his donation of a turned walnut bowl. Thanks to all the folks that bought raffle tickets.

Here is the list of 2014 CFMS winners:

Blue spinel necklace won by Sharon Rogow, Wulfenite on limonite mineral specimen won by Colleen McGann, Elbaite tourmaline print won by Jennifer Haley and Chalcoalumite print won by John Martin.

Donna Moore has given me the AFMS 2015 raffle tickets already, so contact me, Colleen McGann to purchase tickets for next year. My new email is kmcgann0009@gmail.com. Prize donations are always welcomed by Donna..



CFMS FALL BUSINESS MEETING

By Pat LaRue

The annual Fall Business meeting and election of 2015 Officers will be held November 7-9, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Plaza Park, off Hwy 198 in Visalia, CA. For those who have not been to this location in the past, take Hwy 198 exit east from Hwy 99. You will see the hotel located just south of the first off ramp past the airport.

Room reservations at the Holiday Inn can be made by phone at (559) 651-5000. To receive the special CFMS rate of \$89 per night, tell them you are with CFMS. Cut-off date for this price is **November 6, 2014**. The first night's deposit or guarantee by credit card must accompany your reservation.

An informal **Cracker Barrel** will be held **Friday** evening at **7:30 p.m.** As in the past, the Holiday Inn policy forbids our bringing snack foods to any of the meetings. The **Business Meeting** will be called to order on Saturday, **November 8 at 9 a.m.** President-elect Tom Burchard will have a brief meeting of his 2015 committee chairpersons on Sunday a.m., time to be announced.

Banquet Menu:

Beef & Chicken Duo

Caesar Salad

Marinated Charbroiled Bistro Filet Served with Cabernet Reduction

Grilled Chicken Breast in Mushroom and Sun Dried Tomato Cream Sauce
Seasonal Vegetables

Roasted Garlic Red Potatoes
Dinner Rolls and Butter

Black Tie Mousse with Whipped Cream Topping

\$36 tax and gratuity included.

Vegetarian and gluten free options available upon request.

Make banquet reservations by November 1 2014.

Mail your check payable to CFMS to:

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California Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show California & Convention, Lodi, CA 2015

Hi Everyone,

We are already busy preparing for the CFMS Annual Show & Convention 2015 in Lodi. As with every show we are asking for your help to make it a special one.

Grab bags. We are expecting large herds of kids, wide eyed and full of curiosity at the show. Part of the fun is showing them what we are good at, and grab bags are always at the top of the list. We would love to have our societies donate grab bags filled with rocks and minerals for the kid's booth. Please contact Jim Brace-Thompson to let him know what you can do. <mailto:jbraceth@roadrunner.com>

Live Auction. It was very apparent that all of you loved the live auction at the Cracker Barrel in Pomona, so we are bringing it back for the CFMS Annual Show & Convention in Lodi 2015. We are calling on all Federation Director's, CFMS Officers and CFMS Chairmen to bring 5-10 slabs from your club. All proceeds will go to the CFMS Endowment Fund.

"For all of us who enjoy the Earth Sciences, and the Practice of Lapidary Arts and Crafts, let's go out and play, put your hearts and your souls into the hobby and make some wonderful memories in Lodi. It's what we do best and it is our gift to give."

From all of us at CFMS, thank you so much for your help,

Jennifer Haley
2014 CFMS President

Margaret Kolaczyk
CFMS Show Chairman





JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson

Reflecting on the 10th Anniversary of our Badge Program & Thanking Our “Super Users”

After a year or two of constructing activities, working out logistics, research and writing, and winning approval and funding from AFMS, I initiated our AFMS/FRA Badge Program in 2004 with the release of the first Badge Manual and a set of 9 badges. Up until then, all we had was a Membership Patch to give to kids in affiliated societies, along with occasional ideas and encouragement for their leaders. Every four years since 2004, I’ve updated the Badge Manual and added new activities and badges such that we now offer a Membership Patch, 20 Activity Badges, a Rockhound Badge for kids earning at least 6 Activity Badges, and a Rock Star Pin for kids earning the full set of badges.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of that official start date, so how are we doing? 135 clubs and societies across the U.S. have signed up for the program at one time or another. In some instances, it’s just been to get their pebble pups affiliated with an AFMS/FRA Membership Patch. In other cases, it’s been to help the children of a single active family. Most often, we’ll see a spike in activity in the first year, a tapering off the second year, and perhaps no further communication after that. I’m not saying that’s bad—that’s just the natural flow of things, especially when working with kids. The problem with kids is, they grow up! Thus we see constant ups and downs with junior memberships.

However, a few select “Super Users” of our Badge Program have managed to counter the trend, and from what I’ve observed, it all comes down to a single champion for the kids—someone who has made a long-term commitment, shows energy and enthusiasm, and keeps those fires burning, attracting new kids even as other kids grow older and move on. This month, I honor those “Super Users” by singling out societies that have awarded over 200 FRA activity badges each to their pebble pups and juniors. I’m proud to note this includes three of our very own CFMS clubs: Bakersfield Mineral Mites, Mother Lode Mineral Society, and Woodland Hills Rock Chippers. In addition, there are the Colorado Springs Mineral Society (CO), Flatirons Mineral Club (CO), Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society Coquina Kids (FL), Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club (NM), Mineral

Minds (NY), Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club (NC), Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club (PA), Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society (TX), Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club (WA), Rocky Trails Junior Club (WA), and Whidbey Island Future Rockhounds (WA). Other clubs (for instance, our Roseville Rock Rollers) haven’t reached the 200-badge level but still run active, vibrant kids’ programs. So while those clubs and others are not yet “Super Users,” they’re still super in my book!

These societies have used the program in a variety of ways—as part of normal club activities with meeting and activity times set aside for the kids, as part of a school program affiliated with a local club, as an independent juniors-only club, as an annual “summer camp” program—but again, it all comes down to that central dedicated leader. It’s to those great folks that this month’s column is dedicated: Thank you each for inspiring kids and keeping it fun!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINEES FOR 2015 OFFICERS

By Ted Magee, Chairman

The Nominating Committee hereby submits the following slate for the 2015 CFMS officers:

President..... Tom Burchard
1st VP/President-elect..... John Martin
2nd VP..... Margaret Kolaczyk
Secretary..... Kim Campbell Erb
Treasurer..... Tony Fender

At any time prior to forty-five (45) days before the November Fall Business Meeting, member societies may send to the nomination committee the names and qualifications of any candidate they wish to nominate for any CFMS office.

Nominations may be made from the floor at the Fall Business Meeting with the consent of the person being nominated. Otherwise, the person making the nomination must provide the Directors the nominee’s qualifications.



FIRST-HAND COMMENTS ON EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

by Mark Nelson, Safety Chairman

Last year my wife and I spent a week near Bowling Ball Beach - in the Point Arena area of California. We marveled at the tectonic forces that pushed ancient sea beds to nearly vertical conditions today. These same forces resulted in August's 6.0 earthquake in Napa, California. According to earthquaketrack.com Napa has had 1,763 earthquakes of magnitude 1.5 or greater in the past year. Authorities estimate that August's quake left 200 people injured and 100 buildings damaged (not including residences). Our Federation President, Jennifer Haley, was near the epicenter and, that afternoon of the quake while the experience was still fresh, I had a chance to solicit her advice in surviving an earthquake. Here are her comments:

"Wow, what a day it's been! My husband, Michael, and I and the dogs are safe. It was absolutely frightening, first the physicalness of it all and then hearing everything in the house crashing. I didn't know how long it was going to last, if the windows were coming down, or what. As soon as we got our shoes on we hopped in the car to make sure our near neighbors, even the ones we don't know, were ok because there wasn't a sound anywhere and no lights on. Fortunately everyone was ok".

"This quake was stronger than the one they had many years ago (a 5.2 quake in 2000) before we moved back here. That one moved the chimneys off the walls. A lot of people were hurt because of the furniture and fireplace bricks falling on them while they slept. Last night's quake knocked the birds out of the trees. At first I thought they were rodents on the ground since I only had a flashlight, but they were just as stunned as we were. The night sky turned orange pink so we knew downtown was on fire, but we didn't hear any sirens at all - for like an hour - which was really weird. People are looking for their pets who bolted when the quake hit. One neighbor said his dog jumped out of his two story window - he said he couldn't believe it! He saw his dog once early this morning a couple of miles away, but the animal was too scared to come to him so still hasn't gotten him yet. The coyotes will be out tonight and it could get grizzly overnight. The Napa County Animal Shelter is asking people who find animals to bring them

there and they will keep them until their owners come - so it's just getting the word out so that people will know."

"My advice to everyone in California is:

- Keep a pair of sturdy shoes next to your bed and put them on before you check for damage.
- Check make sure your gas line (propane in our case) to the house wasn't broken or if it was broken - to shut it off. The same for the hot water heater.
- I keep a book of matches taped to every emergency candle. This really shortens the time of trying to look for individual items when one is already stressed out. I forgot I had done this, and boy did I appreciate myself for it!
- Make sure you store clean drinking water.
- I bought a portable camping toilet years ago just in case we had a bad earthquake. It's been in storage for 11 yrs but it came in handy today!
- Michael and I have a house rule to always keep our cars fully fueled. Today all of the gas stations were taped with caution tape so no one could get gas.
- All the stores were closed except for Home Depot who was ushering people one by one with a chaperone and asking what they needed. They were terrific in the crisis.
- Don't have any heavy furniture or anything above your bed or at the head of the bed that, if it falls, can land on you. One of my relatives, here in Napa, was sleeping with their 5 month old. A plant pot, 15 feet across the room, flew thru the air and hit their bed - but fortunately they didn't get hurt.
- It does work to adhere furniture, televisions, etc., to walls with earthquake hardware. Just before the last quake, for example, my brother adhered all his furniture to the walls. Two weeks later, when the earthquake happened, his kids had a sleep-over and they were sleeping in front of a heavy, antique, floor-to-ceiling case. If it hadn't been secured the kids would have been badly hurt.
- Emergency radio: the crank kind is good because it works in all weather.
- Flashlights: make sure they all work. Keep one by the bed and in other rooms. Make sure the camping lantern batteries aren't leaking.
- Basic instant food and a cook stove - or at least canned goods you can eat out of a can.
- I always keep over-the-counter iodine on hand and in my back pack. It seems to stop the microbes (infection) better than anything. →

●I like to keep old towels, paper towels and garbage bags in storage. Everyone I've talked to today has olive oil, glass, wine (you name it) all over the floors and mixed in with other stuff.

●Keep your car keys in one place and always have a 2nd set somewhere else.

●Keep prescriptions filled - don't wait until the last minute.

●Some people, particularly the elderly, don't have cell phones and only have land lines. Be aware that if the phone lines go dead due to the electricity being shut off and you need help it's going to be a bit of a rough time.

●Some people cope with emergencies better than others. People have to understand this and be willing to be the strong one and lead - even in a household situation. There is no shame in that, everyone is different.

●People in your neighborhood are usually going to be stunned in an emergency and not thinking normally, so everyone needs to watch for each other as if they were family - even if you don't know them. What I've learned over the years is that we often forget that other people who always appear to be grumpy or in a bad mood probably are in some kind of pain. All they need is someone to be humble and not just assume."

"During an earthquake one really needs their wits about them and strive for clear thinking. Once the shaking had stopped there were many things we saw that made small and big differences. We had done a lot of the right things at our house after the last earthquake. We even moved an elaborately carved 1922 heavy wood door away from the bedroom wall and leaned it between the door frame so it wouldn't fall on the bed. Thank goodness we did, it just vibrated between the door frame instead of landing on our heads. We couldn't open some of the doors to get through our home because of piles of earthquake debris, but we could get out through the back door to get to our dogs. Most of the people in Napa that showed up at the hospital were with cut feet from having to get up in the dark or cut hands picking up broken glass in their clean up."

Day 2: "Today our house water is full of sediment. The well company we use just told us not to run water throughout the house because that will run more sediment into the indoor system. He said to run the water thru the irrigation system and that it's very normal to have sediment in house water after an earthquake."

..... Jennifer

Building Membership Through Your Bulletin

By Mark Nelson, V.P., S.C.R.I.B.E.

One of the best tools a club has to attract new members and to increase the involvement of current members is its Bulletin! Make your bulletin professional and educational and it will attract individuals seeking a professional and educational experience as members.

Here are this month's suggestions for a more interesting bulletin:

●When we read Rock & Gem magazine we see an eye-popping photo of rhodochrosite and want to open the pages to see where we can go to collect them! Use photos on the front cover!

●Use the front cover of your bulletin to let the reader know of an interesting article inside. Note on the cover what page this article is on.

●Take a page or two on the inside of the bulletin to develop the cover article or story and, on that page, put more photos along with your story.

●Give photo credits and get permission to use photos when they are from copyrighted sources. Mindat is a good source for photos and the individuals who own the rights to the photos are more than willing to give permission if asked. Send them a copy of your bulletin as thanks!

●For your regular columns (president's report, treasurer, field trip, education, safety and such) - put the photo of that person with the article! Yes, you may know who Jane the Education Committee Chair is - but do your members? Having a member's photo next to their article is also a way of extending honor and appreciation to your members or committee chairs who write an article for your bulletin (maybe they'll even do it the next month).

●Dedicate a page or two to your club members. Dale Carnegie once said "Remember that a man's name is to him the sweetest and most important sound in the English language". This is also true for photos of members! Whenever possible following a field trip, meeting, workshop, picnic or other event, get photos of members into the next month's bulletin. Put their name and what they are doing. By involving them in the pages of your bulletin you will involve them in your club.

How does your bulletin compare to that of the best? Send your bulletin to Terry Vasseur, our CFMS Bulletin Editors Aid Chairman. He will have experienced editors give your club and your editor tips to improve your bulletin to attract new members. His contact information is on the CFMS web site www.cfmsinc.org under the Team, Committees, tabs.

If your club is not already a member of S.C.R.I.B.E. - the Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors, go to their website at <http://scribe.rbnet.net> and send them \$12. You can even use PayPal and your club will receive four newsletters a year and an annual DVD with the best articles judged by AFMS, cartoons and clip art, and many useful items to make a bulletin more interesting.

Be sure to read the CFMS November Newsletter for more tips for improving your bulletin!



ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

By Nancy Bird, Chair

LONG BEACH GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY--We would like to nominate Carlos Reales as our Rockhound of the

Year. Since joining 4 years ago, he has continually served on the Board of Directors.

Carlos is a natural born artist; his work as a painter is well-known in the L.A. area. He had never done lapidary before joining the club. He is always at our Friday & Saturday lapidary shop working on his works of art. He has become an expert with Turquoise, Lapis, and Sugilite. Many of his pieces incorporate silver. Carlos is an artist/vendor at the Venice Beach Boardwalk and the Farmer's Market in Los Alamitos.

He is always willing to help others with their projects in the shop and is a great person to have in our club.

Bruce C. Kelley
President

longevity. Jon Fults, editor for the Delving's club, just announced he is contemplating ending at his 25th year! Why do we do it? I guess it is because few are willing to give it a try even for a single year. More importantly, I believe there must be something deep down inside us editors that compels us to want to do something with our newsletters beyond the required template.

When I decided to become the editor of the South Bay club, it had long ago peaked and was losing its core members faster than we could replace them. I set a goal to see if I could find a way to entice more window shoppers that browse our shows and meetings, to become members. To do that, I wanted my newsletter to be an instrumental tool to broadcast and promote the platitudes in our club's mission statement, "*...collect and study minerals; teach lapidary arts, disseminate knowledge of mineralogy, lapidary work, and other related activities; to exhibit specimens for public education; and to exchange information related to the earth sciences*". These words are not only intended to define what the club is all about; they are the blue print of what we should be doing. I felt if the newsletter focused on subjects related to what our seasoned club members were doing; it might help new prospects find their interests in the hobby and someone to help them along. We all know the sooner you get active in the hobby, the more likely you will settle in.

So how has it fared? In 2008 we had 55 members. Today we have 62, an increase of 12.7%. We are better off today than we were six years ago but only by a sliver. Obviously, there are other factors in retaining and acquiring new club members but I still think a well designed newsletter can be a helpful tool in keeping your club alive.

Editor's, you have the power to make it happen. E-mail me and share with us what you have done to enhance your newsletter above and beyond what is required and what you think your readers feel about it.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

The Zyzxx app will be posted to the CFMS website soon and published in the next newsletter. No apps will be accepted until November 1.

THE POWER OF THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

by Terry Vasseur



In mid 2008 I began thinking about volunteering to take over the editor of the South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society's newsletter. The current editor made no attempt to conceal her desire to get out of it. I, having done a stint in the military, was well schooled in the "Rule Number One", *never volunteer!* For that reason before I opened my mouth, I started laying out the framework of my fantasy newsletter design using a new reasonably priced European desktop publisher. It took me a month and a half to get it together with no show stoppers and I took the job. A former South Bay editor going back to the 1980's, wished me well and gave me a big beaming smile as she reminded me that she was stuck with the editor's job for fifteen years until she could do it no longer!

Newsletter editors tend to do the their job for long periods. They outlast any other club positions in

The California Federation's Newsletter Exchange (The CFNE)

List of Newsletter Editors Who have Joined the Exchange

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THINKING BIG AND BRINGING CHILDREN TO YOUR SHOW

by June Harris, Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society Kids Area Coordinator

Jennifer Haley asked me to write an article about the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society (SCVGMS) Kids Area. She asked me to try to convey the "magic of organization and creativity". I'm not sure its magic but I can outline our program's history, what we do, and how to go about starting something in your area. It will require being organized, most definitely thinking outside the box, and probably a bit of madness stirred in for good measure, but whatever works, right? Some history--The SCVGMS Kids Area was developed because I noticed that we had very few children and families attending our annual show. It really seemed like a shame that we put all this work into a show and did relatively nothing to instill our love of our hobby in the younger generations. When I came up with a plan to bring more children into our show, I was met with an fairly optimistic board of directors. We all know how difficult it is to break past the computer, cell phone, video game compulsion that is running rampant in our society. But, both Marc and Frank Mullaney thoroughly embraced my plan. While I don't think either really thought I could pull it off, they were both supportive. I have to say that I am a determined (some might say hard-headed) person, so the few skeptical club members gave me the determination I needed to make this project successful.

The gist of the Kids Area program was built around Cub Scout and Girl Scout programs because that is was the type of programs that I knew. Cub Scouts and Webelos have Earth Science-related achievements - Cub Scouts earn their Geology Belt Loop and Academic Pin and Webelos earn the Geologist pin in addition the belt loop and academic pin. Girl Scouts now earn a fun activity patch for participating at our show (The Girl Scout program does not have any earth science- based badges anymore). The programs offered have been updated over the years to keep in compliance with the changes in the Cub Scout and Girl Scout programs.

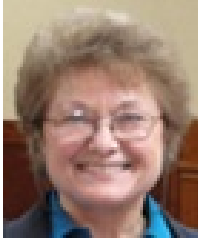
So, how do you find out about other organizations which might mutually benefit from what your club has to offer? A bit of research into your own area is in order. What type of programs are there for children

within 30 or 40 miles of your club? Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, 4-H, Campfire Boys and Girls, day care programs, educational groups, schools, etc. Also, you will need to figure out what your group has to offer another group. Can you teach about rocks and minerals, fossils, jewelry-making, geology, recycling, etc? I know that Cub Scouts and 4 H have programs that include earth science-based achievements. Researching those would be a good start. Find out the requirements for earning those achievements. Can you teach the "badge" requirements? What is your society willing to support? Can you build a program that is self-guided with the teacher being either the child themselves or the adult with them.

I am happy to share the Kids Area information with any club who would like to use it. It would save you some research. I also have pictures of the area set up and can give suggestions on what I know works with children. Feel free to email me at juneconeyharris@yahoo.com. Over the next few months I will give some information and advice about how to work with your local Girl Scout and Cub Scout/Boy Scout councils and how to advertise your programs.

This is the second in a series of articles which will appear in the newsletter. Watch for the next one in the November newsletter. Thank you June for your valuable suggestions. -ed





AFMS WEB SITE CONTEST AWARDS

Merryan O'Neill
CFMS Web Site Contest Chair

As announced in the July CFMS Newsletter, the top 3 winners from the 2014 CFMS Web Site Contest were forwarded to the AFMS Web Site Contest. The AFMS contest had a total of 15 web site entries from the 7 regions. The results were announced at the *Breakfast with the Editors* during the AFMS/Rocky Mountain Mineralogical Federation Show held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in July.

Here are the CFMS Web Site entry placements in the AFMS Contest:

5th - Santa Rosa Gem & Mineral Society, www.srmgs.org, Kendra Scherrer, webmaster
9th - Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society, www.scvgms.org, R. K. Owen, webmaster
Honorable Mention - Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society, www.ccmgs.org, Harry Nichandros, webmaster

For information about the contest placement and URL's of web sites from the other regions, please see the AFMS Newsletter at http://amfed.org/news/n2014_09.pdf page 6.

Thanks go to all the webmasters who participated in the CFMS web site contest. The value to their societies should be recognized and appreciated. We look forward to their participation and that of other webmasters in future web site contests.

This President's Message appeared in September, 2013 of the El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society's newsletter, *Petroglyphs*. It won 2nd place in the CFMS Bulletin Contest and 3rd place in the AFMS Contest as an Adult Written Feature.



There is an old saying that the world is filled with 3 kinds of people: 1—those who **make** things happen, 2—those who **watch** things happen and 3—those who **wonder** what-in the-heck-happened!

Our society is blessed with a LOT of members who fit the first category, oftentimes working “behind the scenes” to make our society one of the most active rock and gem organizations in the Federation. Nonetheless, it's important (and, in fact a requirement for being a member) that all members actively participate in the society's activities beyond just attending meetings and other functions. Here are some examples of such activities:

- Serve as an officer or director of the Society.
- Serve as a committee chairperson, co-chair, assistant or committee member.
- Lead a field trip.
- Work at the annual Fair and/or Rock and Gem Show.
- Be an exhibitor at the annual Fair and/or Rock and Gem Show.
- Be a demonstrator at the annual Rock and Gem Show.
- Help put up signs and distribute flyers for the Rock & Gem Show.
- Present a program at a General Membership meeting, Junior Meeting or Jewelry Class.
- Bring samples of recently-collected rocks to General Membership meeting and give a Field Trip Report.
- Bring samples of personally-produced jewelry, crafts, etc., to a General Membership meeting.
- Tumble rocks/stones for grab bags.
- Collect and donate rocks for grab bags, Education Program, Silent Auction, Raffles.
- Donate items to Raffle, silent Auction, Kid's activities and Gock & Gem Show Bargain Rocks.
- Write an article for the newsletter.
- Make grab bags.
- Stuff grab bags.
- Exhibit or staff the “Co-op”* educational booth at the Valley Springs Pow Wow. (*Field Trip Chairmen's Association)
- Exhibit or staff a booth at other Society-related venues.
- Bring refreshments to a General Membership meeting.

Please review your participation in our society and consider contributing in one or more of the above activities. You'll be glad you did!

Remember: rockhounding is more than a hobby; it's a **passion!**

—Fred Ott, President (El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society) Submitted by Merryan O'Neill

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Email: slchaisson@yahoo.com
Or use the Online Show Form
at www.cfmsinc.org
(click on Shows)*

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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
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
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
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
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
<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
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
<http://www1.iwvisp.com/tronagemclub/>

October 11 & 12: VISTA, CA
Vista Gem & Mineral Society
Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum
2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue
Hours: Sat. 10 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4
Ray Pearce (760) 726-7570
Cell (760) 535-5524
raysrocks@cox.net

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
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
www.ncgms.org

October 18 & 19: WHITTIER, CA
Whittier Gem & Mineral Society
Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue
Hours: 10 – 5 Daily
Marcia Goetz (626) 914-5030

October 18: WEST HILLS, CA
Woodland Hills Rock Chippers
First United Methodist Church
22700 Sherman Way
Hours: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Mary Beth Pio
info@rockchippers.org
www.rockchippers.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
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
www.slogem.org

October 25 & 26: LOS ALTOS, CA
Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
Los Altos Youth Center
One No. San Antonio
Hours: 10 am – 5 pm Daily
Steve Jobe (408) 834-5384
steve_jobe@sbcglobal.net
pogs.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

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
<http://www.cfmsinc.org/shows/show-c@ccmgs.org>
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
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
www.sutterbuttes.net

November 8 & 9: SACRAMENTO, CA
Sacramento Mineral Society
Scottish Rite Temple
6151 H Street
Hours: Sat. 10 -5; Sun. 10 – 4
Alyssa Mesiznger (916) 662-5819
Cell (916) 205-4441
gemshow@sacramentomineralsociety.org
sacgemshow.com

November 14 - 16: EUREKA, CA
Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society
Redwood Acres Fairgrounds
3750 Harris Street
Hours: Fri. 9-6; Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Diane Reed (707) 839-2079

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January 17&18: EXETER, CA
Tule Gem and Mineral Society
Exeter Veteran's Memorial Building
324 N. Kaweah, Hwy 65
Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Bill Bingaman (559) 741-6381
Bandgbing@aol.com
www.tulegem.com

February 13 – 22: INDIIO, CA
San Gorgonio Mineral & Gem Society
Riverside Co. Fair & Date Festival
82-503 Hwy. 111
Hours: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Daily
Bert Grisham (951) 849-1674
bert67@verizon.net

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
vjgems.org

March 7 & 8: VENTURA, CA
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Blvd.
Hours: Sat. 10-5 & Sun. 10-4
Krishna Juarez (805) 323-6725
info@VGMS.org
www.vgms.org

March 7 & 8: ARCADIA, CA
Monrovia Rockhounds
LA County Arboretum
301 Baldwin Avenue
Hours: 9 am – 4:30 pm Daily
Jo Anna Ritchey(626)359-1624
joannaritchey@gmail.com
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
www.turlockgemshow.com

April 4 & 5: CHICO, CA
Paradise Gem & Mineral Club
Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
2337 Fair Street
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 10 – 4
Manuel Garcia (530) 877-7324
Paradisegemandmineral.org

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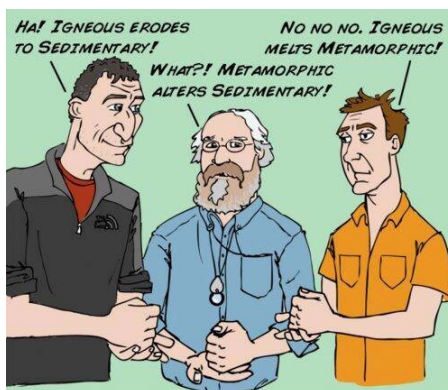
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